



**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.*

**It's Official, Warden Coletti Sworn-in**

In front of all the other wardens assembled in Commissioner Lantz's office, Anthony Coletti was officially sworn-in as the Warden of the Brooklyn Correctional Institution on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.

The initial plan was to have Warden Coletti sworn-in during the January top manager's meeting held at the Maloney Center for Training and Staff Development. Unfortunately, Warden Coletti was unable to attend due to the death of his mother.

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**Warden Anthony Coletti with Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz**

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**Flag of Freedom**

Correctional Officer Alexie Alvarez of the Bridgeport Correctional Center recently presented Commissioner Lantz with a United States flag that was flown on December 7, 2008 on a boat patrolling the coastal waters of Kuwait as part of operation Enduring Freedom.



**Officer Alexie Alvarez of Bridgeport CC, patrolling the waters off Kuwait**

Officer Alvarez, 18-year veteran with the Department of Correction, has also been a member of the United States Naval Reserves since 2004. He was called up for his first tour of duty in July of 2007, where he patrolled the waters off Kuwait until he sustained a non-combat related injury. After a period of recuperation, Officer Alvarez returned home in August of 2008.

"I just wanted to give the Commissioner something to let her know how much I appreciate working for the Department of Correction," Officer Alvarez said of his gift to the Agency. "It's great to be back."

## And the Cass Award Goes To...

*Rev. Anthony J. Bruno, ACCA President, was given the E. R. Cass Award by the American Correctional Association in August, 2008 at the Summer Conference in New Orleans. The E. R. Cass Award is ACA's most prestigious award. Only two persons are given this honor each year, chosen from nominations submitted from throughout the United States and Canada. President Bruno's remarks to the hundreds of persons present at the formal banquet during which the award was presented are printed below.*



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Dear Friends and Correctional Colleagues,

May I begin my remarks with the merciful gesture expected of a Chaplain. I promise I will spare you the agony of a long speech. One reason is that actually I am still speechless, six months after learning of my selection for the E. R. Cass Award, the American Correctional Association's (ACA) most prestigious award. I am deeply grateful to ACA for this wonderful honor. I have compared this award to the Oscar. The E. R. Cass Award is the Oscar in the field of Corrections. To simply have been nominated from more than 7,000 dedicated Connecticut Department of Correction employees is a wonderful honor. But then to have been actually selected from applications submitted from throughout the United States and Canada has been an unparalleled thrill.

I must first thank Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz of the Connecticut Department of Correction for nominating me and for the supportive environment that she has provided not only for me but also for all who work in our agency. I am sorry that she is unable to be present this evening. However, Mary M. Marcial, the Director of Programs and Treatment for the Connecticut Department of Correction—and my immediate boss—is present and I am honored that she is here to represent Commissioner Lantz and the entire Connecticut DOC. In accepting this award, I do so as a representative of all the employees of the CT DOC. I also receive it as a representative of all the members of the American Correctional Chaplains Association (ACCA)—more than 600 in number—those here present as well as those who are absent.

Please permit me to offer a brief analogy regarding the unique and challenging work environment of the correctional chaplain. Analogies are never perfect—it is said they always “limp”—but they do get a point across. If you think about it, incarceration is similar to medical quarantine. In medical quarantine—you may recall the recent international incident of a person being diagnosed and quarantined with a virulent and rare strain of tuberculosis—a patient is removed from society for two reasons: (1) to protect society from further danger and (2) to benefit the person quarantined. All persons working in corrections are there to both (1) protect society from further danger and, in one way or another, (2) benefit the inmate, the “quarantined party.”

This award proclaims in a singular way the high value that the ACA has always placed on religion and spirituality in treating the inmate quarantined from society. The religious services unit is regarded as an essential element in the treatment process. And successful treatment results in individual healing for the inmate and a safer community upon his/her release, which is why we are all properly called “correctional professionals.” The ACCA is committed to maintaining its close relationship with the ACA as we work together to achieve our common goals.

