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Bruno Elected ACCA President



Father Anthony J. Bruno

The Director of Religious Services for the Connecticut Department of Correction, the Reverend Anthony J. Bruno, has been elected as President of the American Correctional Chaplains Association (A.C.C.A.). "We are so proud of Father Bruno and this achievement which once again points out the prominence of the Connecticut Department of Correction on the national level," said Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz.

The A.C.C.A. is the official national professional organization for pastoral care personnel in the corrections field. It is an affiliate of the American Correctional Association (A.C.A.), which is the oldest and largest international correctional association in the world, serving all disciplines within the corrections profession.

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Commissioner Raymond M. Lopes, Sr. (1933-2006)

Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz is saddened to announce the passing of the third Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Correction, Raymond M. Lopes Sr. Commissioner Lopes was 72 years old and died on July 19th, from congestive heart failure. He served as the head of the agency from 1983, upon the death of Commissioner John Manson, until his retirement in 1987. He had joined the agency in 1969 and had also served as an Assistant Reformatory Superintendent and a Correctional Institution Deputy Superintendent. His tenure as Commissioner was marked by a number of major accomplishments including: the first training for hostage negotiators and the first certification for members of CERT; the formation of the Employee Assistance Program; the increase in staff minority representation to 25 percent; the opening of a mental health unit at Niantic; the automation of our property control, labor standards, and budget preparation and control functions; as well as the first full time instructional staff at the training academy.



Raymond Lopes, Sr.

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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
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Union Recognizes Member

As part of a new in-house recognition program recently launched by the Connecticut State Prison Employee Union - AFSCME Local 391, Correction Officer Clint White of the Willard-Cybulski Correctional Institution received the honor of the "Distinguished Service Award."

The award was given in recognition of his exemplary actions as a union representative. In his congratulatory letter, Union President Jon Pepe stated, "Brother White, we realize and experience first hand the sometimes overwhelming issues you face from day to day; your extraordinary efforts as a Local 391 Union representative are all the more important and meaningful. We feel you have more than demonstrated your genuine support of the union, and we consider you a valuable asset of our team. We are proud to call you brother." Officer White was nominated by his peers, for his support of union activities such as the "Holiday Message Campaign," his support of the union efforts within the facility in regards to "Training, Staffing and Policy," exhibiting professionalism, being conscientious, and providing credible testimony during arbitration. Congratulations on a Job Well Done!



Correction Officer Clint White (Willard-Cybulski CI)

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 John Rogers. If you have any further questions on this subject, feel free to contact him at 860.692.7560 or at johns.rogers@po.state.ct.us. Did You Know?... VOIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) is rather outside of my expertise, yet I am fascinated by the prospect that it will affect our lives as significantly as the cell phone does today.

What is it and how does it work? During the past twenty years, communication technology has generally been migrating from the analog to digital. You probably are already aware that the traditional phone system uses analogue signals. As the cell phone phenomenon emerged, it began as analogue but is gradually migrating to a totally digital service. VOIP is a phone system, which uses the new Internet digital technology. While one analog call occupies a complete circuit, many digital calls may be transmitted as packets all at once on what is called a Packet Switched Network. This greater efficiency has led to a reduction in digital transmission cost. Eventually the entire analog telephone system will be replaced with VOIP.

What does it offer to us as consumers? As I mentioned above, the primary benefit to you as the consumer is cost. In addition, by taking advantage of the greater transmission capacity, the VOIP system offers new and enhanced capabilities.

Here are a few: One phone number may be used to reach you anywhere in the world. One service provider may now offer you internet access, television, local calling, long distance calling, voice mail and email all with one device and one internet connection. The device may be a cell phone, PDA's, Personal Computer or even a digital television.

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Archbishop Mansell Conducts Confirmation

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Archbishop Henry Mansell of the Hartford Archdiocese as he blesses the inmates being confirmed.

It is not often that the multi-purpose room of a correctional facility is graced with the scarlet robes and shepherd's staff of an Archbishop during a religious service. But with inmate voices making up the choir, the highest ranking leader of the Catholic Church in Connecticut, recently shared his deep faith with a group of inmates at the Robinson Correctional Institution, offering them the opportunity for a better future through their confirmation into



Archbishop Henry Mansell (left) and Director of Religious Services Father Anthony Bruno (right) as they pray during the confirmation ceremony.

