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## MDOC Central Office Employees Receive Employee Recognition/Service Awards

Jackson – The employee recognition/service awards ceremony for the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) Central Office was held in Jackson today. At the ceremony, three employees received employee recognition awards.

Central Office Employees that received awards for December 2001 include:

Billy Sisk	Staff Employee of the Month
Tara Frazier	Extra Effort Award
Bill Greenleaf	Extra Effort Award

Recipients were presented with certificates and lapel pins; in addition, the employee of the month was presented with a plaque. “Hard work, determination and persistence are all ingredients necessary for success,” said Commissioner Johnson. “Everyone recognized today possesses some of these ingredients and I hope all MDOC employees continue in that direction.”

Six employees were recognized for their years of service to MDOC. Ann Divine, chairman of the Central Office Awards Committee, announced the names of the employees celebrating service anniversaries while Commissioner Robert Johnson presented each with certificates. MDOC Central Office employees that reached a milestone in service years during December include:

Name	Hometown	Years of Service
Ginger Chambless	Pearl	5
Cissy McCarty	Madison	5
Billy McCraw	Carson	5
Marsha England	Richland	15
Audrey McAfee	Brandon	15
Linda Holman	Terry	20

The MDOC Employee Service Award Program originated in July 2001 to nominate fellow MDOC employees for the following awards:

- Correctional Officer of the Month;
- Field Officer of the Month;
- Staff Employee of the Month; and
- Security Employee of the Month.

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In addition, MDOC established the Heroism Award and Extra Effort Award. The Heroism Award is given to employees who go above and beyond the call of duty in heroic efforts to either save the life on an individual or prevent other lives from dangerous situations. The Extra Effort Award is designed to recognize employees who go the extra mile or take on additional duties to assist in a project in order to get it done.

MDOC will hold ceremonies each month to officially recognize outstanding employees at all three state institutions (Mississippi State Penitentiary in Parchman, Miss; Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Pearl, Miss; and South Mississippi Correctional Institution in Leakesville, Miss.) and at the MDOC central office in Jackson.

### **Central Office Recognition Award Recipients**

**Billy Sisk**, of Raymond, is a training director for the MDOC Community Services Division. Sisk was nominated for the Employee of the Month Award because of his outstanding dedication to employees of MDOC. Sisk is responsible for training all field officers statewide. “It is so nice to work with such a high-caliber, enthusiastic employee,” said coworker Tara Frazier. “His high energy really rubs off on others.”

**Tara Frazier**, of Ridgeland, is the Victim Services Director for MDOC. **Bill Greenleaf**, also of Ridgeland, is a Communications Specialist in the Communications Division of MDOC. Frazier and Greenleaf were both nominated for the Extra Effort Award by a coworker from South Mississippi Correctional Institution in Leakesville, Miss. That coworker, Lieutenant Vivian Hoeflich was at MDOC’s central office when she experienced car trouble. Frazier and Greenleaf came to her rescue and helped her get the vehicle back on the rode to SMCI.

“I left that afternoon with a feeling of gratitude for knowing that there are always folks in the MDOC Central Office willing to come to the aid of anyone in need without being asked and expecting nothing in return,” said Hoeflich.

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MEDIA NOTE: MDOC has digital photos of award recipients. If you are interested in receiving a photo, please call Claire Papizan at (601) 359-5689 or e-mail her at [cpapizan@mdoc.state.ms.us](mailto:cpapizan@mdoc.state.ms.us)