



# MEDIA ADVISORY

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**Minnesota  
Correctional  
Facilities**

Faribault  
Lino Lakes  
Oak Park Heights  
Red Wing  
Rush City  
St. Cloud  
Shakopee  
Stillwater  
Togo  
Willow River/Moose Lake

**Community  
Supervision  
District Offices**

Albert Lea  
Bemidji 1  
Bemidji 2  
Center City  
Chaska  
Detroit Lakes  
Grand Rapids  
Litchfield  
Mankato  
Marshall  
Moorhead  
Red Wing  
St. Cloud  
Winona

**MINNCOR Prison  
Industries**

**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS CONTINUES  
OPERATING DURING GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN**

St. Paul – The suspension of government services will not significantly impact the ability of the Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC) to safely incarcerate and supervise offenders in the immediate future.

On Wednesday, Ramsey County District Judge Kathleen Gearin ruled that incarcerating offenders in state prisons and supervising offenders on parole are critical services that should not be halted during a government shutdown. Judge Gearin authorized the DOC to keep 85 percent of its workforce on the job during the government shutdown.

“This reflects what the citizens of Minnesota obviously consider to be one of the most important functions government provides – public safety,” said DOC Commissioner Tom Roy. “Under our shutdown plan, every offender who is incarcerated in our facilities will continue to be incarcerated, every offender the DOC had under supervision in our communities, will remain under supervision. We are not compromising public safety at all.”

Over 74 percent of the people who work for the DOC have jobs that involve direct contact with offenders who are either incarcerated in a state prison or on supervised release in the communities across Minnesota. Most of those who were let go because of the government shutdown provide key support services to our front-line staff that are in daily contact with offenders.

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