



News Release

STATE OF MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

Martin O'Malley
Governor

Anthony G. Brown
Lt. Governor

Gary D. Maynard
Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Mark Vernarelli 410 339-5065
Rick Binetti 410-339-5007

Maryland Senate Confirms Pat McGee as Director of Maryland Division of Parole and Probation

TOWSON, MD (March 16, 2009)---Patrick McGee, a 35-year veteran who has done virtually every job in the Maryland Division of Parole and Probation (DPP), has been confirmed by the Maryland Senate as the agency's Director.

"Pat McGee is a leader whose experience speaks for itself," said Gary Maynard, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the parent agency of the Division of Parole and Probation. "He knows community corrections and has helped Maryland become a leader in research-driven programs that help ex-offenders turn their lives around."

Mr. McGee took over as Interim Director as Maryland Parole and Probation began its Violence Prevention Initiative, which proactively targets violent repeat offenders, in part by working closely with local law enforcement. Law enforcement personnel, particularly in Baltimore City, have hailed Parole and Probation agents' dedicated work in this initiative. Under Mr. McGee's leadership, last year the Division contributed to Maryland's second largest drop in homicides since 1985.

Mr. McGee is a Baltimore native, a graduate of Calvert Hall College High School and Loyola College, where he earned a B.A. in Political Science. He began his DPP career as an agent in 1974, and rose steadily through the ranks: from Substance Abuse Coordinator to Field Supervisor I and II; to Program Administrator; Deputy Director for Program Services; and Executive Deputy Director.

As Director of the Maryland Division of Parole and Probation, Mr. McGee will oversee a critical public safety agency with 1,200 employees, 44 field offices and a roughly \$100 million budget. DPP agents supervise approximately 71,000 people in communities all over Maryland.

---more---

DPSCS NEWS RELEASE
McGee Named to Lead DPP
3/16/09
Page 2

In addition to being a DPSCS Manager of the Year (2006), Mr. McGee has served as technical advisor to the Governor's Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission from 1990-94 and as a Certified Correctional Trainer. Many times, he has been selected as a conference presenter for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, the National Legal Aid Defender's Association, and the Maryland Criminal Justice Association, among others. Along the way, he has played key roles in many trend-setting parole and probation efforts that have earned Maryland nationwide—and worldwide--- attention, such as Proactive Community Supervision.

"I find it very rewarding to help change lives," says Mr. McGee. "And changing lives, meeting a variety of challenges, and making the public safer are all a part of what Parole and Probation does on a daily basis. Agents are true public safety heroes, and they have my full support as we work together to make Maryland communities safer."

###

www.dpscs.state.md.us