Governor Honors State’s Finest

At a recent reception hosted by Governor M. Jodi Rell, within the Connecticut State Capitol, three long-time Department of Correction employees were honored with the Governor’s Service Award.

Among the 42 state employees who received the award on August 8, from the Department of Correction were Director of Religious Services Reverend Anthony J. Bruno, Training Program Specialist Raymond Filip, and Director of Offender Classification and Population Management Fred Levesque. The three have combined more than 78 years of state service.

Commissioner Honors DoC’s Finest

In the midst of the 40th anniversary of the inception of the Department of Correction, more than 800 staff, friends and family gathered at the Maloney Center for Training and Staff Development to honor the Department’s finest during the 2008 Annual Awards Ceremony. “We have come so far as an Agency,” said Commissioner Lantz as she addressed the crowd.
Dog Days of Summer

While Michael Phelps was swimming his way into the record books in Beijing, a different breed of competitor was taking to the water during the 17th annual Connecticut Police Canine Olympics, held August 9th at the University of Connecticut West Campus in Mansfield. The event is sponsored by the Department of Correction, the Connecticut State Police and the UConn Police Department. A total of 39 canine teams from the Department of Correction, state as well as local police departments, Department of Navy and a team from Vermont along with their trained canine partners competed for the Top K-9 Team of 2008. Teams were tested on their knowledge, ability, strength and stamina in such exercises as obedience, obstacles, marksmanship, simulated apprehension and handler protection.

As in past years, the Department of Correction’s K-9 Unit garnered several awards. Of the ten Department of Correction competing in the Olympics, five dogs placed among the top three in the six different events. “I am very proud of the teams that competed,” said K-9 Unit Commander Joseph Chapdelaine. “I am also very grateful to all the staff that volunteered their time to make this event a huge success.”

All profits raised through the sales of shirts and food, and from donations, was donated to local charities, including: the Connecticut child ID program, Shriners Children’s Burn Centers, and Ray’s Hope Foundation (benefiting Officer Jaime Rivera’s family).

**DoC K-9 Unit Results**

**Team Competition**
Don Austin and Ladon took 7th overall to team.

**Obedience Competition**
Rob Sabourin and Blade took 2nd place.

**Tactical Obedience**
Cathy Lemay and Pharaoh took 3rd place.
Sam Ducharme and Stix took 4th place.

**Obstacle Competition**
Steve Whitehouse and Zoro took 3rd place.

**Criminal Apprehension Competition**
Don Austin and Ladon took 7th place.
Rob Sabourin and Blade took 9th place.

**Most Experienced Handler Award**
Cathy Lemay – 11 years.
2008 Awards Ceremony

“This Agency has such a rich history of meeting all of its challenges because of the commitment, the dedication, the courage, and the diversity of its staff."

As a way of punctuating her words, the Commissioner paid special tribute to four staff members who personify the high-caliber of individual that works for the Department. Each one was asked to stand as the Commissioner extolled their virtues: Warden Robin Sutherland, who after a massive heart attack and subsequent heart transplant despite being eligible for retirement, vowed to return to work. Warden Ester Torres, the first Hispanic female appointed warden in the Department’s history. Warden Angel Quiros, the newly appointed warden of York C.I. Director of Religious Services Father Anthony Bruno, recent recipient of the prestigious E. R. Cass award for correctional excellence.

“These are just four examples of the quality of our staff,” Lantz said. “This Agency is one of tremendous depth and breath of professionalism, leadership, dedication, commitment and courage.”

Among the dignitaries attending the event was State Comptroller Nancy Wyman who took time out of her busy schedule to personally praise the honorees. “Your achievements speak to extraordinary courage and dedication to duty,” Wyman said. “You are constantly watching over us and keeping our state safe.”

One of the lighter moments of the ceremony was when, as a token of appreciation for her appearance, Commissioner Lantz presented the Comptroller with her very own “Nancy Wyman Doll,” created especially for her by Correctional Enterprises of Connecticut, complete with Wyman’s signature high heels and eyeglasses.

Commissioner’s Award Recipient: Raymond Filip

Warden Robin Sutherland

Medal of Valor Recipients: Michael Croyle, Carmen Echevarria, Barry Drummond and Richard Miller with Commissioner Lantz

members that have returned from military duty. As each individual’s name was called, they signed a special Department of Correction flag that will serve as a reminder so that we never forget the sacrifices they made for our freedom.

The final individual honoree of the day was Training Specialist Raymond Filip, recipient of the Commissioner’s Award. With more than 32-years of experience, he has the distinction of having trained practically all of the Department’s employees from directors and wardens, to newly hired trainees. In accepting the award Mr. Filip summarized the key to his successful career. “Find something you like to do, and do it with people that you like,” Filip said. “As you can see from today, it’s easy to like correctional employees.”
**18th Annual Blue Mass**

**Sunday, September 21, 2008**

**10:15 AM**

**The Cathedral of Saint Patrick**
213 Broadway, Norwich CT

For Law Enforcement Personnel, active and retired, of all faiths, and their families

The mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote and Reverend David Choquette, State Police Chaplain, will give the Homily.

