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Two Tragic Losses - Far Too Soon

The Connecticut Department of Correction is mourning the loss of two young officers who both passed away suddenly, in the prime of their lives and of their careers with the agency. Officer Robert Roy of the Brooklyn Correctional Institution and Officer Dotlyn (Nichols) Powell of the Hartford Correctional Center were both unexpectedly taken from their immediate family and their correctional family. "These were two, fine, young officers who had wonderful careers ahead of them," said Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz. "It is during extremely difficult times such as these that we come together to support each other in our sorrow."



Officer Robert Roy passed away on Thursday, February 9, 2006 while skiing at Wachusett Mountain in Princeton, MA. Officer Roy was skiing with his brother, Vinnie, and had made a phone call to his wife, Brenda, informing her that it was starting to get too busy for him, and he would be making one last run. It was at that time that Vinnie and Rob headed down the hill and encountered a group of teens stopped on the slope. C/O Roy and his brother went in opposite directions to avoid running into the group, and Officer Roy subsequently gave up his life by making this quick decision.

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From the Commissioner



There are few things more encouraging and supportive than praise and recognition for our efforts when it comes from outside of the correctional community. Those who know the reality of our profession are quick to recognize our achievements, whether it be in the form of a high scoring facility accreditation or for our treatment of mentally ill offenders. But when those unaccustomed to the prison environment are greatly impressed by one of our accomplishments

it speaks volumes about our approach to corrections. This was what I was feeling at a recent ceremony, at the Yale University School of Nursing, which recognized our Offender Hospice Program. As you know, this program is in place at York CI and at MacDougall-Walker CI and trains inmate volunteers to provide end of life care for their peers. Over the course of six years nearly 50 male inmates and nearly 60 female inmates have received this instruction. The Yale Nursing School bestowed the "Excellence in Caring Award" on the program. The recognition was made all the more special because the Dean Emeritus of the School, Florence Wald, who is considered the founder of the hospice movement in America was also on hand.

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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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Governor and Yale Hail DOC Hospice Programs

Just one of the two recent awards lauded upon the Connecticut Department of Correction's innovative offender Hospice Program would have been reason for celebration. But together, recognition from Governor M. Jodi Rell, as well as from the



Yale School of Nursing have made clear how progressive and ground breaking the program is considered outside the prison environment. At a ceremony at Yale, the Hospice programs, conducted at York CI and at MacDougall-Walker CI were presented the "Excellence in Caring Award." Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz and Director Patricia Ottolini accepted the award. "Compassion, has a place in corrections, especially for those who will spend their final days in a correctional facility," said Commissioner Lantz. The training of offenders to provide end-of-life care for their peers began in 2001 within the Department and to date has trained three classes of inmate volunteers at each facility with 49 male offenders and 59 women offenders graduating. The Yale School of Nursing cited the program for innovative approaches to providing compassionate care and promoting quality of life and death with dignity. At the ceremony Commissioner Lantz was also presented with a proclamation by Governor Rell, which designated February 14, 2006 as Connecticut Prison Hospice Day. In part the proclamation read, "...in recognition of the innovative potential of inmates to care for their peers and family at the end of life". Also present for the ceremony was Dean Emeritus of the Yale School of Nursing, Florence S. Wald, who is also the founder of the Hospice movement in the United States.

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New Majors/Major Moves

Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz is proud to announce the following promotions to the rank of Major:

<i>Janet Sicilia</i>	<i>Hartford Correctional Center</i>
<i>Nestali Rodriguez</i>	<i>Northern Correctional Institution</i>
<i>Valerie Light</i>	<i>Northern Correctional Institution</i>
<i>Arthur DeLauriers</i>	<i>Corrigan-Radgowski Correctional Center</i>
<i>Jon Warren</i>	<i>Security Division</i>

The following Majors will be transferred to these facilities:

<i>Major Diane Sienkiewicz</i>	<i>Cheshire Correctional Institution</i>
<i>Major Angel Quiros</i>	<i>Osborn Correctional Institution</i>
<i>Major Anthony Coletti</i>	<i>Brooklyn Correctional Institution</i>

State Rep McCrory Visits Osborn CI



For Douglas McCrory, giving back has always been a top priority. Elected as the Democratic candidate for the 7th Assembly District in the City of Hartford in November 2004, Doug promised accountability and accessibility. Even before the election, however, he was committed to strengthening neighborhoods through education, development and civic engagement.

