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## Who We Are

The Milwaukee County House of Correction is an honorable organization of committed officers with the integrity to adapt, overcome and achieve. We will maintain and ensure a safe and secure environment that consists of correctional programs to rehabilitate and re-introduce our citizens back into the community.

## HOC Administration

### Superintendent Jose Hernandez

Jose Hernandez began his career with Milwaukee County in February of 1992 as a correctional officer. In the fall of 1995, he was selected as a canine handler and continued to serve the agency in this capacity until June of 2010, at which time he was appointed to the rank of lieutenant and was designated to oversee the detention services bureau canine program in its entirety. Mr. Hernandez was promoted to the rank of captain in October 2011. In June of 2013, he was promoted to the position of assistant superintendent. The promotion to assistant superintendent was focused on inmate programming initiatives, employment opportunities for offenders, Huber and electronic monitoring, and correctional industries.

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Mr. Hernandez has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration and is a graduate of the Force Science Institute. He currently serves on the board of directors for God Touch Milwaukee, Zachariah's Acres and Greater Praise Community Development Corporation.

### **Assistant Superintendent David Rugaber**

David Rugaber began his career with Milwaukee County in 1999 when he was hired by the House of Correction as a Corrections Officer. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2007, Lieutenant in 2009 and Captain in 2013. During his duties as a Corrections Officer, he was trained and utilized as a Field Training Officer, Correctional Emergency Response Team and Squad Leader, Principles of Subject Control Instructor as well as in Electronic Monitoring at the Community Correctional Center. In 2011, as a Lieutenant, Mr. Rugaber was appointed as an investigator in the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office Internal Affairs unit. He was the first corrections-based investigator in that agency's history. In 2013, as a Captain, Mr. Rugaber oversaw the Internal Affairs Unit and the Background Investigators at the HOC and later oversaw the Training Academy.

Mr. Rugaber attended Marquette University on an academic scholarship and has received training and certifications from:

- The Institute for Law Enforcement Administration in Internal Affairs, Professional Standards and Ethics in 2012
- The Leadership Excellence Program conducted by Milwaukee County in 2015
- Internal Affairs and Ethics from the United States Department of Homeland Security in 2016

### **Assistant Superintendent Anthony Dodd Sr.**

Anthony Dodd began his career as a correctional officer with the House of Correction on Jan. 4, 1999. He was selected in 2009 as an instructor in the Discipline Order Training Structure Boot camp/Program to lead training and instruct cognitive thinking and anger management courses. In October of 2011, Dodd was promoted to the rank of lieutenant, where he served as the field training officer commander and the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) coordinator. In May of 2014, Dodd was selected as a member of the House of Correction's Internal Affairs Division, in which he received training from the Institute of Law Enforcement Administration for interviewing and interrogation. In June of 2014, Dodd became certified by the Department of Justice as a PREA auditor for adult prisons and juvenile facilities. He is also a principle of subject control and general jail instructor. In January of 2019 Dodd was promoted to the rank of captain, and leads the Internal Affairs Division. Captain Dodd graduated from the UW-Parkside with a bachelor's degree in sociology.

### **Captain Brandon Hutchins**

Captain Hutchins began his career as a correctional officer on Jan. 10, 2000. During his time as an officer, he has been assigned to many different areas within the organization that include: House of Correction, Community Correctional Center (Huber), Electronic Monitoring Unit (EMU), Special Housing Unit (SHU), Classification and Programming. He was promoted to lieutenant in June 2010 and was responsible for inmate programming. In June of 2017, he was

promoted to the rank of captain. Captain Hutchins oversees inmate programming, Huber, electronic monitoring, industries, and the K-9 unit. Captain Hutchins has built strong relationships and partnerships among various organizations in the community to promote several re-entry opportunities for offenders. Captain Hutchins is also a certified instructor for the law enforcement standards board and a graduate of the leadership excellence program. Captain Hutchins graduated from Ottawa University with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

### **Captain Louis Williams**

Captain Williams began his career as a correctional officer in June of 1992. He became a transportation/weapons officer and a member of the correctional emergency response team (CERT) in 1995. In July of 2003 he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and began to expand into the training department. He completed training in the principles of subject control, professional communication skills and is a certified instructor through the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board. In January of 2014 he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant to also include oversight of the training department as the training director. During his time as the training director, he became certified as an active shooter response team instructor. November of 2017 he was promoted to the captain rank. In addition to the daily operation of the facility on first shift, Captain Williams is the liaison for State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections. Prior to his career in corrections, Captain Williams served in the United States Air Force as a security police/security specialist from 1986-1990.

### **Captain Kathleen Sullivan**

Captain Kathleen Sullivan started her tenure with Milwaukee County as a deputy sheriff in November 1992. She accepted a correction officer position with the Milwaukee County House of Correction in February 1994 during which time she became a transportation/weapons officer and a member of the correctional emergency response team. In 2007 she was promoted to the rank of sergeant, followed by a promotion to the rank of lieutenant in 2009. During this time she was responsible for the organizations Huber section. In 2013 she was promoted to her current position as a captain. In addition to the daily operation of the facility on second shift, Captain Sullivan oversees inmate grievances and the inmate video visiting program. Captain Sullivan graduated from the first class of Milwaukee County's Leadership Excellence Program in March 2015.