Catholicism. Archbishop Henry Mansell of the Hartford Archdiocese, who has made prison outreach a part of his ministry, decided that he would himself administer the confirmation ceremony. Twenty inmates from Robinson, Enfield, Willard-Cybulski and Osborn, who had studied for the honor were gathered along with their inmate sponsors for the ceremony. "He could have easily assigned someone to do it, but he wanted to do it himself," said the Reverend Anthony J. Bruno, Director of Religious Services for the Connecticut Department of Correction.

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Bruno Elected Cont'd

Re-elected as the Association's National Secretary was the Reverend Lori Etter of the York Correctional Institution. Among the auditors who helped count the nationwide balloting was Sister Patty Cook from Corrigan-Radgowski CC.

Father Bruno was born in Waterbury. He graduated from St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield and St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore and was ordained in May, 1968 at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford. Prior to becoming an institutional Correctional Chaplain in January, 1987 for the Connecticut Department of Correction, Father Bruno was stationed at Our Lady of Victory Parish in West Haven; St. Patrick's Parish in West Haven; and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Waterbury. During these years of parish ministry, he served as Regional Religious Education Director, School Director, Co-Pastor, Cemetery Manager and as Parish Administrator. In 1975 he was Commissioned as a First Lieutenant in the US Army Reserve and retired in 1996 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel as the Division Chaplain of the 76th Division (Training).

He held positions of increasing responsibility in the Department of Correction until being named the Director of Religious Services for that agency in March 1999. His duties as Director of Religious Services involve supervision of all the Chaplains of all denominations within the Department of Correction and oversight of all aspects of the Religious Services Unit.

Father Bruno is also a resource for religious policy development and represents the Department of Correction in litigation involving religious issues. He is one of only approximately 40 currently certified A.C.C.A. Correctional Chaplains in the country. He is also a certified member of the American Catholic Correctional Chaplains Association and a member of the Legal Issues Committee of the American Correctional Association.

His other professional memberships include the Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association, the Reserve Officers Association, the Interstate Police Officers Association and the Mt. Carmel Society in Enfield, where he is also the Chaplain. Father Bruno will take office and begin serving his two year term at the conclusion of the Association's annual meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina in August.

Callaghan Elected to Office



Captain Dennis Callaghan

Captain Dennis Callaghan SITCON (Situation-Control) Statewide Commander and 1st Shift Commander Manson YI has been elected 2nd Vice-President of New England Crisis Negotiator Association. NECNA is a New England wide association of Hostage Negotiators and Tactical Officers working together in training and real situations to preserve life and safely resolve all types of situations faced by law enforcement professionals. Corrections, state and local police, as well as, the FBI are represented in the membership who train locally as well as regionally and at the annual conference with speakers from around the country and abroad.

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DNA Data Sharing Project Benefits DOC and CSSD

The Department of Correction and the Court Support Services Division, CSSD have entered into an agreement to share data from DNA swabs. As part of an initiative from the Connecticut Justice Information Systems, CJIS, to share DNA data among member agencies, CSSD and DOC began to look into the possibility of sharing data from their respective systems to cut down on duplicating each other's efforts. Currently both DOC and CSSD take DNA swabs without the other knowing that a swab has already been taken. In many instances duplicate swabs are taken and submitted to the Department of Public Safety. This ends up being time consuming and ultimately costly replicating something that has already been done.

In April 2005, CSSD staff approached DOC's MIS unit about the possibility of expanding the download to include DNA Felony Y Swab Date information. CSSD has written a program to take our data and update their system with the DNA information. Now CSSD is able to figure out only those people who have truly never had a swab done by either DOC or themselves, thus saving the time, energy and cost of administering a test to someone that has potentially already been through the process. The DNA indicator field would now include a value of "P" indicating that the sample was drawn by Probation.

So far, DOC MIS staff person Pei Ti Lee has received a copy of a CSSD file with about 13,000 records in it and has run a number of tests and has been able to match up about 60% of those records with ours. The hope is that we will be able to get these files from CSSD on a monthly basis and run a comparison against OBIS to see those records that we can possibly update. This will ultimately save the staff time and energy and eventually save the Department money.

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Around the Cell Block



Idaho - With its prison population having doubled over the past decade another 100 inmates will be sent out of state bringing the total to 550.



Ohio - A new children's album recorded by prison inmates features songs and poems by murderers, robbers and kidnapers - and even musical consultation by a child rapist.



Virginia - Church services at one facility will be moved out of the visiting area because inmates complained they were strip searched after attending.



Canada- A pilot project that set up tattoo parlors in federal prisons to allow inmates to practice safe tattooing is being criticized by politicians and faces possible cancellation.

