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Gov. Jeff Landry Proclaims Correctional Security Officers and Employees Week

First week of May recognizes correctional staff across Louisiana

BATON ROUGE, La. – Governor Jeff Landry has proclaimed May 3-9, 2026, as Correctional Security Officers and Employees Week, recognizing the essential role correctional security officers, probation and parole officers, and staff play in maintaining disciplined and secure operations and supporting public safety across Louisiana’s correctional system.

This designation recognizes the 3,246 correctional officers employed by the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, whose dedication to service is reflected in their daily duties. Working alongside staff across all divisions, their combined efforts strengthen the department’s mission of enhancing public safety and upholding an effective criminal justice system.

“Every day, correctional security officers and staff in our Department are critical to maintaining order and stability within our facilities and supporting long-term outcomes,” said Gary Westcott, Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections. “The contributions of our highly trained team members improve the quality of life for our citizens and are greatly appreciated.”

Correctional security officers operate within a structured environment to ensure the safe and secure management of state-operated facilities. In addition to managing day-to-day operations and meeting the essential needs of inmates such as food, shelter and clothing, they engage in activities that reinforce personal responsibility and rehabilitation, including access to medical and mental health care, educational and vocational programming, and pre-release preparation. The Division of Probation and Parole extends this work into the community through supervision and enforcement, holding individuals accountable while connecting them with resources that encourage lawful, productive reintegration.

In addition to correctional officers, the department employs 1,751 staff members in professional roles across a wide range of disciplines, including social workers, attorneys, teachers, medical professionals, chaplains, information technology specialists, procurement officers, auditors, accountants, and human resources and training personnel. These individuals work together to support operations, uphold standards and contribute to public safety across Louisiana.

For citizens with an interest in making a transformative difference in the lives of others through a career in corrections, they are encouraged to learn more or apply by visiting <https://doc.la.gov/about-the-dpsc/careers-in-corrections/>.

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