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Department
of Correction

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Remember Our Troops

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

AT WORK



DOC Recognized as Patriotic Employer



When the United States military wants to thank you for your support of our country's men and women in uniform, the sky is literally the limit when it comes to its expression of gratitude. For Department of Correction Commissioner Theresa Lantz, that show of appreciation involved a helicopter ride to Rhode Island, as part of "Boss Lift 2005" so that she and the agency could be formally recognized as a Patriotic Employer by the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

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A Reason to Ride

Recently members of the Department of Correction volunteered and did just as the title suggests – they went for a ride. A ride with a reason and purpose in mind. Not only did they have a reason to ride; their purpose was a philanthropic cause that benefits many. Raising funds of over \$20,000, Lieutenant Chance Martin of the South District Office has turned a Martin-family affair into a Department of Correction occasion. Three of the Martin brothers along with other employees of the Department of Correction volunteered their time and showed true

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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 reintegration

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patriotism and *PRIDE* in support of their cause.

Serving as a contact person and most recently a committee member, Lieutenant Martin was instrumental in organizing this year's *Reason to Ride*. "This is the 7th annual *Reason to Ride Motorcycle Run* we have conducted. The proceeds from the participant registration along with food and beverage sales are donated to help disabled and needy veterans " said Martin.



Speaking of the difficulties of coordinating such a venture, Lieutenant Martin said, "Approaching vendors and individuals to solicit donations and time can be a daunting task. When they realize what your cause is, and whom you're representing, people just want to give and say 'Thank you' for doing this for veterans. The logistical planning encompassed organizing over 1,100 ride participants, an additional 500 spectators, and 150 volunteers. Additionally, contingency plans were in place to deal with a plethora of unexpected events. "This was not an easy task, but easy days are for the faint of heart." said Martin. As the keynote speaker prepared to address the crowd, Correction Officer Michael Stevens of the Bergin Correctional Institution played the bagpipes.



Marine Lt.Colonel Robert Hohman

Each year, while planning the *Reason to Ride*, the committee searches for an individual to address the participants and spectators. This year, Martin called upon *America's 911 Force in Readiness* to address the crowd. Marine Lieutenant Colonel Robert Hohman of the Headquarters' Public Affairs from Washington D.C. spoke and gave thanks to the crowd for their constant and faithful support of the soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines throughout the years. "Standing here before you makes my 23 years in the Marine Corps worth it. For those who have served and to those that support the veterans I can only say thank you, for you are true heroes...taking your time and giving so much means more than I can ever say." said Hohman.

Assisting with the ride were Warden Daniel Martin of the Cheshire Correctional Institution and Correction Officer Chad Martin of the Corrigan-Radgowski Correctional Center.

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“Those who are courageously protecting our safety and freedom around the world, including many who are part of our correctional family, are in our thoughts and prayers on a daily basis,” said Commissioner Lantz. She and a dozen other employers were ferried by a CH-47 Chinook military helicopter from the State Veteran’s Home in Rocky Hill to the Air National Guard base in Quonset, Rhode Island. The Connecticut scenery couldn’t be missed as the back-loading ramp of the helicopter was left fully open during the flight. Once at the base, Commissioner and the other bosses were presented plaques that praised their contributions to national security and protection of liberty and freedom by supporting employee participation in America’s National Guard and Reserve Force.



Commissioner Lantz and others who were recognized as “Patriotic Employers” by the ESGR

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Calendar



July 17 - First Annual Special Olympics Motorcycle Run - Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. at the Litchfield Community Field. Donations are \$20 for Riders and \$10 for Passengers. Please contact Officer Bangie Vazquez at 203.250.2639 or Lt. Bill Waterhouse at 203.250.2665 for additional information.

July 22 - Retirement Party in honor of Mike Butterworth will be held at the Oakdale Firehouse from 6 p.m. - ?. A donation of \$25.00 includes hors d’oeuvres, buffet meal, beverages and a gift. For tickets please call: Duane Kelley @ 860.848.5742, Stephen Faucher @ 860.848.5702, Timothy Woodcock @ 203.271.5178, Phil Princevalle @ 860.691.6978 or Bobby York @ 860.848.5700.

