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

DOC Staff Receive Recognition From The State Police



Captain James Desso of Willard-Cybulski CI shown after the CSP Awards Ceremony.

On Wednesday November 29, 2006, Lieutenant Governor Kevin Sullivan and Commissioner of Public Safety Leonard Boyle presented the "Medal for Lifesaving" Awards to Willard-Cybulski Correctional Institution's Captain James Desso and Garner Correctional Institution's Officer Jason Ile at the Connecticut State Police Annual Awards Ceremony.

On July 2, 2006, Stafford Police Sergeant James Desso observed smoke and flames coming from an apartment in a Stafford residence. He notified Troop C and the Stafford Resident State Troopers of the fire.

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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.

About and for correctional professionals

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December 9, 2006

Agency Recognized By American Heart Association

The Connecticut Department of Correction was first place for funds raised in the "Walk Teams of Distinction" awards category, raising \$15,018.00

Warden Charles Lee of Hartford CC, Agency Coordinator for the 2006 HeartWalk Campaign, attended the Awards Ceremony for the American Heart Association on November 9, 2006 at Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford, CT.

Warden Lee would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2006 American Heart Walk this year. Also a thank you goes out to all of the Team Leaders who put a lot of work and effort to make this year a real success. Thank you all.

Warden Charles Lee pictured at right with the recognition award received on behalf of the Department of Correction.



DOC Staff Named Hall of Fame Inductee



Seven members of the athletic community were inducted into the Eastern Connecticut State University/E-Club Hall of Fame during ceremonies held on Sunday, November 5th. Correction Officer Judy Bell of York CI, earned Hall of Fame status based on a two-year career at ECSU. The Norwich native remains the only male or female in track and field history to earn All-America accolades as many as three times in outdoor competition. As a freshman in 1983, she ran to All-America honors at both 200 and 400 meters; as a sophomore in 1984, she was named All-America based on her finish at 400 meters at the national championship, while also qualifying in the preliminaries for the finals at 200 meter. Officer Bell has been with the agency since 1987. Congratulations on your achievement.

New Initiative in Aftercare Program Deemed a Success

The Department of Correction's new initiative in Aftercare Programming for offenders returning to the community has been deemed a success after completing its first year of operation by Community Partners in Action (CPA). CPA's newsletter "Partners" states that "Knowing that the cost to public safety of unsuccessful reentries into the community is particularly high, the DOC determined that there was a need for an aftercare support system which would provide offenders with a means of maintaining a link to their case manager and the programs which had facilitated their reentry into the community." CPA's Work Release Program was one of five halfway house programs throughout the state selected in August 2005 to participate in the pilot program. According to CPA Program Manager Mike Pozzetta, "It has added an important dimension to our Work Release Program."

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Save The Date

Warden Christine Whidden of Manson Youth Institution and Major Christina Polce of MacDougall-Walker Correctional Institution are in the process of scheduling the Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association (MASCA) 2007 conference. MASCA, formally chaired by Director Mary Marcial and former Warden Dave Marcial, will be held at the Mystic Marriott and Spa in Groton on June 3, 4, 5 & 6, 2007. The conference committee is in search of people who are interested in presenting at the conference on June 4 and 5. Workshops will last approximately 1½ hours during am and pm times. Please contact Warden Whidden for further information.

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DOC Teacher Locked-Up



On November 14th, State School Teacher Heather Thibodeau of Northern CI participated in Enfield's Most Wanted Lock-Up at the Olive Garden to help children and adults with Neuromuscular Diseases. Staff, friends and family helped to bailout Heather and raise monies for this worthy cause.

Around The Cell Block



Washington D.C. – The Federal Government reported that a record seven million people or one in every 32 American adults was in prison or on parole or probation at the end of last year.

England - The prison population in England and Wales has topped 80,000 for the first time ever.

Kentucky- Inmates at the state penitentiary have adopted 15 stray cats in the prison yard, which they refer to as the "Nine Lifers."

Tennessee- A county jail may end its web cam view from inside the facility after female staff received harassing calls and inmate movements were tracked by the public.

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 weeks article was written by Rick Hamel of Engineering Services.

If you have any questions, he can be reached at 860.692.7566.

Did You Know That Your Home May Contain High Levels of Lead?.....Many houses and apartments that were built before 1978 may contain high levels of lead. As a general rule, the older the home, the higher the possibility that it contains lead paint.

Suspecting this, how do you know if your home contains lead for sure? You can start with a paint inspection. This will tell you if your home contains lead paint, however, it will not tell you if it contains lead hazards. Only a risk assessment will tell you if your home contains lead hazards and ultimately what actions to take to address these hazards. If your home does contain lead paint, don't panic. Lead paint that is in good condition is generally not a health hazard.

You may also have lead in your drinking water. It's possible that your home may have plumbing that contains lead. You cannot smell, see or taste lead in your drinking water and boiling will not remove it.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Total Supervised Population on December 3, 2006</p> <p style="text-align: center;">23,725</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>On December 3, 2005 the population was 22,697</i></p>
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Medal Recipient's Cont'd



Officer Jason Ile of Garner CI shown with his award certificate and medal of recognition.

