

## Woodrome named HR Employee of the Year

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice Human Resources Division held its 17th annual Employee of the Year Luncheon in October at the Texas Prison Museum in Huntsville, where HR staff members who had previously been named Employee of the Month for fiscal year 2017 were presented with awards for outstanding performance.

Susan Woodrome, Human Resources Specialist III from the Duncan Unit, received special recognition as the HR Division Employee of the Year.

Woodrome began her career with TDCJ in August 2001 and has served as a Human Resources supervisor since September 2014.

With her exceptional communication skills, she has built a series of strong, positive relationships with departments throughout the unit.

After a serious automobile accident involving two correctional officers near the Diboll area, which resulted in the two employees being transported to a hospital in Lufkin, Susan went above and beyond her normal agency duties by waiting with the accident victims, giving support and providing information about their health insurance benefits. It was several hours before the family members arrived at the hospital, and Susan stayed the entire time, holding the hands of coworkers

she did not personally know, treating them with the kindness and compassion she is known for.

Director of TDCJ's Human Resources Division Patty Garcia praised Woodrome's achievements, saying "Her commitment to the employees and her professionalism to this agency are outstanding." Garcia also recognized all the division's employees of the month, noting "These HR employees are excellent representatives of this agency. They commit to high standards of work performance and support and praise for their colleagues. They should take great pride in this recognition." ▲



(l to r) Charlene Maresh, Deputy Director, Human Resources Division; Susan Woodrome, Employee of the Year, Duncan Unit Human Resources Specialist III; Patty Garcia, Director, Human Resources Division.

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**Human Resources Employees of the Month for FY2017**

(l to r) Eilleen Kilatcho, Human Resources Assistant, Terrell Unit; Terry Bailey, Human Resources Specialist V, Human Resources Headquarters; Teri Hall, Human Resources Specialist V, Human Resources Headquarters; Darlene Kelley, Administrative Assistant III, Human Resources Headquarters; Susan Woodrome, Human Resources Specialist III, Duncan Unit; Doni McClelland, Human Resource Specialist III, Powledge Unit; Nicholas Azurdia, Human Resources Assistant, Region VII Parole Office; Jennifer Burchard, Human Resources Assistant, Coffield Unit; Linda Haley, Human Resources Assistant, Human Resources Headquarters

(Not pictured: Melanie Self, Human Resources Specialist III, Allred Unit; Carnelle Franklin, Human Resources Specialist III, Middleton Unit; Eugenia Beshears, Human Resources Assistant, Gurney Unit)