A Ceremony Dedicated to PRIDE

With a ringing endorsement from Governor M. Jodi Rell on a job well done, “the best correctional professionals in the country” were honored by their state, and more than 800 fellow staff, friends and family at the Connecticut Department of Correction 2005 Annual Awards Ceremony. “I love this ceremony because it is our annual opportunity to “Show-Off,”” beamed Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz as she opened the ceremony which honored our talented and dedicated staff. “To the family and friends that have come today to cheer on your loved ones, thank you for being here and for being such an important part of our correctional family,” she said. Governor Rell and State Comptroller Nancy Wyman took time from their busy schedules to contribute their praise to that being presented to the honorees.

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Governor M. Jodi Rell is greeted by Commissioner Theresa Lantz as she arrives at the 2005 Annual Awards Ceremony
Award Recipients

Commissioner’s Award
Laurie Etter YCI

Employee of the Year
David Piela YCI

Unit of the Year
Garner Correctional Institution
Health Service Employee of the Year
Kenneth Avery HCC

Manager of the Year
Joseph Roach BrgnCI

Correction Officer of the Year
Robert Dale HCC

Distinguished Service Medal
Jed Carter GCI
Alejandro Correa NCI
Danita Draper GCI
Gerald Hines NCI
Eugene Hollingworth NCI
William Kelley CRCC
Robert Lovett NCI
Kenneth Muhammad GCI
Charles Pinell CRCI
Christopher Renaud BCI
Brian Samuel NCI
Frederick Shandra & “Rommel” K-9

Medal of Valor
Alan Piascik GCI
Gary Rose Parole

Distinguished Public Service
Mack Elder CRCC
Brian Evelich MYI
Theresa Kearney NHCC
Joseph Schoonmaker CRCC
Kalif Sharif WCB
Linda Trahan BCI
Jan Beauregard CO
Sandra Bundy CO
Joseph Carlone CCI
Pamela Connelly CO
Lise Ouellette CO

Preservation of Life
Alan Adams YCI
Shannon Alleyne HCC
Robert Ames II NCI
David Anaya NCI
Steve Badura NCI

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## Recipients, Cont’d

### Teacher of the Year
- **Mary Kane**  
  CRCI

### Circle of Merit
- **Frank Barrows**  
  HCC
- **Charlene Baskerville**  
  CRCC
- **Judith Bell**  
  YCI
- **Shabina Bhura**  
  CO
- **Kathleen Bonsignore**  
  GCI
- **Michael Butterworth**  
  MCTSD
- **Ayesha Camano**  
  CTU
- **Robert Clark**  
  McWCI
- **Marie DeSousa**  
  ECI
- **Jaunita Dinkins**  
  BCC
- **Barry Dufault**  
  CRCC
- **Rebecca Fleming**  
  Parole
- **Richard Grabowiecki**  
  NHCC
- **Jason Hogan**  
  CCI
- **Lisa Jainchill**  
  MYI
- **Jerrilyn Kelly**  
  CRCI
- **Debra Kuckel**  
  GCI
- **Robert Lambert**  
  WCB
- **Pauline Mahan**  
  BCI
- **Chance Martin**  
  District Office
- **Theresa Murphy**  
  BrgnCI
- **William Murphy**  
  OCI
- **John Newton**  
  CO
- **Maureen Reeves**  
  CO
- **James Singelton, Jr.**  
  GCI
- **James Zuccalo**  
  NCI