I shall treasure this award. May I always be worthy of this honor. Once again, thank you.

# Military Peer Support Program (MPSP) Update



**Members of the DoC Military Peer Support Group attend specialized training at MCTSD in December**

Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz pledged to support our military service members, presided over numerous recognition ceremonies, and presented the Commissioner's coin to those that returned from active military deployment during her tenure.

In an effort to assist Commissioner Lantz, the Critical Incident Stress Response Team's Advisory Committee proposed the establishment of a peer support program. The committee's vision was to have a unified, structured network of DOC/CMHC staff assigned to help our employees and their families prior to, during, and upon return from military deployment. This would be a program that would express our appreciation to all employees who have sacrificed and continue to sacrifice themselves for our country. The concept for the MPSP was born.

## **The timeline for the program has been as follows:**

**September 2007** - the CISRT Advisory Committee began to research the potential needs of service members and the role of an internal peer program. Committee members interviewed experts in the field of military personnel and attended related trainings.

**March 2008** - Commissioner Lantz presided over a focus group consisting of DOC employees, who have varied military backgrounds, to discuss the elements of the support program and how we could best support the staff.

**March 2008** - a MPSP Advisory Council was established and they worked behind the scenes.

**April 2008** - a recruiting call was announced to all DOC/CMHC employees to become members of the MPSP.

**May – July, 2008** - DOC/CMHC employees stepped up to the challenge and accepted the call for members, applications were accepted and interviews were conducted.

**August 2008** - 38 employees were selected as case managers and team members for the MPSP.

**September – October 2008** - an intensive, five (5) day training program was conducted at Camp Rell in Niantic, CT. Team members were trained in outreach, referral resources, active listening skills, recognizing stress symptoms, and Mild TBI/PTSD.

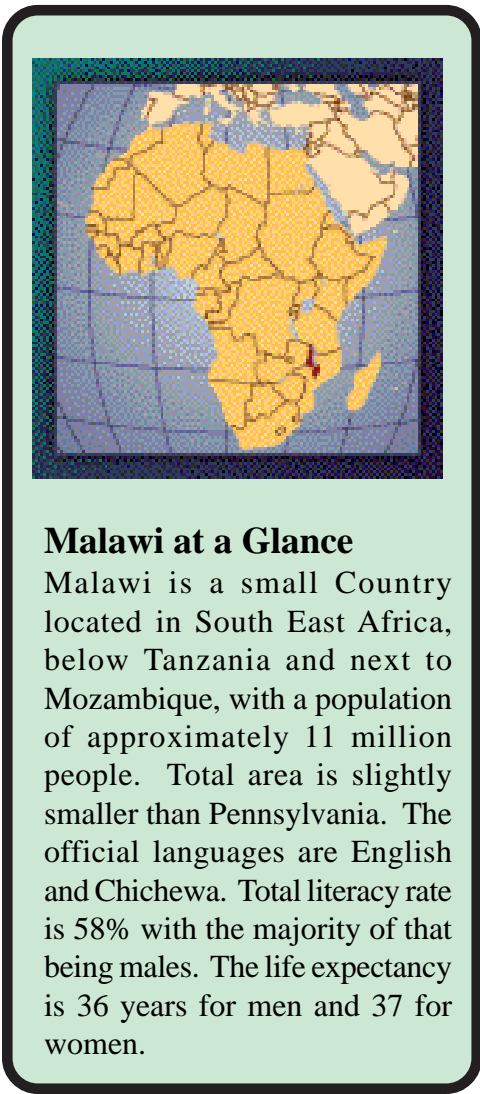
## Bike for Malawi

In the Fall of 2007 Counselor Karen Knight along with her daughter, Shannon Massey, traveled to Malawi, Africa to volunteer for eight weeks, where they assisted in a medical clinic, a local primary school, as well as census work.