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Around the cell block



Massachusetts- A crack down on claims for on the job injuries has led to stepped up investigations against correction officers and a reduction in staff on leave.



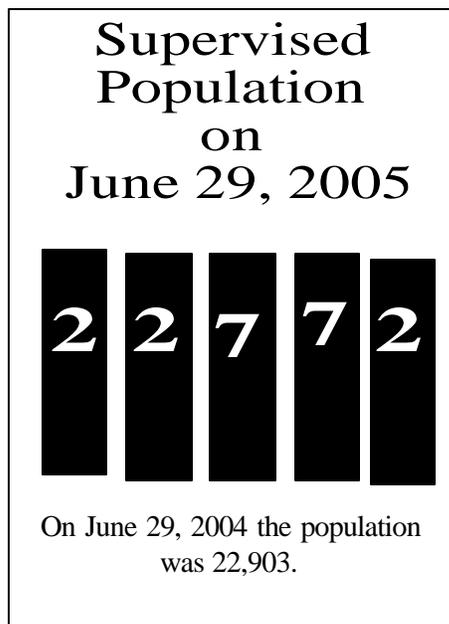
California- A convicted murderer, locked up for two decades, has been ordained an Episcopal priest in a prison ceremony.



Brazil- A German ballerina serving five years for drug smuggling has been crowned Miss Con 2005, after selection from the country’s prisons.



Maryland- Recent shakedowns at state prisons have turned up a black market of heroin, porographic videos, cell phones and top shelf liquor.



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The award recipients were then honored guests for a preview of the air show featuring the Navy Blue Angels that the base was hosting for the weekend.



“The day served as a serious reminder of the sacrifices being made for our benefit on a daily basis,” Commissioner Lantz said. More than 100 DOC staff has been called to active duty since September 11, 2001. Currently, more than 30 staff are still serving our country.

Action Drama takes on Hartford's Streets

While Hartford community leaders are searching for ways to stem the violence in the capital city and the Governor has called in the state police, a heralded program at Willard-Cybulski CI

has gone directly to the city's youth in an attempt to influence their behavior. With Commissioner Theresa Lantz and Hartford's Deputy Police Chief Andrew Rosenzweig in attendance, the Action Drama program performed



their play about the dangerous choices available on the city streets, for a group of potentially at risk high school students. Entitled, “G-Money,” the play details drug dealing, violence and the end result of taking that path in life. The inmate actors then frankly discussed their lives, mistakes and resulting incarceration, admitting that family members had been killed by following in their footsteps. The event was organized by Hartford Police Community Officer Jim Barrett who was formally a Correction Officer. At the end of the performance one student said, “It was like a wake-up call. It makes you realize that even low-security is a hard place to be, so maximum security must be really hard.”

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August 6 - Annual DOC Family Day at Rock Cats Stadium in New Britain at 7:05 p.m. The \$8 ticket price includes a buffet picnic from 6 - 7:30 and a block of great seats for the game. Deputy Commissioner Brian Murphy will be on hand to represent the Department and throw out the first pitch. Deadline to purchase tickets (which must be obtained directly from the Rock Cats Office via phone: 860.224.8383, fax: 860.225.6267 or in-person) is **July 29**. You may also access info on their website at www.Rockcats.com.

August 12 - Annual Awards Ceremony at Maloney Center for Training & Staff Development.

August 28 - The staff of New Haven CC invite friends to join them in a Cancer Research Walkathon from NHCC to the New Haven Green and back. The event will kick off on County Street beginning at 1:00 p.m. After the walkathon, there will be a cookout, baseball tournament, and basketball tournament against the New Haven Fire, Police, and Marshal Department's. This event is very special for the facility as one of their supervisors is a two-time cancer survivor. They are extending an invitation to all facilities that would like to participate. If you are interested in donating a small pledge of \$5.00 or participating in the walkathon, please contact Major Kearney, Lt. Knox or Capt. Martinez @ 203.974.4111. T-shirts will also be available for \$10.00 with all monies being donated to the Cancer Society in New Britain.

K-9 Class 111

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After 16 weeks of testing the limits of both man and beast, nearly half of those who started K9 Training Class 111 “washed out.” However, one of the five who graduated at the Police Academy last month was K9 Handler,



(L-R) Commissioner Theresa Lantz, CO Henry Gasiorek, K-9 Chirac and Deputy Commissioner Brian Murphy

Correction Officer Henry Gasiorek and his partner “Chirac.” Both have gone through a broad curriculum, which includes detection, crowd control and apprehension.

