

PROCEDURE TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Before you can become a volunteer for the Mower County Jail there are established procedures to follow. The purpose of these procedures is:

- ◆ To give you information about the jail programs and to help you decide if you want to become a volunteer.
- ◆ To give the staff an opportunity to know you well enough to make a determination as to your suitability, reliability, and in what capacity your service would be the most valuable.
- ◆ To give you a brief introduction to some of the basic skills involved in working with inmates.
- ◆ To train you in security and emergency procedures.

APPLICATION

Prospective volunteers will be given an application which is to be completed and returned to the Jail. The Mower County Sheriff's Office will conduct a criminal history check. An applicant with any type of conviction within the past 2 years or on any type of probation will not be allowed to become a volunteer. Any former inmate that wishes to become a volunteer will be approved on a case by case basis. If facilitating AA/NA, you must have 2 years of sobriety. Any undisclosed criminal history will be an automatic disqualification.

SCREENING

After passing a criminal history check, the Program Coordinator will schedule you for an interview. The Program Coordinator carefully selects and screens all applicants thoroughly. No one will be permitted to volunteer that is related to an inmate in this facility.

ORIENTATION

Once you have been interviewed and accepted as a volunteer, you will be scheduled for an orientation training session. At the training session you will be advised of jail rules and regulations as well as general expectations of volunteers.

We understand the process to become a volunteer may be lengthy, but it is required for the safety and security of the facility. We thank you for your patience and understanding throughout this process.