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Corrections News

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Bristow Chosen as Department November Employee of the Month

V. Lynn Bristow has been selected as the Missouri Department of Corrections Employee of the Month for November 2009. Bristow is employed as a Probation and Parole Officer II at District 5 in Warrensburg, Missouri. Bristow is being recognized for going above and beyond her normal working duties.

In a letter to Bristow, Missouri Department of Corrections Director George A. Lombardi wrote, "Your contributions to the department have not gone unnoticed. While carrying a full caseload of regular, minimum, and electronic monitoring clients and serving on the Henry County Domestic Violence Taskforce, you have continued to accept extra duties and perform them at a high level. You facilitate Pathways to Change groups in Johnson County as well as in Henry County as needed. As the Pathways to Change coordinator, you maintain the data entry and coordination of the program in each county, making it a priority to keep a group running so the program is available to offenders at all times. You were selected as a Mental Health Journeyman trainer and have worked diligently on the subject-matter. You bring an expertise and enthusiasm to the mental health education area with your psychology degree. You have also taken over coordination of the Victim Impact Panel for Henry and Johnson counties which includes the municipal, associate and circuit courts. This includes scheduling the panels and arranging the speakers, attendees, and location of the panel. In addition to all of this for the last two years you have hosted a cookie making project at your home around Christmas so that the District 5 staff could distribute trays to local entities including the court system and law enforcement agencies. This is an event that you organized on your own time as fostering great working relationships is important to you and your job. Your co-workers state that you are always eager to lend a hand to a fellow worker and your enthusiasm for the work you do is one of your best qualities. Your ability to accept a diversity of job assignments and perform them at high level benefits Probation and Parole, District 5, and the department as a whole."

V. Lynn Bristow has been employed with the Department of Corrections for 15 years and resides in Warsaw, Missouri.

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