

The Connecticut
Department
of Correction

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

AT WORK



From the Commissioner

It is my distinct honor and privilege to announce my choice for the Commissioner's Award that will be presented at our Annual Awards Ceremony on August 12th. As is the case virtually every year, this selection was not easy, given the high level of dedication and commitment that are common attributes within our agency. There were several individuals who have distinguished themselves in terms of service to our state and its citizens, as well as in terms of their personal initiative that has taken us as a Department to yet another level of excellence. In the end, after considering a number of suggestions, and after much private reflection, I have selected Chaplain Laurie Etter of the York Correctional Institution to receive this year's honor. After an initial experience ministering to the inmates at Rikers Island in New York City,



(L-R) Director Mary Johnson, Commissioner Theresa Lantz, Chaplain Laurie Etter and Father Anthony Bruno

Reverend Etter came to the Department of Correction, and the Niantic Correctional Institution in January of 1980 as a contract chaplain. After reviewing her accomplishments in the 25 years since, it became clear that while God may have rested on the seventh day, Laurie was still hard at work. Among the many projects and programs she has initiated are: the Mother in Prison Project which uses church volunteers to serve as liaisons with the women offenders at York, their families and community services; the annual Christmas Toy Project which utilizes donations from faith and civic groups statewide to distribute more than two thousand gifts to the children of incarcerated mothers; the HIV Peer counseling group which trains HIV positive inmates to care for newly diagnosed inmates; the Prayer Partner program which uses community volunteers to meet one on one with inmates for spiritual growth and enrichment; the renowned Voices of Joy Gospel Choir and the highly touted and admirable Chrysalis Program which provides a multi-denominational, faith based housing unit for offenders which encourages commitment to a productive lifestyle.

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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

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K-9 Olympics 2005

The 14th Annual Connecticut Police K-9 Olympics was held July 23rd on the West Campus of the University of Connecticut. This year, 34 teams from Connecticut and one from Vermont entered the day-long competition.

Correction Officer Donald Austin and partner "Ladon" took the top spot in the obstacle course competition and finished sixth overall. The other Correctional teams included, James Kabusk and "Ivar", Andre Cox and "Kazi", Louis Melendez and "Edo", Sam Ducharme and "Stix", Joe Bandzak and "Ronny", Henry Gaziorek and "Chirac", Fred Shandra and "Dargo" and Joe Larova and "Nilo".

The event raised more than \$3, 000 for local charities. On site, was the group, C.H.I.P. (Child Identification Program) www.ctchip.org, which took photos, videos and dental impressions of hundreds of children who were in attendance.

Several displays were open to the public including the DOC CERT and SOG teams and the Connecticut State Police's "Trooper 1."



An officer carries his K9 partner during an event

Commissioner, Cont'd

Of the 75 offenders who have graduated from Chrysalis since its inception in May 2003, only two have returned to prison with new charges. In the past year she has also undertaken the refurbishing of the graves of children who died while their mothers were incarcerated at the Niantic Prison Farm for Women. Laurie is also the peer support that the staff at York turns to when a crisis or tragedy affects the facility family. Reverend Etter has earned a Doctorate of Ministry degree from the Hartford Seminary based on her project: "Faith Based Programming for Women of All Faiths" which served as the foundation for the Chrysalis Program. She has also achieved certification from the American Correctional Chaplain's Association of which she serves as national secretary. While you may not know Laurie personally, I can assure you that she is the epitome of our agency core values of PRIDE. When I recently informed Laurie of my choice, she reacted with the quiet humility and grace that she is known for. For all that she has accomplished this year and over the course of the past 25 years, please congratulate Reverend Laurie Etter as the 2005 recipient of the Commissioner's Award.

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Corrections Picks Connecticut Produce

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Once again this year, Nutrition and Food Services Director Robert Frank has made a commitment to Connecticut agriculture to utilize Connecticut grown produce whenever possible. Director Frank says not only are the fresh vegetables more healthy for the inmate population, they are also more cost effective for the agency; not to mention the valued support the agency's consumption provides to state farmers. Corn on the cob, squash and peppers are just some of the produce that will be on the menu through this summer and fall.



Director Robert Frank (Center) helps "pick" the produce

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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 Cheryl Santos who can be reached at 860.692.7779. If you have any questions or an idea for a future column please contact Director David Batten at 860.692.7554.

