

## NEWS IN CORRECTIONS

The Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC) celebrates *Corrections Employee Recognition Week* May 6-12, 2007. “The DOC is a large and diverse organization, requiring contributions from many occupations to be successful in carrying out its numerous responsibilities,” said Corrections Commissioner Joan Fabian. “We value the professionalism and contributions of our diverse workforce.” DOC staff share the same mission: *To hold offenders accountable and offer opportunities for change while restoring justice for victims and contributing to a safer Minnesota.* ■

**Bill Guelker**, Field Services Director of the Minnesota Department of Corrections, has announced his retirement effective June 1, 2007. Guelker started with the agency as a corrections officer at the Minnesota Correctional Facility (MCF)-Stillwater in 1973. From 1973 to 1977 he held various capacities at Stillwater including case worker and resident parole agent. In 1977 Guelker transferred to the work release unit as a parole agent and later was named director. In 1992 he was appointed assistant to the deputy commissioner of the community services division and served as the division’s legislative liaison. He was named field services director in 1996 and has been responsible for probation/parole/supervised release administration, Sentencing to Service and Institution/Community Work Crews, and work release.

“Bill Guelker was instrumental in developing and implementing field services best practices,” said Deputy Commissioner Harley Nelson. “The professionalism of our workforce today is a credit to his leadership.” Guelker’s 34 years of service will be recognized at a dinner on Friday, June 1, at McGuire’s Holiday Inn. To participate, contact Ron Solheid at 651/361-7123 or Mary Jo Caldwell at 651/361-7117. R.S.V.P. by May 23. ■

The **MCF-Red Wing** has received the Department of Defense *Above and Beyond Award* in recognition of the outstanding support given to the men and women of the National Guard and Reserve Forces. The award was presented by Governor Tim Pawlenty

and Brigadier General Dennis Schulstad, and was accepted by **Captain Stan Barber**, who has been instrumental in organizing the facility’s numerous and ongoing efforts in support of its military staff and their families. ■

**Neil Johnson**, Intensive Supervised Release Agent in Mankato, was recently presented with the *Community Service Award* by the Minnesota Chapter of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (MnATSA). Johnson was specifically recognized for his work in bringing outpatient sex offender treatment programming to southwestern Minnesota. ■

The DOC’s **Statewide Supervision System (S3)** was the recipient of the *Collaboration Award* at the Minnesota Government IT Symposium. The symposium’s awards recognize outstanding achievements by units of government in Minnesota. The *Collaboration Award* is given to projects that create partnerships between two or more levels of government with demonstrable benefits to both partners. S3 is a collaborative effort that crosses federal, state, and local agency boundaries. While support resources are centralized at the DOC, individuals in every county assist in providing data. S3 is an example of a state and local partnership that results in increased staff efficiency as well as improved public safety. No other state or locale electronically consolidates information from so many sources across so many types/levels of criminal justice agencies. ■

## DOC STAFF NEWS

— **Shari Burt** has been appointed Communications & Media Relations Director. Burt has worked for the DOC since 1975, with nearly 20 years in the communications office. She has served as acting director since July 2006.

— **Mark Koetke**, Safety Director, has been designated a Certified Safety Professional through the Board of Certified Safety Professionals. This highly-respected certification is awarded to individuals who meet academic standards, satisfy professional safety experience requirements, and pass

rigorous examinations covering engineering and management aspects of safety, applied sciences, legal and regulatory matters, professional affairs and ethics, and other safety-related topics.

- **Cari Gerlicher**, Office of Special Investigations Director, recently graduated from the School of Police Staff & Command at Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety. Gerlicher successfully completed the ten-week program, covering topics of study including management and management theory, organizational behavior, human resources for law enforcement, budgeting, staffing allocation, and personnel deployment.
- **Reena Abraham** has been appointed Corrections Program Director for the Housed-Out-of-Facility Unit, which manages offenders currently on contract status at the Prairie Correctional Facility and county jails.
- **Chris Pawelk** has been appointed State Program Administrative Coordinator, responsible for monitoring case management and Level-of-Service Inventory services. ■

## OPENINGS

**Director of Field Services**, Community Services Division; \$75,000-\$108,000 annually. Administer and direct all aspects of offender supervision and programming in those communities under the jurisdiction of the Minnesota DOC. This position is responsible for numerous statewide systems and programs that involve both juvenile and adult offenders at all levels. These systems and programs include probation, parole, supervised release, intensive supervised release, Challenge Incarceration Program Phases II and III, Work Release, Sentencing to Service, Affordable Housing Program, Institution/Community Work Crews, and investigative services to the district courts and the DOC Hearings & Release Unit. This position also exists to provide technical correctional assistance to county corrections agencies; administer all budget activities related to the above services; and provide supervision and direction to supervisory and management staff.

For more information and/or to apply, visit the state employment website at [www.doer.state.mn.us](http://www.doer.state.mn.us). Under Employment Information, select Search for a Job, type the posting number 07CORR000286 in the Posting Number field, and click the Search button at the bottom of the page. Questions may be directed to

Loretta Mattson at 651/361-7317 or Stephanie Glaser at 651/361-7318. The application process closes May 15, 2007, at 11:59 p.m. ■

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The DOC Institution/Community Work Crew Affordable Homes Program (ICWC/AHP) is featured in the *Affordable Housing: Designing an American Asset Exhibit* at the Goldstein Museum of Design, St. Paul. The ICWC/AHP uses carefully selected, non-dangerous, minimum-security state prison inmates to construct affordable homes and has built over 240 homes in west central and northern Minnesota since the program began in 1998. ICWC/AHP partners with community action agencies, housing and redevelopment authorities, and economic development agencies who develop projects, find construction sites, market homes, and assist buyers in qualifying to purchase the homes. The exhibit runs April 21-July 1. For additional exhibit information, phone 612/624-7434 or visit <http://goldstein.cdes.umn.edu>. For additional information about ICWC/AHP, contact Ron Solheid at [ron.solheid@state.mn.us](mailto:ron.solheid@state.mn.us) or 651/361-7123. ■

The Minnesota State University-Moorhead will conduct a three-day *workshop on human trafficking* for prostitution and for labor from May 14-16, 2007. Presenters include Danette Buskovick who will describe the population of trafficked persons based on a Minnesota Service Provider survey, as well as John Bandemer, Minnesota Task Force on Human Trafficking Supervisor. The conference program, including registration information, is available online at [www.mnstate.edu/vasi/VASI13.htm](http://www.mnstate.edu/vasi/VASI13.htm). Contact Mark Hansel at [hansel@mnstate.edu](mailto:hansel@mnstate.edu) with questions. ■

Save the date! The *Minnesota Corrections Education Foundation (MCEF) Golf Open* is planned for June 22, 2007, at St. Croix National Golf Course. MCEF is a statewide charity to establish, fund, and coordinate college and vocational opportunities at state correctional facilities. For additional information about MCEF or the Golf Open, contact Liz Evensen at 651/361-7246. ■