Representative McCrory responded to an invitational letter to speak to the inmate population at Osborn CI during Black History Month. Representative McCrory spoke to an audience of approximately 70 inmates. Being a former educator, he espoused the values of learning and acquiring an education. He also discussed children's behavior in the school systems, and how displays of certain types of negative behaviors in children are often predictors of criminality as adults. His speech was well received by inmates.

Around the Cell Block



Washington- Members of Congress want inmates counted as part of their actual hometown populations but the Census Bureau says that would cost \$250 million.

Scotland- New smoking restrictions that limit inmates to lighting up in their cell or outside yards has staff expecting potential riots.

Kansas- A volunteer prison dog trainer ran off with a convicted killer after helping him escape in a dog crate in the back of her van.

California- Inmates allowed to work in a state warehouse got access to correction officers birth dates, social security numbers and pension account information.

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. If you have any questions or an idea for a future column please contact Director David Batten at 860.692.7554. This article was written by Correctional HVAC Technician David Twiggs at Webster CI. If you have any questions,

he may be contacted at 203.271.5961. Did You Know....Heating Efficiency – How efficiency and economy are not the same. We often hear the efficiency of an appliance as part of a sales pitch but is efficiency the best benchmark of value? The efficiency of a heating unit is the percentage of energy that is converted to useful heat and not wasted. The following table ranks the most common heaters.

Type	% efficient
<i>Electric heaters and baseboard</i>	99
<i>Propane high efficiency boilers and furnaces</i>	85-93
<i>Natural gas standard boilers and furnaces</i>	80 - 83
<i>Fuel Oil standard boilers and furnaces</i>	83.5-84

Using efficiency alone it would appear electric heat would be the best buy, but intuitively we know electric heat is the most costly to run. Now let's look to operation cost to more accurately compare these appliances. Here are some terms and definitions to know:

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Supervised
Population
on
March 1, 2006

22,743

On March 1, 2005 the population was 22,724

Parole Officers Assist Local PD With Arrest

Parole Officers LaVan Dawson and Gregory Mills observed a hand-to-hand drug transaction take place. They contacted a nearby Hartford police officer and gave him a description of the suspect and his location. The



Parole Officers Gregory Mills
and LaVan Dawson

police officer asked for Dawson's and Mills's assistance and they located the individual in question and confronted him. The individual admitted to having illegal drugs on his person and was handcuffed for officer safety. Twelve baggies containing a white powdery substance and one containing a green plant-like substance were found in the suspect's possession and he was charged with several drug related offenses by the Hartford Police Department. Great Teamwork!

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Condolences



Warden Walter Ford and the staff at Bridgeport CC are saddened to announce the death of Clara Ebron, mother of Correction Officer Mike Ebron.



Warden Peter Murphy and the staff of Enfield CI are saddened to announce the passing of Joseph Lessard, husband of Counselor Sheryl Lessard and father of Officer Scott Lessard of Northern CI.

Calendar

March 17 - Retirement party from 7pm until 11pm in honor of Lt. Mike Bowling and CO's Walter Morton & Dave Crudup will be held at the Country House Restaurant in East Haven. Tickets are \$40. For info call CC D.Jinks at 203.271.5933

March 17-19-The 24th Annual Easter Seals of Greater Hartford Rehabilitation Center Volleyball Marathon at Trinity College.

March 24 - Retirement party from 6pm until 12am in honor of Lt. Chance Martin will be held at Jacques Cartier Club in Jewett City. Tickets are \$25. For info call Warden Martin at 203.250.2602.

March 24 - Retirement party from 6pm until 1am in honor of Officer Rich Carthon will be held at the Best Western Colonial Inn in East Windsor. Tickets are \$35. For info call Mari Quiros at 860.692.7491 or Major Adgers at 203.250.2604.

March 31 - Retirement party from 7pm until 11 pm in honor of Captain Edward Saundry of Cheshire CI will be held at The Country House Restaurant in East Haven. Tickets are \$40. For info call Lt. Barnes at 203.250.2774 or Capt. Freeman at 203.250.2684.

April 19-20 Melanie Rieger Memorial Conference Against Violence at MCTSD. Department of Correction and UCONN Correctional Managed Health Care Employees DO NOT need to submit the fee when registering for the conference. Staff need to have their Unit Administrator's approval to attend the conference PRIOR to submitting their conference registration form. Registration forms are available on the web at www.melanieriegerconference.com.

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Warden Robin H. Sutherland extends her sympathies to the entire Roy family, to include his brother James Roy, who is an officer at Brooklyn CI. Officer Roy will be dearly missed by his DOC/Brooklyn CI family – his smile and compassion for the job were a true inspiration to all that worked with him. “The actions of Officer Roy, in putting his life in danger to protect others, whether on or off duty, epitomizes the quality of his character and his dedication to the highest standards of correctional professionalism,” said Deputy Commissioner Brian K. Murphy.