Buyer beware...you may be paying for telephone services that you aren't getting! The practice is called "cramming" and it is often hard to detect because charges are added in small increments to your local telephone bill. "Cramming" is the practice of placing unauthorized, misleading, or deceptive charges on your telephone bill. It usually occurs when a local telephone company bills its customer for long distance or other services provided by an alternate vendor. It is also considered "cramming" when a local or long distance company does not clearly or accurately present all relevant charges of a service during marketing.

Don't let them get away with it! Protect yourself; be sure to closely review all telephone statements. Beware of charges that are explained in general terms on your bill, such as "service fee", "other fees", "calling plan", or "membership". Keep a record of any telephone services you have authorized including calls placed to 900 numbers or other service numbers. These records can be helpful when billing descriptions are unclear. If you are unsure of a charge listed on your bill, call the company and request an explanation of the service provided. Be sure to read all forms and promotional materials before signing up for telephone services or other services to be added to your phone bill. If you receive a call regarding a service offer, ask the company to send you a copy of the service terms before you authorize the charges...make sure to **read the fine print!**

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On the Move

Correction Officer Kelly Tringe of Corrigan-Radgowski CC will be participating with Team in Training (TNT) at the NIKE Women's Marathon in San Francisco, California to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Her goal is to raise over \$6,000 to help this worthy cause. She is seeking sponsors to help her help the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society find a cure. To donate log on to <http://www.active.com/donate/tntct/tntctKtringe>. Donations can be made until October 10th and any amount will be greatly appreciated.

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2005 Torch Run

North District Administrator Remi Acosta (Center, holding the torch) is shown with a group of CT-Special Olympians and runners from the Department of Correction as they prepare to run in the 2005 Law Enforcement Torch Run.



The Law Enforcement Torch Run is the single largest grass-roots fundraiser and public awareness vehicle. In 2004, this international event raised more than \$20.5 million for Special Olympics programs. Nearly, 80,000 law enforcement officers carried the Flame of Hope around 50 states, 32 nations and 10 Canadian provinces and territories raising awareness and funds for Special Olympics.

In 2004, Connecticut law enforcement raised over \$397,000 for the athletes of CT-Special Olympics. Their efforts along with those of the Torch Run Title Sponsors; Dunkin Donuts, Whelen Engineering, Adams/IGA Supermarkets and Nextel/The Customer Center make the Connecticut Torch Run one of the world's most successful.

Thank You's

Many, many thanks to all who "helped" me while I recuperated from my double-transplant surgery. You truly live what the PRIDE motto is. I returned to work after 10 1/2 months. I finally feel terrific. It feels GREAT to be back at work and get my life back to normal. Your thoughts, prayers, and donations of time are deeply appreciated and I will NEVER forget your generosity. THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart, my "new" kidney & "new" pancreas!

CFSS 2 Jane Andrews- Hartford CC

The family of Mary Ann Mack sends sincere thanks to everyone for taking the opportunity to remember their loved one. The acts of kindness shown during their difficult time was supportive and of great comfort.

The Mack Family

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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. 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 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

August 16 - 2nd Annual Family Cruise Night will be held at Rich's Drive-In on Rt 83 in Somers from 5:30 - 9 p.m. Bring your vintage car, hot rod or bike for this free event. There will be fun for all ages including a DJ, raffles, free prizes and music trivia. For more info contact M. Kane or R.P. Smith at 860.763.8455 or 860.763.6391.

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BBBS Luncheon

The annual DOC Big Brothers Big Sisters recognition event will be held on August 5th. If you have been an active BBBS during the past 12 months and have not received your invitation, send a fax to: 203.270.2828 or contact your facility coordinator.

Pomp and Circumstance

Jannine Russell of the Hartford CC medical unit received her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from the University of Hartford. Working with the Department of Correction for the past 7 years, she has worked at MacDougall-Walker CI (1998-2000) and at Hartford CC (2000-present), all while pursuing her nursing degree. One of her favorite aspects of her studies was Holistic Nursing. Warden Charles Lee commented, "It is a privilege to have Jannine as a member of our staff. We appreciate and enjoy the holistic approach that Jannine employs with staff and the inmate population. We are proud of her accomplishment."



Jannine Russell (Left) is congratulated by HSA Sharon Brown(Right) on her recent achievement.

