

The Connecticut
Department
of Correction

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Remember Our Troops

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

AT WORK



Annual Awards Announced

The judges have spoken, the photographs have been taken and the planning is underway for the year's biggest ceremony as the Connecticut Department of Correction honors those who have gone above and beyond the call of duty during the past year. The dedicated and hard working staff of the Garner Correctional Institution are the choice for Unit of the Year, having unwaveringly progressed toward completion of the complex consolidation of mental health services for adult male offenders. In her nomination Major Michele Maynard wrote, "Suffering staffing shortages, an increase in incidents and continual and consistent changes in all areas of operation, all staff embraced our new mission and never ceased to amaze everyone with their ability to get the job done regardless of the obstacles."



Unit of the Year Garner CI

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Going for Gold

Quebec City, Canada, was the host to the 2005 World Police & Fire Games (www.wpfg.com) from June 26th through July 5th. The competition consisted of various games which totaled approximately 66 events and had over 7,000 competitors. The games ranged from Archery to Wrestling. Several members of the Connecticut Department of Correction and local police departments traveled to Quebec to take part in the 2005 Games. During the Opening Ceremonies, the Connecticut Law Enforcement Softball Team, comprised of correctional and police personnel, led the United States contingent into the stadium, which was filled with over 40,000 fans. Representing the United States and the Connecticut Department of Correction in the Skeet Shooting event was Correctional Food Service Supervisor Gerald T. Lehr of the Manson Youth Institution.

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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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About and for
correctional
professionals

July 3 - 16, 2005

Keeping Veterans Fit

The commitment that the residents of the Rocky Hill Veterans Home so willingly made to our country is once again being paid back through the dedication of the staff of the Connecticut Department of Correction. Through the generosity of AFSCME Council 4, and Total Fitness Equipment of South Windsor, a state of the art fitness center was recently dedicated at the Home for the use of its residents. "I am so incredibly proud of my staff who were involved in this project such as Correctional Industries Supervisor Ray Soucy of Cheshire CI," said Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz. More than \$25,000 of the latest fitness equipment including treadmills and weight machines was donated with the assistance and coordination of Council 4. "It is important to remember those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom," said Council 4 Executive Director Sal Luciano. This is only the latest donation that the union has made to the residents of the home. Last year, large screen televisions were donated and this Memorial Day marked the Second Annual Picnic for Veterans staged by Council 4 members. "Next year, we are going to take care of that softball field so that you can play home games." pledged Ray Soucy to the Home's veterans.



Commissioner Lantz looks on as Ray Soucy addresses a group at the Veteran's Home

Awards, Cont'd

Correction Officer David Piela of York CI will be honored as the agency's Employee of the Year. "Officer Piela displays dignity in all circumstances-whether getting held at the last minute...while restraining a combative inmate or while managing several emergency situations at once, Office Piela is consistently poised," read the Operations Department nomination. The Correction Officer of the Year is Robert Dale of Hartford CC. Major Scott Erfe praises Officer Dale's ability to find contraband in the A&D room stating, "His diligence on the job in performing his duties has made the Hartford Correctional Institution a safer environment for staff, public and the inmate population." The Bergin Correctional Institution will boast the Manager of the Year for 2005 in the person of Counselor Supervisor Joseph Roach. "He is forward thinking and resourceful in all that he takes on. And in his spare time volunteers countless hours to the local youth of his community," said Warden Eileen Higgins in her nomination. Once again this year, the tradition that was started last year will continue, with those staff who have returned from active military duty receiving the Commissioner's Award and signing the special Departmental flag. The always impressive Annual Awards Ceremony is scheduled for August 12th, at the Maloney Center for Training and Staff Development.

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Awards, Cont'd



Employee of the Year
Correctional Officer David Piela
York CI



Manager of the Year
Counselor Supervisor Joseph Roach
Bergin CI



Correction Officer of the Year
Correctional Officer Robert Dale
Hartford CC

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. If you have any questions or an idea for a future column please contact Director David Batten at 860-692.7554.



Think of the perfect swimming pool and most likely you will visualize clear, sparkling water with happy swimmers. Keeping this vision alive involves taking the proper steps in sanitizing your pool and ultimately preventing any health problems. Understanding the role of chlorine in maintaining safe water, as well as proper storage and handling, is key to realizing a healthy, safe swimming season.