On July 5, 2006, Troop C received a call regarding a despondent male who had run into the woods with a knife and was threatening to harm himself. Trooper John Scannell and Sergeant James Desso of the Stafford Resident Trooper's Office were dispatched to the call and established a perimeter. The subject refused to put the knife down. Troopers executed a plan and the despondent male agreed to put down the knife. The subject was secured and transported to the hospital. Captain Desso received a Unit Citation for his involvement with this incident. Warden Esther Torres stated that she is proud to have such an outstanding person as a member of her team at the facility.

Correctional Officer Ile was recognized for his off-duty conduct on June 28, 2006. He was traveling on a highway when he came upon a single vehicle accident and stopped to assist.

He noted that the vehicle was on fire and the operator was trapped inside. With the assistance of another good samaritan and without regard for their own safety, they freed and pulled the driver from the vehicle, reaching safety just before the vehicle became fully engulfed in flames. Connecticut State Police commended Officer Ile for his quick response to this emergency that saved the life of the driver.

Warden James Dzurenda and Major John Alves of the Garner Correctional Institution attended the ceremony. They stated that they are very proud of Officer Ile's heroic act and referenced it as an example of the level of commitment and professionalism Officer Ile brings to the Department of Correction daily both on and off duty.

Years of Service

20 Years of Service for November 2006

Michael Murphy	Captain	Brooklyn CI
Diane Sylvestri	Human Resource Assoc.	Central Office
Nellie Delgado-Thompson	Correction Officer	Hartford CC
Kenneth Howell	Correction Officer	MacDougall-WalkerCI
Rodney Parker	Counselor Supervisor	Manson YI
Lucille Champion	Clerk Typist	New Haven CCC
Linda Worthington	Secretary 2	Osborn CI
Andrew Hidalgo	Correction Officer	York CI

25 Years of Service for November 2006

Audrey Holmes	Parole Officer2	Central Office
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30 Years of Service for November 2006

Raymond Filip	Training Program Specialist	Maloney CTSD
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MYI Diversity Council Hosts Potluck



The Council sponsored a wildly successful Diversity Luncheon on October 19, 2006. Staff members brought in their favorite ethnic dishes to share with coworkers.

The food and company were both great. Participation in the Council is open to all MYI employees.

Mission Statement

The Council recognizes that its strength flows from diversity. We affirm that our work force will strive to maintain an environment free of inequality and disparity.

We maintain our commitment to excellence and fair treatment of staff regardless of our differences.

To this cause we will dedicate ourselves to a goal of unity and appreciation of individuality in a professional manner.

New Initiative Cont'd

Working with the supervising Parole Officer, these selected community providers offer specific Aftercare Services (ex. Relapse Prevention and Employment Services) for the first 3 months following release from prison, and then follow-up clients for one year after discharge from the residential program. Through this follow-up contact, the former clients continue to have a support system, and if problems arise they can be addressed early on with any social service or other referrals which might be needed. Former clients are also encouraged to stop by the Work Release Program facility on Washington Street in Hartford to visit with staff and clients and talk about any issues they may be facing. The Aftercare Program provides them with a continuing link, particularly important during the crucial first six months out on their own, a period which without support can often lead to recidivism.

Rebecca Fleming, Hartford Parole Supervisor, says that the CPA's Aftercare Program is "proving a meaningful resource for Parole Officers." All 5 funded Aftercare Programs are designed similar to CPA's. Director Randy Braren of the Parole and Community Services Division reports that in its first year of operation 204 offenders participated in the Aftercare Program. Of those 204 offenders, 9 (4.4%) were reincarcerated and 5 (2.5%) were in violation status.

Congrats



Warden John Tarascio and the staff at Gates CI would like to congratulate Recreation Director Mark Hughes and his wife Tonya on the birth of their daughter, Liana who was born on November 17th.



Warden Esther Torres and the staff at Willard-Cybulski CI would like to congratulate Correction Officer Matt Fryer and his family on the birth of their daughter, Mia Nicole who was born on November 12th and weighed in at 8lb and 7oz.

Employee Assistance Program

1-800-252-4555

Available 24 hours a day - 7 days a week

www.theEAP.com

Employee of the Quarter



The staff at Willard-Cybulski CI would like to congratulate Officer Doug Helie and Counselor Paul Goss on receiving the Employee of the Quarter awards. Counselor Paul Goss has been recognized as someone who

always maintains a professional and pleasant demeanor. During his seventeen years of service with the DOC, he has held numerous positions in which he has always demonstrated knowledge and willingness to learn the challenges presented. He has gone above and beyond the call of duty when dealing with staff, inmates and the general public. His hard work and dedication to the facility is appreciated.

Officer Doug Helie has been recognized as someone who exemplifies the motto of "PRIDE" in every facet of his work. He is always respectful and a person who takes the initiative to make himself available on a daily basis for any issues that may arise. He is truly a pleasure to work with. His hard work and dedication to the facility is sincerely appreciated.