Officer Dotlyn (Nichols) Powell, who was only 32, passed away on February 22, as she was taking her infant son Brandon to a doctor’s appointment. A native of Hartford, who had served in the Army National Guard, she had been a correctional officer for six years. “She was a vibrant and radiant young woman, who had all the potential in the world to contribute to her family, her community

and our Department,” said Warden Charles Lee who extends his sympathies and that of his facility to the Nichols and Powell families.

Services for both officers were awash in a sea of blue uniforms, standing by and supporting each other and the immediate family. Both wardens would like to extend their thanks to the Department of Correction Honor Guard & Bagpipes as well as the CIRST, which both did an honorable and professional job during this time of sorrow.

Did You Know Cont'd

BTU; British Thermal Unit – the amount of heat energy needed to raise the temperature of 1 pound of water 1 degree Fahrenheit.

1 gallon #2 home heating oil = 138,000 BTUs

1 cubic foot of natural gas = 1,000 BTUs

1 gallon propane = 90,000 BTUs

1 kilowatt hour = 3,412.14 BTUs

Heat loss; amount of BTUs used per hour to maintain a home at 70 degrees when the outside air temperature is 0 degrees.

I live in a 1,400 square foot cape with heat loss of 40,000 BTU per hour. I converted this heat loss by comparing the amount of each type of energy needed to keep my house warm about an hour on a cold winter day.

The formula is heat loss divided by the product of BTU equivalent multiplied by efficiency; (here is where efficiency comes in.)

	<i>Energy conversion</i>	<i>amount used</i>
<i>Electric</i>	$40,000 / (3,412.14 * .99) =$	<i>11.84 kWh</i>
<i>Propane</i>	$40,000 / (90,000 * .87) =$	<i>.5109 gallon</i>
<i>Natural Gas</i>	$40,000 / (1,000 * .85) =$	<i>47.06 cubic feet</i>
<i>Fuel oil</i>	$40,000 / (138,000 * .84) =$	<i>.3451 gallon</i>

By multiplying the amount of energy used by its cost gives us our operation cost per hour.

	<i>Energy conversion</i>	<i>cost per hour</i>	
<i>Electric</i>	$11.84 \text{ kwh} * \$.1795$	$\$2.13$	<i>(a.)</i>
<i>Propane</i>	$.5109 \text{ gallon} * \$2.26$	$\$1.15$	<i>(b.)</i>
<i>Natural Gas</i>	$47.06 \text{ cubic feet} * \0.016228	$\$0.76$	<i>(c.)</i>
<i>Fuel oil</i>	$3451 \text{ gallon} * \$2.399$	$\$0.83$	<i>(d.)</i>

Notes:

- (a) CT Light & Power residential rate plan 1 Jan 06 with service charges applied 451 kWh = \$80.95. (80.96 / 451 = .1795 per kwh)
- (b) <http://www.opm.state.ct.us/pdpd2/energy/flows94.htm>
- (c) Yankee Gas residential rate plan 1 Jan 06 with service charges applied 100 CCF (10,000 CF) = \$162.28.
- (d) Fuel oil delivered 15 Dec 05 \$2.399 per gallon.

Cheshire Staff Recieve Special Olympics Award

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Cheshire CI staff recently accepted "The Department of Correction (DOC) Award". This award is given by CT- Special Olympics to the top fundraising correctional facility. Cheshire staff raised \$10,389.50. Pictured (L- R): Warden Daniel Martin, Captain Joseph Carlone, Officer Bangie Vazquez, Recreation Director, Cindy Floser and Deputy Commissioner Brian Murphy.

MVP'S

Beveridge, Bob Plmr	BCC
Briatico, Robert CO	MWCI
Caruso, Michael CC	Bkn CI
Cusano, Anthony Lt	MYI
Delmastro, Tom GMO	BCC
Durant , Thomas CO	CRCC
Elder , Mack Chaplain	CRCC
Flood, Yvonne Clk Typ	BCC
King, Lynwood CC	BCC
McCormick, Ned CO	MWCI
McCarthy, Michael PO2	CO
Michele, Dana CO	MWCI
Mirto, Frank CC	BCC
Pszczolkowski, Mark CO	CCI
Stacy, Joseph CO	CRCC
Tiriolo, Jessica CC	BCC
Vaughn, Carlton CFSS	CO
Wilcox, Cathy CHN	CRCC
Wilkins, John CO	CRCC

