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Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week begins July 16

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The 2017 Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week takes place from July 16 to 22, and this year's theme; Clients, Communities, Employees: Empowerment through Partnerships, highlights the need for effective collaboration among these three parties to help maintain public safety and improve the chances for successful rehabilitation and reintegration of offenders into society.

Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week is an opportunity for the agency and the public to recognize and honor the work of more than 1,400 TDCJ parole officers who oversee more than 85,000 offenders under active parole supervision, and nearly 3,100 probation officers, who directly supervise more than 240,000 felony and misdemeanor offenders in Texas.

TDCJ Parole Division Director Pamela Thielke expressed deep gratitude, appreciation

and pride for the positive impact parole officers have on supervised clients. "The success of a client reflects an organized approach through the collaboration of many criminal justice professionals, to include our sister divisions, that prepare for and promote a positive reintegration, a vigilant mindfulness to public safety and continued support to address the needs for each individual."

TDCJ Community Justice Assistance Division Director Carey Welebob stressed the importance of collaboration among probationers, communities and Community Supervision and Corrections Department staff, noting that "Community supervision officers supervise probationers in their communities and work with local organizations to provide programs and treatment for probationers. Collaboration among these parties increases the chances for offenders to avoid incarceration and succeed as law-abiding citizens in their local communities."

TDCJ Executive Director Bryan Collier, whose career with the agency has included multiple positions in the Parole Division, to include division director for 5 1/2 years, said he wholeheartedly agreed with the comments offered by Ms. Thielke and Ms. Welebob, and thanked all the men and women who supervise offenders in communities across Texas for their public service, saying "Thank you for your contributions to public safety. Your efforts are deeply appreciated."

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. ●