# Worcester County Sheriff's Office West Boylston, MA

#### **Facility Chaplain/Director of Pastoral Services**

#### **Position Description:**

The Facility Chaplain/Director of Pastoral Services oversees the spiritual/pastoral needs of inmates. The mission of Pastoral Services is to be in compliance with WCSO Policy 936.06 to include provision of worship services, worship materials, pastoral counseling, religious programs/activities, religious diets, and oversight of religious volunteers (lay and ordained). The Facility Chaplain/Director of Pastoral Services interfaces regularly, and as needed, with inmate substance use treatment services, inmate mental health services, inmate education services, and inmate re-entry services as needed for pre-trial and sentenced inmates.

# **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- 1. To maintain communication regarding pastoral services to inmates and staff
- 2. To respond to inmate requests for pastoral counseling and spiritual direction
- 3. To provide pastoral care programs, services, and religious materials to inmates
- 4. To maintain an up-to-date listing of lay and ordained religious volunteers
- 5. To maintain an up-to-date schedule of religious services and programs
- 6. To recruit lay and ordained religious volunteers as needed
- 7. To process inmate religious diet requests
- 8. To oversee use and maintenance of the facility chapels (main jail and MODS)
- 9. To order and maintain religious books and materials
- 10. To create and implement needed pastoral services policy and procedure changes as needed, and as directed by the Superintendent

### **Reporting Relationship:**

The Facility Chaplain/Director of Pastoral Services reports directly to the Superintendent, and consults with facility line officers regarding security coverage for religious programs and services, as well as individual meetings with inmates.

## **Qualifications:**

The Facility Chaplain/Director of Pastoral Services will be an ordained member of a major religion with experience in pastoral counseling and spiritual direction. A Master of Divinity degree is preferred, as is completion of at least one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education. Certification as a Corrections Chaplain is ideal.