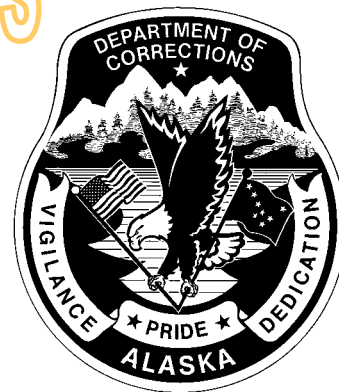


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GEORGE W. MILLER NAMED DEPUTY COMMISSIONER IN CHARGE OF INSTITUTIONS, PROBATION AND PAROLE

(JUNEAU) – Governor Frank H. Murkowski has named George W. Miller of Kenai Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Corrections. Miller, a former superintendent of the Wildwood Correctional Center in Kenai, replaces Don Stolworthy and will be in charge of the department's operational divisions: Institutions, and Probation and Parole.

Most recently, Miller served as corrections administrator for Two Bridges Regional Jail in Wiscasset, Maine, following a 20-year career with the Alaska Department of Corrections. Miller, who grew up in Chicago and Maine, graduated from the University of Alaska Fairbanks in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

Miller studied criminology and corrections at Sam Houston State University in Texas, earning a Masters Degree in 1982. The following year Miller earned a second Master's Degree in Ethics and Theology.

Miller began his Alaska corrections career as a Correctional Officer at the Wildwood Correctional Center. After a year Miller switched career tracks and became an institutional probation officer. Miller was transferred to the Kenai Field Probation Office, and later promoted to probation supervisor. He was promoted again, taking over as superintendent of the Wildwood Correctional Center with a staff of 101 and an \$8.6 million operating budget.

Miller was instrumental in setting up the state's first residential substance abuse treatment unit, a program based on the therapeutic community model. Miller is considered an excellent administrator and has served the state in contract negotiations with the department's employee unions.

"Mr. Miller has an excellent range of experience and will be an asset to the department and the state," said Corrections Commissioner Marc Antrim. "In his various positions with the department he has worked on all sides of personnel issues, he has set up and run offender programs, he has participated in the opening of two facilities, has in-depth knowledge of security operations and has a keen sense of how a correctional center must partner with local government."

Miller will work out of the department's Anchorage office.

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