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TO: All DOC Staff

FROM: Cheryl Strange, Secretary

SUBJECT: Stafford Creek Corrections Center Employee Death Due to COVID-19

The Washington State Department of Corrections was notified that Correctional Officer Darryl Goodrich of the Stafford Creek Corrections Center passed away on August 20, 2021 from complications of COVID-19.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Darryl's family and friends and we grieve their loss, as does the extended family of the Stafford Creek Corrections Center.

Officer Goodrich joined the SCCC family on June 22, 2020 and was well respected by his co-workers and friends. He was a dedicated employee who always volunteered to assist the facility in whatever was needed. Prior to working for SCCC, he worked for the Department of Health and Social Services from August 21, 2001 to February 1, 2004 at Greenhill.

Consistent with the [Health Emergency Labor Standards Act \(HELSA\) \(pdf\)](#), the Department is proceeding on the presumption that his death was work-related. The Department will review Officer Goodrich's death as a possible line of duty death and I am authorizing the wearing of mourning bands. For that review, the Department will consult with the following entities: [Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program](#), [National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial](#), [Washington State Law Enforcement Memorial-Behind the Badge Foundation](#) and the [Washington State Department of Labor & Industries](#)

Please continue to take care of yourselves and each other, and know that you make a difference to us, those in our care and custody and all Washingtonians we serve. I appreciate you and thank you for your service.