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**ANDERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

**SHERIFF PAUL N. WHITE**

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#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **National Correctional Officers And Employees Week – May 4 - May 10**

In 1984, President Ronald Regan signed Proclamation 5187 creating “National Correctional Officers’ Week”. Since then, the first full week in May is recognized as National Correctional Officers’ Week to honor the work and dedication of correctional officers and correctional personnel nationwide. The Anderson County Sheriff’s Department will join law enforcement agencies across the nation in celebrating **National Correctional Officers And Employees Week, May 4 through May 10, 2014.**

In 1996, Congress officially changed the name of the week to “National Correctional Officers and Employees Week”. As of 2013, the names of 585 correctional officers are engraved on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. These courageous heroes are forever remembered. Their light continues to shine through their memory and through the selfless men and women who continue to serve each day.

Correctional officers and personnel work under demanding and difficult circumstances, often facing danger in their daily lives. Anderson County Sheriff’s Department Jail Deputies supervise inmates and maintain jail security; book and release, transport, and control the movement of inmates; handle jail emergencies and unusual situations as they arise; maintain the inmate classification system; and attend to inmates needs.

Please take time this first week in May to thank the many men and women who work in jails, prisons, and community corrections.

**Sheriff Paul White**