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KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS APPOINTS NEW WARDEN TO HUTCHINSON CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

The Kansas Department of Corrections is pleased to announce the appointment of Sam Cline to the position of Warden at Hutchinson Correctional Facility. The appointment will become effective on June 23, 2007. Until that time, Mr. Cline will continue his duties as warden of Ellsworth Correctional Facility.

Warden Cline came to the Kansas Department of Corrections in 1982 as a Corrections Officer I at Hutchinson Correctional Facility. He was promoted through the HCF ranks to Corrections Counselor I in 1983, Corrections Specialist II/Staff Development Trainer in 1986, Corrections Specialist III/Captain in 1987, Deputy Warden of Programs in 1999, and Deputy Warden of Operations in 2001. He was appointed warden of Ellsworth Correctional Facility in 2003, a position he has held since that time.

Mr. Cline received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion from Conception Seminary College in Conception, Missouri in 1978. He is certified in Firearms Instruction, Chemical Agents Instruction, and Special Operations Response. He has been certified by the National Institute of Corrections in "Strategies for Building Effective Work Teams", "Management Development, Phases I, II, and III", and "New Warden Training". He is the President of United School District #405, Lyons, Kansas. He has been married to his wife, Carol, for 26 years and he is the father of seven children.

According to Deputy Secretary of Facilities Management Chuck Simmons, "The Kansas Department of Corrections is fortunate to have such high quality leaders in our ranks. Sam Cline has been a valuable resource to Ellsworth Correctional Facility and we know he will do great things as the warden of Hutchinson Correctional Facility."

Mr. Cline will follow Louis Bruce as warden of Hutchinson Correctional Facility. Mr. Bruce has been the warden at HCF since 1999. He announced his retirement several weeks ago.