SDCA Honors DOC Employees
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(Spearfish) - Two Department of Corrections employees were honored by the South Dakota Corrections Association at their fall conference held in Spearfish September 21-23, 1999.

DOC Deputy Secretary Mike Durfee was awarded the Satnan-Canary Award for outstanding contributions made to the field of corrections in South Dakota.

Durfee helped convert the former University of South Dakota/Springfield into a medium security prison in 1984. He served as Assistant Warden and as Director of Education for the prison, establishing the educational department, helping create prison policy and assisting with the initial recruitment of staff.

He became the Deputy Secretary in 1992, overseeing the adult correctional system and prison industries. On September 10, 1999, the prison in Springfield was renamed as Mike Durfee State Prison.

Mike Durfee accepts the Satnan-Canary Award from Laurie Feiler, SD DOC.

Ed Ligtenberg received the Outstanding Service Award, which is given to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of corrections in South Dakota.

Ligtenberg is the Director of Classification, Transfers and Scheduling for the South Dakota Department of Corrections.

He has worked at the South Dakota State Penitentiary since 1978. He served ten years as a correctional counselor. In 1988, he was named Associate Warden. From
1993 to 1996, he was Associate Warden of Operations at the Jameson Annex of the Penitentiary. He became Director of Classification, Transfers and Scheduling in 1996.

Ed Ligtenberg accepts the Outstanding Service Award at the SDCA Banquet.
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