Did You Know Cont'd

Old painted toys and furniture may also contain lead. Be careful not to store foods or liquids in crystal or lead glazed pottery or porcelain.

If you suspect that your home does contain lead, get your children tested, even if they appear healthy. Even children who have appeared healthy have exhibited very high levels of lead when tested. Wash their hands, toys or any object that they might put into their mouths frequently. Regularly clean your floors and windowsills and don't attempt to remove lead paint yourself. Remember, Removing lead paint improperly can place you and your family in danger. For more info, visit the Connecticut Department of Public Health web site at www.dph.state.ct.us/Publications/Statistics.

MVP's

Aldi, John, CS	MWCI
Allison, Horace, Lt	MWCI
Aloi, Joseph, CO	BCC
Ames, Robert, Lt	NCI
Baker, Andrea, CS	MWCI
Barone, Sandra, CS	MWCI
Benedetti, Dave, Maint. Supr	NCI
Burton, Donald, CFSSII	BCI
Carberry, Michael, CFSSII	BCI
Chapman, Tony, CO	NCI
Chevier, Tammy, CC	MWCI
Cleaver, Michael, Capt.	MWCI
Corriveau, Wayne, Lt.	MWCI
Couture, Brian, CO	NCI
Crescimanno, Michael, CFSSII	BCI
Curran, Melvin, CO	BCC
Frey, Steven, Capt.	MWCI
Furey, Christopher, CO	BCI
Germain, Michael, CFSSII	BCI
Gonzalez, Daniel, CO	BCC
Grob, Michael, OA	NCI
Hackett, Darrel, CO	MYI
Hannan, Tracey, Rec. Spec.	NCI
Hassell, Peter, CFSSII	BCI
Hinz, Suzanne, Sec.2	MYI
Lawrie, John CS	MWCI
Lessard, Scott, CO	NCI
Lindsey, Alphonso, CO	NCI
Loiseau, Raymond, CO	MYI
Maldonado, Edward, Capt.	MWCI
Marston, Jason, CTO	MWCI
Melbourne, Jason, CO	NCI
Morin, Carl, CO	NCI
Mulligan, William, Capt.	MWCI
Newson, Clyde, CO	NCI
Oglesby, Dennis, Capt.	NCI
Patz, John, Capt.	MWCI
Pensavalle, Eric, CO	NCI
Piterski, Kevin, Lt.	BCC
Rodriquez, Zelly, OA	NCI
Savoie, Barbara, CHN	NCI
Thibodeau, Michael, CO	MWCI
White, Katrien, AA	BCC
Wilkie, Judie, Sec I	NCI
Young, Ronald, CO	NCI

Marathon Man



Lt. Sean Sullivan of the Security Division - Intelligence Unit ran in this year's Marine Corps Marathon held in Washington D.C. on Oct 29th. He finished the 26.3 mile race with a time of 4:35.

He is conducting a fundraiser in conjunction with the race. All proceeds will be donated to the **Semper Fi Injured Marine Fund**. This tax deductible organization provides injured Marines and their families with transportation and lodging expenses, so that families can be with their injured loved ones while they recover from their wounds. The fund can be found on the internet at

www.semperfund.org. The money will be donated in the name of two Marines from Connecticut recently killed in Iraq, Cpl. Pierson from Milford and LCpl. Johnson from Enfield.

Calendar



December 9 - Bridgeport CC is sponsoring a bus trip to Foxwoods Casino to benefit Special Olympics. The bus will depart Bridgeport CC at 3:00 p.m. and Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven at 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$30.00 pp with \$20.00 (food & bet coupon) given to each person. Contact Pam Neuendorf, 203-579-6131 or Lt. Reveron at 203-579-6898.



December 15 - Department of Correction Annual Family Holiday Party from 2pm -8pm at the Maloney CTSD in Cheshire - Please bring a new unwrapped toy to be donated to Big Brothers/Big Sisters. In addition, they are collecting non-perishable food items.



December 16- Captain Will Mobley's Retirement Celebration. Hosted at The Italian American Club, 85 Chase Lane in West Haven, from 7 pm-12am. Tickets are \$45 per person, which includes a 5 hour open bar, DJ, gift, and buffet dinner. For info contact Annie Teel at 203.579.6742.

Condolences



Director David Batten is saddened to announce the passing of Clyde VanGasbeck, father of Susan Taylor of the Facilities Management & Engineering Unit.

Thank You



My family and I would like to thank everyone for your acts of kindness shown during a very difficult time for us. Your prayers and words of comfort meant so much to me and my family. Once again from our hearts to yours, Thanks.
- **Morris Hudson, Central Office**



I would like to wholeheartedly thank all of you for your support during the loss of my husband. Your kindness at this time was more deeply appreciated than any word or thanks can express. - **Kathy Lewis, Hartford CC**



I would like to thank the DOC staff for their expression of sympathy shown to me during my mother's passing. It's been a long and difficult road as my mother suffered from Alzheimer's disease. It was made easier by the caring and understanding staff. Your kindness will always be remembered. - **Beverly Herbert, York CI**