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MDOC Plans to Add 100 Officers by the Fall

JACKSON - Are you looking for a stable job with opportunity for promotion and great benefits? Come work for the Mississippi Department of Corrections as an officer.

The MDOC wants to hire an estimated 100 correctional officers statewide at the state prisons - Mississippi State Penitentiary (MSP) at Parchman, the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility (CMCF) in Pearl and the South Mississippi Correctional Institution (SMCI) in Leakesville.

Interviews and screenings will be conducted at CMCF and MSP at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 18, and Saturday, Aug. 29. SMCI will hold interviews and screenings on Thursday, Aug. 20, on Saturdays, Aug. 22 and Aug. 29, at 8:30 a.m.

Correctional officers are responsible for the supervision, care, custody, and control of inmates. Starting pay is \$1,886.61 per month. Accepted applicants must attend a paid 8-week training academy.

Job requirements include but are not necessarily limited to the following: must be at least 21 years of age; must provide proof of a high school diploma or G.E.D.; must possess a valid driver's license; and must have no felony or domestic violence conviction. Males between the ages of 21-25 must show proof of Selective Service registration. The Interview/Screening process also includes a math quiz, a written report, a physical agility exercise, a drug test (at no cost), a background investigation and a polygraph test.

Individuals can apply online at the MDOC website, www.mdoc.ms.gov or the Mississippi State Personnel Board website, www.mspb.ms.gov. Or, they can contact the MDOC Personnel Services at (601) 359-5696 or the Personnel Departments at MSP (601) 745-6611 ext. 2366, CMCF (601) 932-2880 ext. 6701, and SMCI (601) 394-5600 ext. 1217.