Upon their return they were moved to do more to help the very poor country of Malawi and chose the area of education to do this. The non-profit organization Educate Malawi, Inc. was formed by them and the mission of the organization is to support the people of Malawi by providing supplies, money for resources for teachers and scholarship money for students who want to be teachers. The classroom sizes range from 75 to 150 students, with 1 teacher. Many of the students do not have paper or writing utensils and many do not have money to wear the uniform or even shoes. Educate Malawi, Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For more information you can visit the website at [www.educate-malawi.org](http://www.educate-malawi.org).

On Saturday May 30, 2009 there will be a bike-a-thon to raise money for this cause. There will be routes of ten, 50 and 100 miles; Counselor Knight will be riding the 100 miles along with her husband, Stephen. You can help by making a donation to Counselor Knight, by riding and gathering donations for your ride, or help with the organization of the event. There will be contact people at various facilities to collect donations and provide registration forms for the ride.

If you are interested in helping in any way please contact Counselor Knight at CRCI at 860-253-8283, Counselor Sue Calkins from Bergin CI at 860-487-2710, Counselor Supervisor Pat Kupec at Bergin CI 860-487-2888, Counselor Pat Sherrill from Gates CI 860-691-4807, Counselor Joyce Cooney from Radgowski CI at 860-848-5033, Counselor Supervisor Renee Cyr from Willard-Cybulski at 860-763-6529, or Counselor Cathy Copas from Garner CI at 203-270-2205. Please support this ride to help Educate Malawi!!!



### Malawi at a Glance

Malawi is a small Country located in South East Africa, below Tanzania and next to Mozambique, with a population of approximately 11 million people. Total area is slightly smaller than Pennsylvania. The official languages are English and Chichewa. Total literacy rate is 58% with the majority of that being males. The life expectancy is 36 years for men and 37 for women.

## Around the Cell Block



**Iowa-** Des Moines County jail officials have flushed a plan for inmates to pay for toilet paper. Facing a \$1.7 million budget shortfall, charging inmates for toilet paper was suggested as a way to cut costs. Estimated savings: \$2,300.

**Austin-** Texas' prison population has stopped growing for the time being, thanks to changes in corrections policy two years ago that ballooned funding for rehabilitation programs, statistics recently revealed. As a result, Texas will not have to consider building new prisons during difficult economic times.

**Orlando-** In Florida, the death penalty is not always by execution. Between March 1998 and November 2008, Florida executed 26 prisoners. During that same period, another 26 Death Row inmates died of causes such as cancer and heart disease.

**Total  
Supervised  
Population  
on  
February 24, 2009  
23,452  
On February 24, 2008  
the population was  
23,753**

## Rising From the Ashes

On Saturday, 02/14/09 Captain Ron Pittman, of Willard-Cybulski C I, along with his wife and three children lost all of their belongings in a house fire. They have nothing but themselves. They will be displaced for approximately six months or more.

An appeal is going out to the Department's correctional family to assist Captain Pittman's family during their time of need. Donations of gift cards (to any major retail store), or cash would be greatly appreciated. Remember they lost everything-no donation is too small. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

**For more information, contact:** Lt. W. Lusardi (860) 763-6540/( 860) 508-1115  
Lt. B. Bouchard (860) 763-6540  
OA N. King (860) 763-6572

### National Crime Clock

**Homicide** One person is murdered every 31 minutes.

**Rape** One person is raped every 2.7 minutes.

**Assault** One person is assaulted every 7.2 seconds

**Theft** One home is victimized by theft every 2.3 seconds

**Burglary** One home is burglarized every 9.1 seconds.

**Domestic Violence** One woman is victimized by an intimate partner every 1.3 minutes. One man is victimized every 6.7 minutes.

**Child Abuse and Neglect** One child is reported abused or neglected every 35 seconds.

**Drunk Driving** One person is killed in an alcohol-related traffic crash every 29 minutes.

**Identity Theft** One person becomes a victim of identity theft every 8.7 seconds.

**Elder Abuse** One elderly person is victimized every 2.7 minutes.

**Hate Crime** One hate crime is reported to the police every 73 minutes.

Provided by  
the Department of Corrections,  
Victim Services Unit.

