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January 2, 2024

Dear Commissioner Mici and Sheriffs:

As you are aware, the Correctional Employee of the Year Awards Ceremony has become one of the premier events held annually. It is an opportunity to publicly recognize the bravery of those who dedicate themselves to the essential work of corrections. As Secretary of Public Safety and Security, it is an honor for me to ask each Sheriff and the Department of Correction's Commissioner to submit eligible candidates for consideration for this prestigious award.

I respectfully ask that you take the time to forward any nominations you may have for outstanding acts of bravery performed by a member (or members) of your department between **January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023**, following the guidelines attached. The Selection Committee will require a detailed narrative of the incident for which your member is being nominated, along with news clippings or any substantiating information you feel will assist the selection committee with its decision.

Your selections should be forwarded by **February 2, 2024**, to the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, to the attention of:

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I encourage you to select your candidates carefully, keeping in mind the level of high esteem associated with the award. Please note that to preserve the prestigious nature of the Correctional Employee of the Year Awards Ceremony, **the Selection Committee has decided to recognize Meritorious Recognition, Medal of Valor, and Medal of Honor recipients**. The nomination form and criteria form are attached and available online at: www.mass.gov/eopss under *Awards*.

Thank you for your time and your continued support of this important recognition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terrence M. Reidy".

Terrence M. Reidy
Secretary of Public Safety and Security