

The Connecticut
Department
of Correction

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Remember Our Troops

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

AT WORK



DOC Assists Hurricane Victims

From overflowing donation boxes to staff ready to volunteer their training and labor, the Connecticut Department of Correction is reaching out to those devastated by Hurricane Katrina along the country's Gulf coast. Twin collection areas have been filling up in the agency's facilities, one to answer Governor M. Rell's call for general assistance, the other to come to the aid of our correctional brothers and sisters of the Louisiana



Department of Correction who continue to protect the public in that battered state, despite having personally lost all in many cases.

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From the Commissioner

The scenes of total devastation along the Gulf Coast that are now appearing in the newspapers and on the television are verging on the inconceivable. While the furor of Hurricane Katrina caused substantial damage initially, it is the aftermath, particularly in New Orleans that now has us asking what can we do to help. As you know, Governor Rell has requested personal donations of several items including bottled water, easily opened, non-perishable foods, batteries, blankets and tarps and tents. These can be dropped off at State Armories in Hartford, New Haven, New London, Norwalk, Putnam and Waterbury between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays.



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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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DOC Assists, Cont'd

Untold at this point, is the amount of money given by DOC staff, known for their generosity when others are in need. (To see how to give, read From the Commissioner below) "It sucks the life out of you to see people suffer like this," said Lt. Eric Gilchrist of Bergin CI, who will soon be serving in the disaster area with the Air National Guard. His unit will be providing security, dignitary escorts and other law enforcement duties. "I knew the State of Connecticut and the Department of Correction would support me in my decision to help," said Gilchrist who volunteered for the service. Central Office staff has been given the opportunity to buy bottled water and breakfast bars, at cost, by simply using their Café 24 cards. In one day 44 cases of water and 11 cases of breakfast bars were ordered. Lt. Bill Melanson of Corrigan-Radgowski CC and Lt. Noel Brown of Hartford CC were preparing together at Camp Rell for their roles with the Army National Guard's Quick Response Force. They too will be on the front lines providing security, somewhere amid the devastation that Katrina left behind.



(Above) Lt. Eric Gilchrist



(L-R) Lt. William Melanson and Lt. Noel Brown

Department staff, including CERT members will be assisting the effort by operating the collection trucks that will travel between state office buildings in the Hartford area. "Once again, our staff has proven that they are the greatest, especially when the need to protect the public takes on a special meaning such as this," said Commissioner Theresa Lantz.

Commissioner, Cont'd

Based on her request, I have directed that each facility set aside an area to collect these items until Thursday, September 8th at noon, when they will be delivered to the nearest armory. Meanwhile we have made community work details available to assist in collecting other donations across the state and specially qualified DOC staff, who work with the Red Cross will be traveling to the disaster area to do what they can to assist. In the days ahead we will, as an agency, continue to be in contact with emergency officials to see what more we can provide. We have an incredible record as an agency of extreme generosity when someone is in need, whether it be the Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Special Olympics, the Red Cross or the State Employees Campaign. I would ask that you now do whatever you can to help in this disaster.

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Francis Maloney Remembered

Francis Maloney, the former director and namesake of the Maloney Center for Training and Staff Development, passed away on August 25, 2005 at the age of 81. He had a distinguished 40-year career in human services, which established standards for excellence in the state care of children and juveniles in need. He began his civil service in Massachusetts where he served as superintendent of Youth Services Detention Facilities and as Deputy Director of the Massachusetts



Division of Youth Services. In Connecticut he was appointed in 1971 as Commissioner of the Department of Children and Youth Services, now the Department of Children and Families. He was also a Professor in Residence at the University of Connecticut School of Social Work. Mr. Maloney also held faculty positions at Tufts University, Boston University, Stonehill College and was a Guggenheim Visiting Fellow at Yale Law School. A veteran of the World War II submarine service, he earned his Bachelor of Science and Masters of Science degrees from Tufts University. He is survived by his wife, seven children and their families. He was buried at Storrs Cemetery overlooking the campus where he taught.

Commissioner, Cont'd

As the Governor said, even a small financial donation to the Red Cross, (800-HELP-NOW), the Salvation Army (800-SAL-ARMY) or Americares (800 486-HELP) will play a role in caring for a fellow American. We have also been asked through the Association of State Correctional Administrators to assist our fellow correctional professionals in Louisiana. As this is being written, many of their staff and their family members are still unaccounted for while many others have lost everything. I have asked the wardens to set aside a separate collection area to collect donations for our brothers and sisters who are in need of diapers, baby formula, non-perishable food items, first aid packages, clothing, blankets and the other essentials of life. Monetary donations can also be sent to ASCA. Make the check payable to, ASCA Special Fund, and send it to Association of State Correctional Administrators, 213 Court Street, Middletown, CT 06457.