**Victims Rights week is the week of April 26.**

### Susan M. Hunter Scholarship

Applications for the Association of State Correctional Administrators (ASCA) Susan M. Hunter 2009 Scholarship are currently being accepted. This scholarship is for children of current, retired, or deceased Department of Correction employees.

All applications must be submitted online. The link for submitting the scholarship application has been posted on the Association of State Correctional Administrators (ASCA) website at [www.asca.net](http://www.asca.net) The deadline for submission is **March 31, 2009.**

The 2009 scholarship amounts are \$1,000 for undergraduate students and \$1,500 for graduate students. The Scholarship Review Committee will make its decisions in early June 2009. Recipients will be notified by phone, and their names will be posted on the ASCA website.

A complete list of eligibility requirements can be found off the ASCA website at: [www.asca.net](http://www.asca.net)

## 20 Years of State Service As of February 2009

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>
Anklin, Richard	CO	MWCI	2/17/1989
Barr, Scott	Lt.	Cen. Off.	2/17/1989
Blair, Joseph	CO	MWCI	2/17/1989
Bollenbach, Susan	CO	YCI	2/17/1989
Bradnan, Paul	Dep. War.	OCI	2/17/1989
Brito, Cynthia	CO	YCI	2/24/1989
Browne, Thomas	CO	MWCI	2/17/1989
Cooper, Kenneth	CO	WCI	2/24/1989
Credit, Gary	CC	CRCC	2/24/1989
Dawkins, Laurie	CO	YCI	2/17/1989
Dozier, Veronica	CO	YCI	2/17/1989
Ellison, Eric	Par. Mgr.	Cen. Off.	2/17/1989
Fish, Ronald	CO	YCI	2/24/1989
Gordon, Andrew	CO	MYI	2/24/1989
Harding, Greg	Lt.	MWCI	2/24/1989
Hardy, Michael	CO	MYI	2/17/1989
Hodges, Virginia	CO	CCI	2/24/1989
Javier Lopez	CO	MWCI	2/24/1989
Jensen, Karl	Stores Mngr.	Cen. Off.	2/24/1989
Keith, Azalea	CO	CCI	2/24/1989
Kelly, Eugenie	CO	YCI	2/17/1989
Knott, Andrea	Cpt.	MCTSD	2/24/1989
Lebeau, Robert	CO	HCC	2/17/1989
Lemay, Leon	CO	OCI	2/17/1989
McNair, Steven	Lt.	CRCC	2/24/1989
Nash, Jonathan	Lt.	BCI	2/17/1989
Pina, David	CO	GCI	2/24/1989
Poger, Douglas	Par. Off. II	Cen. Off.	2/10/1989
Roberge, John	CO	MYI	2/24/1989
Rossi, Dominick	Voc. Inst.	CCI	2/24/1989
Salza, Richard	CO	YCI	2/24/1989
Santerre, Scott	CO	BCI	2/17/1989
Snape, Keith	CO	CCI	2/24/1989
Soto, Luz	CO	HCC	2/24/1989
Steeves, Michael	HR Spec.	Cen. Off.	2/24/1989
Therierault, Michelle	Cpt.	CRCC	2/17/1989
Werner, Richard	CSAC	Cen. Off.	2/10/1989
Willett, Denis	CO	Cen. Off.	2/17/1989
Williams, Joyce	SST	YCI	2/24/1989
Wilson, Craig	CO	HCC	2/17/1989
Woodworth, Thomas	Lt.	CRCC	2/17/1989

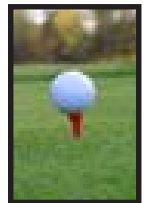
## Coletti Takes Oath from page 1

Prior to having Warden Coletti take the oath, Commissioner Lantz praised him for his seamless leadership of the Brooklyn facility; first during former Warden Robin Sutherland's absence after suffering a major heart-attack, then again after her recent, tragic death.

