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To promote public safety by holding offenders accountable for their actions and reducing the risk of future criminal behavior.

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Directors' Message

Although the nightly news indicates some possible improvement in the economy, it is important for us to acknowledge that the economic recovery may not be as quickly realized in the Department of Correction's (DOC) budget environment.

Not only is the department responding to legislative actions from the last session, but there are also other complicating factors that require us to continue our careful approach to departmental expenses.

As I've shared with you before, the department realized a significant reduction from the budgetary actions taken by the legislature. This wasn't typical of just DOC; all agencies and governmental entities were impacted by the recent recession.

For our agency, there were three primary legislative actions taken in the 2009 Legislative Session. First we were directed to take a \$20 million unspecified reduction in our biennial budget. Secondly, the combined result of implementing the freeze on merit and cost of living increases and mandated unpaid furlough days was a \$35 million reduction in our budget. And lastly, there were several policy changes (30% earned time, suspension of Measure 57, Immigration and Customs Enforcement releases) that equated to about another \$30 million in budget reductions. To further complicate matters, it is important to note that this combined \$85 million was already taken from the budget that passed the legislature.

Voters will also have the opportunity to vote on two tax measures during the special election on January 26, 2010. A failure to sustain the legislatively enacted taxes will have the affect of reversing the tax measures that the legislature passed during the 2009 Legislative Session. The result could be a shortfall of more than \$700 million that the legislature will need to address during the 2010 Special Session.

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Director Max Williams



Gardens Throughout DOC

Garden at EOCI



Garden at EOCI



Garden at PRCF



Vegetables produced at PRCF



PRCF tomato plants



Garden at OSCI



OSCI bell peppers



Thousands of pounds of potatoes at OSCI





OSCI's Garden

Just over a year ago, OSCI started a Garden Project that has created opportunities for inmates and benefited the department.

OSCI has two main gardens located inside the fence; a greenhouse and three-fourths of an acre supplying a variety of fruits and vegetables. Outside the fenced perimeter is a two acre garden producing thousands of pounds of potatoes.

The greenhouse garden has produced cherry and regular tomatoes, broccoli, bell peppers, pumpkins, cucumbers, zucchini, squash, cabbage, cantaloupe, watermelon, and jalapeno pepper plants. Other plants are: onions, snow peas, golden jade beans, leaf lettuce, carrots, and radishes. This year, as of October 8, over 17,633 lbs. of fresh produce has been harvested, of which OSCI has donated over 650 lbs. to MCCF and over 1,500 lbs. to Earl Boyles Community Garden. An additional 36,000 plus lbs. of potatoes have been harvested.

The Garden Project has given job opportunities to inmates. Currently five inmates tend to the greenhouse, two inmates tend to the garden, and there are 14 inmate volunteers that are ready and willing to help out when needed.

The New Horizon, OSCI's Lifers Club, met and decided to start the garden. The seeds were purchased out of the Inmate Welfare Fund. With under \$1,000 spent on these seeds, the garden has grown beyond the allotted area, having to expand the inside garden this year.

The garden provides inmates with fresh produce, new options for their menus, and a chance to learn how to garden. Some of the new menu items are fresh spaghetti sauce, coleslaw, fried green tomatoes, zucchini bread, French fries, salsa, herbs and spices.

The department has also benefitted; produce orders have dramatically decreased this year compared to previous years. With the garden producing the majority of vegetable orders, the remaining purchases are decreased. Of course gardening is a learned skill and with one year of the garden providing the majority of fresh produce, next year will show the true test of just how much can be saved.

A by-product of gardening is composting. Composting the left over rinds from the fruits and vegetables saves on garbage costs and the compost is used in the garden as fertilizer. Donations to help with composting have come from a local dairy.

PRCF reintroduced their garden this year. Donna Lowry, Inmate Work Program coordinator, facilitated the harvesting which included: potatoes, squash, tomatoes and eggplant. The strawberry jam made out of the green tomatoes was a huge success. With more 3,500 lbs. of green tomatoes produced, PRCF made jam for toast and peanut butter sandwiches to add something different to inmates' meals.

