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## Two Region 2 MDOC Community Services Division Employees Receive Employee Recognition Awards

Jackson - The employee recognition awards ceremony for the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) Community Services Division Region II was held today at Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Pearl, Miss. At the ceremony, four employees were recognized.

Community Services Employees that received awards for November 2001 include:

Danny Neely	Yazoo County Community Work Center	Security Employee of the Month
Deborah Brown	Rankin County Community Work Center	Correctional Officer of the Month

Brenda Blanks, Community Services Director for Region 2, announced the names of the award recipients while Interim Deputy Commissioner of Community Services Lora Cole presented each with certificates and plaques.

“Thank you for the job you’re doing,” said Chris Epps, Deputy Commissioner of Institution. “ Thank you for helping make this train run so smoothly down the track.”

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
- Security Employee of the Month

In addition, MDOC established the Heroism Award and Extra Effort Award. The Heroism Award is given to MDOC employees who go above and beyond the call of duty in heroic efforts to either save the life of 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.

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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.

### **Community Services Division Service Award Recipients**

**Danny Neely**, Correctional Commander, works at the Yazoo County Community Work Center in Yazoo City. Lieutenant Neely was nominated for the Security Employee of the Month award by Walter Lockhart, the director of the Yazoo County Community Work Center. Neely was nominated for the award because of his dedication to MDOC and his positive attitude.

“Lt. Neely is always willing to perform extra duties and he is reliable in accomplishing any task that deems necessary or instructed to be done,” said Lockhart. “He takes pride in his work.”

**Deborah Brown**, Correctional Officer III, works at the Rankin County Community Work Center in Flowood. Officer Brown was nominated for the Correctional Officer of the Month award by Diana Robbins, the director of the Rankin County Community Work Center.

“Officer Brown shows so much pride in her work,” said Robbins. “She makes sure that the shift is running effectively by applying the rules as written. She has a reputation for being consistent and enforcing the policies.”

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Media Note: If you would like a digital photograph of the Service Award recipients, e-mail [bgreenleaf@mdoc.state.ms.us](mailto:bgreenleaf@mdoc.state.ms.us) or phone him at: (601) 359-5646.