Following the mass, brunch will be served in the Cathedral Auditorium.

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**CRCI Employees of the Quarter**

Warden Bruce Cuscovitch from CRCI is pleased to announce and congratulate the following two Employees of the Quarter. Correctional Officer Matthew Loubier was chosen for being a well-rounded officer who is knowledgeable and can be counted on to fill in on specialized posts when needed.

Record Specialist Lisa Besette was chosen for going above and beyond in helping the medical unit run smoothly. She is a reliable, dependable, friendly and helpful employee who has adapted well to the increased inmate volume.

**Officer Matthew Loubier**  
**Record Specialist Lisa Besette**

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**Bridgeport C.C. to Host Wellness Fair**

Building off the success of the first wellness fair at Central Office, on September 18, 2008, from 1:30PM to 5:30PM, the Healthy Habits Committee (formerly the Wellness Committee), has planned a wellness fair for Bridgeport CC.

The fair will feature a variety of activities ranging from stress management seminars, cooking demonstrations, and retirement planning overviews. The fair is being sponsored by the Quality of Work Life Committee at Bridgeport, Warden Ford and the Healthy Habits Committee; with additional assistance from United Healthcare. As part of the day’s activities a “Healthy Cook-out” is planned from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

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**Total Supervised Population on September 11, 2008**

23,868

On September 11, 2007 the population was 23,702
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Father Bruno has been the Director of Religious Services since April of 1999, and this year marks his 40th anniversary of being ordained a Roman Catholic priest.

The name “Ray” Filip is synonymous with training; at some point during his 32-years with the department, he has trained virtually every member of the staff including wardens and directors.

With 25 years DoC experience, Fred Levesque’s accomplishments include developing the Sex Offender Registry, improving DNA sampling, and sitting on the Governor’s Task Force on sentencing.

“Most organizations would be lucky to have just one individual of this caliber working for them,” said Commissioner Theresa Lantz. “The fact that we have three such outstanding award winners is just one more reason of why I am so proud of this agency.”

The Governor’s Service Award program was established to reinforce the importance of quality customer service by recognizing the achievements and successes of state employees.

College Credit for LEaD

The Maloney Center for Training and Staff Development is pleased to announce the recent accreditation of both pre-service and leadership programs with the Department of Correction. This accreditation process is one of many steps that the Maloney Center for Training and Staff Development is attempting to assist staff members in their continued development within the organization.

Charter Oak State College, along with the Connecticut Community College Chancellor’s office, completed the certification process. Upon review of the curriculum, they issued college credit for the following courses:

- Pre-Service Program: 9 college credits
- Leadership Excellence and Development (LEaD) - Senior Level: 3 credits (upper level)
- Leadership Excellence and Development (LEaD) - Manager’s Level: 3 credits (upper level)
- Leadership Excellence and Development (LEaD) - Supervisor’s Level: 6 credits (lower level)

Charter Oak State is a distance learning college established in 1973 to assist adult learners in completing their college degree. They are accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges along with the Connecticut Board of Governors for Higher Education.

A detailed letter regarding the requirement for acquiring college credit for the program will be forwarded to all LEaD participants.

Lamp Sale Part II

The Department of Correction, Facilities Management and Engineering Unit is sponsoring another round of energy saving bulb and fixtures sale. The first sale will be held at Central Office’s Café 24 on September 23, 2008. The last event at Central Office took place on May 30, 2006 and was an overwhelming success as over 1,300 units were sold. Other sales will occur at Cheshire, Enfield, and Niantic sometime this fall. More information will be provided as dates and locations are finalized. Sales are not restricted to DOC employees and feel free to make purchases for friends, family, and neighbors.

A Call to Duty

Correction Officer Christopher Jones of Willard Cybulski CI, and a Technical Sergeant with the Connecticut Air National Guard has been called to activeduty effective September 10, 2008. His assignment is to the United Arab Emirates (IRAQ Support), as part of operation Enduring Freedom. Technical Sergeant Jones will be on active duty through March 19, 2009.
# Years of State Service

**August 2008**  
**20 Years of State Service**

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# Announcements

**September 21** – 4th annual Master Officer Peter J Lavery Motorcycle Ride. Registration from 8:00am to 9:49am. The ride departs at 10:00am from Maguires Sports Bar & Grill.

**September 13** – Corr/Rad CC is sponsoring a motorcycle and specialty car shot-gun run. Registration 10:00AM-Noon at Indian Leap Café, 35 Sherman Ave. Norwich, CT. Run ends at Double Down Café, Rt. 2A in Preston.

$25 Single Rider, $35 Double Rider
Registration fee includes pig roast, salad, water and soda
All proceeds benefit Special Olympics Connecticut
For Info Call: (860) 887-1555

# Moving Up at MYI

Warden Christine Whidden of the Manson Youth Institution is pleased to announce the recent promotions of Dennis Jalbert and David Wojcik to the rank of Lieutenant.

