

The Connecticut
Department
of Correction

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Remember Our Troops

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

AT WORK



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.



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

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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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Warden Giovanni Gomez and staff from Garner CI gather as Commissioner Lantz present them with the “Unit of the Year” Award

Award Recipients

Commissioner's Award

Laurie Etter

Employee of the Year

YCI David Piela

YCI

Unit of the Year

Garner Correctional Institution

Health Service Employee of the Year

Kenneth Avery

HCC

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Manager of the Year

Joseph Roach

BrgnCI



Correction Officer of the Year

Robert Dale

HCC



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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
Leroy Gay, Jr.	McWCI
Betty Moody	OCI

Preservation of Life

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

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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 Murhpy 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 Engtrakul 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

Preservation of Life

Enrique Moran ECI
 Dammy Ojomoses BCC
 Christopher Pafias CRCC
 Jose Pagan McWCI
 Joseph Pagnoni McWCI
 Craig Plante CRCC
 Mathew Prior NCI
 Brian Rae NCI
 Cynthia Ralliford GCI
 Santiago Rangel YCI
 Lorine Ridley HCC
 Gary Rivard CRCC
 Raymond Rodriguez HCC
 Darryl Rucker MYI
 Neiley Rushford YCI
 Joy Ryan HCC
 Timothy Ryan CRCC
 Jose Santana ECI
 Dolores Simpson HCC
 Brian Siwicki NCI
 Michael Tyszka BCC
 Reddino Vaden YCI
 Carl Vecca MYI
 Michael Vincent YCI
 Paula Vincenzo ECI
 Thomas Vurno YCI
 Edward Wadowski, Jr. HCC
 Harry Way YCI
 Donald Williams YCI
 Debra Young YCI



Teacher of the Year Mary Kane and Commissioner Lantz



Excellence in Training Recipient Ray Filip with Commissioner Lantz

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“Your attendance speaks of the quality of work done by the men and women of the Connecticut Department of Correction on a daily basis and their contributions to the safety and security of the citizens of our state,” said the Governor, who last year was the first of the state’s chief executives to attend the ceremony. Comptroller Wyman, who also was attending for the second year in a row boasted, “I am not only the woman who signs your pay checks, I am also a proud citizen of this state and it is a privilege to be here on the day that you are honored for the thankless jobs that each of you do every day.”

Commissioner Lantz carried on the tradition that she began last year by honoring staff members that have returned from military duty. 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. They also received a specially minted commemorative coin bearing the motto, “One vision, One mission, One team.”

Commissioner Lantz began the military presentation by giving special recognition to State School Teacher Valerie Smith of the Corrigan-Radgowski Correctional Center. “Valerie made a great sacrifice on behalf of her state and her country,” said the Commissioner.

“For a year, she was Major Smith assigned to the 118th Medical Battalion in Iraq, caring for the wounded. In her absence her husband cared for their three young children taking on the role of both parents. Shortly after her return home, her husband Wayne unexpectedly passed away. For your spirit and sacrifice, we honor and thank you.”



Commissioner Theresa Lantz embraces State School Teacher Valerie Smith

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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 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 Ouellete (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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(Above) Commissioner Theresa Lantz and Deputy Commissioner Brian Murphy take a moment following the Awards Ceremony to congratulate Daniel Hackett, a Preservation of Life recipient, who is surrounded by his family.

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

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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.



(L-R) Rev. Lambert is presented a plaque by Warden Bruce Cuscovitch

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 Infomation 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>.

EAP
Employee
Assistance
Program
A Confidential Counseling Service
888-EAP-8900

S.A.N.D.Y Campaign

Staff And Neighbors Dedicated to You

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(Above) Captain Sandy Morton

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.

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September 25 - Law Enforcement Blue Mass at the St. Patrick Cathedral in Norwich



September 30 - Commissioner's Cup Golf Tournament at the Tradition Golf Club in Windsor.



October 23 - American Heart Association's 2005 Heart Walk. For information go to www.heartwalk.kintera.org/hartford



November 11 - Bridgeport CC bus trip to New York City and Radio City Music Hall on November 11 (state holiday) to benefit CT- Special Olympics. For info contact Pam Neuendorf at 203.579.6985 .

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.

