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Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week begins July 12

During this year's Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week, which runs from July 12 to 18, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice will recognize corrections professionals who supervise offenders in our communities. TDCJ and Community Supervision and Corrections Departments have more than 1,400 parole officers and 3,200 probation officers supervising thousands of offenders throughout the state, and their work is vital to successful rehabilitation and reintegration of offenders into society.

TDCJ Parole Division Director Stuart Jenkins expressed his appreciation for the loyal service of officers within his division, noting that, "On a daily basis, parole officers exhibit dedication and integrity by working one-on-one with their offenders to assist them in becoming productive members of society

and to hold them accountable. These officers work diligently to fulfill an essential responsibility to promote public safety and prevent future crimes."

TDCJ Community Justice Assistance Division Director Carey Welebob acknowledged the critical importance and dedicated service of probation officers who work at CSCDs, saying, "Community supervision is at the forefront of public safety in Texas, and I truly believe that. Community supervision officers in the state work tirelessly to keep the public safe, while helping offenders overcome challenges so they might become productive, law-abiding citizens. CSCD staff members are dedicated and knowledgeable, and work continuously to improve the justice system so there might be fewer crime victims in our communities."

TDCJ Executive Director Brad Livingston joined division directors Jenkins and Welebob in expressing appreciation to those supervising offenders in the community, describing them as "dedicated public servants who, like correctional staff, law enforcement and first responders, work in difficult and sometimes hazardous conditions and, by doing so, make a vital contribution to public safety."

During National Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week, agency parole offices will host a variety of activities in honor of their officers' service. More information about National Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week can be found at the American Probation and Parole Association website. ●