### Excellence in Correctional Training & Staff Development
- **Raymond Filip**  
  MCTSD

### Preservation of Life
- **Ray Bernard**  
  HCC
- **Joyce Bivans**  
  HCC
- **Christopher Bolduc**  
  NCI
- **Roland Boutin**  
  HCC
- **Cara Bridgman**  
  YCI
- **Noel Brown**  
  HCC
- **Joseph Casey, Jr.**  
  NCI
- **Valerie Cellana**  
  MYI
- **Monica Chapman**  
  YCI
- **Paul Deon**  
  YCI
- **William Dinguis**  
  CRCC
- **Christine Doe**  
  McWCI
- **Keith Dubish**  
  ECI
- **Somchai Engrakul**  
  BCC
- **Kristi Favro**  
  YCI
- **Olawale Fawale**  
  BCC
- **David Fish**  
  YCI
- **Paul Gedney**  
  YCI
- **Joseph Gessroli**  
  Parole
- **Daniel Hackett**  
  NCI
- **Larry Harvison**  
  YCI
- **Robert Henry**  
  YCI
- **Robert Hespelt Jr.**  
  HCC
- **Jill Hodge**  
  GCI
- **David Huffman**  
  NCI
- **Debra Hutchinson**  
  YCI
- **Mark Jaffer**  
  MYI
- **Jeffrey Jeannotte**  
  OCI
- **Brandon Johnson**  
  CRCC
- **Trisha Johnson**  
  YCI
- **Christopher Lacy**  
  YCI
- **Sharron Laplante M.D.**  
  HCC
- **Neil Liskey**  
  YCI
- **David Lizotte**  
  YCI
- **Frank Lowe**  
  ECI
- **Mike Lyman**  
  NCI
- **Robert Martin**  
  CRCC
- **Francis Matys**  
  NCI
- **Raymond Migliaro Jr.**  
  GCI
- **Marice Morales**  
  BCC

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**Teacher of the Year Mary Kane**

and Commissioner Lantz

Excellence in Training Recipient

Ray Filip with Commissioner Lantz
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 Greg Fitzpatrick who can be reached at 860.692.7897. If you have any questions or an idea for a future column please contact Director David Batten at 860.692.7554.

What is Spyware?

Increasingly, the Internet is a dangerous place, as many of you already know all too well. Personal computer users can unknowingly download programs (called “Spyware”) that monitor their surfing habits, deliver annoying advertisements and even steal their personal information. Many of these insidious programs alter the way your computer works by changing the registry and Internet Explorer and will even block your ability to see or correct those changes.

Here are a number of simple steps you can take to protect you and your family (not your office) from the scourge of Spyware:

Be careful what you download!

Any seemingly innocent programs found on the web—such as screensavers, file-trading programs and games—are bundled with malicious spyware that bombards you with pop-up ads and offers. Usually, these programs are offered for “free,” and may not disclose that they come bundled with spyware. For example, Kazaar, which is a music-sharing program, is known for also carrying Trojans. A Trojan horse program is not a virus since it does not replicate, but it purposefully will do things the user does not intend and can be just as destructive.

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This year Commissioner Lantz also designated a special Distinguished Public Service Award for staff that had volunteered with community service organizations throughout the years. Jan Beauregard (Central Office) was recognized for her work on behalf of the Fidelco Guide Dogs, Deputy Warden Sandy Bundy (Central Office) was highlighted for her achievement as the Agency Coordinator for the Connecticut State Employee Campaign for Charitable Giving, Captain Joseph Carlone (Cheshire) for his tireless efforts given to the Connecticut Special Olympics, Pam Connelly and Lise Ouellette (Central Office) for their coordinating efforts of the agency blood drives and Leroy Gay Jr (MacDougall-Walker) for his dedication to the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program.

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Calendar

September 7 - An American Red-Cross blood-drive for the Cheshire Complex will be held at the MCTSD Building # 2 (gym) from 8:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. For appointments contact Bangie Vazquez @ 203.250.2639, Diane Jinks @ 203.271.5929, or Yvonne Esposito @ 203.250.2639.

September 9 - 9/11 Memorial Service at Central Office

September 24 & 25 - 7th Annual James W. Matthews, Sr. Scholarship Fund National Law Enforcement and Firefighters Basketball Tournament will take place at Crosby High School in Waterbury beginning at 9 a.m. The deadline sign-up, with full payment of $500.00 is August 30, 2005. For additional information you can call James Matthews Jr. at 203.250.2633.

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Did you know? Cont’d

Even programs, which claim to protect you from spyware or pop-up ads, may contain their own spyware! Always be wary when downloading any program from the Internet—especially if you do not know or trust the source.

Regularly Update your operating system and browser.

Most spyware programs are written for users of Microsoft Windows and Microsoft Internet Explorer. Microsoft periodically updates this software with free “patches”—program updates that are designed to fix specific vulnerabilities that spyware writers abuse.: http://windowsupdate.microsoft.com

Check your security settings.

One way that spyware vendors sneak their product onto your computers is by taking advantage of low security settings on Internet Explorer. Check your security level by clicking Tools —> Internet Options on Internet Explorer and then clicking the Security tab. Make sure that your security level is at least Medium. ActiveX and Javascript are two tools that web programmers use to make web pages more dynamic and interactive; unfortunately, they are also easy tools for spyware writers to use to infiltrate your system.