Officer Gasiorek and other K9 units from State and Local agencies will be put to the test again at the 2005 Annual K9 Olympics held in Mansfield on July 23, @ 8:30 a.m. For more information on this event, you may contact the Office of Public Information @ 860.692.7780

Major Moves

Commissioner Thersa Lantz has announced the transfer of the following Majors:

Jeffrey Adgers to Cheshire CI
Michael Donahue to Cheshire CI
Timothy Farrell to Garner CI
James T. Foley to York CI
Scott Semple to Garner CI
Raquel Torres to Manson YI

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 PFE I Mark Rashaw who can be reached at 860 692-7558. If you have any questions or an idea for a future column please contact Director David Batten at 860-692-7554.



DID YOU KNOW all the utilities coming into your home and within your home have shut offs; the question is **do you know where they are and how they work if needed to be shut off in an emergency ?** The utility services that I'm referring to are: electrical power, natural gas, propane gas and water that service your home. Hopefully, you will never have to use these in the case of an emergency; however, this is one of the things to add to the list of “it's good to know.” Let's look at each one of these.

Electrical Power - the main panel box is located either in your basement or garage. In this box is a main circuit breaker with many other branch circuit breakers. When the main breaker is switched off, this will shut off the power to your entire home. The branch circuit breakers will turn the power off in certain rooms in the house leaving all the other rooms with power. All these breakers should be identified and labeled as to what they shut off.

Natural gas - the gas meter is located either in your basement or garage. There is a valve prior to the gas meter and you will need a wrench to close this off. This valve is what they call a quart-turn valve, because it only needs to be turned 90° to the closed position. This is usually brass colored. When this valve is turned off, this will shut off the gas to all those appliances in your home. In addition to this valve, there should be a small valve to the rear of each appliance the gas serves. This valve is small and is also a quart-turn valve, which you can turn by hand. This small thumb type handle valve is usually brightly colored. I've seen them in red, blue and yellow. By turning any of these valves to the off position, this will stop any additional gas going to that appliance. Your need to shut these valves off will only be needed if you change or add a gas appliance, e.g. stove or clothes dryer. There will be some gas remaining in the pipe and appliance that will dissipate after a period of time after disconnecting the appliance. In all cases, if you smell gas, leave the house and call your gas company.

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Lt. Chance Martin

Providing additional crowd control and working the parking detail were Major Scott Erfe of the Hartford Correctional Center and Lieutenant Gregory Harpin of the Corrigan-Radgowski Correctional Center. Correction Officer Charles McKinnon of the Corrigan-Radgowski Correctional Center provided video documentation of the event.

The *Reason to Ride* takes place each year on the 2^d Sunday in June. This year's ride left from and returned to the VFW Post #5446 in Plainfield Connecticut.



C/O Michael Steeves

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Did you know?, Cont'd

Propane gas - the tank is always placed outside your home. There is a shut off valve by the regulator at the top of the propane tank. When this valve is turned off, this will shut off the gas to all your appliances in your home. As with the natural gas, there should be a small brightly colored quart-turn valve to the rear of each appliance the gas serves. Also remember, there will be some gas remaining in the pipe and appliance that will dissipate after a period of time after disconnecting the appliance.

Water - the water meter is located either in your basement or garage. There is a shut off valve prior to and one after the meter. When either of these valves are turned off, this will shut off the water in your home. These valves should be inspected and need to be worked or exercised to keep them in working condition. This means turning them to the off position and then opening it back up on a semi-annual basis. Add this to the seasonal list of things to do, like when you change the battery in the smoke detectors or when you change the clocks. If this has not been done for a long period of time, it would be best to have a qualified/licensed Plumber look at these valves to get them working. There are other shut off valves on the water supply system within your home that will isolate the second floor or other sections of your home. These also should be inspected and worked to keep them in working condition. You may want to identify and label these valves should the need arise to shut something off. This way you are not second-guessing yourself. Each plumbing fixture in your home should have its own set of shut off valves, which are located just under the fixture. One for the hot water and one for the cold water.

