

# Hotline

January is National  
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## NEWS IN CORRECTIONS

On January 6, 2009, the **eighty-sixth legislature** of Minnesota will convene. Legislators and the governor have until May 18 to balance the FY2010-2011 state budget, which includes a projected \$4.85 billion shortfall. For legislative information, visit [www.leg.state.mn.us](http://www.leg.state.mn.us).

The **United States Secret Service** has honored the DOC with a certificate of appreciation for work done during the Republican National Convention held in St. Paul. DOC employees assisted law enforcement during last September's event by controlling traffic and crowds and serving as delivery escorts before and during the convention. Over 50,000 people attended the event.

**Minnesota Circles of Support and Accountability** (MnCoSA) will hold its next information night February 3 from 6-8 p.m. at the DOC central office in St. Paul. MnCoSA strives to reduce the risk of future victimization by supporting sex offenders as they reenter the community following incarceration. A new training session begins February 7. For more information, visit [www.doc.state.mn.us/volunteer/mncosa.htm](http://www.doc.state.mn.us/volunteer/mncosa.htm).

MINNCOR Prison Industries is now carrying a line of **Green Tree cleaning products**. These products are certified by Green Seal, an independent, non-profit organization devoted to environmental standard setting, product certification, and public education. Green Seal awards the *Green Seal of Approval* to products that cause less harm to the environment than other similar products. The company seeks to reduce air and water pollution, decrease energy use, and prevent toxic contamination. Products that reduce energy consumption can also deliver savings. For more information on MINNCOR products, visit [www.minncor.com](http://www.minncor.com). For information on products that have received the Green Seal, visit [www.greenseal.org](http://www.greenseal.org).

The Minnesota Correctional Facility (MCF)-Moose Lake recognized **Restorative Justice Week**, November 16-22, in a variety of ways. Jayne Hendrickson, the mother of homicide victim Alyssa Hendrickson, spoke to Challenge Incarceration Program

offenders who later performed a skit, *The Parable of a Cave*, about a man who attempts to break free of negative thinking. Jon Cummings, Director of Minnesotans for Safe Driving, also spoke with offenders and was presented with a check for his organization comprised of money raised during a fundraiser held in April. The week wrapped up with a Native Healing Drum performance by offenders.

In 2005, the MCF-Shakopee joined forces with **Sunshine Service Dogs, Inc.**, to train helpers for those in need. Offenders have worked with 19 puppies that have gone on to be hearing dogs (that listen for noises); mobility dogs (that perform simple tasks such as turning on lights); sensitive detection dogs (that can detect medical conditions such as seizures); and therapy service dogs (that work with the elderly). Presently, 8 offenders are training 4 dogs. The remainder of the offender population represents the outside community and helps the dogs become accustomed to crowds and distractions. Training begins at 4 months of age and ends at 18-34 months. For more information, visit [www.sunshine9training.com/SunshineServiceDogs/index.html](http://www.sunshine9training.com/SunshineServiceDogs/index.html).

**Suzanne Alliegro** has been named executive director of the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission. Alliegro began her career as an administrative services manager for the second judicial district in Ramsey County in 1979 and was appointed director of administrative services in 1983. She was named second judicial district administrator in 1987. Most recently Alliegro served as deputy county manager for Justice Systems in Fulton County, Georgia.

The Sentencing Guidelines Commission is an 11-member body created by the legislature to develop Minnesota's sentencing guidelines. Three members are judges appointed by the Supreme Court; the remainder are appointed by the governor and include the commissioner of corrections, a peace officer, a prosecutor, a defense attorney, a probation officer and public citizens, one of whom must be a crime victim. For more information, visit [www.msgc.state.mn.us](http://www.msgc.state.mn.us).



MCF-Shakopee Lieutenant **Alma “Dede” Adamez-Randle** and her sister, Cathy Adamez-Smith, have been named *2008 West Siders of the Year* by the *West Side Citizens’ Organization*. They serve as mentors, volunteers and coaches for girls participating in sports on the west side of St. Paul through the Boys and Girls Club and Humboldt High School.

