

D.O.C. RETIREE NEWS

PEOPLE WHO BUILT THE D.O.C. TO THE LOFTY STATURE IT ENJOYED THROUGHOUT THE NATION
FOR CERTAIN RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF THE #1 DEPT.

SINCE 1996

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BULLET PROOF SAFETY VESTS AND PAROLE/PROBATION AGENTS (CONTINUING ON FROM THE NOVEMBER 'RETIREE NEWS' ON THIS SUBJECT.)

YES, A STATE AGENT ADVISES THAT THE VESTS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO FIELD AGENTS WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO WEAR WHEN MAKING FIELD CONTACTS.

A COMMENT FROM DAVE GUSTAFSON RETIRED FROM ARROWHEAD CORRECTIONS. *"TREATMENT TAKING A BACK SEAT. I'VE HEARD FROM SOME FOLKS THAT SAY LOTS OF YOUNGER P.O.s TODAY SEE THEIR ROLE MORE LIKE COPS. I BELIEVE WE LIVED IN THE BEST DAYS OF CORRECTIONS-ALL THE PEOPLE I WORKED WITH OVER THE YEARS WERE TREATMENT KINDS OF PEOPLE - NOT SURE THAT IS TRUE ANYMORE."*

RESPONSE FROM D.O.C. DEPUTY
COMM. FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES,
RON SOLHEID



"With respect to your question on bullet resistant vests, the business of corrections, especially field supervision has taken on

some new dimensions in recent years and unfortunately significantly increased the risk presented to agents in the field. You should know that in response to these increased risks we have not abandoned our use of "Treatment Mode with Clients" in fact it is just the opposite. We are investing thousands of hours and huge financial resources in training all staff (corrections agents, supervisors, case managers, program directors and even correctional officers in the institutions) in research based practices to include: Motivational Interviewing, Cognitive Skills Programming, Crisis Intervention Training, Case Planning, Critical Incident Stress Management, Respectful Communications, The use of several Risk/Needs Assessments such as the LSI-R and now LSCMI to determine what areas we need to focus on with offenders to promote change in behavior. This along with a comprehensive agent safety manual, classroom and scenario based training in the field, focused on making agents aware of their surroundings and how to effectively and safely communicate and interact with offenders in the community.

At present there are over 122,000 adult and juveniles on probation, supervised release and parole in Minnesota and unfortunately many for very serious, assaultive/violent crimes. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 3)

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HE GAVE THE BOOK TO MORRIE HEILIG WHO PASSED IT ON TO ME. TED.S/.

LOTS OF MEMORIES!

'VESTS' FROM PAGE 1

and parole in Minnesota and unfortunately many for very serious, assaultive/violent crimes. We have over 9800 offenders in prison today and looking at their criminal histories as compared with we locked up 20 years ago would be a real eye opener for many who worked in this business. Not to say we didn't have violent or assaultive offenders back then, however the volume and intensity of violence by many offenders today is inconceivable to most people.

Another factor we are faced with is the increased number of contacts agents have with offenders in the field. The legislature enacted statutes with respect to intensive supervision that result in our Intensive Supervised Release (ISR) agents having a minimum of 4 contacts a week with our most dangerous offenders and 2 of these occur in the offenders home and at all hours of the day or night. This along with ramped up drug testing exposes agents to additional risk of harm in situations where they have little or no control over their surroundings and no back up assistance available. As a result the ISR agents have been mandated to wear ballistic/cut resistant vests and carry a Lone Worker device to alert us to their whereabouts in the field and also serve as an

alarm device if they need assistance. Ballistic vests are also made available to all agents with field contact responsibilities on a request basis and our field offices have had a number of security upgrades in the last couple years. This has not been done without serious consideration of the impact it may have on our business of promoting offender change. It has been done as a result of the increasing number of serious incidents we have been experiencing in field supervision here in Minnesota and in the rest of the nation. You may have read about the probation office in Wisconsin that was fire bombed, the court house shooting in Cook County Minnesota and the murder of the Colorado Commissioner of Corrections. We are not immune from similar occurrences and rather than wait for it to happen we are making these efforts to protect our staff before it happens.

RON SOLHEID-

PEOPLE ASK- HOW ARE JACK YOUNG AND ADELLE DOING?

FROM THEIR SON, GRANT-

"Jack and his wife Adelle are living together in the memory care section of Croixdale Homes in Bayport Minnesota just down the hill from the Stillwater Correctional Facility that he served as Warden and then later as Commission of Corrections. Through hearing loss and memory loss, telephone conversations are difficult and paper mail is not effective but if any DOC retirees find themselves in the St Croix Valley area, they are most welcome to stop and visit Jack and Adelle in Apartment 125 to discuss old times."



**NEW OUTPATIENT VA CLINIC AT
MANKATO TO POSSIBLY BE NAMED
FOR CPO LYLE PEARSON**



THE MANKATO FREE PRESS NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT A BILL HAS BEEN INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS TO NAME THE NEW VA OUT PATIENT CLINIC IN MANKATO "THE LYLE C. PEARSON CLINIC" AFTER OUR LONGTIME CPO LYLE PEARSON.

LYLE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS - BECAME STATE AND NATIONAL COMMANDER OF DAV.

HE WAS WELL KNOWN IN PROBATION CIRCLES AND WAS A PRESIDENT FOR A TERM OF THE COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS ASSN.

HE WAS AN EXCELLENT P.O.

LYLE PASSED AWAY LAST JANUARY.

JIM CROCKER, RETIRED D.O.C. AT LINO LAKES AND SAUK CENTRE LOST HIS WIFE, BETTY, THIS PAST DECEMBER. HE LIVES NEAR PARK RAPIDS.

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LT. DAVE OELRICH OF OPH RETIRED FROM OAK PARK HTS IN DECEMBER.

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MIKE JOHNSON, OFFICER AT OPH, RETIRED AFTER OVER 30 YEARS WITH DOC LAST DECEMBER.

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DR. JOHN McLEOD - THE STILLWATER PRISON DOCTOR IN THE 70s & 80s, PASSED AWAY LAST DECEMBER.

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RICK HASELMAN- OF OPH. Age 46 Died on Nov 27, 2013 Passed away peacefully in his home after a heroic and inspiring battle with brain cancer.

**MCF BRAINERD?' ARTICLE CONTINUED
FROM NOVEMBER ISSUE**

(THANKS TO CONTRIBUTORS AND ORV. PUNG FOR INFO ON THIS - BOB HARRELL, TOO)

IT SEEMS LIKE BACK IN ABOUT 1990 THE LEGISLATURE WAS CONSIDERING WHAT TO DO WITH SOME OF THE DHS INSTITUTIONS THAT WERE GOING TO CLOSE. MOOSE LAKE WAS TAKEN OVER AS A D.O.C. INSTITUTION FOR SEX OFFENDERS.

FARIBAULT AND BRAINERD WERE UP FOR GRABS BY THE D.O.C.

SOMEHOW, I'M TOLD. ROBERT HARRELL OF THE D.O.C. (OPH) WAS NAMED TO BE THE WARDEN OF BRAINERD CORRECTIONS TO BE. BUT, IT WAS NOT TO BE!

THE LEGISLATURE DECIDED FARIBAULT WAS TO BECOME A CORRECTIONS INSTITUTION - NOT BRAINERD.

HARRELL RECENTLY RETIRED AS ASSOCIATE WARDEN FOR ADMINISTRATION AT OPH WITH A GREAT CAREER IN CORRECTIONS.



BOB HARRELL

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