On a lighter note, the Commissioner joked that she did not have to worry about losing the 48-year-old Coletti to a retirement incentive, for employees 55 years of age and older, proposed by Governor M. Jodi Rell. "I'm not going anywhere," Coletti said humbly. "There may be a shortage of money in the state these days, but there's no shortage of mentors," he added thanking those assembled for assisting him during his nearly 21-year tenure with the department.

## Golf Anyone?

The Joe Bongiorno DOC Golf League will have an organizational meeting for both last year's members and anyone interested in playing during the 2009



season. The meeting will be held on Tuesday (weather permitting), March 3rd at Jo-Anne's Restaurant on Rte. 190 in Somersville, Ct. from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Snow date will be March 10th. Anyone who would like to get more detail about the league is encouraged to call League Secretary, Larry Soine at 860-763-6392. League President D.J. Figiela (Bergin CI) is looking forward to seeing you at Jo-Anne's.

## Years of State Service As of February 2009

### 25 Years of Service

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>
Carini, Robert	CS	Cen. Off.	2/3/1984
Dumas, Gary	CO	Bergin	1/25/1984
Griffin, William	Par. Mgr.	Cen. Off.	2/3/1984
Soto, Migdalia	Lt.	Cen. Off.	2/17/1984

### 30 Years of Service

Olenick, Alan	Main. Supv.	BCI	2/2/1979
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## MPSP Timeline

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**November 2008** - a letter was sent to family members of currently deployed service members introducing the program and providing program contact information.

**December 2008** - a training session was conducted at MCTSD in Cheshire, Connecticut where team members learned about the operations of Combat Stress Units in Iraq.

The Connecticut Department of Correction's Military Peer Support Program has come a long way and continues to be a work in progress. We would like to thank Director Sandra Sawicki for her leadership and continued support and all the other DOC Administrators who have assisted the members of the MPSP in support of our service members.

In addition to the support the MPSP receives from DoC staff, there are many organizations outside of the agency (too many to mention by name), who continue to help us. We thank them for their knowledge, generosity, and guidance.

### Employee Assistance Program

1-800-252-4555

Available 24 hours a day - 7 days a week

[www.theEAP.com](http://www.theEAP.com)

## Carl Robinson CI Gives Back

Resources received through the Inmate Photo Program at Carl Robinson CI were distributed to four very worthy and appreciative organizations. Specific donations included the following: \$1000 worth of toys for the Connecticut Children's Medical Center; \$500 to My Sister's Place; \$500 to the Enfield Food Shelf; and \$500 to the Enfield Police Dept. "Toy for Joy" campaign."



**From left to right:**  
Recreation Supervisor Bill Schmidt, Warden Bruce Cuscovitch and Deputy Warden Monica Rinaldi with some of the toys donated to the Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford. The toys were purchased with monies from the

Inmate Photo Program at CRCI. \$1,000 worth of toys were delivered for the patients at the medical center.