Pounds of Produce Each Site has Harvested in 2009

CCCF—over 2,000 lbs
CRCI— over 11,000 lbs
SCI—over 3,000 lbs
DRCI—over 500 lbs
SCCI—over 25 lbs
EOCI—over 12,000 lbs
OSCI—over 50,000 lbs
TRCI—over 5,000 lbs

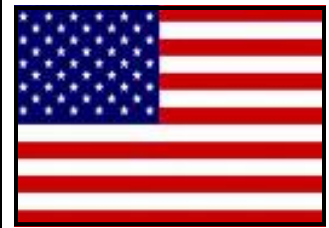
WCCF—over 18,000 lbs
OSPM—over 16,000 lbs
PRCF—over 7,000 lbs



Kudos to Ricky Walling and Inmate Services

The mother of inmate Mead at OSP is very appreciative of inmate services, particularly Ricky Walling. Mrs. Mead received “incredibly responsive, professional, and kind efforts from Walling.” Mr. and Mrs. Mead are new to the “prison world,” they have recently found themselves in, and are grateful that people like those at inmate services.

Mike Westrick gets ready for Deployment



Mike Westrick, CDC Warehouse Supply Specialist is wished a speedy deployment and a safe return!

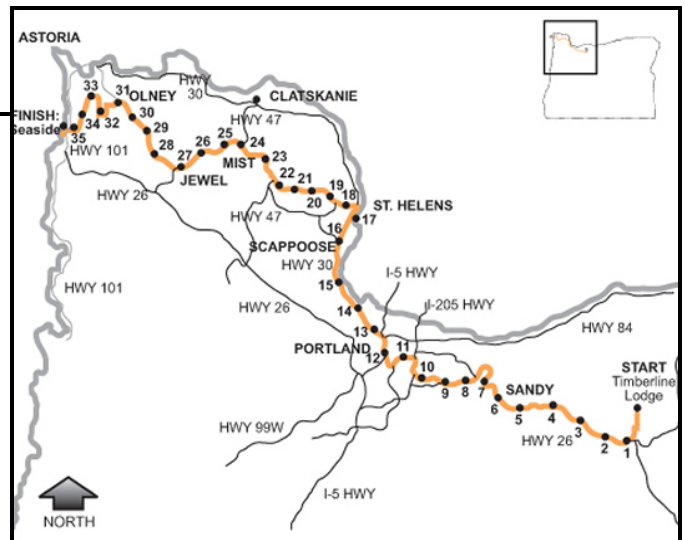
Mike is being deployed to Afghanistan with his unit and will be deployed for a little over a year. He will be in the field doing work to ensure his fellow military personnel are safe. Mike takes with him a positive attitude and enthusiasm to complete the task at hand.

Hood to Coast Update

Many DOC employees participated in this year’s Hood to Coast Relay. The Leg Irons, Femme Fatale and Board Feet all crossed the finish line on August 29 with the following times:

- Femme Fatale had a total time of 27:02:20
- Leg Irons had a total time of 28:49:29.
- Board Feet had a total time of 30:30:20

Teammate, Vong Lor, Pharmacy Tech at CCCF, wasn’t mentioned in the last newsletter as being part of the Leg Irons team.





OCE Gives Back to the Community

Oregon Corrections Enterprises' Furniture Factory at Two River Correctional Institution's recently built and donated child-size, play furniture and intarsia art for an abused children's shelter in McMinnville. The shelter is run by Lutheran Community Services Northwest. This organization is a nonprofit human services agency serving communities throughout Oregon, Washington and Idaho.



Lutheran Community Services: *"On behalf of the staff and clients of Lutheran Community Services Northwest, we would like to thank you for your support of our programs. Your recent gift of children's furniture for our child therapy program is greatly appreciated. The children who visit our office every day have put the furniture to immediate use. It seems a good way for inmates working for OCE to help provide healing to the next generation. We appreciate the care, craftsmanship and attention to detail that so clearly was put into these unique pieces of furniture and art."*

OCE built and donated play furniture for the children's shelter in McMinnville





Brown Bag Lunch—Eat and Learn

Have you ever wondered how the Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision operates? Or wanted information about how to be finically successful?

As it turns out, many of us are curious about these topics and Susan Roberts, Central Support Services Manager has restarted the Brown Bag Lunch Series at the Dome Building. These lunches are open to all employees to come and learn from the subject matter experts. These are not mandatory meetings, you must use your lunch hour to attend.

The first Brown Bag was held on September 23rd and a few dozen people attended to listen and discuss employee/inmate relationships. Daryl Borello, Chief Investigator, and Jeff Premo, Chief of Security, were the subject matter experts that lead the discussion. The information may be repetitive for many, but a refresher is always a great idea. All who attended walked away talking about at least one topic that was discussed.



