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SD DOC Revising Name of Minimum-Security Units

Pierre, S.D.- The names of several of the inmate housing units operated by the South Dakota Department of Corrections (DOC) are changing.

To more clearly define the mission of the adult facilities currently known as minimum-security units, the names of those facilities will be changed to Community Work Centers as of August 1, 2015.

“These Community Work Centers include minimum-security inmates on work release status, those inmates who perform community service work for other agencies and non-profit organizations and parolees assigned to the Community Transition Program (CTP),” said Corrections Secretary Denny Kaemingk. “The Community Work Centers provide a valuable service to the DOC, other state, federal and local agencies and allow offenders to re-gain their work ethic and continue their transition back into society upon release from prison.”

Those inmate housing units will be known as the Pierre Community Work Center, Rapid City Community Work Center, Sioux Falls Community Work Center and Yankton Community Work Center. The name changes will be reflected in subsequent press releases, publications and social media postings.

Minimum-security inmates are the lowest risk offenders in the prison system, with most serving a sentence for a non-violent offense and at the stage of their sentence where they are working on their plans for release from prison.

As of June 30, 2015, minimum-security inmates made up 20 percent of the total male inmate population and 44 percent of the total female inmate population.

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Our mission is to protect the citizens of South Dakota by providing safe and secure facilities for juvenile and adult offenders committed to our custody by the courts. To provide effective community supervision to offenders upon their release and to utilize evidence-based practices to maximize opportunities for rehabilitation.