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## 2015 award ceremony honors DOC outstanding employees

On May 13, 2015, over 100 staff members, contractors, and volunteers from the Oregon Department of Corrections were recognized for their exceptional efforts in 2014. The statewide awards ceremony is held annually to honor these individuals as part of National Correctional Officers and Employees Week (NCEW). A sampling of award recipients is included below. For a full list of award recipients, visit <http://www.oregon.gov/doc/docs/pdf/2015StatewideAwards.pdf>.

- **DOC Employee of the Year** – Birdie Worley, Rules Coordinator
- **DOC Manager of the Year** – Maureen Robb, Linn County Community Corrections Director
- **DOC Officers of the Year** – Correctional Officer Kevin Karpati (Snake River Correctional Institution) and Corporal Joe Howell (Oregon State Correctional Institution)
- **Community Corrections Outstanding Service Award** – Leticia Longoria-Navarro, Multnomah County Parole and Probation Officer
- **Community Corrections Employee of the Year** – Bev Mills, Linn County Community Corrections Office Specialist
- **Human Resources Employee of the Year** – Patricia Solomon, Administrative Specialist 2
- **Human Resources Manager of the Year** – Debbie Navarro, HR Generalist
- **General Services Division Employee of the Year** – Joan Brooks, Accountant
- **General Services Division Manager of the Year** – Greg Nash, Accounting and Payroll Manager
- **Director's Office Manager of the Year** – Adrienne O'Connor, Internal Audit Administrator
- **Operations Division Employee of the Year** – Dwight Hawkins, Inmate Work Programs Coordinator
- **Operations Division Manager of the Year** – Patti Knight, Health Services Manager
- **Operations Division (Central Administration) Employee of the Year** – Jon Bricker, Transport Sergeant
- **Operations (Central Administration) Manager of the Year** – Kelley Morton, Policy Manager
- **Offender Management and Rehabilitation Division Contractor of the Year** – Deb Brown, Program Manager, New Directions Northwest

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**The mission of the Oregon Department of Corrections is to promote public safety by holding offenders accountable for their actions and reducing the risk of future criminal behavior.**

- **Offender Management and Rehabilitation Division Employee of the Year** – Karen Roddy, Victims Services Program Coordinator
- **Offender Management and Rehabilitation Division Manager of the Year** – Theresa Arendell, Transition and Inmate Services Manager
- **Oregon Corrections Enterprises Employee of the Year Award** – John Kilander, Laundry Production Coordinator
- **Oregon Corrections Enterprises Manager of the Year Award** – Barb Cannard, Offender Services Program Manager
- **Outstanding Volunteer** – Katina Saint Marie and Sue Gerhardt, The Portia Project (Coffee Creek Correctional Facility)
- **Outstanding Volunteer** – Debbie Arvidson, Quilting Project (Snake River Correctional Institution)
- **Outstanding Citizen** – Doris Wehler, Wilsonville Rotary
- **Outstanding Citizen** – Karen Yeakley, Powder River Correctional Facility Advisory Council
- **Humanitarian Award** – Lisa Blacketter, Correctional Counselor
- **Max Williams Award** – Jef Van Valkenburgh, Department of Justice Senior Assistant Attorney General

Each award winner was presented with a plaque and certificate at the awards ceremony. They were praised for going above and beyond, improving outcomes, and serving as role models for both inmates and other staff members.

For more detailed information on the award recipients, please contact Betty Bernt or Elizabeth Craig.

DOC employs 4,500 staff members at 14 institutions, two community corrections offices, and several centralized support facilities throughout the state. The agency is responsible for the care and custody of over 14,500 adults sentenced to more than 12 months of incarceration, and direct or indirect supervision of 32,000 offenders on felony supervision in the community. DOC is recognized nationally among correctional agencies for providing adults in custody with the cognitive, education, and job skills needed to become productive citizens when they transition back to their communities.

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