From The Commissioner Cont'd

To top this off, there was also a proclamation from Governor M. Jodi Rell, proclaiming the day as Connecticut Prison Hospice Day. State Senator Toni Harp of New Haven was present, as the school is located in her district, and she mentioned the pair of honors at a legislative hearing later in the week. First let me say, that to all of those involved in this program, thank you and congratulations. I could not be prouder of you or our agency. We are truly fulfilling our mission statement when it speaks of safe, secure, and humane supervision. While both awards congratulate us for how innovative our agency has been with this program, there was one aspect of the Yale award I wanted to share with you. The nomination that led to the award terms us a role model to others in this area. It states that despite initial concerns and our strict adherence to policies and procedures that promote safety, security and order, we were still able to craft a program, which could appropriately care for terminally ill inmates. This same section of the nomination credits our teamwork and leadership and calls us the example from which other correctional agencies will base similar programs nationally. As I said before, praise like this, especially from these prestigious levels, is something prisons don't see all the time and it is something that all of us should be extremely proud of.

CSEC

Fundraiser

The Connecticut State Employees' Campaign (CSEC), in conjunction with the New Britain Rock Cats, has reserved over 500 seats, for the June 16th, 6:35 pm game against the Akron Aeros (Cleveland Indians). A laser light show will follow the game. Tickets are \$7.00 each. Half of the proceeds from each ticket sold will benefit the 2006 CSEC. If you are interested, please contact jan.gwudz@po.state.ct.us Jan needs a count within the next two weeks, so please, let her know as soon as you can if you want tickets.

Congrats



Correctional Counselor Margo Testa of Bergin CI and her husband Tom gave birth to a beautiful baby girl on February 10th. Hailey Ann, weighed 7 lbs 15 oz and was 21 inches.

Liaison Change

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Property Claims Liaison Rich Carthon of the Central Office Operations Unit will retire from the Agency effective March 1st. Lieutenant Tony Martins, formerly of The Maloney Center for Training and Staff Development will take his place as the Property Claims Liaison for the agency. Officer Carthon had the following parting words to

share: *“In this short time span that we have on this earth, we all go through progressive stages of life - personally and professionally. I have reached a point in my life that quality is far more important than quantity. I made a hard decision to retire from the Department of Correction and enjoy whatever life God has in store for me. DOC has been good to and for me. Many of my professional associates developed into true friendships. For that I am truly blessed. Thank each and every one of you who I was fortunate enough to meet. I especially thank those of you who supported me in what could have been a difficult job. The job I might not miss much, but the collective group of professional individuals that make this Department what it is will surely be missed. I bid farewell and wish nothing but the best for my Department of Correction family.”* We wish Rich well in his retirement and we welcome Lt. Martins in his new job role.

Agency Good Neighbors

Corrigan- Radgowski CC- About 30 members of the Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce visited the facility recently. The group was addressed by Warden Lajoie. There was a K-9 demonstration, a mock cell extraction and a tour of both buildings.

MacDougal-Walker CI - Counselor Supervisor John Aldi and Captain Michael Beaudry recently visited Suffield High School to talk to students in a Sociology class. The class was doing a study on gangs, their structure and behaviors.

York CI - Officer Jeanette Pringle and the Community Outreach Crew recently visited The 2nd Congregational Church in New London and the Jordan Fire Department in Waterford to assist them with clean-up and routine maintenance jobs.

2006 Susan M. Hunter Corrections Scholarship

A scholarship review committee (comprised of members of the Association of State Correctional Administrators Past Presidents Committee) will review applications from the sons and daughters of corrections employees. Scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$1,000 for undergraduate studies and \$1,500 for graduate studies.

Who is Eligible for the Susan M. Hunter Corrections Scholarship:

- 1. The student must be the son or daughter of a corrections employee (current full-time, retired, or deceased) within an ASCA-member department of corrections (including the Federal Bureau of Prisons);*
- 2. The student must be enrolled full-time in an accredited two-year or four-year undergraduate college or university; or an accredited graduate program;*
- 3. Incoming first-time freshman must have a minimum high school GPA of 2.5 and enrolled full-time students must have a minimum college GPA of 2.5;*
- 4. Undergraduate students' principle course of study may be in any field; and*
- 5. Graduate students' principle course of study must be in the field of corrections or criminal justice.*

Please review the Fact Sheet and Application Form for additional details. These forms are also available on the public section of the ASCA website at www.asca.net. Applications are due to the ASCA office on April 21, 2006 and scholarship recipients will be announced at the Summer Business Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina.

