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**DEB ANDERSON SELECTED AS  
STATE CORRECTIONS 2007 AGENT OF THE YEAR**

**Deb Anderson** has been selected as Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC) *2007 Agent of the Year*. Anderson, of Sauk Centre, began her corrections career at the Minnesota Correctional Facility (MCF)-Sauk Centre in 1987 as a corrections officer. In 1993, she joined Pope County Court Services as a corrections agent and later served as court services director. She returned to the DOC in 2001, working as an agent in Benton County.

Anderson initiated the development of offender group supervision in the St. Cloud District as well as a random drug testing program. In Pope County, she collaborated with human services, law enforcement, and educators to develop and implement a bullying prevention program at the elementary school level. She has also participated in the Pope County Collaborative Mental Health Support Group for adults who have children with mental health issues.

Anderson is well respected by her peers, the courts, law enforcement, and other community and collateral agencies, who describe her as a leader and mentor. She is also credited with being extremely effective in her work with offenders.

Anderson is committed to community involvement. She served as a member of the Pope County Violence Prevention Council for several years and currently serves as a member of the Benton County Violence Prevention Council (chairperson 2005-2006). She has participated in the Rural Summit District Committee; West Central Detention Advisory Board; and Pope County's Child Protection Team, Family Collaborative Governing Board, and Children's Mental Health Advisory Council. She is currently a member of the Board of Education for the Sauk Centre School District. Additionally, Anderson has been a longtime member of the Minnesota Corrections Association, serving as Vice President in 2005.

The DOC selects an *Agent of the Year* as part of its annual recognition of National Probation, Parole, & Community Supervision Week, held annually in July. This national recognition celebrates the work of agents across the United States who enhance public safety by monitoring five million offenders under some form of community correctional supervision.

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