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Mississippi Department of Corrections Experiences Personnel Loss Due to Military Activation

Jackson – The Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) today announced that 36 of its employees, who are members of National Guard and Army Reserve units, have been called into active duty. According to agency personnel records, 168 MDOC employees are currently members of military units across the state.

“Obviously, the loss of these valuable employees, during this time of national security interest, has had some impact on our corrections operation. However, we are improvising through redeployment within our existing work force to assure proper security at all of our facilities,” said MDOC Commissioner Christopher Epps.

According to the MDOC’s personnel department, seven correctional employees hold regular duty responsibilities at the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Pearl. Additionally, seventeen employees at the Mississippi State Penitentiary in Parchman, five at the South Mississippi Correctional Institution in Greene County and seven staff members in MDOC’s Community Corrections Division have also been called up for active duty.

Commissioner Epps, a guard member himself, reflects that despite temporarily losing staff members and security staff, he understands the important roles of the mission each one of his military employees. “Each of our employees, who has been called to active duty has been trained well and will, no doubt, carry out each mission as he has been trained,” Epps said.

