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Dear Sheriffs:

The Excellence in Corrections Awards Ceremony has become one of the correctional community's premier annual events. The awards provide an opportunity to publicly recognize the dedication and contributions of those who serve in the essential work of corrections and to inspire the entire correctional community as examples of encouragement and inspiration. I am privileged to invite each of you to nominate deserving, eligible candidates for recognition.

Nominations should reflect acts performed from the calendar year 2025, meet the criteria, and contain detailed narratives to support each nomination. The Selection Committee will require this information and will accept any supporting evidence to inform the decision-making process.

Your nominations should be submitted by February 6, 2026**,** to Carrie Hill at carrie.hill@mass.gov, who will forward them to the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS).

I encourage you to select your candidates thoughtfully, considering the prestigious nature of the awards. Please be sure to review the updated criteria guidelines attached to this email, which are available online at www.mass.gov/eopss under *Awards.*

I sincerely appreciate your time, unwavering support of this recognition process, and commitment to serving the Commonwealth's communities.

Sincerely,



Gina K. Kwon
Secretary of Public Safety and Security