

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## **MCSO to Officially Launch (R)IGNITE Education and Training Program for Detention Center Residents**

**WHO:** Sheriff Garry L. McFadden, Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office  
Sheriff Chris Swanson, Genesee County Sheriff's Office  
Jonathan Thompson, National Sheriff's Association, Executive Director

**WHAT:** (R)IGNITE Launch

**WHEN:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022  
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

**WHERE:** Stancil Center Conference Room

### **About**

Sheriff Garry L. McFadden is committed to safely operating detention facilities through progressive, innovative, and humane practices. It is in that spirit that MCSO announces the launch of (R)IGNITE: Residents Individually Growing Naturally & Intentionally Through Education.

The (R)IGNITE program aligns with MCSO's mission towards rehabilitating those in custody through non-conventional methods and returning citizens back into our community with hope and a chance for a successful future.

On September 8, 2020, Sheriff Christopher R. Swanson launched IGNITE (Inmate Growth Naturally and Intentionally Through Education) in Genesee County Michigan. The concept has been adopted in Hennepin County, Minnesota and now Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.