The **Polar Bear Plunge**, presented by Minnesota Law Enforcement, benefits Special Olympics Minnesota and is part of year-round fund-raising of the Law Enforcement Torch Run. It’s an opportunity for individuals, organizations and businesses to support Special Olympics athletes by jumping into frigid Minnesota waters. Plunges take place across the state from January through mid-March. To find a plunge location, visit [www.specialolympicsminnesota.org/Polar\\_Plunge.php](http://www.specialolympicsminnesota.org/Polar_Plunge.php).

Updated **Backgrounders** are available on the Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC) website. Find statistics on offenders, programs, and more at [www.doc.state.mn.us/publications/backgrounders/default.htm](http://www.doc.state.mn.us/publications/backgrounders/default.htm).

The **MCF-Red Wing** adopted three community families through the Adopt-A-Family campaign. The drive provides personal and household items for families who are receiving social services assistance and struggle to afford such items by their own means. Staff provided a gift or donated money to support the cause. Donations included gifts for children ages 2-15, laundry supplies, personal toiletries, and gas cards.

Each week, **FOX 9** News at five p.m. and MyFOX9.com will feature one cold case from the cold case playing cards created by the DOC and the Department of Public Safety. The cards highlight 52 unsolved homicide, missing person, and unidentified remains cases. For more information, visit [www.bca.state.mn.us/ColdCase/UnsolvedPictures.html](http://www.bca.state.mn.us/ColdCase/UnsolvedPictures.html).

## POSITION OPENINGS

Full-time **Sheriff’s Detention Deputy** in the Hennepin County Sheriff’s Office, located in the Public Safety Facility in downtown Minneapolis. Compensation is \$34,824 - \$54,828 annually. This is **not** a licensed peace officer position. Duties include but are not limited to: fingerprinting, securing and releasing inmates, physical searches, arranging court appearances, testifying in

court, maintaining records, performing emergency first aid, and ensuring inmate pretrial rights. This position is subject to off-duty call and involves direct offender contact. For a complete listing or to apply, visit [www.hennepin.jobs](http://www.hennepin.jobs). For assistance, contact Human Resources at [HR.Dept@co.hennepin.mn.us](mailto:HR.Dept@co.hennepin.mn.us) or 612/348-2163.

Full-time **Deputy Sheriff** in the Hennepin County Sheriff’s Office. Compensation is \$45,888 - \$60,900 annually. Duties include maintaining security within the adult detention division, assisting in search and rescue operations, making arrests, enforcing traffic laws, transporting prisoners, and maintaining the order of courtrooms. The candidate must be a licensed peace officer or eligible to be licensed by the Minnesota Peace Officer Standards and Training Board. For a complete listing or to apply, visit [www.hennepin.jobs](http://www.hennepin.jobs). For assistance, contact Human Resources at 612/348-2163 or email [HR.Dept@co.hennepin.mn.us](mailto:HR.Dept@co.hennepin.mn.us).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The **Minnesota Corrections Association (MCA)** has partnered with Amicus to present *From Gender Theory to Responsive Practice: Making Your Job Easier*, January 23 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Gustavus Adolphus College Alumni Hall in St. Peter. Registration is \$50 for MCA members, \$60 for non-members, and \$15 for students. The workshop will be repeated on March 19, 2009, at Fortune Bay Casino in Tower, Minnesota. Registration details are available at [www.mn-ca.org](http://www.mn-ca.org) or [www.amicususa.org](http://www.amicususa.org).

The **Minnesota Association of Pretrial Services Association’s (MAPSA)** conference will be held at the Landmark Center in St. Paul on April 17. This year the MAPSA Board has decided to give away one scholarship per region to cover the registration cost of attending the conference. For information, visit [www.mapsa.us/index.cfm](http://www.mapsa.us/index.cfm).

The **Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers’** 52nd annual spring conference is scheduled for May 20-22. For details, visit [www.macpo.org](http://www.macpo.org).