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**DETAILS: America Observes Probation, Parole &
Community Supervision Week
July 19-25, 2009**

During the week of July 15-25, 2009 people across the United States and its territories will join together to recognize the work that probation, parole and community supervision professionals do for our public safety.

Nationwide, over 5 million adults are on supervision, with most being supervised by parole and probation officers. In Lane County, approximately 3400 offenders are on active supervision, which is close to one percent of the County's population. This is accomplished by 34 Lane County Parole/Probation Officers, as part of the Lane County Sheriff's Office, who are dedicated to the rehabilitation of offenders, while working with local law enforcement, the District Attorney's Office and the Courts to protect the safety of the community.

This year's theme highlights parole/probation professionals as a Force for Positive Change. These hardworking professionals network with community treatment providers, employers, housing providers, mental health workers and others, using evidence based practices to assist offenders in making positive changes in their lives. In addition to pointing offenders toward opportunities for

growth and change and providing a much-needed support system, parole/probation officers monitor the offenders in the community, addressing non-compliant behaviors. These officers also respond to victims, families and other community members whose lives have been affected by the offenders on supervision.

Members of the community are encouraged to join together during Probation, Parole & Community Supervision Week to honor those who work to make our communities a safer place to live.

For more information about Probation, Parole & Community Supervision Week, please contact: Joan Copperwheat, Parole/Probation Manager, (541) 682-3058, 135 E. 6th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401.

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