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Scott Ceresini named Warden of Kent County Community Corrections

Dover, DE – The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) announced today that Baylor Women's Correctional Institution Deputy Warden Scott Ceresini, who has 17 years of DOC service, has been promoted to Warden of Kent County Community Corrections (KCCC). KCCC operates the Community Corrections Treatment Center (CCTC), the statewide treatment facility for inmates sentenced to Level IV substance use disorder treatment, as well as all Kent County Level IV community work crews.

"The Community Corrections Treatment Center embodies the Department of Correction's dual mission of public safety and offender rehabilitation, focusing exclusively on providing offenders effective substance abuse treatment to support their successful reentry and improve public safety," **Commissioner Claire DeMatteis said**. "Warden Ceresini has a demonstrated record of driving both goals simultaneously, and he will leverage that knowledge and skillset to help the CCTC meet its full potential."

The CCTC administers DOC's "Road 2 Recovery" Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment program, which was redesigned last year and consolidated for Level IV male offenders statewide at one site to standardize program delivery, consolidate treatment staff, and modernize outdated treatment practices. The CCTC reflects a residential treatment format that offers a mixture of programming and treatment space, staff work and meeting spaces in an open design that is conducive to DOC's SUD cognitive community requirements.

Warden Ceresini joined the DOC as a Correctional Officer in 2004 after serving in the United States Army for six years. After completing Academy training he served assignments at Howard R. Young Correctional Institution and James T. Vaughn Correctional Center before being promoted to Corporal with a posting to the Sussex Boot Camp where he served as a Drill Instructor. He was promoted to Correctional Sergeant in 2008 and Correctional Lieutenant (2012) at the Sussex Community Corrections Center (SCCC). During his tenure at SCCC he served in supervisory positions, including as an officer in charge of the work release center and violation of probation center, a shift commander, Security Threat Group Coordinator, and as American Correctional Association (ACA) and Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Compliance Manager. Ceresini continued to rise through the ranks, with promotions to Correctional Staff Lieutenant (2017) at Morris Community Corrections Center, where he served

as a Unit Commander and the Security Threat Group Coordinator, and participated in the Bureau of Community Corrections policy committee. In July, 2019, he was promoted to Deputy Warden at Baylor Women's Correctional Institution. Warden Ceresini has completed specialized training programs, including Train the Trainer, Firearms Instructor, Working with Women, the Delaware State Police Interview and Interrogation Techniques and Sex Crimes Investigations courses, and has attended over 100 hours of professional development in Security Threat Groups. He has been recognized as part of the 2015 DOC Team of the Year, has received multiple Bureau-level awards, and received two Special Forces Awards as a Security Threat Group Coordinator.

"At Kent County Community Corrections we are embracing the opportunity to help inmates end the destructive cycle of addiction through modern treatment programming and to reduce the risk of recidivism through effective reentry planning and supervision," **Bureau of Community Corrections Chief Marvin Mailey said.** "Congratulations to Warden Ceresini for earning this promotion and taking on the responsibility of leading our dedicated and skilled Officers and staff who are working day and night to achieve this mission."

Ceresini succeeds Warden James Hutchins who retired last December after 41 years of dedicated service as a Correctional Officer, Captain, Deputy Warden and, for the past 20 years, Warden.

Warden Ceresini's promotion becomes effective on February 28, 2021.