**Supervised
Population
on
July 23 2006**

23,167

On July 23, 2005 the total supervised population was 22,820

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Archbishop Mansell (center) with the Department of Correction Religious Services staff members.

“He is the chief shepherd, and he wanted these men to know they are not forgotten by him.” From memory, having seen the names only a short time before, Archbishop Mansell called each of the 20 offenders by name, telling each he had prayed for them. Each also received a personal conversation with the Archbishop after he completed

Commissioner Lopes Cont'd

Then Governor William O’Neill, in a letter sponsoring Lopes for a Harvard University program for Senior Executives in State and Local Governments said of him, “His dedication to the field is beyond reproach. His reputation is of the highest caliber and is exemplified by his calm, determined approach to institutional problems.” Commissioner Lantz extends the condolences of the entire Department of Correction to the Lopes family.

their individual confirmation. The Archbishop told reporters that he hopes to, “...get around to all the prisons...to recognize that they too are people of the spirit.”

Did You Know Cont'd

What services are available? The three primary VOIP service providers are Vonage, a privately held company (<http://vonage.com>), Skype, owned by Ebay (<http://www.skype.com>) and Yahoo, also a publicly traded company. Of the three, Skype offers the cheapest and broadest range of services with the greatest ability to raise more capital to expand. This is what they offer:

1. *Making or receiving calls with your computer.* If you have a computer with a sound card and internet service, most VOIP providers will let you download their software so you use your computer to make or receive phone calls. As a promotion, Skype is offering free calling from your computer to any cell or phone number in the US or Canada until the end of the year. Calls to foreign countries will average 2 cents per minute. Calls to other subscribers of your service are always free. You may find that making calls from your computer a bit awkward but since it is free, it is worth a try.
2. *Receiving VOIP Long Distance or International calls.* For \$5 per month you can get a VOIP phone number in any state or foreign country. People in that area may then call you using their regular phone as a local call.
3. *Making or receiving VOIP calls with your regular phone.* Most providers offer 500 minutes of calling per month for \$14.99 using your traditional phone with a free Analogue Telephone Adapter (ATA) to make calls over your Internet service. This also includes software to enable you to make calls from a computer or laptop.
4. *IP Phones.* These specialized phones look just like normal phones with a handset, cradle and buttons. But instead of having the standard RJ-11 phone connectors, IP phones have an RJ-45 Ethernet connector. IP phones connect directly to your router and have all the hardware and software necessary right onboard to handle the IP call.
5. *Hot Zones.* For about \$8 per month you may have unlimited wireless Internet access to hot zones around the world. There are eighteen zones right in Hartford!

Years of Service

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Employees with 20 Years as of May 2006

Stanley Chandler	Correction Officer	Bergin CI
Deborah Hayslip	Correction Officer	Bergin CI
Kevin Plourde	Correction Officer	Bergin CI
Michael Stephens	Correction Officer	Bergin CI
Mark Petkevich	Captain	Bridgeport CC
Carl Herring Jr	Counselor	Bridgeport CC
April Fann	Lieutenant	Bridgeport CC
Timoor Golchin	Correction Officer	Bridgeport CC
Robert Hull	Correction Officer	Bridgeport CC
Jacqueline Myers	Correction Officer	Bridgeport CC
Kevin Schmidt	Lieutenant	Brooklyn CI
Michael Smith	Lieutenant	Brooklyn CI
Gerard Renaud	Correction Officer	Brooklyn CI
Carl Mikkelson	Correction Officer	Robinson CI
Broderick Williams	Correction Officer	Robinson CI
Raymond Rochefort	Captain	Central Office
Peter Debarros	Correction Officer	Central Office
Erick Williams	Correction Officer	Central Office
James Thurlow	Parole Officer I	Central Office
Deborah Gallick	Counselor	Cheshire CI
Maria Pakalnis	Counselor	Cheshire CI
Craig Cantin	Correction Officer	Cheshire CI
Gregory Quadrato	Correction Officer	Cheshire CI
Charles Jencks	Correction Officer	Corrigan/Radgowski
Russel Woodall	Correction Officer	Corrigan/Radgowski
Michael Dice	Correction Officer	Enfield CI
Robert Tehan	Correction Officer	Garner CI
Douglas Costa	Counselor	Gates CI
Alan Gordon	Correction Officer	Hartford CC
Eddie Sanchez	Correction Officer	Hartford CC
Joseph Charette	Lieutenant	MacDougall/Walker
Bryan Haylette	Correction Officer	MacDougall/Walker
Michael Mischak	Counselor	Manson YI
Denise Butler	Lieutenant	Manson YI
Larry Betts	Correction Officer	Manson YI
Thomas Mulhall	Correction Officer	Manson YI
Norma Candelario	Administrative Assistant	New Haven CC
Kenley Carnes	Lieutenant	Webster CI
Robert Budynkiewicz	Correction Officer	Willard/Cybulski
Patricia Smead	Correction Officer	York CI



Acting Warden, Major Christopher McDonald congratulates Officer Williams on his last day at work for the agency.

