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Norfolk County Sheriff's Office and Massasoit Community College Partner to Provide Workforce Training to Justice-Involved Individuals

DEDHAM, MA – Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick McDermott announced today that his office has signed an agreement with Massasoit Community College to provide OSHA-10 training courses to justice-involved individuals as part of his office's workforce programming offerings.

"Rehabilitation starts the moment someone walks into the House of Correction, and encompasses everything from job readiness training to self-help programming," said Sheriff McDermott. "This new partnership with Massasoit Community College gives our justice-involved individuals another tool to turn their lives around and keep them turned around when they leave our facility."

The first OSHA-10 training program will begin April 3 and run through the end of June. Two groups of justice-involved students will take the curriculum simultaneously, culminating in the awarding of OSHA-10 Construction Training Certificates and an official OSHA-10 card from the U.S. Department of Labor.

The OSHA-10 training teaches basic safety and health information to workers for general industry employment. Topics include introduction to OSHA, serious workplace hazards, personal protective equipment, health hazards, and handling materials. Additional certification topics and classes may also include HAZMAT certification and blood-borne pathogens, in an effort to help learners develop their communication and critical-thinking skills while boosting their knowledge of COVID prevention.

The NCSO's partnership with Massasoit Community College adds to a growing catalog of educational and workforce development programming provided to justice-involved individuals by the Sheriff's Office, including partnerships with Northeastern University, local unions, and trade organizations.

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