



Lt. Jennifer Truett **2009 CCSO Chapter President of the Year**

Each year, the California Correctional Supervisors Organization's (CCSO) staff provide to the State Board the name of a Chapter President that stands out as a leader, mediator, negotiator, and above all an individual that takes second to the needs of their members. The State Board reviews the names given to them and makes the final decision on who will be Chapter President of the Year.

This year, Lt. Jennifer Truett, Chapter President for the Correctional Training Facility (CTF) in Soledad, was selected as the 2009 Chapter President of the Year. Lt. Truett in 2008 organized several charity events for CTF. One of Lt. Truett's biggest fundraisers was the "Race for Life" which she spearheaded and challenged all CCSO chapters to step up to the plate and become involved. Jennifer does her fundraisers in the name of CCSO. Thanks to her involvement she has brought recognition and credit, in that region, to the California Correctional Supervisors Organization. CCSO thanks Jennifer for that involvement.

Lt. Truett cares for her members' welfare and will go out on a limb to assist them and their family when in need. She is not afraid to stand up to the administration on behalf of members at CTF, but knows when to compromise to maintain a viable working environment.

Lt. Truett is constantly seeking information to enrich her knowledge as a CCSO representative. If she does not have an answer for a member or administrative representative, she will seek out the answer.

Headquarters on the CCSO database designates having the largest number of actively working CCSO members. However, that is skewed as headquarters encompasses various offices throughout the state. CTF, on the other hand, is tied with CCI for 2nd place in having the largest number of CCSO members actively working in a prison. Those are true figures that are not skewed. CTF has 144 members and continues to grow with Lt. Truett's continual recruiting efforts.

Lt. Truett handles this large number of members on an individual basis at times. She tackles labor issues with minimal assistance from CCSO headquarters. She meets regularly with the Warden and files grievances with positive results. She has literally turned problems around at CTF.

Lt. Jennifer Truett is a diligent and concerned Chapter President. She is the very best example of what a CCSO Chapter President should be; therefore, on April 25, 2009 at the CCSO Annual Conference, Lt. Truett was honored as the 2009 Chapter President of the Year.