### **Captain Damon Key**

Captain Damon Key began his career as a correctional officer in February of 1999, during which time he was a member of the correctional emergency response team. He advanced to the rank of lieutenant in 2009 followed by a promotion to captain in 2010. In addition to the daily operation of the facility on second shift, Captain Key oversees inmate property management and classification. Captain Key graduated from Marquette University with a bachelor's degree in communications.

### **Captain Elizabeth Sharifian**

Captain Elizabeth Sharifian began her career as a correction officer in May 1999. During her time as an officer, she has been assigned many different areas including, House of Correction, Community Correctional Center (Huber), Electronic Monitoring Unit, Day Reporting Center and County Jail Facility. She was promoted to correctional lieutenant in May 2011, as a lieutenant she was responsible to supervise and oversee the rebuilding of the Electronic Monitoring and the Huber Units at the House of Correction, as well as backup programs supervisor. She was promoted to captain on July 14, 2019. In addition to the daily operation of the facility on third shift, Captain Sharifian acts as the liaison for the medical services area and leads the supervisory training course for newly promoted lieutenants and oversees segregation areas within the facility.

### **Captain Jason Laird**

Captain Laird started his career at the Milwaukee County House of Correction in August of 2005. As an officer, he was selected as a Special Management Team member and oversaw the jail population that suffered from mental illnesses. He was also trained as a transportation and weapons officer, became a member of the Honor Guard and CERT team, and his personal favorite, became a decoy for the K9 Unit. In 2013, Captain Laird was selected as a K9 handler, and after a short time, became Team Leader in charge of training and scheduling. During his time as a handler, Captain Laird became a certified K9 Instructor and is certified in K9 TacOps and Scent Specific K9 Man-Trailing. In August 2016, Captain Laird was promoted to Lieutenant and continued to oversee the K9 Unit as the direct supervisor. He has played a major role in solidifying the use of K9s in corrections and managing the largest K9 Unit in the State of Wisconsin. In July of 2020, he was promoted to the position of Captain. He continues his duties as the K9 Unit Supervisor and has also become the agencies SITREP Coordinator during the COVID-19 pandemic. Captain Laird is a Senior Instructor at the HOC Training Academy with a certification as a General Jail Instructor, Principle of Subject Control (POSC) and a PepperBall Instructor. He is a Team Leader for the Correctional Emergency Response Team (CERT), still a member of the Honor Guard, and oversees the internal and external security searches of the entire facility. Captain Laird has an Associate's Degree in Business Administration/Management.

### **Public Safety Fiscal Administrator June Jackson**

June Jackson graduated from UW-Madison's School of Business and began her career with AT&T in 1988. Some of her roles at AT&T included working in new service development at AT&T's headquarters in New Jersey as a staff manager completing business cases on new service concepts with AT&T Bell Labs, and as a global sales manager responsible for all national accounts and AT&T sales offices in the state of Kentucky. She also worked for Bell Core as an international consultant until 1999. After starting a family, June joined Farmers Insurance Group. Her business focused on securities and also real estate appraising. In July of 2013, June accepted the position of House of Correction Fiscal Operations Manager. She brings nearly 30 years of business and management experience to the House of Correction.

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## Visit an Inmate

We use HomeWav for video visitation. To create an account, go to [HomeWav.com](https://www.homewav.com) and set up your profile.

## Visiting Hours

**Facility Visiting:** Sunday and Tuesday: Closed. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday: 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Note that there are no in-facility visits on the following holidays:

Monday, Sept. 2 - Labor Day

Thursday, Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day

Thursday, Nov. 28 - Thanksgiving Day

Friday, Nov. 29 - Day After Thanksgiving

Wednesday, Dec. 25 - Christmas Day

HomeWav visiting from outside the facility is still available on these dates.

**HomeWav Visiting From Outside Facility:** Sunday to Saturday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Use our convenient online tool to schedule visits at least 24 hours in advance. You can also schedule a visit in person at the lobby kiosk. You are not able to schedule, reschedule or cancel visits over the phone.

Visits are 30 minutes. Inmates may have one visit per day and four visits per week. Two adults or one adult with two children per visit. The children must be the inmate's children and be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Unkept visits will count as a scheduled visit.

## Visitation Policies

- No electronic devices (cell phones, tablets, e-readers, MP3 players)
- Appropriate attire (including nothing sleeveless) must be worn
- No strollers/car seats/diaper bags are allowed in the visiting area
- No food, gum, smoking materials or beverages are allowed in the video visiting area
- Former inmates must wait six months from the date they were released before they are able to visit
- Inmates in disciplinary housing may not have visitors
- All visits are subject to monitoring and recording

Anyone found in violation of this will have their visiting privileges restricted for a minimum of 30 days. Any visitor found to engage in inappropriate behavior or allowing another visitor to use their account, is subject to having their privileges suspended, at the discretion of the Visiting Captain.

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