

PAY RAISES CONTINUE AS W.VA. CORRECTIONS STEPS UP RECRUITING

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CHARLESTON, WV (WOAY) – Promising guaranteed pay raises and clear career paths, West Virginia is recruiting correctional officers and staff through a series of upcoming job fairs.

Seven one-stop career events are scheduled throughout the state between Sept. 17 and Nov. 7. These events will allow recruits to sign up on the spot. Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma, a valid driver's license and passage of a physical agility test and a drug screening.

Thanks to a series of pay raises, the starting salary for correctional officers is \$28,664 and will rise to \$30,664 on July 1, 2020.

In addition, officers who complete one year of employment are guaranteed promotion and a 7 percent pay hike, bringing their annual salaries to \$32,810. Pay increases further, to \$35,106, after one year in that promoted position and the officer advances further up the ranks.

Besides these multiple raises and the revamped career path, the benefits package for starting officers is around \$13,776. It includes comprehensive indemnity health insurance, term life insurance, and an outstanding defined benefit pension plan.

Positions are available throughout the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation system, which includes West Virginia's prisons, regional jails and juvenile facilities. While each event is tailored for the facilities in its region, job fair attendees can seek employment throughout the system.



Upcoming One-Stop Career Events (each is 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.):

- Sept. 17: Martinsburg Workforce West Virginia office, 200 Viking Way
- Oct. 1: Parkersburg Workforce West Virginia office, 300 Lakeview Center
- Oct. 1: Saint Marys Correctional Center and Jail, 2880 North Pleasants Highway
- Oct. 3: South Central Regional Jail and Correctional Facility, 1001 Centre Way, Charleston
- Oct. 15: Elkins Workforce West Virginia office, 1023 N. Randolph Ave.
- Oct. 29: Clarksburg Workforce West Virginia office, 153 W. Main St.
- Nov. 7: Summersville Workforce West Virginia office, 830 Northside Dr.