

The Connecticut
Department
of Correction

P.R.I.D.E.



Our motto: Professionalism, Respect, Integrity, Dignity, Excellence

AT WORK

Remember Our Troops

Annual Awards Honors Heroes

A perfect summer day, the first time presence of the state’s governor and a standing room only turn out of nearly 1,000 staff, family and friends, made the 2004 Department of Correction Awards Ceremony “the best ever” in the opinion of many of those who attended. “Today the PRIDE of the Connecticut Department of Correction is truly on display,” said Commissioner Theresa Lantz as she opened the ceremonies.



(L-R) Commissioner Lantz, Comptroller Wyman, and Governor Rell at the DOC Annual Awards Ceremony

“ We come together today to share that pride, to support our agency and each other and recognize the impressive accomplishments of our staff.” Governor M. Jodi Rell, who became the first of the state’s chief executives to attend the ceremony received more

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Our Mission

The Department of Correction shall protect the public, protect staff, and provide safe, secure and humane supervision of offenders with opportunities that support successful community re-integration

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K-9 Best in Show

Connecticut’s best K-9 teams competed at the 13th Annual K-9 Olympics in Storrs last month, hosted by UCONN police, the Connecticut State Police and the Department of Correction. Officer Don Austin and his K-9 partner “Laden” of the DOC took home an award in the “Tactical Obedience” portion of the competition. The highly demanding competition put the K-9 teams to the test through a wide range of commands and obstacles that put the handlers down into the mud with their four legged partners.



CO Mike Belanger during a simulation at the K-9 Olympics

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K-9 Instructor Mike Belanger served as the sole "bad guy" in the competition, taking the best that the 30 competitors could dish out. He went home with a keepsake on his calf, courtesy of East Hartford K-9 "Raven".

Overall the DOC's canine teams showed why they are among the best in the state, able to perform a crucial multi-purpose role, from overall safety and security to crowd control to drug detection and interdiction.



CO Steven Whitehouse with K-9 Benny

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than one standing ovation from the enthusiastic audience. "The pride we speak about in Connecticut is quite evident today in your department," said the Governor. "You serve your state well and it is very much appreciated."

Connecticut Comptroller Nancy Wyman also joined the Commissioner on stage to honor the accomplishments of the agency. "You do an unbelievable job, we can't thank you enough," Wyman said.

For more than two hours, the dedication, commitment and courage of agency staff were recognized from the Circle of Merit to the Medal of Valor. Six Medals of Valor were presented, including one to Correction Officer Michael Simpson who was seriously wounded as he saved the life of an inmate who was being attacked by another offender at Garner CI last fall. Commissioner Lantz also

displayed a national Medal of Valor which she had accepted on behalf of Officer Simpson in Chicago from the National Association of Wardens and Superintendents. Warden Giovanni

Gomez accepted Lt. Robert Martin of CRCC signs the DOC flag the awards for Simpson who was unable to attend the ceremony.



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The Department extends their congratulations to the following staff members who were awarded plaques during the Awards Ceremony:

Commissioner's Award
Staff called to military duty since
September 11, 2001

Manager of the Year
Neftali Rodriguez NCI

Correction Officer of the Year
Diane Malozzi BCI

Unit of the Year
Classification & Population Management

Teacher of the Year
Donna Ciesinski CRCC

Circle of Merit
Verna Arndt MYI
Andrius Banevicius MCTSD
Allison Black - Pace WCI
Filomena Bocek CO
Albert Bonfiglio CRCI
Angelo Calabrese GCI
Richard Caldwell CRCI
Kathleen Dickey Parole
Glen D'Oliveira CO
Louise Downer BCI
Richard Hardy OCI
Steven Ireland MWCI
Arsenio Lopez WCB
William Murphy OCI
John Ouellet BCI
Lise Ouellette CO
Heidi Palliardi MWCI
David Potz GCI
Cynthia Ralliford GCI
Christopher Severi HCC
Patricia Sherill JBGI
Dee Staub ECI
Sean Sullivan CO
Nancy Sylvester CO
Antonio Valentine, Jr. CTU
Bangie Vazquez CCI