MVP's

Allen, Mark	Chaplain	OCI
Anderson, Alan	CO	CCI
Badura, Stephen	CHN	OCI
Baremore, Tracy	GMO	JBGI
Barnes, Marie	Lt	CCI
Beetham, Howard	GMO	JBGI
Bernd, Robert	Deacon	NCI
Birchall, Patrick	CO	JBGI
Bouchard, Paul	CO	OCI
Bradley, Lawrence	CO	OCI
Burns, Denise	CO	CCI
Cabana, Michelle	CHN	OCI
Cannon, Mark	CO	CCI
Carden, Gerald	CO	JBGI
Cook, James	Reverend	JBGI
Costanzo, Gary	CO	JBGI
Cote, Rene	CO	JBGI
Crouch, Michelle	CO	JBGI
DesLauriers, Laurie	CC	JBGI
Dellano, Michael	CO	CCI
Duell, Timothy	CO	OCI
Edgar, Thomas	CO	JBGI
Esa, Adbar,	Chaplain	OCI
Estabrooks, James	CO	JBGI
Gardner, Jeremy	Reverend	OCI
Geraci, Gerald	Chaplain	OCI
Glass, Ray	CFSS II	OCI
Golas, Tracy	CO	JBGI
Griswold, Eric	CC	JBGI
Guerin, Robert	Lt	CCI
Guillet, Richard	GMO	JBGI
Hamel, Robert	Lt	JBGI
Henry, Donna	CC	JBGI
Hollis, Michael	CO	JBGI
Hurm, Richard	CO	JBGI
Kennedy, Thomas	Capt	OCI
Mendez, Hector	Chaplain	OCI
Mitchell, Crystal	CO	CCI
Mulligan, Brian	CO	CCI
Natale, Frank	RN	OCI
Neigel, Richard	CO	JBGI
Nickollof, Lawrence	CC	JBGI
Oulett, Marybeth	CO	CCI
Partridge, Brandon	CO	JBGI
Piper, Elton	CO	JBGI

Agency Good Neighbors

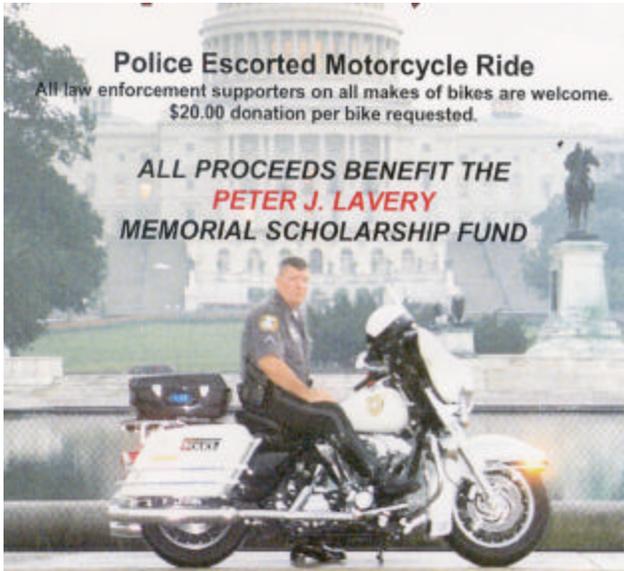
MacDougall -Walker CI - On June 30th Captain Keith Hightower and Correction Officer Shawn Samuel-Reid conducted a tour of the facility for a group of teenagers from the YO Hartford Program. The YO Hartford Program is part of a course at Springfield College called C2 "Choice & Change." The group received an overview of the facility and the roles of various custodial and counseling staff. After the the tour they participated in a discussion on lifestyle choices. After the tour, Captain Hightower and Officer Samuel-Reid received praise and many thanks on a job well done from the YO Hartford Program Director Hector Rodriguez.

Corrigan-Radgowski CC - On July 26th Correction Officers Frank Mangual & Steven Golas, Captain Marc Alderucci, and Recreation Director Helen Behney conducted a tour and speak-out session for 35 New London Parks & Recreation participants, whose ages ranged from age 11-18. After the tour, members of the inmate population discussed prison life and the behaviors that lead to their incarceration.

1st Annual Memorial Run

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The Newington Police Department will sponsor a police escorted motorcycle ride in honor of Officer Peter J. Lavery on September 18, 2005. All proceeds will benefit a Memorial Scholarship Fund which has been



established in his memory. All law enforcement supporters on all makes of bikes are welcome, Rain or shine. Registration will be from 8 - 9:45 a.m. The ride departs at 10:00 a.m. from Maguire's Sports Bar, 3573 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT and will end at approximately 11:15 a.m. At the con-

clusion of the ride, you may stay for free food and live music by Second Nature and By Request.

