

Hotline

National
Preparedness
Month

CORRECTIONS NEWS

September is **National Preparedness Month**. Planning for an emergency is especially important this year as the government closely monitors what is predicted to be an H1N1 pandemic. The Department of Corrections (DOC) is encouraging staff to prepare themselves and their families. For more information on preparedness, visit www.ready.gov and www.codeready.org.

Minnesota Correctional Facility (MCF)-Lino Lakes canine corrections officers **Rick Jennings** and **Mike Langerman** and their K-9 partners took top honors at the United States Police Canine Association's Region 12 trials in late July. Jennings and his partner took the *First Place Overall Trophy* for having the highest combined score for all five events; the *First Place Dual Purpose Trophy* for their combined top scores in last fall's narcotic certification trial and July's patrol dog re-certification trial; and the traveling bronze *Tim "The Nipper" Jones and Laser Spirit Award* for being the top individual handler and K-9 team from Regions 12 and 18 combined (these regions include Minnesota, the Dakotas, and Western Wisconsin). Jennings then joined Langerman, along with two officers from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and an officer from the Lino Lakes Police Department, to take the top spot in the team event.

The **National Correctional Industries Association** held its 2009 Central Region Conference in Bloomington July 27-29. Corrections Commissioner Joan Fabian gave the keynote address on doing business in tough economic times and the benefits of prison industries. Conference participants had the chance to network, share best practices, and attend several industry-specific seminars. For information on MINNCOR prison industries, visit www.minncor.com.

The Minnesota Department of Administration awarded **Mary Jo Caldwell** its *Certificate of Lean Leadership* at the General Mills/Governor's Lean Exchange event. This certificate is awarded for exceptional dedication and leadership in improving the organizational performance of Minnesota state government with lean principles and practices. Caldwell serves as the DOC's continuous improvement manager.

On an average day, approximately 146,000 adult and juvenile offenders – on supervised release, probation, or parole – are monitored in communities across the state by state and local correctional systems. A new **Delivery Systems Backgrounder** is available that details the three different methods of delivery that determine what agency or agencies will supervise each offender. To see the backgrounder, visit www.doc.state.mn.us/publications/backgrounders/documents/08-09Delivery-systemsbackgrounder.pdf.

Fifty-seven women offenders at the MCF-Shakopee participated in a **graduation ceremony** on August 19. A total of 28 graduates received Office Support Certificates and 29 received their GEDs. Judge Heidi Schellhas from the Minnesota Court of Appeals was the guest speaker.

Minnesota Circles of Support and Accountability (MnCoSA) aims to reduce future sexual victimization by supporting sex offenders as they reenter the community after serving their period of incarceration. MnCoSA circles consist of small groups of volunteers who provide intensive support and accountability to offenders as they face housing, employment, acceptance challenges, and other issues. Program volunteers receive extensive training and continuous support. The next training cycle will begin September 19 at 9 a.m. in St. Paul. For information about MnCoSA and volunteer opportunities, visit www.doc.state.mn.us/volunteer/default.htm.

August marked the 123rd consecutive year of publication for the MCF-Stillwater's **Prison Mirror**, the oldest continuously-published prison newspaper in the country. On July 11, 1887, a group of 15 inmates established a trust fund of \$200 for the purpose of starting a paper. Among them were Cole and James Younger of the Frank and Jesse James gang. Today, the *Prison Mirror* is funded by revenue from subscriptions and profits from the inmate phone system – not taxpayer funds.



STAFF CHANGES

Deputy Commissioner David Crist has announced the appointment of **Terry Carlson** as Assistant Commissioner of the Facility Services Division. Carlson's new duties will include day-to-day oversight of the state's correctional facilities and related support services. Carlson started with the DOC in 1983 as a correctional officer at the MCF-Shakopee. In 1989, she accepted a watch commander position at Faribault. In 1991, she returned to Shakopee as program director and later served as associate warden of operations. She became facilities support unit director in 1996 until 2000 when she was named Assistant Commissioner of the Management Services Division. In 2001, Carlson was selected to head Willow River/Moose Lake as warden, and has served as warden at Rush City since December 2007. Her appointment is effective September 16.

Rick Thomton is retiring after 33 years with the department. He began his career as a corrections counselor at the Minnesota Home School in Sauk Centre in 1976. In 1979, he became a corrections agent in Thief River Falls where he supervised juveniles and adults in the state contract office for 18 years. In 1997, he was promoted to district supervisor in Bemidji where he currently manages supervised release, probation, and Sentencing to Service and Institution Community Work Crew functions for the district. A recognition event is scheduled on October 2 in Bemidji. Cost is \$25 per person and includes gift contribution, dinner, and gratuity. R.S.V.P. with check to Cheri Pula, 619 Beltrami Ave Northwest, Suite 200, Bemidji, Minnesota 56601.

Guy Bosch's duties as Director of Classification have expanded to include the Facility Interstate Compact, county jail and private prison contract monitoring, and offender transport functions. Bosch began his career as a correctional officer at the MCF-St. Cloud in 1989. In 1993, he transferred to Faribault where he was promoted to case manager. In 2004, he was assigned responsibility for development of contract offender placements and was promoted to corrections program director in 2005. The next year he moved to central office as a state program administrator manager senior. Bosch's new duties were effective July 15, 2009. He succeeds Jerry Clay who retired in July.

POSITION OPENINGS

The Hennepin County Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation is seeking a **Juvenile**

Corrections Training Specialist. This position requires certification and two years experience in YLS-I assessment tools, a bachelor's degree or higher in a related field, and at least three years experience as a probation/parole officer, social worker or supervisor in a correctional or residential setting. Open until filled. Apply online at www.hennepin.jobs.

The Maine Department of Corrections is seeking applicants for **Maine State Prison Warden.** Candidates should possess an advanced degree and/or extensive experience in corrections management. Pay range is \$74,734-\$102,898 annually plus benefits. Resumes will be accepted no later than September 8, 2009. Direct cover letter and resume to: Charlene Gamage, Director of Human Resources, Department of Corrections 25 Tyson Drive, SHS #111, Augusta, Maine 04333. For more information, visit www.maine.gov/corrections/Career/posts/wardenAd.htm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The second annual Minnesota Community Corrections Association **Motorcycle Rally and Poker Run** is September 12. Registration is \$35 in advance or \$40 the day of the event. For more information, visit www.mnmcca.com/Content/Documents/Document.ashx?DocId=55671 or contact Mark Groves at mgroves@co.doc.state.mn.us. To register, e-mail dharrington@rseden.org.

A Woman's Way through the 12 Steps is September 22-24 in St. Paul. Designed for counselors, therapists, clinical supervisors, and program administrators, the event focuses on recovery issues specific to women. To learn more, visit www.riverridgetreatmentcenter.com/training.html or call 952/894-7722.

The 8th annual **Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers' Support Staff Conference** is October 1 in St. Cloud. Cost of the conference is \$72.95 with registration due by September 14. Register online at www.macpo.org/2009supportconfreg.php. For more information, call 320/253-9000.

The **Minnesota Corrections Association's Fall Training Institute** is October 28-29, 2009, in St. Cloud. For more information, visit www.mn-ca.org/Home/tabid/36/Default.aspx or call 651/999-5352.