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MDOC Region I Community Services Division Employee Receives Award

Jackson - The employee recognition awards ceremony for the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) Community Services Division Region I was held today at Mississippi State Penitentiary in Parchman, Miss. At the ceremony, correctional officer Allen Langdon received the Correctional Officer of the Month Award.

Langdon, Correctional Officer IV, works at the LeFlore County Probation & Parole office in Greenwood. Langdon was nominated for the Correctional Officer of the Month Award because of his courage, positive attitude and dedication to his work; he was nominated by his supervisor, Lieutenant Barbara Allen.

"He is reliable, dependable and can work well with others," said Langdon. "He goes above and beyond the call of duty at the community work center by putting in extra hours and working on his days off to get the job done. While acting as Interim Case Manager, he has gone out of his way to assist inmates with housing after being paroled that do not have a permanent residence."

Langdon was presented a certificate and plaque by Interim Deputy Commissioner of Community Services Lora Cole and MDOC Commissioner Robert Johnson. "I always enjoy this part of my job," said Commissioner Johnson. "It's important to recognize employees for the hard work that they do."

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.

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.

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