



Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week begins July 15

The 2018 Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision (PPPS) Week takes place from July 15 to 21. During PPPS Week, we celebrate those criminal justice professionals who work to keep our neighborhoods safe and secure.

The week is an opportunity for the agency and the public to recognize and honor the 1,400 TDCJ parole officers who oversee more than 83,000 offenders under active parole supervision, and more than 3,000 probation officers who directly supervise more than 230,000 felony and misdemeanor offenders in Texas.

This year's theme, Restoring Trust and Creating Hope, underscores the continued need to develop and strengthen community partnerships and programs.

Parole Division Director Pamela Thielke commended both parole staff and allied supporters, saying "I have great appreciation for the commitment of parole staff who remain relentless in their effort to supervise the client population. The most effective supervision is made possible by strong partnerships, not only within the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, but with others involved in the reentry and reintegration process. While we strive to ensure public safety, we do so by



supporting the positive change of those we supervise, as well as holding them accountable for their negative behavior. Our work demands consistent courage, commitment, integrity and perseverance, and I believe Texas parole officers maintain these core values."

Community Justice Assistance Division Director Carey Green noted that "Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision week is not only about the officers who directly supervise individuals in the community, but also about other staff who make probation successful. This is a week to recognize and celebrate our direct-care staff, counselors, program supervisors, clerical and administrative staff,

along with many others who play critical roles in probation operations. Departments and programs are only as successful as all of the players who are responsible for public safety, reintegration and less victimization."

During Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week, agency parole offices will host a variety of activities in honor of their officers' service. More information can be found at the American Probation and Parole Association website. ▲