July 15-21 is Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week, a time to recognize and acknowledge the more than 3,400 community supervision (probation) officers and 1,200 TDCJ parole officers who serve on the front lines of criminal justice in Texas. Community supervision and parole officers supervise offenders who are serving a probation sentence or transitioning back into society from incarceration. With a strong emphasis on rehabilitation and reducing recidivism, these officers are committed to protecting communities across the state.

Stuart Jenkins, director of the Parole Division, praised the sacrifice and commitment of TDCJ staff, saying, “On a daily basis, parole officers exhibit dedication by working one-on-one with their clients to assist them in becoming productive members of society and to hold them accountable. Whether completing an investigation, making residential placements, releasing offenders, reviewing files, conducting home visits or processing a violation report, they are fulfilling an essential responsibility. They continue to work diligently to promote public safety and prevent future crimes.”

Carey Welebob, director of TDCJ’s Community Supervision and Corrections Department, adds, “The men and women in the community supervision and corrections departments perform an honorable and admirable job every day. Because of their dedication, we see changes in offender behavior, which results in fewer victims. This is an opportunity to thank our hardworking staff for their commitment to making our communities a better place.”

Governor Perry typically marks this occasion with a proclamation recognizing the many outstanding contributions of these dedicated men and women and the important role they serve in the criminal justice system, and as in past years, parole and community supervision offices will recognize these criminal justice professionals with events that include breakfasts and luncheons, guest speakers, and recognition by city and county courts. Please join the national observance by supporting these dedicated public servants.

“Trained professionals providing effective street supervision are a critical part of the criminal justice system. As Executive Director of an agency responsible for supervising parolees and assisting in the supervision of probationers, I am pleased to recognize community supervision and parole officers for their contributions to public safety and extend my appreciation for their public service.”

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Brad Livingston