While the news is showing us images of the worst a situation like this brings out in mankind, it is events like this that also bring out the best. In the coming days and weeks that will become evident as Americans from the across the country do whatever they can. In the meantime, let's keep those who now have nothing, in our thoughts and prayers as the long process of rebuilding their lives begins.

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MVP's

Alvarado Monse CO	CRCI
Anderson, Justin CO	CCI
Andrews, Jane CFSS II	HCC
Angeloni, Al Corr Svs Mgr	CO
Aquino, Dawn Lt	HCC
Aubin, Paul CO	HCC
Beswick, David CO	CRCI
Calkins, Dale CorrCmryOp	CO
Carey, Robert CHNS	CRCI
Cavallaro, Andy CO	CRCI
Champagne, Lorry Sec II	CRCI
Chevrier, Tammy CC	McWCI
Crowell, Robert CO	CCI
Cyr, Renee CC	CRCI
Eberle, Sue CorrCmryOp	CO
Faccinto, Janet Chaplain	CRCI
Faila, Louis CorrLdCmryOp	CO
Gagnon, Gorman Lt	CCI
Herboldt, Jeff CO	HCC
Harry, James CO	HCC
Henry, Bob CorrCmryOp	CO
Husband, Pauline CN	CCI
Johnson, Karen Off Asst	McWCI
Jullian, Ken CorrCmryOp	CO
Kelly, Kevin Lt	HCC
Knight, Karen CC	CRCI
LaFond, Jooohn Rec Spec	CRCI
Lambert, Leland CO	BCI
Moore, Curtis CO	McWCI
Muccitelli, Antonio CO	CCI
Murasso, Paul CO	CCI
Pape-Davis, Carlene CC	CRCI
Pelkey, Glen CO	CCI
Picone, Darlene Sec II	CRCI
Pinell, Charles CFSS III	CRCI
Robinson, David CorrLdComryOp	CO
Roche, Dennis Capt	CRCI
Roshkowski, Ken SST	CRCI
Salius, Scott Capt	NCI
Stratton, Richard CCS	CRCI
Tramantano, Anthony Lt	CCI
Vitanza, Scott CO	CCI
Wolfenden, Kenneth CO	CCI
Zimmerman, Michael Elec	CRCI

Sincere Thanks

Many thanks to the officers and staff members of MacDougall-Walker CI and the Central Transportation Unit who organized the John Riley Benefit car wash held at the Central Transportation Unit in Suffield on August 12, 2005. Because of your effort, participation and donations, \$300.00 was raised to support the family of Officer John Riley.



(Photo Above) Members of MacDougall-Walker CI and the Central Transportation Unit display the donations collected for the Riley family.

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Condolences



Warden Walter Ford and staff of the Bridgeport CC are saddened to announce the passing of Linda Medina, daughter of Officer Edwin Medina.



Warden Wayne Choinski and staff of Northern CI are saddened to announce the passing of Donaleen Waugh, mother of Secretary II Beth Niderno and Mother-in-law of Mailhandler Ron Niderno.

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 Joseph Suchecki who can be reached at 860.69.7592. If you have any questions or ideas for a future column please contact Director David Batten at 860.692.7554.



Smoke Detectors. Why should we use them? Simply put they help save lives. Properly installed and maintained smoke detectors are designed to provide early warning of an impending fire. In most cases, once awoken by the audible sound of a smoke alarm, a family has less than 3 minutes to safely evacuate the building. Statistics have shown that Smoke Detectors help prevent disasters caused by fire related accidents. In 2003, 81% of all fire deaths occurred in residences (1 –2 family dwelling units). Most often, these fires occurred in the kitchen (25.5%), followed by the Bedroom (13.7%) and lastly, the living room (8.6%). Investigators have found that the vast majority of kitchen fires are due to unattended cooking. While bedroom fires are linked to frayed extension cords placed under rugs. The third location most often was caused by fireplace/stove operation or lack thereof, which surpassed cigarette smoking. It is important to understand the two types of detectors most commonly used and their differences. The first type is the PHOTOELECTRIC. The Photoelectric smoke detector is designed to sound when a smoldering fire is present. It utilizes a light beam within the unit to sense particles in the atmosphere.

