Correctional Officers' Week

Onondaga County, New York-The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce that they will join law enforcement agencies across the nation in celebrating National Correctional Officers' Week.

The first full week in May, the 7th through the 13th this year, is recognized as National Correctional Officers' Week to honor the work of correctional officers and correctional personnel nationwide. On May 5, 1984, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the first ever National Correctional Officers Week. Since then, the first week in May has been marked by celebrations to recognize the vital public service of correctional personnel. The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office is proud of the men and women of our Custody Department and wishes to recognize them for their extraordinary commitment to public safety and for the personal sacrifices they make to ensure that our community remains a safe place to live, work and play.

"Historically, correctional officers have been viewed as "guards," occupying isolated and misunderstood positions in prisons and jails. In recent years, the duties of these officers have become increasingly complex and demanding. They are called upon to fill, simultaneously, custodial, supervisory and counseling roles. The professionalism, dedication and courage exhibited by these officers throughout the performance of these demanding and often conflicting roles deserve our utmost respect. The important work of correctional officers often does not receive the recognition from the public it deserves. It is appropriate that we honor the many contributions and accomplishments of these men and women who are a vital component of the field of corrections. --President Ronald Reagan, Proclamation 5187, May 5, 1984

Please take the time this week to thank the many men and women who work in jails, prisons and community corrections.

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