Distinguishbed Public Service
Charles Gary NHCC
Edward Wadowski, Jr. HCC

Employee of the Year
Linda Goguen CO

Excellence in Training
Lawrence Tyler CRCI

Preservation of Life
Kenneth Avery HCC
Raymond Bernard HCC
Justin Brooks HCC
Noel Brown HCC
Jason Calderon GCI
Richard Carello MYI
David Church YCI
Ronald Clark OCI
Luis Colon OCI
Robert Correa NHCC
Michael Diloreto OCI
Jeffrey Duthrie YCI
Victor Franco, Jr. MCTSD
Scott Gamache OCI
Michael Greaves OCI
Brian Hammond OCI
Lorraine Harp NHCC
Chris Harper GCI
James Johnson CRCC
Dr. Sharron Laplante HCC
Francis Liquidoli WCI
Wade McDowell OCI
Steven McEwen CRCC
Michael McGaughan GCI
Thomas Micci GCI
Obie Morgan OCI
Michael Murray OCI
Nicholas Muro GCI
Julio Nieves YCI
Franco Pannofino GCI
Stanley Parker OCI
Steven Reynolds NCI
Michael Ruggeri OCI
Scott Salius NCI
William Smith GCI
Ida Terry WCB
Mark Tierney GCI
Redinno Varden YCI
Roberto Vargas GCI
Robert York CRCC

Medal of Valor
Theodore Brown III MYI
Marc Gargiulo NCI
Anita Hardy GCI
Theodore Holmes, Jr. GCI
Francis Matys NCI
Michael Simpson GCI

Distinguished Service Medal
Eric Bronk NCI
Aaron Brown NCI
Damita Brown CCI
Jason Calderon GCI
Douglas Caron NCI
Joseph Casey, Jr. NCI
Steven Chmielorz NCI
Anthony Chukwurah NCI
Dino Cicchetti NCI
Nelson Correia NCI
Steven Discordia CRCC
Frank Faccin GCI
Becky Henderson GCI
Linden Higgins GCI
Anthony Kacprzyski GCI
Robert Knapp NCI
Nicholas Kozikowski GCI
William Kurtzenacker, Jr. GCI
Thomas Lynch GCI
Dennis Marinelli NCI
Yolanda McNeil NCI
Carbet Meyers CRCC
Jim Owen NCI
Jeffrey Pelkey NCI
Bryan Rae NCI
John Rebick MYI
Jesse Rizzo MWCI
Joseph Rollo GCI
Ricky Sarju NCI
Deana Schena CRCC
Josph Schoonmaker CRCC
Clifton Shannon, Jr. GCI
Scott Standish GCI
Steven Sullivan GCI
Kenrick Turner GCI
Jeffrey Tye NCI
Daniel Vale GCI
Larry Vaughn GCI
Thomas Vergason CRCC
Michael Watson MWCI

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The highlight of the program was the patriotic tribute presented through this year's Commissioner's Award. Commissioner Lantz had directed that all staff who have been called to active military duty since September 11, 2001 would receive the award which was a specially minted commemorative coin bearing the motto, "One vision, One mission, One team." "Today I honor you," said Commissioner Lantz. "Without hesitation you have left home, family and your personal well being behind for months and in some cases more than a year."

While more than 100 staff members have been called to military duty, more than 60 have so far returned and most were present. As each one's name was called they signed a special Department of Correction flag that will serve as a reminder that we appreciate and will never forget all they have sacrificed. As the last of the military personnel crossed the stage, a video tribute to the men and women of the agency who have recently served on active duty was shown as an emotional reminder of the commitment to our state and country by the men and women of the Connecticut Department of Correction.

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Deputy Commissioner Murphy presents the Medal of Valor Award to Lt. Marc Gargiulo for his action during a fire at Northern CI.

Condolences



Director Fred Levesque is saddened to announce the death of Peter Creanza, father of Correctional Counselor John Creanza. Director Levesque is joined by the staff of MacDougall-Walker CI in extending their condolences to the Creanza family.



Warden Christine Whidden and staff of Robinson CI are saddened to announce the passing of Patricia Peacock, mother of Correctional Counselor Wendy Peacock.



Warden Moises Gonzalez and staff of the Manson Youth Institution are saddened by the passing of Eddie Clark, father of CHNS Belinda Billue.



Warden Charles Lee and staff of Hartford CC are saddened to announce the death of Correction Officer Emanuel Igidi's mother, who passed away in Nigeria.



Acting Warden Curt Boyle and staff of MacDougall-Walker CI are saddened by the death of Richard LanPhear, father of Lt. Sandy Shortridge, who passed away on July 27, 2004.



Warden Moises Gonzalez of the Manson Youth Institution is saddened to announce the death of Eleanora T. Lehr, mother of CFSS Jerry Lehr. Warden Gonzalez is joined by staff in extending condolences to the Lehr family.



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Comfort and Support

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While driving from a training at York CI on June 30th, CRCI Addiction Services Counselors Renee Cyr and Carlene Pape were second on the scene of a fatal three car accident on Route 85 in Salem, CT. Both counselors assisted in identifying nine accident victims, and directing local police, fire, and ambulance personnel to their aid.