Officer Broderick Williams was “sent off” on retirement by his co-workers after a presentation at first shift roll call on Thursday, June 29th. Officer Williams spent most of his 20-year career at Robinson CI but also worked at Hartford CC and Jennings Road. After receiving a certificate and a badge from Major McDonald, Officer Williams said “It has been an enjoyable 20 years and I thank my DOC family.” Williams’ friend, Lieutenant Lucy said during the presentation “it is a blessing that he is leaving the way he came in – in one piece.” Officer Williams is retiring in the south with his family.



Kevin Gause, newly promoted to the rank of Major at York CI.

Major Moves

As of July 21st, The following manager changes went into effect:
 Major Michelle Maynard (Garner CI) transferred to Bridgeport CC,
 Major Jonathan Alves (York CI) transferred to Garner CI
 Captain Kevin Gause (Manson CI) promoted to Major at York CI.

MWCI and WCCI Host Fundraisers for “Andrews Helping Hands”

Secretary 2, Sandie Haraghey of Willard/Cybulski CI would like to express a heartfelt thank you and sincere appreciation to all the staff from Willard-Cybulski CI and MacDougall-Walker CI for donating a combined amount of \$1,500 towards the “Andrews Helpful Hands Fund.” Staff at WCCI held a “Pay-to-Park” fundraiser, in which they collected \$500. MacDougal/Walker CI staff collected donations that totaled \$1,000. The money raised will be used for the families of children going through cancer treatment. Ms. Haraghey also put together a walk/bike benefit that was held on June 24th, to raise additional funds for cancer patients in treatment.



(l-r) WCCI staff Counselor Sean Kuhn, Counselor Lori Calabro, Office Assistant Sheryl Brunell, Secretary 2 Sandie Haraghey, Counselor Greg Denote, Counselor Kristine Barone, and Records Specialist Tracey Harrelson at the “Pay-to Park” Fundraiser.

Growing Armstrong Fund Seeks Applicants

Thanks to the generosity of correctional staff, their families and friends, the endowed scholarship at the University of New Haven, in the name of former Commissioner John Armstrong has seen a major increase in its funding. The scholarship is designated for current or retired Department staff, their dependent family members or the family members of deceased staff, regardless of major. The agency recently sent a check for \$19,000 to the scholarship, raised through golf shirt sales and dress down days. This will be added to the \$20,000 that was already in the fund. Meanwhile, the University is accepting applications for the scholarship. If you are interested, please contact Karen Flynn, Director of Financial Aid at 203.932.7315.

Calendar



August 5-Retirement Party in honor of Officer Gene Tewksbury at the Pilot House-Ocean Beach Park - New London, CT begins at 6pm. Tickets are \$30. For info contact Dave Miner, Tanjorie Godwin, or Bob Katz at 860.848.5700, Pat Katz at 860.691.6700 or Joe Stone at 860.989.9144.



August 26 - Bus Trip to Jersey Gardens sponsored by staff at Bridgeport CC. Bus will leave New Haven CC at 8:00 am and Bridgeport CC at 8:45 am. Tickets are \$40 per person. For info contact Lt. Reveron at Bridgeport Cc at 203.579.6898 (4-12 shift)



September 23 & 24 - The 8th Annual Detective James Matthews Sr. Scholarship Fund’s National Law Enforcement and Firefighter’s Basketball Tournament will be held in Hartford, CT. Registration is \$500 per team and the deadline is August 30, 2006. For more info call 203.518.2895 or 203.250.2633.

School Supplies Needed

Help fill 100 backpacks for the children at The Children’s Center of Hamden. This is a non-profit organization that houses 100 children ranging in age from 7 through 17, mostly boys. These children live at the center for 9-12 months and are from different areas of CT. With this organization being a non-profit, school supplies are hard to come by. Any kind of school supplies or monetary donations would be greatly appreciated! For info or to make a donation contact Carey Carothers by August 21st at Manson YI at 203.806.2554.