# Condolences

The Health & Addiction Services Unit is saddened to announce the passing of Correctional Substance Abuse Counselor Patricia Lee’s brother.

Warden Peter Murphy of MacDougall-Walker C.I. is saddened by the passing of Leanna Skerritt, daughter of retired Osborn C/O Joseph D’Ordine, Sr. and sister of Lt. Joseph D’Ordine of MWCI.

Human Resources Acting Director Tracey Butler is saddened to announce the passing of Mary Chiucarello, mother of Union Rep. Albert J. Chiucarello.
2008 Commissioner’s Cup Charity Golf Tournament

at

Stanley Golf Course New Britain, CT

Friday, October 3, 2008

10:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Cost per person is $130 and $520 per foursome. This cost includes greens fees, golf cart, prizes, lunch and buffet dinner.

To Register contact Sarah Fasano-Fernicola (Legal Affairs Unit) 860-692-7496 at 24 Wolcott Hill Road, Wethersfield, CT 06109 to register.

For further information, please contact Tom O’Connor at 860-250-7492, Diana Gesualdi at 860-692-7502, Lise Oullette at 860-692-6837, or Don Cyr at 860-487-2723.

Register Deadline: September 26, 2008

State of Connecticut
Department of Correction

September Is Recovery Month

The Honorable M. Jodi Rell, Governor of Connecticut, has at the request of the Department of Correction, Health and Addiction Services Unit, Proclaimed September to be Recovery Month in the State of Connecticut! The unit is pleased by this recognition of recovering people as an asset and resource in this state.

This dovetails with plans of the Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR) to hold the 9th Annual Recovery Walks 2008 and Celebration, being held this year in Bushnell Park on Saturday, September 20, 2008.

For more information go to: www.ccar-recovery.org

Addiction Services Unit News

Diane Kiczuk, CSAC (Addiction Services, CCI-Enfield) has just been certified as a Grief Recovery Specialist.

Joaquin Martinez, CSAC (Addiction Services, Hartford CAS) was awarded two MVP cards for taking on additional duties for three months while short staffed.

Brenda Vargas, CSAC (Addiction Services, New Haven CAS) was awarded 2 MVP cards for taking on additional duties while short staffed.
MVP'S

Alejandro, Samuel CO OCI
Allison, Horrace Lt. OCI
Aloi, Joseph CO BCC
Andrade, Linda Counselor ECI
Antico, James CO OCI
Avery, John Lt. CRCC
Badura, Steve CHNS
Baker, Thomas CO OCI
Barnes, Marie Lt. CCI
Bessette, Lisa Rec. Spec. CRCI
Binghamton, Fred CC MYI
Blanchette, Edward Dr. CO
Boisvert, Charmaine CTO MYI
Bona, Robert Lt. MYI
Bonetti, Rob LPN MWCI
Boucher, Robert Lt.
Bowman, LaTonya Counselor ECI
Brown, Damita CO CCI
Brown, Milagros CO MYI
Callaghan, Dennis Cpt. MYI
Canfield, Keith CO MWCI
Cauette, Michael CO MYI
Capasso, Michael Cpt. MYI
Chouinard, Caroline LPN MWCI
Clark, Laurie LPN CRCCI
Clarke, Todd Rec. Sup. CRCCI
Clay-Bey, Lawrence CO CTU
Conover, Kevin SST MWCI
Coro, John CO MWCI
Correa, Pablo CO MWCI
Cotto, Adalberto CO CRCI
Craig, Kevin Lt. BERGIN
Cusano, Antonio Lt. CTSD
Cutitta, Brian CO MYI
Davis, Martha CO CRCI
DeGraffenreidt, Willie CO CRCI
Demiraj, Rustem CO CCI
Deorsey, John CO MWCI
Diaz, Ivette Lt.
Diaz, Pablo CO CRCI
Donahue, Sean Lt. OCI
Dubuque, Doug CO CRCI
Dulaire, Stanford CO MWCI
Dupuis, Donna CO MYI
Durham, Richard CFSS3 CRCCI
Eichner, Walter CO MYI
Ether, David CO BCI
Flores, Daniel CO MWCI
Gagnon, Jason Lt.
Gardner, Jeremy CFSS 1 OCI
Garnier, Walter CO OCI
Garofalo, Maurizio CO MWCI
Getters, Priscilla CO CCI
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Gray, Richard CO Bergin
Griffin, Bruce CO Bergin
Griffin, Jack CSAC MWCI
Guarino, Lauren Re. Spec. CRCC
Guillot, Greg CO OCI
Hesse, Delina CC OI
Hickman, Carolyn Lt. CRCCI
Hollstein, Jennifer Lt. CRCCI
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Holmes, Mark CO CRCCI
Jackson, Sharon Lt. CCI
Jasenec, Robert CO MWCI
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Lewis, Nathan Lt. MWCI
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