At the very least, make sure that your security settings do not run unsigned ActiveX controls, and that even signed ActiveX controls “prompt” you for consent before being run.

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Farewell Wishes

The staff at Willard-Cybulski CI recently gathered together for an Employee Appreciation Luncheon to bid farewell to a cherished member of their facility family. Reverend Bob Lambert, long-time Catholic Chaplain for WCCI, transferred to Robinson CI as of August 19. “Deacon Lambert embodies the impeccable standards one would hope to encounter in an employee imparting spiritual guidance to both inmates and staff alike,” said Warden Cuscovitch as he presented Reverend Lambert with a Certificate of Appreciation during the luncheon. Reverend Lambert has been praised by both custody and non-custody staff for his excellence in carrying out his daily duties. Also in attendance at the luncheon were recent retirees Roland Joyal, former Principal of WCCI, and former Lt.’s Sean Hamel and James Scozzafava. The staff of WCCI wish Reverend Lambert well on his new assignment.

Did you know? Cont’d

Install a firewall. Firewalls aren’t just for State Agencies and corporations—they are becoming increasingly vital for home users as well. Basically, a firewall is a program that monitors information going to and from your computer. It checks to make sure that illegitimate programs don’t get uploaded to your computer, and that programs on your computer aren’t secretly sending information about you to others. Many Internet service providers also offer firewall software to protect home users. A firewall is also part of a router used to network several home computers. Two free popular programs available are: Zone Alarm http://www.zonelabs.com and Sygate Personal Firewall http://smb.sygate.com

Which browser to use?

Finally, since most spyware is written to work only with Microsoft Internet Explorer, consider switching web browsers. Mozilla is an “open-source”, nonprofit company, which offers two free browsers to help you avoid spyware: Firefox and Mozilla, http://www.mozilla.org. You may continue to use Microsoft’s Internet Explorer when you specifically need features provided only with that browser.

When all else fails:
When all the recommended spy and popup removing programs fail, then problems remain in your Windows Registry, which become reinstalled each time you restart your computer. At this point, you should consider hiring a local techie to implement the final solution, which is to “blast” your hard drive. This process involves backing up all your data files, reformatting your hard drive, then reloading Windows and your programs. The process will take someone who knows what they are doing about four hours.

The 4-1-1 on Changing your Information Habit

In keeping with the request of Governor M. Jodi Rell, Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz directed all DOC employees that as of April 4, 2005, they would no longer be permitted to make 4-1-1 directory assistance calls. The telephone company, SBC, will provide a directory for your calling area free of charge, if you call them at 800-922-0008. In addition, the following websites may be utilized for assistance: http://www.anywho.com and http://www.superpages.com.
A Motor Cycle/Hot Rod Run and Pig Roast will be sponsored by Corrigan-Radgowski CC on September 24, 2005, to benefit Sandy Morton. Captain Morton is a 22-year cancer survivor, who is now battling the return of cancer which has spread to her liver. Corrigan-Radgowski staff are determined to raise the $50,000 needed to pay for a procedure not covered by insurance. For additional information you may contact: Major Lori Krajniak or Sec 2 Karen Workman @ 860.848.5010, Captain Theresa Penn or Captain Lori Taber @ 860.848.5841, C/O Semmelrock @ 860.848.5830, C/O Johnson @ 860.886.5865 or CFSS II Geer @860.848.5789.

Open your heart - Help Sandy return to a healthy life

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The ceremony was culminated by a spirited and inspiring video highlighting the diversity of staff and careers that make up our agency, which was created by Andrius Banevicius, the Department’s Media Technician.

Special recognition goes to the Strategic Initiatives Unit, Human Resource Staff, Unified School District # 1, External Affairs Unit and Correctional Enterprise for their joint effort in ensuring that the day was truly memorable for all involved.

Pomp & Circumstance

Gemini Smith (pictured at right) graduated Suma Cum Laude from Springfield College on May 15, 2005. She received her Bachelor’s degree in Human Services with a concentration in Criminal Justice. Lieutenant Smith is an 11-year veteran of the agency and she is currently assigned to the Maloney Center for Training and Staff Development. She is currently pursuing her Master’s Degree at the same college and hopes to graduate in May 2006. Congratulations on your achievement.