DOC staff learning about Open Enrollment

Theses meetings are not only a great way to learn more about the agency, but to meet and learn more about your co-workers. That is why some meetings will be 'social' gatherings more than learning opportunities. Future meetings will be held monthly and include the following topics:

- **Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision:** How their work affects our work. *(November 25th)*
- **"Make and Take" Holiday Card** *(December 16th)*
- **Financial Steps to Success We Wish we Learned in High School:** Fining your way through the maze of financial confusion *(January 13th)*
- **A \$27 Solution for Lifting People Out of Crime:** Learn how everyone can contribute to lifting people out of crime without spending a million dollars. *(February 10th)*
- **How to Buy a Bottle of Milk:** Organize your day using project management tools. *(March 10th)*

Susan is always looking for new ideas. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please forward them to her at Susan.J.Roberts@doc.state.or.us.



Transitional Housing for Women Offenders

Before



After



Salem's Shelly's House provides structured community living for women offenders striving to attain employment, maintain their alcohol and drug treatment program, comply with their parole/probation requirements, and rebuild their lives. In spite of difficult economic conditions, 2009 has been an incredible year of progress at the house, thanks in large part to the employees of the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC).

In May, as part of the Take Care of Oregon Day, DOC selected Shelly's House as a recipient of a day of care and hard labor. Several DOC employees and their families gifted the house with hours of hard work to tear down an aged fence and build a new one, as well as cleaning up the yard. The fence materials were donated by a supportive citizen. The event inspired the residents; the women planted a garden, from which they harvested tomatoes, zucchini squash, cucumbers, winter squash, and enjoyed a display of sunflowers.

In another "Oregon 150" event, PRISM held a fundraiser to benefit Shelly's House. Board member and DOC staffer Paul Pelouquin followed through on an idea to do a long-distance ride to raise funds and "Two Wheels for Transition" became reality. In June Paul rode his 2003 Yamaha FJR1300 1,119 miles from Shutter Creek Correctional Institution in North Bend, to Warner Creek Correctional Facility in Lakeview, in just 21 hours. His long, hard ride raised over \$4,000 to benefit Shelly's House.

Most recently, a generous friend (with a DOC connection) donated labor and materials to convert the garage to a usable meeting room, and a basement space to a clothing room with hanging bars and shelving for the storage of donated clothing and bedding. Both of these conversions were much needed, contributing to the efficiency and usefulness of the space at Shelly's House.

The connection between PRISM and DOC is natural since the mission of the non-profit and has always been about transition. Shelly's House initial purpose was to assist inmates to reintegrate into society following release from prison. PRISM provided assistance in the form of educational opportunities and direct charitable relief. Over the next six years, PRISM's focus became providing transitional housing to incarcerated women returning to the community. In 1999, PRISM received a grant to purchase a house to meet the needs of an increasing number of women exiting prison. The facility is capable of housing 16 women and serves about 40 women a year.

The population served at the house is women relatively new in their recovery and currently under supervision for criminal activity and substance abuse. These clients are at risk of homelessness and/or relapse. Without access to transitional housing and positive peer support, the women would most likely re-offend. The majority of clients are mothers; many continue to have contact with their children and are working to reunite with those children. Accountability and positive peer support is emphasized through all living activities. The women in the house are required to attend drug/alcohol recovery programs, seek employment, and work towards recover and self-sufficiency. House residents are required to follow house rules and attend all mandatory meetings.

PRISM board members are grateful for the hard work and the show of support from DOC employees, friends, and family. "The Board of PRISM remains committed to providing alcohol and drug free transitional housing for women offenders," said Joyce Merritt, board member and former retired DOC employee, "absolutely convinced that giving them a safe place to live is their only hope for restoration to a normal and crime-free life. They need a safe place to live, to learn, to grow, and to remain focused on the problem-solving needed for success. I am in awe of the generosity of people willing to contribute to this provision for women struggling to succeed."

For more information about or Shelly's House, contact PRISM at shellyshouse@gmail.com



Dr. Shelton Receives the Armand Start Award

The (national) Society of Correctional Physicians recognized and honored Dr. Steven Shelton with the Armand Start Award. The award was given at the general meeting of the group on October 11th in Orlando.