MVP's, Cont'd

Plusznski, Martin	CO	JBGI
Price, Christopher	Lt	CCI
Rector, Douglas	CO	JBGI
Renzi, Louie	Corr Ld Cmry Op	CCI
Richardson, Jamie	CC	JBGI
Riffo, Arthur	CFSS II	OCI
Rizzuto, Todd	CO	JBGI
Robison, Laurel	Corr Ld Cmry Op	CCI
Rollo, Christopher	CO	CCI
Saunders, Michael	GMO	JBGI
Sas, John	GMO	JBGI
Schectman, Robert	Chaplain	OCI
Sherrill, Patricia	CC	JBGI
Sistare, Jimmy	GMO	JBGI
Smith, Donald	CO	CCI
Waido, Edward	Lt	JBGI
Williams, Scott	CO	JBGI
Zegarzewski, Jeff	CC	JBGI

Around the cell block

New Hampshire- The lawn at the state prison in Laconia has grown long because the mower broke down and there was no money in the budget for a new one.

Rwanda- Prisons have received a sustainable energy award for transforming human waste into methane gas, which is used to power lighting, and cooking needs.

Washington- A rapist at the state penitentiary has protested the facilities denial of child pornography he ordered through the mail.

Idaho- A rapidly growing prison population has 300 women inmates in the Pocatello Correctional Center, built for 128 with another 225 housed in local jails.

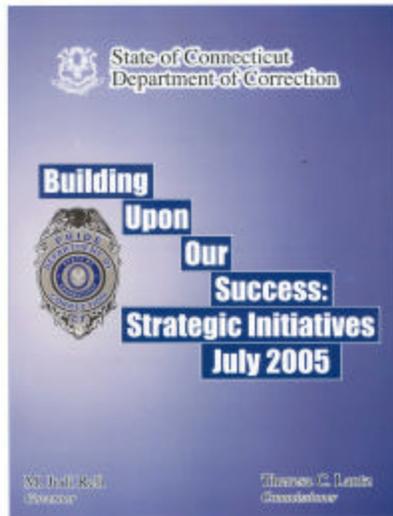
Did you know?, Cont'd

If you've been "crammed", immediately call the company that charged you for calls or services you did not authorize or use. Request an adjustment to your bill for any incorrect charges. If your local phone company or the company in question does not rescind the charges, file a complaint with the regulatory agency that handles your particular area of concern.

- For charges on your telephone bill for non-telephone-related services contact the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP. (Psychic hotlines are an example of a non-telephone related service)
- For charges on telephone related services provided within Connecticut contact the Department of Public Utility Control at 1-800-382-4586.
- For charges related to telephone services between two states or internationally contact the FCC at 1-888-CALL-FCC.

Strategic Initiatives - DOC's Direction for the Future

If you would like to take a step back from your daily assignment and find out where the Department of Correction is headed for the future, you can now do so through a booklet entitled, "Building Upon our Success: Strategic Initiatives, July 2005." Written by Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz, the 12-page document details what the agency's goals are for the next few years. Among the topics discussed, are Workforce Excellence, Organizational Competence, Community Re-Entry Model, Programmatic Integrity and Fidelity, and System Delivery of Health Care. Each area includes the objectives and actions that are necessary to achieve that particular goal. The Initiatives have been reviewed with agency managers who will be using them as an action plan as well as performance goals for their subordinates. If you would like to review a copy of the Strategic Initiatives, it has been provided to Wardens and Directors and will soon be posted on the agency website. Or you may contact the Public Information Office and a copy will be sent to you.



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August 19 - Retirement Dinner for Paula Perchall and Doris Adamski of Webster CI 7-9 pm at Blake Street Cafe at 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.

August 28 -New Haven CC Cancer Research Walkathon. 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.

September 25 - Law Enforcement Blue Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick's 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.

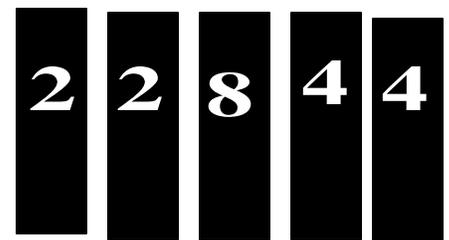
Commissioner's Cup



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 cost 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. Registrations are to be forwarded to Sarah Fernicola (External Affairs) at 24 Wolcott Hill Road in Wethersfield.

Supervised Population

on
July 27, 2005



On July 27, 2004 the population was 22,833.