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Darren Berg named Women's Prison Warden

Pierre, S.D.- The South Dakota Department of Corrections has announced that Darren Berg has been promoted to the position of warden at the South Dakota Women's Prison in Pierre.

Berg has served as interim warden since March 25. He has worked for the Department of Corrections for 18 years, starting as a correctional officer and working his way up to unit manager and deputy warden positions at the Women's Prison. He also served as the department's data systems manager.

"Darren's leadership has been invaluable to the facility and the department," said Secretary of Corrections Mike Leidholt. "His experience and knowledge of everything from programming to policies to best practices with an emphasis on safety and security will continue to benefit the team he is leading and the inmates they supervise."

"I appreciate the opportunity provided by Secretary Leidholt and Chief Warden Darin Young allowing me to serve in this capacity," said Berg. "I look forward to continuing efforts with our great DOC staff and partners to provide an integrated approach to enhance the outcomes of our female population."

The Women's Prison encompasses all security levels and includes the nearby Pierre Community Work Center. As of April 23, there were 440 inmates housed at the Women's Prison.

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