



Director's Message

May 26, 2011

Dear Colleagues,

Memorial Day is a time when we remember and honor the brave individuals who have lost their lives in defense of this nation. Whether their sacrifice has been made at home or abroad, we are indebted to them for their service.

We also want to take this opportunity to recognize the many other public servants who have placed themselves in the line of danger on behalf of all of us. This year, in particular, has been one of losses. Several law enforcement officers in Oregon and elsewhere in the nation, and a fellow corrections employee in Washington, have died while on the job.

All of us know about the dangers inherent in our jobs as we work with difficult and dangerous youth offenders every day. Ensuring the safety of staff and youth is our top priority. We take that responsibility seriously through policies, procedures, training, and actions, and we thank each of you for your ongoing focus on safety.

As members of the corrections and public safety communities, we join in honoring the sacrifices made by members of this nation's armed services. We encourage each of you to take a few moments during the Memorial Day weekend to reflect on the many people who have given their lives in the service of this state and nation.

Thank you for your continued dedication to public safety.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Colette S. Peters in black ink.

Colette S. Peters
Director

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Fariborz Pakseresht
Deputy Director