This award, named for the now deceased founder of the Society of Correctional Physicians, is periodically awarded in recognition of "unceasing advocacy for better patient care and professional correctional medical environments" as well as "adherence to the highest of ethical...(and) professional standards." Other criteria include "dedication to research, publication, and training." Dr. Shelton is the ninth recipient of this award in its eleven year history.

In recognition of Dr. Shelton's dedication to excellence in correctional health care in Oregon, as well as his service on the national level, please congratulate Dr. Shelton.

Certificate of Appreciation from Washington County

STM Lt. Brian Stephens and SIU Investigator Jane Moffitt were both awarded a Washington County Sheriff's Office Certificate of Appreciation on September 21, 2009.

With the help of Lt. Stephens and Investigator Moffitt, Washington County was able to indict two individuals charged with Tampering with a Witness. These two individuals had contact with a DOC inmate who then enlisted the aid of two other inmates to threaten and attempted to intimidate another inmate to not testify in an upcoming trial.

After interviewing the inmate, Lt. Stephens reviewed video surveillance recordings of the assault against this inmate and provided documentation of visitations and phone records to show there was an imminent threat to the inmate's life. The inmate was then moved to another institution.

Investigator Moffitt was instrumental in this investigation by securing and reviewing over a 100 hours of inmate telephone conversations. Moffitt provided continued support during the investigation by updating the detectives. The detectives were then able to locate the witness who was avoiding the upcoming trial.

Stephens and Moffitt's efforts were instrumental in providing evidence. The Department of Corrections is proud to have employees who show great efforts in keeping our inmates safe and being good partners to other public safety agencies.



DOC's Basic Corrections Course

Three classes of DOC's Basic Corrections Course (BCC) are currently in session. The first class commenced on September 14th in Pendleton, the second on October 12th in Salem, and the third on October 26th in Wilsonville.

The BCC program combines classroom, force skills, on the job training (OJT), and computer based/on-line training over the course of a year. The training topics that build on each other will produce a well-rounded Correctional Officer when they receive their DPSST Basic Corrections Certification. These classes commence with two weeks of intensive classroom training, which can be attended by any institution based staff, with functional unit manager approval.

BCC meets or exceeds the high standards of academic and physical correctional training set forth by DPSST, but adds OJT, more academics, and on-line training. A few differences include:

- Expands the structured training program from five-weeks to one year
- Moves skills based training (cell searches, personnel searches, counts, etc.) out of the classroom. DOC FTOs are DPSST instructor certified and utilize "skill sheets" to train and evaluate the students
- Includes DOC-specific topics, both academic and hands-on
- Incorporates all parts of Krav Maga, the Defensive Tactics program used by DOC
- Held locally, to reduce costs, draw on local Subject-Matter-Experts (SMEs), and blend learning environment with real-life OJT

The trainees in the first class in Pendleton have completed more than five weeks of the program and the 16 required skill sheets and are therefore able to begin working a post. Their field training program is still ongoing, including reading and completing quizzes on DOC rules and policies and completing additional force skills training. This will normally take six to nine months from the date of hire to complete.

Three trainees have already been involved in situations that tested their training. One trainee was directly involved in a reactive Use of Force situation to break-up two inmates fighting in the dining hall. Two other trainees separately intervened in fights on their units. The OICs in all three circumstances commended the trainees for the way they handled themselves and the events that took place. The trainees involved credit their BCC training in confidently addressing the situation per DOC procedures and resolving the incidents accordingly.



Comings and Goings

New Hire

ANDRESEN, MINDY K	TRCI Health Services
BAGLEY, TIMOTHY	CCCF Health Services - Medical
BAILEY, LOGAN RAY	EOCI Security
BLACKETTER, JOSHUA P	SRCI Program Services Complex 2
BRAMMELL, SCOTT M	TRCI Health Services
BRISTOW III, FRANK F	EOCI Security
BROADFOOT, SUSAN C	TRCI Canteen
DENBY, LYNN W	EOCI Security
DRAKE, ERIN L	EOCI Admin
DUNN, TAWNJA L	EOCI Security
FISH, MARCOS O	DRCI Training
FITZGERALD, CHARLES T	EOCI Security
FLORES, JOHN D	OSP General Security
GREEDER COHEN, ANNA R	OSCI Health Services - Medical
HARRIS, JEFFREY P	OSP General Security
JEFFERSON II, HERMAN L	EOCI Security
JOHNSON, DENNIS A	CCCF Health Services - Medical
KULPA, JANA	OSP Health Services - Medical
LIEN, RYAN	OSP Health Services - Medical
MCCLINTOCK, TROY R	EOCI Security
MURRAY, KELLY R	EOCI Security
NELSON, MICHELLE	TRCI Health Services
PACE, KENDRA L	SRCI Health Services
PATTERSON, PAUL D	OSP General Security
PISANO, TOMAS	EOCI Security
PUGACH, GREGORY A	OSP General Security
REISCHKE, BRIAN L	OSP General Security
RICHARDSON, MARTHA E	Central Pharmacy
RODDA, ANDREW K	EOCI Security
ROJAS, MARICELA M	SRCI Program Services Complex 1
ROUNDS, MORGAN	SRCI Health Services
SUMMERS, JEREMY S	OSP General Security
VALENCIA, EDWIN A	EOCI Security
WINTERS, JERROD M	EOCI Security

