

# Okaloosa County Department of Corrections



## Correctional Professionals Appreciation Week Sponsorship Form

May 6 - 10, 2024

We invite you, our community partners, to join us in the planning stages of our Correctional Professionals Appreciation Week. We dedicate a week in May to honor the entire 160+ staff at the Okaloosa County Department of Corrections for their daily service behind the walls. It has become an appreciated occasion that we all look forward to!

- Several meals will be prepared for members of all shifts throughout the week.
- Prizes, gift bags and tokens of appreciation for staff are being planned.
- On Thursday and Friday of that week, food trucks from far and wide have been invited to the jail to serve our staff and local community.

If you are able to contribute in making this celebration a success, please provide the following information:

**Business Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to participate by sponsoring a day of staff meals in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_  
*Please make checks payable to: OCDOC Concessions Fund*

I would like to participate by offering gift cards. Total gift cards: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to participate by donating gifts/products for staff gift bags.  
Describe donation and amount:

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For more information on how you can participate and become a sponsor, you may contact Sgt. Nikki Hatten  
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## Okaloosa County Department of Corrections State of Florida, Okaloosa County

Date: March 1, 2024

To: Okaloosa County Community Partners

From: Nolan S. Weeks III, Director of Corrections/Chief

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I would like to take a moment of your time to recognize a group of our local heroes – **Everyone** that works at the Okaloosa County Department of Corrections.

The Okaloosa County Jail is staffed with 160+ dedicated professionals who face the daily custodial and oversight challenges associated with individuals facing the prospect of misdemeanor and felony charges, as well as those who suffer from mental health and co-occurring substance abuse issues. There are many County employees and vendors that work collectively and tirelessly for the overall good of protecting the citizens of Okaloosa County.

Each year our nation sets aside a week to honor Correctional Officers and Nurses. This year we would like to not only honor our personnel serving in those professions, but appropriately extend recognition to our support staff, without whom we would not function efficiently.

In his 1984 proclamation declaring **Correctional Professionals Appreciation Week**, President Ronald Reagan said, "The duties of these officers have become increasingly complex and demanding. They are called upon to fill simultaneously: custodial, supervisory, and counseling roles. The professionalism, dedication and courage exhibited by these officers throughout the performance of these demanding and often conflicting roles deserve our utmost respect".

Past President Reagan's statement has never been more perceptible. Simply put, it applies across the board to all who work at, with, or for the Okaloosa County Department of Corrections.

This year, May 6 - 10, we are planning an appreciation week during National Correctional Officers Week and are looking for support from our local community to bring this event to fruition. This event will celebrate our staff and is open to the public. We welcome the local community to join the celebration. If you would like to offer your support, please see the attached form to select the method of sponsorship.

We greatly appreciate you, our community partners!

**Nolan S. Weeks III**  
**Director of Corrections/Chief**  
**Okaloosa County Department of Corrections**

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