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Custom CDL training simulator arrives at Carroll RCF

VAIDEN - Through creativity and teamwork, staff and incarcerated individuals at the Carroll County Regional Facility developed a custom CDL training simulator that provides hands-on experience with pre-trip inspections, air brake systems, trailer backing, and cargo securement.

After completing the CDL class, inmates can go to the DMV to take the CDL test. The simulator was built from scratch by talent from among the inmates and staff.

"One day, I was talking to a couple of inmates about how I wished we could get a simulator, and one of the inmates, who is extremely talented, said he could build a mini-truck, and it could be our simulator," Warden Brandon Smith said. "We began collecting parts and bought a few pieces of sheet metal, and then began the building process."

MDOC Regional Director Derrick Chambers praised the effort.

"This is exactly the type of innovation and problem-solving we strive for throughout MDOC," Chambers said. "When we provide meaningful training and opportunities for incarcerated individuals to gain marketable skills, we are investing in safer communities and stronger futures. "

This initiative reflects MDOC's commitment to equipping individuals with marketable skills that support successful reentry and safer communities.

Director Chambers commends Warden Smith, Smith's staff, and everyone involved in the remarkable project. Great work by the Carroll County team."

