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MESSAGE FROM JENNIE MARSH DIRECTOR OF VICTIM SERVICES

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As we begin this new year, I want to reflect for a moment on 2009. The Office of Victim Services faced several challenges in the past year, most of which required our staff to be flexible and willing to take on ever-changing duties in order to make sure crime victims are served in tough financial times. We faced those challenges and worked through them, as we continue to work through them every day. I am reminded though, that no matter what we faced in 2009, it pales in comparison to what victims of crime deal with on a daily basis. Fear,

frustration, confusion, sadness, grief and the knowledge that while life goes on, life will never be what it was. We can all learn lessons from the extraordinary courage and resilience of crime victims dealing with the aftermath of crime. As we begin 2010, the Office of Victim Services will undoubtedly face new challenges, as will the victims we serve. We will continue to honor crime victims by focusing on their needs, and by remembering what they have survived.

CHAMPION OF JUSTICE AWARD

BY JANET GOOD AND KIMBERLY MAROTTA

The Winter 2010 Champion of Justice Award goes to . . .

Major Joseph Essman, Chief of Security, Topeka Correctional Facility!

While the Office of Victim Services provides direct services that are beneficial to victims, some other staff cannot, simply because of their location or job function. Nevertheless, some KDOC staff have found a way to provide extremely valuable services that contribute indirectly to the safety of victims while directly supporting the OVS and its mission.

Major Joseph Essman is both an ally and champion to the victim services cause. Although he does not provide direct services, Major Essman's input and assistance have opened many doors, enabling the direct work with victims that OVS does to be more visible and effective. His efforts on behalf of our program, his offers of previously unavailable resources and services he has provided in general have made a tremendous impact on the Victim Services program

at Topeka Correctional Facility.

When approached with an issue, Major Essman has always been willing to listen and offer valuable insight, suggesting possible solutions, services or anything that could be needed to provide the best possible outcome in each situation. Maintaining safe and effective control and containment of offenders is Major Essman's primary role, but he has demonstrated that it is possible to be sensitive to victims' needs and promote their safety all while contributing to offender success and public safety as a whole. Major Essman has incorporated Victim Services and everything we're working for into the confines of his daily routine. On a consistent basis, he demonstrates his commitment to the safety of victims with a forward-thinking attitude and willingness to collaborate in addition to the assistance he has so routinely provided.

Congratulations, Major Essman! The OVS Staff truly appreciates all your hard work and dedication to acknowledging victims' concerns while supporting the overall success of offenders.

Our Mission

Kansas Department of Corrections Office of Victim Services serves as a liaison between victims and department staff, the Kansas Parole Board, and victim service providers. We are committed to providing crime victims the opportunity to express their ideas and opinions. We will approach our work from a victim-focused perspective.

VICTIM SERVICES DIRECTOR JENNIE MARSH RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

BY CHERYL CADUE

Victims Services Director Jennie Marsh has earned a national award for her work with crime victims.

Marsh received the 2009 Peyton Tuthill Award from the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS) during the commission’s annual meeting held in November in Reno, Nevada.

“Kansas is fortunate to have such a dedicated professional guiding victim services,” said Pat Tuthill, mother of Peyton Tuthill for whom the award honors.



ICAOS Executive Director Harry Hageman, Kansas Victim Services Director Jennie Marsh, Kansas Compact Commissioner Keven Pellant and ICAOS Executive Committee Chairman Ken Merz following Marsh receiving the Tuthill Award.

Peyton Tuthill became the face of efforts to tighten compact procedures in all 50 states following her rape and murder in 1999. Peyton Tuthill, a 23-year-old recent college graduate living in Denver, had stopped by her house after a successful job interview to let her dog out. She was then attacked and stabbed by a robber who was an unsupervised proba-

tioner from Maryland. The probationer’s transfer had occurred without providing notice to Colorado authorities.

Pat Tuthill said Marsh’s “experience and exceptional commitment and dedication to protecting and promoting victims’ rights was a significant factor” in choosing her for the annual award.

Sam Razor, ICAOS assistant director, said ICAOS has presented the award since 2003 in recognition of a legislator, victims' advocate, law enforcement officer or other individual who has demonstrated exceptional leadership and service.

“The commission feels it important to recognize individuals who are not involved professionally in the Compact, but who make an outstanding contribution of service which promotes the mission of the Compact,” Razor said.

Since 2007, Marsh has served as the director of the Office of Victim Services where she also served as a victim services coordinator beginning in 2002. Prior to joining the Department of Corrections, Marsh worked for The Crisis Center. Marsh received her bachelor’s degree in social work from Kansas State University and her master’s degree in social work administration from the University of Kansas. She is licensed with the State of Kansas as a master level social worker.

OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES STATISTICS

	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>
Open Cases	20655	21160
Registrations	1832	1893
Total Services Provided	24099	23541
Total Letters Sent	14248	14247
Total Other Requests	9851	9294
Number of Victims (Facility Liaisons)	445	831
Number of Victims (Parole Liaisons)	798	764

“Total services provided **23,541**. Total letters sent **14,247**. Knowing that the Office of Victim Services is working hard to provide Kansas crime victims a voice... **PRICELESS**”

LARNED CORRECTIONAL MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY

BY: KAREN ROHLING, WARDEN

The Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility (LCMHF) was built in response to an April 1989 federal court order which directed that the State develop and implement an acceptable long-term plan for mentally ill, protective custody, and high-security inmates. Construction of the 150 bed, maximum custody facility began on the grounds of the Larned State Hospital (LSH) in January 1991, and the facility was dedicated in December of that same year. The facility received its first inmates on January 22, 1992. LCMHF houses the most severely and persistently mentally ill inmates within the Kansas Department of Corrections.

Specialized Programming at the Central Unit of LCMHF utilizes a system of earnable privileges and incentives and individualized staffing plans to reinforce positive behavioral change in those offenders assigned to its mental health programs. The programming offered is commensurate with the individuals' level of functioning, and earnable privileges and incentives are available to those who constructively participate in such programming.

Programming and out-of-cell time is determined by a Multi-disciplinary Staffing Committee, through the use of individualized staffing plans that are consistent with the inmate's psychological functioning and ability to demonstrate responsibility for his behavior.

In addition, 115 beds are reserved for KDOC offenders who are housed in the Isaac Ray Building on the Larned State Hospital campus. There, inmates are provided mental health care and treatment in either the Acute Care or the Residential Rehabilitation Program (RRP). The purpose of RRP is to provide psychiatric rehabilitation and vocational services to adult males referred from the KDOC, with the intent of preparing these individuals for successful reintegration into the community or back into KDOC services as determined on an individual basis.

The LCMHF West Unit, a building previously occupied by Larned State Hospital, is a minimum custody facility housing up to 218 male offenders. These inmates are placed at the West Unit not for mental health treatment, but to provide support services to LCMHF and LSH, holding jobs that simulate the regular hours and routines usually associated with employment found in the community. Services include work in food service, housekeeping, laundry, maintenance, grounds-keeping, and various other areas.

The West Unit also houses inmates who are admitted to the Chemical Dependency Recovery Program (CDRP); these 40 slots provide an increased opportunity

for inmates to complete their substance abuse program prior to their discharge from facility custody. CDRP is an 18 week intensive out-patient program, during which inmates will develop a workable plan to maintain behavioral management in the community and to prevent relapse.



Up to 17 inmate employee positions are available in Non-Prison Based Industries Programs for minimum custody West Unit inmates, who are carefully screened for appropriate placement. These programs are designed to help inmates learn and practice the pro-social skills and good work habits required to be self-sufficient, productive citizens who are ready to practice responsible crime-free behavior. Inmates participating in the Private Industry program are required to pay 25 percent of

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“Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.”

Author unknown

LARNED CORRECTIONAL MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY, CON'T.

their gross wage back to the State as payment for room and board, as well as pay other court-ordered fees, fines, restitution, child-support, and so on.

LCMHF provides a complete range of traditional psychiatric, in-patient type programs for male inmates of the Kansas Department of Corrections. The program is transitional in that inmates enter and



leave the program; inmates are not referred to the facility for final placement.

Mental Health services include group and individual counseling, crisis intervention counseling, provision of psychological evaluations, activity therapy, and music

therapy. Specialized groups such as anger management are also offered.

The academic education program provides both remedial education and GED preparation components to the maximum and minimum populations.

The facility's library provides the inmate population with fiction and non-fiction material, delivered as books, cassettes, periodicals, and legal resources. The library also participates in the inter-library loan program.

Medical services provided in the facility clinic include routine sick call, optical, dental, x-ray, and laboratory. The facility's clinic maintains 24-hour nursing coverage, and physician services are contracted locally on a part-time basis. Medical, mental health and educational services are all provided by private companies under contract with the KDOC.

The facility's food service is supported by the Larned State Hospital, though staffing at LCMHF is contractual. Meals are prepared at the LSH kitchen and transported to the facility for serving to the Central Unit inmates. West Unit in-

mates eat their meals under LCMHF staff supervision at the LSH Cafeteria.

Chaplaincy services provide opportunities for inmates to practice their respective religious faiths. A full-time chaplain is the liaison for religious services and volunteers in the community.

Reentry services provide programming and support for offenders based on the individual's specific risk and need areas, as defined by screening and offender behavior. By creating evidence-based practices, staff are working to educate offenders and to provide them with referrals to collaborating agencies post-release. In doing this, offenders are better equipped to succeed in the community. Additionally, LCMHF offers a multitude of self help, volunteer, and faith based programs designed to help inmates' reduce their risk of reoffending.

