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**HEATHER HAWKINS NAMED  
DOC 2009 AGENT OF THE YEAR**

**Heather Hawkins** has been selected as the Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC) *2009 Agent of the Year*. Hawkins has supervised juvenile and adult misdemeanor offenders in Martin County since 2000.

The juvenile offenders with whom Hawkins works can be challenging with complicated home lives. Hawkins consistently involves school personnel, therapists, human services, and other community members to improve outcomes for her clients. She is able to effectively balance public safety and the interests of the youth she supervises.

Hawkins is well respected by her peers and the community. Her nomination as *2009 Agent of the Year* included letters of support from a wide range of community members from law enforcement, the courts, education, and service agencies.

Hawkins is active in her community. She has served on numerous task forces regarding juvenile justice issues, and she has worked to develop juvenile programming in the area. She is also involved with her church.

Hawkins, originally from New Ulm, graduated from Minnesota State University, Mankato, in 1995 with a degree in corrections and began working for Jackson County Court Services in 1996.

The DOC selects an *Agent of the Year* as part of its annual recognition of Probation, Parole & Community Supervision Week, recognized this year July 19-25. This national recognition celebrates the work of agents across the United States who enhance public safety by monitoring offenders under some form of community correctional supervision. There are currently more than 145,000 adult and juvenile offenders supervised in Minnesota communities.

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