BASIC RULES OF THUMB:

- Always read and follow the manufacturer's instructions
- Store chlorine in a tightly sealed container in a cool, dry, ventilated area
- The containers should be stored separately from other flammable gases, vapors and combustible substances such as gasoline, petroleum products, alcohol-based products, ammonia, sulfur and acetylene. Chlorine itself is not combustible, but contact with these other substances can lead to fire or explosion. Sources of ignition usually include smoking or open flames. If a fire occurs in the immediate vicinity of chlorine containers, remove them promptly. If removal is not possible, cool non-leaking cylinders by spraying with water. Under no circumstances should water be applied if the containers are leaking. Never use chemical or CO2 extinguishers if chlorine is involved in a fire.

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Around the Cell Block

Pennsylvania- The Bucks County prison will begin using its ion scanner drug detector on correction officers entering the facility.

Canada- A convicted sex offender has been barred from speaking to the media on the grounds it will hurt his chances of rehabilitation.

Australia- Lawmakers question why prison bosses spent \$3600 on a new treadmill for themselves but nothing on line staff fitness.

Arkansas- Contrary to national trends, drug cases have given whites a lock on the prison majority for the second year in a row, making up 36 percent.

Gold Cont'd

Mr. Lehr's skill won him the Gold Medal in the individual competition, the team Silver Medal in skeet doubles and the team bronze medal in the skeet competition. represented in the 5-man squad were

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Parent's PRIDE

Chris Baker, son of Correctional Officer Marion Baker of the Hartford Correctional Center has been selected to receive a full four year scholarship to Penn State University. Chris will play football for the Division I college. At Windsor High School, he excelled in both football and basketball. He was the Vice-President of his Senior Class and maintained a fine academic record as well. Chris will leave for Penn State in August. We wish him well and congratulate him on his accomplishments.



(L-R) Chris and Marion Baker

Going for Gold Cont'd

competitors from Finland, Holland, Czech Republic and the United States. Mr. Lehr was selected as team captain. Correction Officer Rod Miller of Corrigan-Radgowski CI took the bronze medal in the Judo lightweight division. Of the 10 contestants, Officer Miller was the only contestant from the USA. Department of Correction staff represented the Connecticut Law Enforcement Slow-Pitch Softball Team, which brought home the bronze medal. The DOC team members were: Correction Officers Mark Evans, Greg Guillot, Christopher Sweet, and Jeff Howes, all of Corrigan-Radgowski CI, CTO Fred Nordstrom of Gates CI and Deputy Commissioner Brian Murphy of Central Office. All of the participants expressed their sincere gratitude and appreciation to the agency for allowing them the opportunity to represent the Department of Correction, the State of Connecticut and the United States in the World Police and Fire Games. We are proud of all of the DOC competitors on a job well done.



(Above center) Gerald Lehr accepting an award

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July 22 - Retirement Party in honor of Mike Butterworth will be held at the Oakdale Firehouse beginning at 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.

July 23 - K-9 Olympics 8:00 a.m.



August 6 - Annual DOC Family Day at the Rock Cats Stadium in New Britain p.m. The \$8 ticket price includes a buffet picnic from 6 p.m. - 7:30p.m. and a block of great seats for the game. 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 19 - Retirement Dinner for Paula Perchall and Doris Adamski of Webster CI from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Blake Street Cafe' - 500 Blake Street New Haven. The cost is \$40. Please contact Walter Morton, Terrence Pierce or Phil Faiella at 203.271.5933 for tickets and additional information.

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Celebrating Fathers

On Wednesday, June 15th, Families in Crisis held a Father's Day Event in the visiting room at Manson Youth Institution. Approximately eight participants of the Fatherhood Program were able to spend some quality



time with their children. The fathers had a chance to hold their children and interact with them while playing games, doing an arts and craft project, and talking. Fathers and children, both, seemed to have a great time! (Left) Warden Moises Gonzalez and Joyce Betts, Program Director for Families In Crisis look on as

the fathers' spend quality time with their children.

