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Nebraska Inmates Fill Thousands of Sandbags to Assist U.S. Coast Guard

Inmates at the Omaha Correctional Center (OCC) have begun filling sandbags following a request from the CGC Gasconade in Omaha. Over 60 inmates volunteered for the project after the request was issued to the inmate population. So far, more than seven truckloads of sand have been delivered inside the fence at the OCC. Within the first 30 minutes, more than 1,000 bags had been filled.

OCC warden, Mike Kenney, said, "This is a way for inmates to give back to their communities. I am not surprised at all by their response to the flooding situation currently affecting Nebraska residents."

On Thursday, warden Charles West put out a call for volunteers at the Community Corrections Center – Omaha (CCC-O). A number of inmates and staff responded and were eager to assist by filling and stacking sandbags at the Coast Guard warehouse in Omaha. Approximately 22 work release and detail inmates, supervised by CCC-O staff, volunteered for this project.

The OCC houses medium and minimum security inmates, who are preparing for their release back into Nebraska communities. The CCC-O houses community custody inmates who are released into the community for work or education or are supervised in the community for a variety of work detail jobs.

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