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NDCS Begins Critical Incident Review, Continues Agency-wide Review of Practices, Procedures

LINCOLN, Neb. – The Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, with the assistance of subject-matter experts from the Virginia Department of Corrections, have begun the Critical Incident Review of the recent escapes from Lincoln Correctional Facility and a thorough internal review of operational and security procedures at each facility.

Warden Rodney Younce and Assistant Warden Anthony Scott from the Virginia DOC, arrived late Thursday morning and were already touring LCC by that afternoon to gain familiarity with the facility. Younce and Scott will be assisted by a team of five staff from NDCS: Dave Erickson, Assistant Warden at Community Correctional Center – Omaha; Lt. Joshua Garcia from the Nebraska Correctional Center for Women; Trevor Klaassen, Personnel Investigator from Central Office; Capt. Loretta Wells from Omaha Correctional Center; and Matt Zier, Laundry Supervisor at the Nebraska State Penitentiary.

Additionally, the agency is continuing a thorough review of operational and security procedures at each facility which began at LCC last Sunday.

Teams of subject-matter experts, made up of the agency's most knowledgeable experts and each led by a NDCS facility warden, are conducting an intense internal review of security procedures and practices at each of the agency's secure facilities.

"I am grateful to the Virginia Department of Corrections for their support," Scott Frakes, NDCS director said. "With their help, we will correct our deficiencies to ensure this doesn't happen again and, ultimately, earn back the citizens of Nebraska's trust," Frakes said.



Scott Frakes, Nebraska Department of Correctional Services director, is briefed, today, by subject-matter experts after reviewing operational and safety procedures in-place at the Lincoln Correctional Center in Lincoln, Neb., on Sunday, June 12, 2016.



Assistant Warden Anthony Scott and Warden Rodney Younce, Virginia Department of Corrections, are briefed by Diane Sabatka-Rine, Nebraska Department of Correctional Services deputy director for institutions, on the escapes from the Lincoln Correctional Center in Lincoln, Neb., on Thursday, June 16, 2016.



Diane Sabatka-Rine, Nebraska Department of Correctional Services deputy director of institutions, briefs subject-matter experts on her expectations to review operational and safety procedures in-place at the Lincoln Correctional Center in Lincoln, Neb., on Sunday, June 12, 2016.



Warden Rodney Younce, Virginia Department of Corrections, interviews a Lincoln Correctional Center staff member about the escapes from the Lincoln Correctional Center in Lincoln, Neb., on Thursday, June 16, 2016.



Rich Cruickshank, Nebraska Department of Correctional Services' Nebraska State Penitentiary warden coordinates with Lincoln Correctional Center staff before reviewing operational and safety procedures in-place at the facility in Lincoln, Neb., on Sunday, June 12, 2016.



Assistant Warden Anthony Scott, Virginia Department of Corrections, inspects operational procedures at Lincoln Correctional Center in Lincoln, Neb., on Thursday, June 16, 2016.



Fred Britten, Nebraska Department of Correctional Services' Diagnostic and Evaluation Center warden, and Jeremy Elder, Cornhusker State Industries deputy director and general manager, today, reviews operational procedures with Lincoln Correctional Center staff in Lincoln, Neb., on Sunday, June 12, 2016.



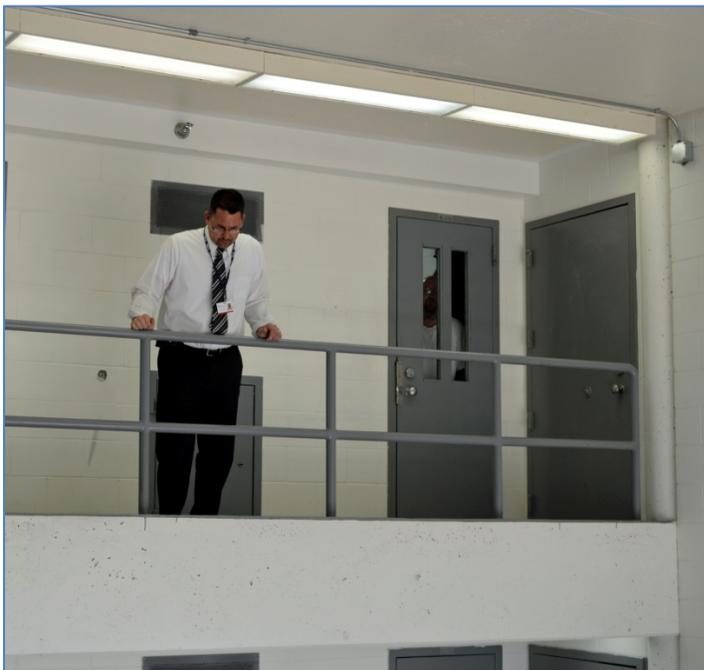
Warden Rodney Younce, Virginia Department of Corrections, walks back after inspecting the perimeter of the Lincoln Correctional Center while conducting a Critical Incident Review on Thursday, June 16, 2016.



Denise Skrobecki, Nebraska Department of Correctional Services' Nebraska Correctional Center for Women warden reviews operational procedures with Lincoln Correctional Center staff in Lincoln, Neb., on Sunday, June 12, 2016.



Mike Rothwell, Nebraska Department of Correctional Services' programs and community services deputy director reviews operational procedures and guidance at the Lincoln Correctional Center in Lincoln, Neb., on Sunday, June 12, 2016.



Warden Rodney Younce, Virginia Department of Corrections, inspects a housing unit at the Lincoln Correctional Center while conducting a Critical Incident Review on Thursday, June 16, 2016.



Ryan Mahr, Nebraska Department of Correctional Services' Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility warden observes and reviews operational procedures with Lincoln Correctional Center staff in Lincoln, Neb., on Sunday, June 12, 2016.



Assistant Warden Anthony Scott, Virginia Department of Corrections, inspects a common area outside of a housing unit at the Lincoln Correctional Center in Lincoln, Neb., on Thursday, June 16, 2016.



Lincoln Correctional Center staff review and validate operational and security procedures in Lincoln, Neb., on Sunday, June 12, 2016.



Ryan Mahr, Nebraska Department of Correctional Services' Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility warden, Denise Skrobecki, NDCS' Nebraska Correctional Center for Women warden, and Mike Rothwell, NDCS' programs and community services deputy director, coordinate and go over observations made during their review of operational and security procedures at the Lincoln Correctional Center in Lincoln, Neb., on Sunday, June 12, 2016.



Denise Skrobecki, Nebraska Department of Correctional Services' Nebraska Correctional Center for Women warden, today, reviews operational procedures at Lincoln Correctional Center as inmates work in the kitchen area in Lincoln, Neb., on Sunday, June 12, 2016.