MVP's

Arasimowicz, Edward	CO	HCC
Baker, Andrea	CS	McWCI
Baldwin, Dennis S.	CO	McWCI
Barber, Chris	CC	MYI
Banevicius, Andrius	Media Tech	MCTSD
Barone, Sandra	CS	McWCI
Bartlett, James	Voc Ed Inst	McWCI
Bolland, Rachael	CTO	McWCI
Bouchard, Micheal	Electrician	McWCI
Bufalini, Mario	Lt	MCTSD
Burke, Timothy	Capt	McWCI
Butler, Clarence	GMO	McWCI
Carra, Paul	CFSS II	McWCI
Carrucci, Ralph	CFSS III	McWCI
Cauley, Michael	CFSS II	McWCI
Cellena, Valerie	CO	MYI
Chevrier, Tammy	CC	McWCI
Ciarlone, Robert	CO	UConn
Cleaver, Michael	Capt	McWCI
Connelly, Pamela	PPO II	CO
Costa, Mario	CMS	McWCI
DeBarge, Mark	GMO	McWCI
Dixon, Charles	Plumber	McWCI
Douglas, Peaches	CO	HCC
Dudzinski, Elaine	CO	UConn
Dunn, Jeff	HVAC Tech	MYI
Ello, Julie	PSS	McWCI
Enriquez, Rob	HVAC Tech	MYI
Frenis, Paul	CO	McWCI
Gallagher, Dennis	CO	McWCI
Gay, Leroy	Electrician	McWCI
Giuca, Nancy	CO	McWCI
Gordon, Al	CO	UConn
Goudreault, Joseph	Lt	McWCI
Grady, Thomas	CFSS II	McWCI
Hallock, Pamela	CFSS II	McWCI
Jones, Lawrence	CO	UConn
Juzwik, Keith	Plumber	McWCI
Krzymowek, Adam	HVAC Tech	MYI
Landry, Thomas	CFS II	McWCI
LaPlante, Steven	CFSS II	McWCI
Latkofsky, Charles	GMO	McWCI
Leiper, Nancy	Clk Typst	NCI
Lidwin, Daryl	Corr Ind Supvr	OCI
Lopez, Leticia	CO	MYI

Northern CI EOQ

Warden Choinski and the Staff at Northern CI are proud to announce their Employees of the Quarter, Correction Officer William Keeney and Correctional Treatment Officer Yadira Sterling.



(Above) CTO Yadira Sterling



(Above) CO William Keeney

Agency Good Neighbors

Gates CI - On July 2 -3, 2005, the Gates CI community service detail provided their assistance to the town of East Lyme for the Lobster Festival. This annual event is sponsored by the Lion's Club of East Lyme. Members of the crew assisted with cooking and site preparation for the event.

Bergin CI - During the week of July 4th the Bergin CI community service detail helped with the National Sports Festival World Games held at Connecticut College in New London. The detail crew assisted with event set-up and monitoring of the events for the athletes.

Hartford CC EOQ

Warden Charles Lee and the staff at the Hartford Correctional Center are pleased to announce that Correction Officer Jesse Johnson is the Employee of the Quarter. His peers nominated him because they felt that he has done an extraordinary job representing the facility in his assignment at the Training Center. Warden Lee stated, "Officer Johnson interacts well with staff from all departments, presents the training material in a professional, yet down-to-earth way and communicates effectively." Officer Johnson is also a mentor and a person who can be relied upon to make good decisions in emergency situations. He works in every way he can to better the facility.



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Mack, George CFSS II	McWCI
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Mannette, Stephen CFSS II	McWCI
Mills, Rovet CFSS II	McWCI
Mitsou, Michael CFSS II	McWCI
Moller, Robert Capt	McWCI
Morley, Lawrence HVAC	McWCI
O'Connor, Diane Sec II	McWCI
Olivas, Richard CO	MYI
Oliveri, Robert Voc Inst	OCI
Petracca, Steve Corr Ind Supvr	CCI
Princevalle, Philip Lt	YCI
Rawlinitis, Jay CFSS III	McWCI
Roberge, Daniel Lt	MYI
Rossi, Ralph CFSS II	McWCI
Sanchez, Zelynette Clk Typst	NCI
Scarmozzino, Cynthia Lt	HCC
Severi, Christopher CO	UCONN
Sizemore, Sherman CFSS II	NCI
Smith, Michael Lt	BCI
Teed, Carol SST	McWCI
Torres, Geraldo Capt	McWCI
Walker, Ronnie CO	UCONN
Ware, Leigh CS	YCI
Wilson, Bruce CO	McWCI
Wilson, Craig CO	UCONN
Wright, Gary CS	McWCI
Young, Deborah Sec II	McWCI
Zerjav, Sandra CO	UCONN
Ziemnicki, Teofe CFSS II	McWCI

