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John Sebastian Named Director of Probation & Parole

The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) announces that John Sebastian has been named the Director of Probation and Parole, a division within the Bureau of Community Corrections. Probation and Parole supervises and works with approximately 15,000 offenders living throughout the state.

Sebastian's appointment becomes effective on November 3. He replaces Curt Shockley, who was recently appointed Deputy Bureau Chief of Community Corrections.

Sebastian has 22 years with the DOC, all within Probation and Parole, and was most recently the Operations Administrator for the Dover Probation and Parole Office. He began his career in 1991 as a Probation and Parole Officer, working his way up to Supervisor (2001) before becoming Operations Administrator in 2011.

"John has been a highly professional and dedicated member of Probation and Parole for more than 20 years," said Alan Grinstead, Chief of Community Corrections. "His leadership will be a tremendous asset to staff and the individuals they supervise."

Sebastian holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Delaware (1991) and graduated from Caesar Rodney High School in 1986. He received a DOC Outstanding Leadership Award in 2011 and is a graduate of the NIC-sponsored Management Development for the Future training program.

He resides in Dover with his wife and two daughters, has a son and daughter-in-law who reside in Virginia, and a son serving in the U.S. Army currently stationed in Kuwait who resides in Texas with his wife.

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