Well-supplied water - everything as noted previously in the Water section would apply here. The other half of a well system is connected to your electrical system. The power for the pump to your well comes from your main electric panel box. There should be a separate circuit breaker labeled for your well pump. By switching this to the off position, it will shut the pump off. In some cases there may also be a disconnect switch next to the pump that would also shut the pump off.

If you are unfamiliar with any of these utilities coming into your home and are not sure how the shut-off's as described here work, have a qualified/licensed professional explain to you and show you how they work. Spend some time now to find out where these are and how they work, just in case.

Citizens of the Year

The East Windsor Rotary Club chose Marie DeSousa, Correction Officer at Enfield CI and her husband, Carlos DeSousa, Correctional Plumber at MacDougall-Walker CI as "Citizens of the Year." On April 28th a dinner was held to honor them at the LaNotte Restaurant in East Windsor. Enfield CI Warden Peter Murphy congratulates both DOC Employees with the following words; "I applaud both Marie and her husband Carlos for their unselfish dedication to their community. I take particular pride in having an officer of Marie's caliber on the Enfield CI team. She continues to represent

Enfield and the entire Department in the highest standards of the agency. East Windsor is very fortunate to have both of you. Great job DeSousa family!"



(Center) Carlos and Marie DeSousa holding their "Citizen of the Year" awards

MVP's:

Aquino, Dawn Lt	HCC
Brown, William CO	NCI
Chrabaszcz, Ed Lt	BCI
Colon, Juan CO	BCC
Coutant, Christopher Capt	HCC
Dubish, Keith CO	ECI
Duhaime, Elaine Rec Spec	CRCC
Gardino, Ronald CO	BCC
Galvert, Linford CO	NCI
Gordon, Annette Rec Spec	CRCC
Gustafson, Ronald CO	YCI
Hall, Raymond CO	ECI
Harrison, Harry CO	NCI
Johnson, Bruce Capt	GCI
Lambert, Leland CO	BCI
Lapointe, Thomas CO	ECI
Lorch, Richard Lt	HCC
Lowe, Frank CO	ECI
Maldonado, Linda CO	BCC
McKernan, Darryl CO	BCC
McLain, John CO	ECI
McTighe, Stavans Off Asst	CRCC
Molina, Robert CO	NCI
Moore, Carla Rec Spec	CRCC
Moran, Enrique CO	ECI
Negron, Edwin CO	ECI
Nicholson, Timothy CO	ECI
Nieves, Alba CO	BCC
Parks, Terri Clrk Typist	BCC
Plante, Craig Lt	CRCC
Princevalle, Philip Lt	YCI
Ramirez, Lionel CO	HCO
Rosa, Anthony CO	BCC
Rossi, Doreen Personnel Off II	CO
Ryan, Nora Personnel Off II	CO
Santana, Jose L. CO	ECI
Sas, Robin Secretary I	CRCC
Scott, Tracy CO	BCC
Smith, Dana CO	BCC
Soberal, Edgardo CO	BCC
Soucy, Ray Corr Ind Supv I	CCI
Tardiff, Vaughn CO	BCC
Velez, Gregorio CO	HCC
Vincenzo, Paula CHN	ECI

Agency Good Neighbors

Central Office - On May 27th there was a purse snatching at the bus stop just before the DOC driveway on Wolcott Hill Road. Thankfully, the elderly woman whose purse was taken was not hurt. A caring DOC staff member, Yvonne Torres of the Fiscal Services Unit, saw the crime and came to the aid of the woman, bringing her into the building, and calling the police.

Manson YI - Warden Gonzalez sent letters of acknowledgement, including MVP cards, to seven of Manson Youth Institution's staff members for their help in assisting Captain Kelvin Jones with facility tours of MYI. MYI conducted nine facility tours in the month of May, which included 214 visitors who toured the facility. Warden Gonzalez wrote, "Your professionalism, positive attitude and willingness to contribute your knowledge of corrections, make you an asset to the facility and the Department of Correction." The following staff members who were acknowledged for their assistance are:

CC Edward Alicia, CC Lisa Jainchill, CO Kenneth Young, CO Edward Snedeker, Sec.1 Carey Milutis, SST Kim Puzar and Sec. 2 Breina Schain.