

# Hotline

## PROBATION, PAROLE AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION WEEK

July 17-23 is **Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week** – a time for the nation and the state to recognize those who supervise offenders in our communities. For more information, visit [appa-net.org](http://appa-net.org).

## YOUTUBE



The department now has a You Tube channel. Watch Minnesota Correctional Facility (MCF)-Moose Lake K-9 Officer **Jamin Leuzzo's** recent competition at the United States Police Canine Association 2011 Canine Certifications, at [youtube.com/minnesotadoc](http://youtube.com/minnesotadoc).



*Jamin Leuzzo and decoy Carl Bennett*

## RED WING RECIEVES JJAC AWARD

On May 20, the MCF-Red Wing Warden Otis Zanders accepted an award from the **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC)**. The award reads, "The Minnesota Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee commends Warden Otis Zanders and the Staff of MCF-Red Wing for their dedicated service and inspirational programming which over many years has inspired positive change for young men throughout Minnesota. In appreciation for your leadership, service and heartfelt compassion." Richard Gardell, JJAC chair, presented the award during a graduation event at the facility.

## TRANSITION FAIR

On June 9, a transition fair took place at the **MCF-**

**Faribault.** Over 40 groups, including Alcoholics Anonymous, the Minnesota Literacy Council and Wells Fargo Bank, were on hand to help offenders succeed in the community. Transition fairs provide an opportunity for offenders nearing the end of their prison time to obtain information about different services available once they are released. The fair was set up by Transition Agents Jeff Petersen and Jolene Peterson.



*Offenders at the Faribault transition fair*

## USS GREEN BAY

Stillwater Lieutenant **Doug Johnson** asked facility staff for help after he saw a post on his son's Facebook saying some service members on the USS Green Bay were not receiving care packages. Johnson, a member of the facility's Yellow Ribbon Committee, collected more than 50 pounds of candy, fruit snacks, beef jerky, sunflower seeds and more. The AFSCME Union also donated \$1,500, which was used to buy more snacks and pay for shipping. The care packages were shared by the Navy and Marine service members on board the ship. In an email, the ship's command master chief said, "It is amazing to see



*Servicemen saying thanks to the MCF-Stillwater*



how much faces light up around here when they receive 'mail call' and I know this will be extra special to know how you all pulled together for this."

## TORCH RUN

Despite a thunderstorm, three staff from the MCF-Red Wing, along with a Special Olympian athlete, participated in the **Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics** on June 21. Staff participants were Jamie Krinke, Stephanie Huppert, and Matt Huppert. The annual Torch Run increases awareness and support for the Special Olympics.



*Red Wing staff running in the Law Enforcement Torch Run*

## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

This spring, **MCF-Faribault** staff removed 26 bags of trash from a stretch of Highway 3 as part of the Adopt-a-Highway clean up program. Among the most interesting finds were six hubcaps, a toddler booster seat and a hen turkey sitting on a nest of eggs.

## STAFF CHANGES



**Terry Byrne** is the new Work Release and Institution/Community Work Crew (ICWC) program director. Byrne began his career in corrections as a shift supervisor and case manager at RS Eden in 1994. He joined the Department of Corrections (DOC) in 2000 as a corrections officer at the MCF-Oak Park Heights. Byrne became a DOC community supervision agent in 2005 in the Shakopee district and then transferred to the Interstate Unit later that year. Since 2006, he has served as an agent in the Work Release Unit. Byrne has a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of St. Thomas. He succeeds Tom Drobac (work release program director) and Mark Siemers (ICWC program director).

**Sherry Hill** has been appointed to the field services northern regional manager position and will begin her



duties July 20. She began her career with the department in 1987 as a corrections counselor at the MCF-Oak Park Heights. Later she was promoted to security case manager. Hill continued to work in the facilities division until becoming a community supervision agent in 1996. Since 2006, she has served as district supervisor for the Intensive Supervised Release Northern Region. She was named *Corrections Agent of the Year* in 2005. Hill holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Bemidji State University. She succeeds Andy Doom who retired.



**Mary McComb** is the new Associate Warden of Administration at Stillwater. McComb began her career in corrections in 1985 with the State of Wisconsin. After completing her law degree in night school at William Mitchell College of Law, she came to the Minnesota DOC in 1996 as assistant to the warden. She became a captain at MCF-Stillwater in 2000 and then served as the department's litigation coordinator from 2003 to 2004. McComb returned to Stillwater in 2004 as the associate warden of administration. She transferred to Oak Park Heights for two years and has just returned to Stillwater. Mike Green is acting Associate Warden of Administration at Oak Park Heights.

## JOB OPENINGS

**Associate Director**, Central MN Community Corrections, Little Falls/Morrison County, [minnesotaworks.net](http://minnesotaworks.net).

**Warden**, Topeka, Kansas, [jobs.ks.gov](http://jobs.ks.gov).

**Corrections Operations Director**, Virginia, 3 positions open, [jobs.agencies.virginia.gov](http://jobs.agencies.virginia.gov).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The Minnesota Community Corrections Association's 35th Anniversary **Ride and Rally** is July 30, at Central Office, Lino Lakes, Rush City and Stillwater. A reception will follow at Grumpy's in Roseville. For more information, see [mnmcca.com](http://mnmcca.com).

