
DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Department of Juvenile Justice Opens New Dormitories

The Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) has opened two new dormitories for boys on its Broad River Road Complex. The dormitories house JROTC males and replace two facilities that date back to the 1960s. The new buildings offer DJJ an opportunity to incorporate new uses for its dormitories, thereby integrating a broad range of professional disciplines. For the first time, teachers, social workers, psychologists and chaplains will comprise a multidisciplinary team that will work directly with juveniles in the dormitories.

DJJ took occupancy of the buildings the first week in October. Before opening, DJJ staff received five days of intense training to provide them with:

- A better understanding of how to work in a secure environment
- Skills to maximize the effectiveness of all staff
- Skills to minimize conflict between disciplines

Two additional dormitories are under construction on the Complex and are expected to be completed for occupancy in 2009.

DJJ Promotes Mark Cox to County Director

The South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice is pleased to announce that Mark Cox is the new Director for its Sumter County office. Cox joined the Department as Chief Juvenile Correctional Officer Supervisor in 1988 and was later promoted to Probation Supervisor. He most recently served as a DJJ County Director in Lee County. He is now responsible for directing the operation of the Sumter County office, providing supervision for staff, strengthening community partnerships, and creating new community collaborations.

He completed post-secondary studies at the University of South Carolina and is a long-time advocate for youth and families.

Leadership Award for DJJ Student

The Judge Joseph Anderson Leadership Award was recently awarded to Delsean D., the fourth DJJ student to receive the award. Delsean is a student representative on the Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Council, a member of DJJ's ROTC, DJJ's Young Ambassador's Program, the Lunch Buddies Program at Brookland Baptist Church, and the Lunch Connection Program of the 100 Black Men of Greater Columbia. The leadership award is named for Federal Judge Joseph Anderson and was created to recognize DJJ students with leadership qualities.