## Missouri Department of Corrections Employee Code of Conduct

I strive toward excellence in my every action and adhere to professional principles that guide me in making ethical decisions and acting in an ethical manner.

## I believe:

- that public trust is enhanced when I abide by the laws and practice the highest level of ethical and moral behavior;
- ❖ I should always strive for excellence;
- ❖ I should treat all people with respect, fairness, honesty and dignity;
- ❖ I should always perform my job in a responsible manner;
- \* my actions affect the safety and security of everyone;
- it is my responsibility to bring forward to the appropriate personnel any behavior of offenders or staff that compromises the safety and security of the department;
- ❖ I look for the similarities but also accept and respect the differences in people;
- my peers and I are most effective when we communicate openly with each other;
- my ability to continue to provide the best service to the department and the public is incumbent on my continued growth and development.