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New Castle Correctional Facility Warden Keith Butts

Named GEO Group Warden of the Year

Indianapolis, IN (May 5, 2015) – Indiana Department of Correction Commissioner Bruce Lemmon joined GEO Group Vice President J. David Donahue today in announcing that New Castle Correctional Facility (NCCF) Warden Keith Butts has been named the GEO Warden of the Year.

The GEO Group operates the New Castle Correctional Facility under a contract with the state of Indiana, and is a leading provider of correctional, detention, and community reentry services with 106 facilities, approximately 85,500 beds, and 19,000 employees around the globe. GEO's facilities are located in the United States, United Kingdom, Australia, and South Africa.

Warden Butts is credited with being the driving force behind many significant operational changes since his arrival at the New Castle Correctional Facility in 2012. Some highlights just from 2014 include:

- 46% reduction in Use of Force
- 25% reduction in Serious Incident Reports
- 39% reduction in staff assaults
- 28% reduction in offender/offender assaults
- 14% reduction of cellphones
- 7% reduction in offender fights
- 4% reduction in conduct reports
- 32% reduction in offender grievances
- 80% reduction in reportable staff accidents
- 77% reduction in Worker's Compensation claims
- 11.4% improvement in staff turnover rates since 2013
- Increased "out of cell time" in our Mental Health ranges
- 100% compliance in both the American Correctional Association Re-Accreditation and the initial Workplace Violence Audits

In announcing this significant recognition, Donahue said "Each and every one of these improvements could not have been possible without all the extremely dedicated men and women that work hard every day at the New Castle Correctional Facility. But it's also for those behind the scenes decisions where a great leader provides the guidance, support, and means to carry these visions out that makes New Castle Correctional Facility an extremely well run institution under Warden Butt's leadership

Mr. Butts began his correctional career with the Indiana Department of Correction on July 25, 1979 at the Rockville Training Center as a Correctional Officer. Keith was assigned to a variety of institutions including the Putnamville Correctional Facility, the Plainfield Correctional Facility, the Reception and Diagnostic Center, the Indiana Women's Prison, the Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility and the

Pendleton Correctional Facility, rising through the ranks that included Assistant Superintendent of Pendleton Juvenile and Superintendent of Pendleton Correctional Facility.

“These impressive numbers showcase the effectiveness of Warden Butts' leadership in a challenging environment,” noted Indiana Department of Correction Bruce Lemmon. “His dedication to the vision of returning productive citizens to their communities has never wavered and has shown itself through his exemplary work at New Castle Correctional Facility.”

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