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New Deputy Director over Operations at NDOC

The Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC) Director James Dzurenda announces the selection of Harold Wickham as the new Deputy Director of Operations. Wickham will begin August 29th to replace Quentin Byrne who retired.

In 1981, Wickham enlisted to serve his country as a military police officer in the US Army. Being a member of the armed forces enabled him to travel the world, live and study overseas and earn a number of medals and awards before retiring a Sergeant First Class in 2001.

Wickham began his career with NDOC in 2004 as a Correctional Officer. Through the next decade and beyond, Wickham worked his way up to Sergeant, Lieutenant, Associate Warden and finally Warden of Warm Springs Correctional Center in Carson City, Nevada. His varied assignments and promotions moved him to different unique facilities throughout the state building experience with our many diverse inmate populations. This experience developed in him a perspective and understanding of operations critical to the Deputy Director position.

As a Warden, Wickham promoted innovative programs designed to boost re-entry success for inmates when they release from prison including the first Veterans Integration Program in the state. Under his leadership, Warm Springs Correctional Center made a name for themselves hosting fundraisers by simply selling specialty food items to the inmates. In doing so, his team raised thousands to create scholarships for inmates to go to college and set an impressive example for other wardens to follow throughout the state. He has served as the acting Deputy Director of Operations, as needed, since May 2017.

“Wickham has experience throughout our department managing a variety of institutions in both northern and southern Nevada.” stated Director James Dzurenda. “He has a strong knowledge of our strengths as well as what we need to address, from a close, insider’s perspective. He also brings organizational history and commitment to our mission which is key to the operations position.”

Deputy Director Wickham will be working out of the Carson City Administrative Office located at the Stewart Indian School Complex on Snyder Way. In his spare time, Wickham is an avid pilot and enjoys experiencing our state from the air. He is active in the community serving as the President of his homeowners association and works with charities such as Special Olympics among others.



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