CORRECTION:

In the August 14 - 27, 2005 edition of PRIDE at Work, The Spyware article was incorrectly attributed to Greg Fitzpatrick. "What is Spyware" as written and submitted by John S. Rogers, AIA Architect.

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Years of Service

Employees with 20 Years of Service as of September 2005

Philip Burdick	Correction Officer	Brooklyn CI
Antonio Cancel	Correction Officer	Enfield CI
Scott Cormier	Correction Officer	Central Office
Kevin DeGray	Captain	Enfield CI
Paul Demers	Lieutenant	MacDougall-Walker CI
Richard Devries	Correction Officer	Enfield CI
Virginia Ellis-Golemba	Counselor Supervisor	Osborn CI
Wayne Flenke	State School Teacher	Brooklyn CI
Gerard Gagne	Correction Officer	Willard-Cybulski CI
Edward Graves	Correction Officer	Central Office
Gregory Hayslett	Correction Officer	Enfield CI
Timothy Humiston	Correction Officer	Osborn CI
Kevin Lacey	Correction Officer	Carl Robinson CI
Tom Liucci	Lieutenant	Carl Robinson CI
Samuel Mack	Correction Officer	Hartford CC
Pedro Montanez	Correction Officer	Willard-Cybulski CI
Peter Murphy	Warden	Enfield CI
Ernest Nemeth	Captain	Enfield CI
Paul Ouellette	Counselor Supervisor	Carl Robinson CI
Gail Peterson	Correction Officer	Carl Robinson CI
Stephen Phaiah	Lieutenant	Brooklyn CI
Joseph Presz	Correction Officer	Willard-Cybulski CI
Jesse Rizzo	Correction Officer	MacDougall-Walker CI
Gary Robert	Correction Officer	Enfield CI
Jeffrey Selander	Lieutenant	Hartford CC
Bruce Smith	Correction Officer	New Haven CC
James Smith	Correction Officer	Bergin CI
Nancy Spanswick	Administrative Assistant	Osborn CI
Roger Swenson	Correction Officer	Enfield CI
Thomas Till	Correction Officer	York CI
Michael Valliere	Correction Officer	Osborn CI
Karl Von Eisengrein	Correction Officer	Central Office
Anthony Washington	Correction Officer	Willard-Cybulski CI

Employees with 25 Years of Service as of September 2005

James Mills	CorrSvcsMgr (Cmry)	Central Office
Maureen Reeves	System Developer 4	Central Office
Iris Sanchez	Fiscal Administrative Officer	Central Office
Jane Slater	AssocFscI/Admn Ofcr(Mgrl)	Central Office

Employees with 30 Years of Service as of September 2005

Sally Rowell	Principal Personnel Officer	Central Office
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Calendar

September 16th - "Blue Jean Day" for all DOC staff (including custody) fundraiser for the 15th Annual Blue Mass.

Septmeber 16 - Join Willard-Cybulski's QWL Committe at the Hu Ke Lau in Chicopee, MA for a buffet dinner, comedian and DJ & Dancing . The cost is \$25.00 per person. Please RSVP to C/O Jackson, Karen Mayo or Major Kim Weir by September 15th.

September 24 & 25 - 7th Annual James W. Matthews, Sr. Scholarship Fund National Law Enforcement and Firefighters Basketball at Crosby High School in Hartford beginning at 9 a.m.

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

September 29 - CCIN/York Annual Retirees Party at the Niantic Sportsman Club from 4pm-10pm. For infor contact Contact Pam Richards at 860-767-7242.

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

September 30 & October 1 - A Stand Down which will focus on the needs of homeless veteran's will be held on both dates. Representatives from various state agencies will attend offering medical screenings and informaion on benefits, employment and educational opportunities. Details and information can be obtained by calling the Department of Veterans Affairs at 860.721-5939.

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From the Troops

The following greeting was sent by Lt. Jeffrey Suprenant of Osborn CI who is currently serving in Iraq.

We have left the lake house at our old base and are now living in a huge dust bowl! The other base, which was previously Saddam's home, will be handed back to the Iraqi people soon. Trooper Paul Comeansanas of the Connecticut State Police and I are flying the Connecticut flags until we leave in November.



