

# California Correctional Supervisors Organization, Inc.

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## *“Supervisors Representing Supervisors”*

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### **WEEKLY UPDATE -FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2006**

By: Pat Le Sage, Chief Operations & Financial Officer

#### **Fire Chief Meet & Confer:**

CCSO met with CDCR Labor Relations officials, on Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup> regarding the new revised Fire Chief’s duty statement. We thank Fire Chiefs Chris Pettit and Joe McAtee for their input and attendance at this meet and confer. Overall, the new duty statement has not met with too much negativity from Fire Chiefs, as there was quite a lot of input from Fire Chiefs. CCSO recommended minor changes to the duty statement and hope to see them adopted.

#### **CCSO Conference, State Board and Chapter Meetings:**

CCSO leaders will be in Sacramento next week, April 21 through the 22<sup>nd</sup> in Organizational meetings. We will also come together at the CCSO Annual Conference. As next week will be busy, there will not be a Weekly Update until April 28<sup>th</sup>. Updates from the meetings and conference will be provided to members in that update.

#### **State’s One-Year Recidivism Rate Drops:**

Acting Secretary Jeanne Woodford stated “our recidivism rate for adult parolees who have been in their communities for one year is at one of the lowest rates it has been in nearly 26 years”.

Ms. Woodford cited no one reason has caused the drop in the recidivism rate, but rather a combination of several factors. She believes the primary factor is the “fine work and efforts of all the professionals who work with the offenders in our State prisons every day as well as the matrix staff who hire, train, provide legal services, work with labor and the legislature and those staff who provide contract services to bring our programs to life are making a difference.”

#### **National Experts – Input to Strengthen Juvenile Justice System:**

Five national experts have completed a review of the Safety and Welfare Remedial Plan for CDCR’s Juvenile Justice System. The recommendations call for steps to reduce violence and fear in the institutions and to create the capacity for change.

Chief Deputy Secretary Juvenile Justice, Bernard Warner stated: “We know of no other state that has undertaken such major reform in such short a period of time. We are committed to doing it thoughtfully, encouraging input from communities and stakeholders, so that the reform will truly bring about powerful and long-lasting changes. This is not a quick fix and changes of this magnitude have taken years in other states. The outcomes we all want are safe and secure facilities and effective treatment for youth. These recommendations bring us one step closer to a better youth justice system in California.”

A copy of the report can be found at <http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Communications/DJJReformPlan.html>

#### **New Appointments:**

Governor Schwarzenegger appointed Peter Farber-Szenkrenyi, DR.P.H. of Sunol as the Division Chief of Correctional Health Care Services, and Darc Keller of Folsom as Assistant Secretary for Health Care Policy for CDCR. Both of these appointments will require Senate confirmation.

**Welcome New Members:**

The State Board and staff, welcome the new members who have joined CCSO this week.

**Thought for the Week:**

“The important thing is not to stop questioning.” – Albert Einstein

**Next Update ~ April 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Have a Happy Easter!**