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CSOSA COMMEMORATES PROBATION, PAROLE & COMMUNITY SUPERVISION OFFICERS' WEEK

Washington, DC – The week of July 13 – 19 will be observed nationally as PROBATION, PAROLE & COMMUNITY SUPERVISION OFFICERS' WEEK. Here in the nation's capital, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) will host a day of training and recognition for the Agency's 300 Community Supervision Officers (CSOs) on July 16th. The event will be held at the Ramada Renaissance Washington Hotel, begins at 9:00 am, and will focus on skills development, personal wellness, and stress reduction.

Since its establishment in 1997, CSOSA has redesigned procedures for the community supervision of offenders. Probation and parole responsibilities have been combined under the single job category of Community Supervision Officer (CSO). The Agency also relocated CSOs from its downtown headquarters to seven field offices throughout the city, establishing CSOSA as a community presence in the neighborhoods where offenders live and work. CSOSA's officers and the Metropolitan Police Department have also instituted the innovative practice of joint site visits to offenders' homes and workplaces. The Agency currently supervises approximately 15,000 offenders.

CSOSA Director Paul A. Quander Jr. said, "CSOSA's Community Supervision Officers are an essential part of the local criminal justice system. To be effective, our CSOs must wear many hats. They must be observers, enforcers, problem solvers and facilitators. The CSO performs a dual function of supporting the offender and protecting the public from potential criminal activity. I am extremely proud of our officers for their contribution to public safety in the District of Columbia. "

CSOSA's Director is available to be interviewed about the Agency's mission and activities. To schedule a time, contact Robert Murphy at CSOSA's Office of Legislative, Intergovernmental, and Public Affairs, (202) 220-5343. For additional information, visit CSOSA's web site at www.csosa.gov.