Take care, Jeff

Officials Visit Native American Sweat Lodge

On Wednesday, August 17, 2005, New Jersey Department of Correction Assistant Commissioner Carrie Johnson and five other top level administrators from that agency visited our MacDougall-Walker Correctional Institution in Suffield, CT. The purpose of their visit was to learn first hand about Native American religious practices and observances as they are carried out in our DOC and especially to see an actual Sweat Lodge Ceremony. North District Administrator Remi Acosta, Warden John Sieminski, Major Christina Polce, Assistant Attorney General Steve Strom, Director of Religious Services Rev. Anthony J. Bruno, Associate Chaplain Rene Kieda and Native American Chaplain Mark Allen hosted the guests, providing written policy and procedures and answering their many questions. The New Jersey Department of Correction is planning to construct its first Sweat Lodge and they asked to visit to learn first hand from our experience in Native American spirituality that dates back more than twenty years. This is only one more example where the Connecticut Department of Correction stands out as an acknowledged national leader. To the best of our knowledge, we are the only State Department of Correction with a full-time Native American staff Chaplain and other agencies once again have looked to us and to Chaplain Mark Allen for assistance in developing their Native American programs.

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Congrats



Director Fred Levesque and staff of the Offender Population & Management Unit are pleased to announce the birth of Dante Mangiafico who was born on August 25th weighing in at 7lbs 14 oz and 21" long. Proud parents Captain Mangiafico of MacDougall-Walker CI and Secretary Kristan Mangiafico of OCPM and baby are all doing well.



Director Gillis and the staff of Parole and Community Services and Warden Charles Lee and the staff of Hartford CC congratulate Parole Officer Jason Bedard and his wife Correction Officer Yolanda Feliciano- Bedard on the birth of the birth of their son Maximus on August 23rd. He was 8lbs 5 oz/21 inches. Mom, Dad and baby are all doing well.

Around the cell block

Italy- Women offenders at the Maruggio prison are selling their made- in- jail creations after modeling them at a beach resort.

England- Convicts in Liverpool have released a CD of tunes they wrote behind bars with the assistance of a professional music producer.

Ohio- An inmate turned in a deputy warden after he mistakenly showed offenders a porn movie instead of the boxing match he'd meant to tape.

Michigan- The state's 50,000 inmates were prohibited from watching the new TV series Prison Break about an architect who wants to break out his brother.

The First Step

Side by side they stood, right hands raised and reciting the oath to Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz, that would officially make them part of the Correctional family. One-hundred and thirteen took the oath, but all spoke with one voice. Pre-service class 228 took the first step on the long challenging journey of correctional work last week at the MCTSD.



Guest speaker, State Representative Toni E. Walker (93rd District) told the group that they “have a unique experience” working in corrections, “Nobody knows what you really do, but you”. She also thanked the new class for “believing that there can be a better way” in caring for offenders.



The ceremony offered its usual flair from the Honor Guard, Bagpipe band and the voice of Counselor Supervisor Leigh Ware of York CI. Lieutenant Christopher Taylor was presented with the Victor

E. Harris Award for outstanding class instructor.

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October 9 - After 21 years, 4 months and 18 days with the Department, Officer O'Neal Roach of Bridgeport CC will retire. A party in his honor is scheduled for Sunday, October 9th at the Country House Restaurant in East Haven. The \$40.00 donation includes a buffet style dinner and open bar. For information you may call Officers Smith, Meekins, Meyers or Johnson, Lt. Fann or Reveron or RN. Betty Cadore at 203.579.6131 or Officer Roach at 203.974.4111.

October 21 - Carl Robinson CI and the K-9 Unit will celebrate their 20th Anniversary at noon in CRCI's visiting room.



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.

Did you know?, Cont'd

These particles deflect the light beam and trigger an alarm condition. The second type is the IONIZATION. The Ionization smoke detector is designed to sound when it senses flaming fires. It utilizes an electric charge and monitors the level of that charge within the units chamber. As particles from superheated gases are sensed in the chamber it changes the electric charge and triggers an alarm condition. Smoke detectors are essential to keeping your family safe. Remember to replace the batteries semi annually or as directed by the manufacturer. Some units are equipped with ten-year battery cycles eliminating disconnected and inoperable smoke detectors. One last note, keep the detectors clean and free from dust and debris to ensure proper operation.



November 11 -

Bridgeport CC is sponsoring a bus trip to New York City and Radio City Music Hall on 11/11/05, a state holiday, for the Radio City Christmas show. This is to benefit Conn. Special Olympics. A flyer with the particulars has been posted in Human Resources. Please contact Pam Neuendorf at 203-579-6985 for more information.