The Kansas Department of Corrections employs 186 personnel at LCMHF, with 133 of the staff dedicated to security functions. In addition, approximately 40 medical/mental health, educational, and food service contract staff are also employed at the facility.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

January

Crime Stoppers Month
Crime Stoppers International
800-850-7574
www.c-s-i.org

National Mentoring Month
MENTOR
703-224-2200
www.mentoring.org

National Stalking Awareness Month
National Center for Victims of Crime
Stalking Resource Center
202-467-8700
www.ncvc.org/src

February

National Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Week
Texas Advocacy Project, Teen Justice Initiative
February 1-6, 2010
512-225-9579
www.texasadvocacyproject.org

March

National Youth Violence Prevention Week
March 22-26, 2010
National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) and
GuidanceChannel.com
800-999-6884 ext. 3037
www.violencepreventionweek.org

OFFENDER REGISTRATION IN KANSAS**BY: ERIK D. WOOD, KBI**

The Kansas Offender Registration Act was enacted on April 14th of 1994. Currently it requires offenders convicted of sexually violent offenses such as rape or aggravated criminal sodomy, violent offenses such as murder or manslaughter, and some drug offenses such as the manufacture of methamphetamines, to register as an offender. A complete list of offenses that require registration can be found in KSA 22-4902. Offenders who are required to register by law or by court order, have the following obligations:

- Offenders must report three times a year in each county they are required to register.
- The offender must pay a \$20 fee during each required visit.
- The offender must report a change of address to the county sheriff and to the KBI within 10 days.
- The offender must have a new photograph taken and submit fingerprints during each required visit.

In 1996, the Kansas Supreme Court declared that the public access portion of the Act was unconstitutional for offenders who had committed their crimes before April 14, 1994, but were still required to register under Kansas law. Due to this ruling, the public is now only allowed to access information concerning offenders who committed their crimes after that date.

The Kansas Online Offender Registry is available to the public through the www.Kansas.gov website. On the top, scrolling banner click on "Offender Search" and it will take you to the online registry. Once there, you will be able to view the offenders compliance

status, the offender's primary address with a map, the offenders employment address, vehicle information, offense information including the ability to get a detailed description of the crime, a picture history and alias and tattoo information. You can also see how long the offender is required to register. Through the website, you also have the ability to email staff at the KBI with general questions or questions and information on a specific offender. There is also a Frequently Asked Questions page.

There are several things that Kansas law does not have. For example:

- The Kansas Offender Registration Act does not allow for residency restrictions, meaning there is no law that prohibits an offender from living close to a school or daycare. However, if the offender is on probation or parole, then the Department of Corrections or the court may place those restrictions. Any restrictions placed on an offender by the Department of Corrections or the court are not monitored or enforced by the KBI.
- The Kansas Offender Registration Act does not mandate who an offender may or may not associate with, where the offender may or may not be or what an offender can or can not do. However, if the offender is on probation or parole, then the Department of Corrections or the court may place those restrictions. Any restrictions placed on an offender by the Department of Corrections or the court are not monitored or enforced by the KBI.

If you have any questions regarding an offender's requirement to register please feel free to call the Offender Registration Duty Line at 785-296-2841.

HELPFUL TOLL-FREE NUMBERS

National Children's Alliance (800) 239-9950	National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (800) 843-5678	Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN) (800) 656-4673
Natl. Center for Victims of Crime (800) 394-2255	National Sexual Violence Resource Center (877) 739-3895	Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse (800) 638-8736
National Domestic Violence Hotline (800) 799-7233	National Organization for Victim Assistance (800) TRY-NOVA	National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (800) 729-6686
Natl. Mothers Against Drunk Driving (800) 438-6233	Office of Crime Victims Advocacy (800) 822-1067	Stalking Resource Center (800) FYI-CALL
DUI Victim Center of Kansas (800) 873-6957		
National Council on Aging (800) 424-9046		

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www.dc.state.ks.us/victim-services

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VICTIM INITIATED SERVICES

Public Comment Session
Advocacy Program

Facility Tours

Victim/Offender Dialogue

Parole Liaisons

Facility Liaisons

Apology Repository

Personalized Web Page

www.dc.state.ks.us/victim/victim.asp

NOTIFICATION SERVICES

Public Comment Session

Release Status—Parole, Conditional Release or Post-Release

Assignment to a Work Release Program

Eligibility for a Community Service Work Assignment

Application for Clemency

Supervision Revocation

Expiration of Sentence

Death of inmate

Escape

Application for Early Discharge

Interstate Compact

Absconders

Sexually Violent Predator

**“ G I V I N G K A N S A S C R I M E V I C T I M S
A V O I C E I N C O R R E C T I O N S B Y
P R O V I D I N G I N F O R M A T I O N ,
S E R V I C E S A N D S U P P O R T W I T H
C O M P A S S I O N A N D R E S P E C T ”**

VICTIM SERVICES LIAISONS

Facility Liaison Services

Visitation/Contact Screening

Release Plan Screening

Cease Correspondence

Facility Tours

Attend Public Comment Sessions

Assistance with Navigating the System

Parole Liaison Services

Safety Planning

Family Reintegration

Assistance with Investigations/Sanctions/
Revocations/Morrissey Hearings

Work Closely with Community Partners

Provide Referrals