Did You Know?, Cont'd

- Never mix different types of chlorine together
- Avoid breathing fumes or vapors
- Don't buy more pool chemicals than you'll use in a season
- Make sure pool chemicals are inaccessible to children

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:

- When working with chlorine, personal protective equipment is recommended: **CLOTHING:** Avoid skin contact with chlorine. Wear protective gloves and chemical-resistant clothing. Keep clothing clean and free of oils and grease.
- **EYE PROTECTION:** Wear splash-proof chemical goggles and a face shield when working with liquid chlorine.

FIRST AID MANAGEMENT:

Prompt action is essential if there is a chlorine spill or leak:

- Remove the exposed person(s) to fresh air
- Call 911 immediately
- If the victim is not breathing, begin artificial respiration
- If the victim is breathing, place them in a seated position in a prone position with the head and upper body in an upright position. Encourage slow, deep, regular breaths
- Keep the victim warm and quiet

Proper storage and use of chlorine will ensure a safe swimming season for your family. Any questions, please contact Rick Hamel 692.7566.

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Officers Assist at Accident Scene

On May 19th three correctional officers were witnesses to a serious car accident on Interstate 291. They were first to arrive at the scene. They helped a woman that was thrown from her vehicle and also searched the vehicle looking for other victims.



(Above L-R) CO Ken Falk and CO Michael Thibodeau



(Above) CO Joe Smith

They waited and assisted the woman until Life Star arrived. The officers are Ken Falk and Michael Thibodeau from MacDougall-Walker and Joe Smith from Northern CI. These courageous officers are being recognized for their brave efforts!

Commissioner's Cup



The 2005 Commissioner's Cup Golf Tournament is scheduled for September 30th at The Tradition Golf Club in Windsor. Over \$6,000 was raised from the last tournament with the proceeds contributed to the John J. Armstrong Endowed Scholarship Fund at the University of New Haven. This endowed scholarship is primarily designed for dependent family members

of current, retired, or deceased employees of the Department of Correction, regardless of major. Worthy UNH students have already received benefit from this scholarship contribution. The Commissioner is very excited about supporting this scholarship fund and is looking forward to seeing participation from all of our correctional facilities and affiliated agencies. Space for this event is limited to 144 golfers on a first-come first-served basis. Cost per person is \$100 or \$400 for a foursome. This fee includes greens fees, golf cart, prizes, lunch and a dinner buffet. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place teams, closest to the pin, longest drive and hole in one. For further information, please contact Rich Carthon at 860.763.8512 or Thomas O'Connor at 860.692.7691.

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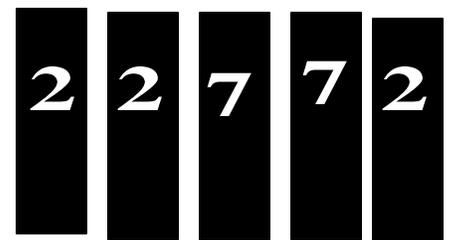
August 28 -New Haven CC Cancer Research Walkathon starting at 1:00 p.m. After the walkathon, there will be a cookout, baseball tournament, and basketball tournament against the New Haven Fire, Police, and Marshal Department's. If you are interested in donating a small pledge of \$5.00 or participating 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.

September 25 - Law Enforcement Blue Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Patricks' in Norwich

October 23 - American Heart Association's 2005 Heart Walk. For information go to www.heartwalk.kintera.org/hartford or contact Warden Charles Lee at 860.240.1803

Supervised Population

on July 13, 2005



On July 13, 2004 the population was 22,903.