Counselor Cyr, a certified EMT, assisted the local authorities in triaging and treating the victims. Counselor Pape provided comfort and support to a family with three children involved in the accident. She invited the children to rest in her vehicle and found coloring books and stickers for them to help distract them from the recent tragedy. Two Life Star helicopters were deployed to the accident.

Counselor Cyr and Counselor Pape responded courageously in a most difficult situation. Their actions greatly assisted local authorities in responding to this crisis, and provide an example of their professionalism and integrity both in and out of the correctional environment.



(L-R) Carlene Pape and Renee Cyr

Written by Counselor Supervisor Rich Stratton

Did you know

Did you know is an informational column written by the Facilities Management and Engineering Unit, aimed at increasing your knowledge of issues in our everyday lives. This week's issue was submitted by Rick Hamel who can be reached at 860-692-7554. If you have any questions or an idea for a future column please contact David Batten, Acting Director at 860-692-7554.



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Some 66 million people will fire up their grills this year and more often than not, everything goes just fine. However, according to the National Fire Protection Association, barbecue grills of all kinds are involved in more than 6,000 fires and explosions each year. Did you know that grill accidents send 20,000 people to the emergency room annually and cause \$29 million in damage?

Grill Safety Tips:

- ❖ Always read the owners manual before using your grill and follow specific usage, assembly and safety procedures.
- ❖ Before grilling, check the tubes that lead into the burner for blockage from insects, spiders or grease. If a clog is found, use a pipe cleaner to clear the blockage and push it through to the main part of the burner.
- ❖ Check grill hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes and leaks. Make sure that there are no sharp bends in the hose or tubing.
- ❖ Check for gas leaks, following the manufacturer's instructions. If a leak is detected, immediately turn off the gas and don't attempt to light it until the leak is fixed.
- ❖ Clean and perform general maintenance on the grill twice a year. In doing so, check for rust and paint the cylinder to make it more rustproof. Always turn off the gas, at the source, before completing preventative maintenance.
- ❖ Barbecue grills are designed for outdoor use only. Never barbecue in your house, tent, trailer, garage or any enclosed area for that matter. Carbon monoxide may accumulate.
- ❖ Always grill at least 10 feet away from your house or outbuilding.

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Ring in Victory

Most boxing matches last 12 rounds. Not if you are former US Olympic Boxing Team Captain, Lawrence Clay-Bey. Clay-Bey TKO'd his opponent in the 5th round, to win the IBA Heavyweight Continental Title. The two time Amateur US Champion had been told he was getting too old and too heavy to be a 'contender.' This idea was cultivated due to his time as the 1996 US Olympic team captain, where he competed at weights as low as 226 lbs. Officer Clay-Bey had subsequent matches as an amateur at weights anywhere from 235 to 280 lbs. which was more in line with his fighting regimen. However, given his performance in July, it would seem he is in 'fighting shape' after all.

Officer Clay-Bey began his boxing career in 1992 in Holyoke where he fought and won the New England Golden Gloves title. For the past four years he had been traveling the country and Europe on the circuit.

"I just wanted to have fun and I did" stated the former champion.

Warden Cuscovitch and he staff of WCCI welcome Officer Clay-Bey back to the Department of Correction & to Willard-Cybulski CI and wish him good luck on future endeavors both in and out of the ring.



(L-R) Warden Cuscovitch with Correction Officer Clay-Bey

MVP's:

Anaya, David	NCI
Anderson, Kevin	BCC
Austin, Howard	BCC
Caron, Douglas	NCI
Carrasquillo, Rafael	MYI
Colon, Luis	NCI
Cooney-Fogg, Linda	MWCI
Cooper, Kenneth	CCI
Culhane, Dennis	WCB
Curry, Norman	BCC
Flanagan, Robin	CO
Ford-Deedon Kenneth	BCC
Fournier, Donald	ECI
Gorman, Cynthia	ECI
Guica, Nancy	MWCI
Hackett, Daniel	NCI
Harrigan, David	NCI
Harrington, David	NCI
Huffman, David	NCI
Jones, Mark	BCC
Jones, Michael	NCI
Kasthuber, Kenneth	MYI
Lindley, Christopher	WCB
Lintgeris, Nicholas	BCC
Messier, David	NCI
Mickiewicz, Raymond	WCB
Mitchell, Michael	NCI
Moran, Enrique	ECI
Negron, Robert	CCI
Norwood, John	NCI
O'Dell, Shawn	NCI
Passaro, Ronald	BCC
Pisano, Dominick	ECI
Pliss, James	BCC
Recupido, Sandra	BCC
Rhodes, Steven	NCI
Riccio, John	CCI
Rodriguez, Robert	MYI
Singleton, Judy	NCI
Spillane, Gary	NCI
Stites, Penny	CO
Tellar, Irwin	MWCI
Woodcock, Thomas	MYI
Zaczynski, Ronald	ECI
Zina, Richard	NCI

Calendar



October 16 - Bus trip to Franklin Mills Shopping Outlet in Philadelphia, PA. The bus will leave at 7:00 a.m. sharp and return at 10:00 p.m. For tickets and information, you may call C/O D. Hudson at Cheshire CI at 203.250.2690. Tickets must be purchased by October 1st. Hurry now and beat the Holiday shopping rush!