Promotion

ANGELOZZI, RICHARD	WCCF Superintendent
BERRIMAN, NICHOLAS A	SFFC Security
CLARK, GREGORY LEE	EOCI Counseling/Evaluation
DOHRMAN, TAMI	Asst. Director of General Services
GAIDOSH, STEPHANIE D	Transitional Services
HILLER, KENNETH M	Transitional Services
JUIF, TRENT N	EOCI Food Services
MARTIN WALLS, BENITA A	HR Employee Relations
MONTGOMERY, PHILLIP B	SRCI Hearings
PENLAND, CHERYL	PRCF Security
SIM, EDWARD J	Transitional Services
VOELKER, STEVEN M	SFFC Security
WHEELER, SHERI LYNN	Transitional Services

Transfer to Another Agency

COX, BENJAMIN L	SRCI FOOD SERVICES
EVERITT, RANDALL	Inspector General
HARRIS, KEVIN T A	SRCI Program Services Complex 2

Retirement

ALTUM, DANIEL T	OSP General Security
ANDERSON, NANCIE C	OSP General Security
GREEN, KERRY L	EOCI Security
HAWKINS, JOHNNY JR	OSP General Security
MAY, PAUL C	OSP General Security
MAY, WALTER B JR	TRCI Security Staff
MILLER, KENNETH W	SRCI Security
OGDEN, RICHARD R	OSCI Security
PFENNING, GARY L	OSCI CTS Admin
SEELEY, CHARLES H	WCCF Admin



Budget Update, continued

In looking at a complete financial picture you need to also acknowledge other external elements that are critical to the state's financial situation. Counties are addressing the elimination of county timber payments, agencies and other public entities will need to adjust budgets to accommodate a significant PERS rate increase for the next biennium. In addition, the one-time federal stimulus money will not be available to offset these impacts.

We are sharing all of this with you so that you understand why the economic forecast for our agency and state government is not one that will quickly improve. With no labor contracts in place for AOCE or AFSCME Security, some of the projected savings will need to be recovered by other actions.

As we continue to be very careful with the agency's budget, there are also other efforts underway to look at how government can more effectively operate. The governor recently established the Governor's Reset Cabinet. I am leading the work of one of the subcommittees that is charged with looking at public safety operations. This work will culminate with a report back to the governor in June 2010. He will then use some of the findings to craft his Governor's Recommended Budget for 2011-13.

With your help, we will continue to be mindful of our budget while at the same time not compromising our mission which, in part, is to ensure safe and secure institutions.

We appreciate your contributions to DOC. As we visit with all the institutions over the next few months, we look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Max Williams
Director

Mitch Morrow
Deputy Director

Summer Adult Reading Million Page Challenge

Every year the 15,056 residents of Crook County Public Library (Prineville) and the 14,267 residents of Jefferson County Public Library (Madras) have a challenge to prove which county can read a million pages between June 15 and August 10. For the past three years Crook County has beaten Jefferson County by tens of thousands of pages. This year the Jefferson County District Library called the Deer Ridge Correctional Institution (DRCI) Library to invite the inmates to help out. The competition was not merely to promote reading, but to read library books and in that way promote the use of the general library.



On August 1, for the first time, Jefferson County District Library passed one million pages and won the competition against Crook County Public Library. DRCI contributed 234,849 pages towards the one million pages. Eighty-eight inmates contributed; the inmate who read the most read 50 books, the second inmate read 33 and several others read over 20 books. This invitation was a great way to express gratitude to the public libraries in the tri-county region for donating almost all of DRCI's 6,800 library books.



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