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### **Virginia Corrections Experts to Lead Escape Critical Incident Review**

**LINCOLN, Neb.** – The Nebraska Department of Correctional Services announces, today, subject-matter experts from the Virginia Department of Corrections are scheduled to arrive Thursday to lead the Critical Incident Review of the escapes from Lincoln Correctional Center on June 10, 2016.

The review team will look at the factors leading up to the escape of the two inmates, the actions taken by staff in response to the escape, and overall security practices at the facility. The recommendations from the review will be used to ensure the correct actions are taken to prevent further security breaches. The team will be led by Warden Rodney Younce and Assistant Warden Anthony Scott from the Virginia DOC, and will include six staff from NDCS.

“NDCS will benefit from having a team led by security experts from a different correctional system review the significant incident,” Scott Frakes, NDCS director said. “Virginia’s Director, Harold Clarke, reached out and offered the help of his staff. I’m grateful to Director Clarke and his staff for their support in ensuring we fully understand what happened, and what must be fixed to ensure this does not happen again,” Frakes said.

Together, Younce and Scott have nearly 50 years of experience working in correctional facilities.

Younce is a 2010 graduate of the Virginia Leadership, Effectiveness, Accountability and Development (LEAD) Program; a 2013 Graduate of the National Institute of Corrections Management Development for the Future program and he was the recipient of the 2011 Director’s Award for Innovation. He is currently Co-Chair of the VADOC’s Field Training Officer’s Oversight Committee; he is Co-Chair of the VADOC’s Personal Safety Committee. Younce has been cited as instrumental in the development and implementation of their agency’s Security Readiness Assessment policy.

Scott has risen through the ranks of VADOC and has assumed increasingly important roles and responsibilities including Incident Commander during riots and escapes; Chief of Security; regional manager in the Central Regional Office where he provided direction and guidance to 14 institutions and in 2014 was called upon to survey all VADOC facilities to assess security

enhancements. The areas of special concern included Sally Ports, Security Fence Detection Systems, Post Audits, and inspections of manholes.

Younce and Scott's full biographies, as provided by VADOC, are attached to this email.