September 16 - New Haven CC will host a Tip-a-n-Officer fundraiser at the Fire-side Restaurant & Bar, located at 810 Woodward Avenue in New Haven. The event will be held from 5 - 9 p.m. with staff members serving as waiters and waitress. All proceeds will benefit the Connecticut Special Olympics. For info please contact CC Nathan Hein at 203.974.4111.

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With tremendous gratitude to our staff members who were activated for military duty subsequent to September 11, 2001

The following individuals have returned and were invited to attend the Annual Awards ceremony:

Adams, Donna	Dockery, Dennis	Melendez-Bardado, Maria
Anderson, Justin	D'Ordine Jr. Joseph	Meyers, Carbet
Arigno, John	Downey, Gregory	Ortiz, Jorge
Barwikowski, Gary	Ferraro, Allen	Paton, Craig
Bernardi, Michael	Foley, Paul	Pearson, Stephen
Bernier Jr., Gerard	Garced, Luis	Porter, Roddy
Bispham, Mark	Gilchrist, Eric	Quenneville, Barbara
Bogalhas, Frederick	Goode, Jo Anne	Quesnel, Guy R.
Botti, John	Goode, Michael	Radel, William
Boucher Sr., Michael	Hutchinson, Jon	Reuter, Daniel
Brink, Timothy	Irwin, Tyron	Reynolds, Stevent
Brown, Robin	James, Michael	Rios, Miguel
Brown, William	Jones, Gregory	Robideau Jr., James
Burgess, Charles	Kane, Timothy	Rose, Brian
Butterworth, Michael P.	Kies, Douglas	Scheirey, Douglas
Calderon, Luis	Lambert, Shirley	Sholomicky, Harry
Campagnone Jr., Robert	Lennon, Willie	Simmons, Joshua
Cavin, Robert	Leone Jr., Daniel	Sorensen, Lawrence
Cay, Edwin	Levesque, Kevin	Sullivan, Sean
Chapman, Antonio	Lopez, Angel	Tewksbury, Eugene
Ciaffaglione, Michael	Magrey Jr., George	Ulm, Eric
Clancy III, Matthew	Martin, Robert	Waite, Thomas
Croxford, Stephen	Martinez, Wilmer	Williams, Alfred
DaCosta, Daniel	McLaughlin, Jason	Williams, Donald
Danehey, James	Melanson, Christopher	Woodcock, Timothy
Davis, Carl	Melanson, William	York, Robert
Deanda, Apolinar		

We send our thoughts and prayers to those of our staff members who are still deployed. They are:

Anderson, Scott	Hanes, Russell	Ray, Manuel
Bauer, William	Howes, Michael	Robinson, Hayton
Brown, Andre	LaBonte, Ronald	Sledzianowski, Adam
Cardona, Raymond	Lafond, Stephen	Smith, Ira
Caron, Douglas	Lamy, Christopher J.	Smith, Valerie
Carrero, Jose	Lark III, James O.	Stewart, William S.
Cunningham, Scott	Leva, Christian	Thompson, Michael
Danner, Raymond	Parker, Daniel	Washington, Charles
Falcone, Frank	Pinkney, Sonya	Williams, Wilton
Halloran, Timothy	Ramonas, Robert	Woods, Frederick

Ice Time



The Connecticut Corrections North Hockey Team will open the 2004-2005 Season with Tournaments in September, October and November. The tournaments will be held in the following locations: Lake Placid, NY, Montreal, Canada, Worcester, MA and Hooksett, NH. The North team is looking for a defense person to play permanently. Ten years hockey experience is a must. For information on tournament play, directions or DOC North hockey merchandise, Contact C/O Jim Gilbert at Osborn CI (1st shift) at (860) 749-8391.

Around the cell block

Washington- The Justice Department reports a record U.S. prison population of 6.9-million, with one in every 32 adults incarcerated or on probation or parole.

Oregon- A former CEO, sentenced to prison in the financial collapse of one company will continue to earn his \$2.5-million salary during his incarceration.

Ohio- As part of a pilot program inmates and staff at one facility will wear computer chip transmitters that can pinpoint their location.

Florida- Inmates are now required to pay a \$4 monthly fee to finance the handling of their inmate accounts.