# MVP'S

Alderucci, Marc Captain	CRCC	Godwin, Tanjorie C/O	CRCC	Nedjoika, Robin Rec. Spec.	NCI
Anderson, Scott CTO	CRCC	Golas, Steven C/O	CRCC	Nunez, Carlos Lt.	NHCC
Anklin, Richard CO	MWCI	Goodhall, Timothy CO	NCI	O'Garro, Pauline CHN	MWCI
Archer, Shawn CO	NHCC	Granville, Gregg CO	OCI	Onofrio, Paul Lt.	CRCC
Arcouette, John Lt.	CRCI	Graser, Leonard C/O	CRCC	Osteyee, Tracy OA	MYI
Auclair, Christian CO	CRCI	Guertin, Michael CO	MWCI	Pacelli, Jeffrey CTO	MYI
Avezzie, Rich HVAC Tech.	CRCI	Halket, David CO	ECI	Pagnoni, Joe CHN	MWCI
Backiel, Brett CO	MWCI	Harris, Diane CO	NHCC	Papallo, Franco CO	CRCI
Baker, Andrea CS	MWCI	Harrison, Jason CO	HCC	Paradis, Timothy CO	Bergin
Barber, Earl CO	CRCI	Harry White, CO	ECI	Parker, Renaud CO	HCC
Bass, Keith CO	NCI	Heller, Joseph CO	MWCI	Perez, Carlos CO	NCI
Beaumier, Steve Voc. Ed. Instr.	CRCI	Herzberg, Kurt C/O	CRCC	Pisano, Dominic CO	CRCI
Belle, Lamont CC	MYI	Hesse, Delina CC	OCI	Pontarelli, Ronald CO	ECI
Berrios, Maribel CTO	MWCI	Hickman, James CO	MWCI	Pope, Christopher CO	ECI
Berube-Allen, Maureen CO	MWCI	Hinkson, Dennis CO	MWCI	Prior, Matthew CO	NCI
Bishop, Robert CO	MWCI	Holland, Daniel CO	MWCI	Quail, Nicole CSW	NCI
Bolorin, Samuel CO	HCC	Hudson, Carnell CO	NHCC	Raymond, Jeff CO	BCI
Bonetti, Robert LPN	MWCI	Hume, Thomas C/O	CRCC	Reynolds, John CFSS2	CRCC
Brackett, Jimmy CO	MWCI	Huntley, Patrick CO	HCC	Rivera, Hector CO	ECI
Brantle, Frederic CO	NHCC	Ibes, Juan CO	ECI	Roy, David CO	OCI
Brooks, Dana CO	NHCC	Ikem, Samuel CO	CRCI	Roy, Paul C/O	CRCC
Brunton, Mark CO	MWCI	Iozzia, Joseph C/O	CRCC	Sanders, Wendy CHN	NCI
Bujnicki, Brian CO	MWCI	Jamie Graham, Jamie CO	CRCI	Santiago, Jose CO	HCC
Burgos, Guillermo CO	MWCI	Jasion, Michael CO	NCI	Schmidt, Bill Rec. Sup.	CRCI
Butkiewicz, David Cpt.	NCI	Jaskiewich, Christopher CC	CRCC	Schmidt, Thomas CO	NCI
Carey, Robert CHN	CRCI	Jefferson, Theodore CO	CRCI	Schoonmaker, Joseph C/O	CRCC
Casey, Joseph Lt.	NCI	Jenkins, Michelle Lt.	CRCC	Scott, Garth CO	OCI
Chouinard, Caroline LPN	MWCI	Johnson, Ervin CO	MWCI	Shepard, Gordon CO	HCC
Cichon, Susan CO	Bergin	Johnson, Hiron CO	HCC	Shorter, Andre CO	CRCI
Coderre, Stephen CO	ECI	Johnson, Kenneth CO	MWCI	Slonski, Glenn CO	Bergin
Colon, Luis CO	NCI	Jones-Callands, Nancy CO	ECI	Smith, Alex C/O	CRCC
Congelos, Steve CO	NCI	Judd, Robert Lt.	CRCC	St. Pierre, Nathan CO	Bergin
Cote, Daniel CO	BCI	Julian, Michael CO	NHCC	Stevenson, John Elec.	OCI
Cowser, Nathan C/O	CRCC	Keeney, William CO	MWCI	Stewart, George CO	HCC
Crescentini, Joel Cpt.	OCI	Kendrick, Linda CCS	CRCI	Stork, Steven CO	NCI
Crowley, Gerry CO	CRCI	Lamontagne, Mark CO	Bergin	Strange, Patrick CO	MWCI
Cruz, Karen CC	CRCC	Lang, Charlie LCSW	HCC	Telgarsky, Caroline Lt.	CRCC
Dagenais, James CO	CRCI	Laplace, Todd C/O	CRCC	Tellar, Irwin CO	MWCI
Daley, Timoth CO	NCI	Lashway, Jerry CO	Bergin	Terranova, Santo C/O	CRCC
Davis, Frank CO	Bergin	Lavery, Donald CO	OCI	Timothy Pope, Timothy CO	CRCI
Dexter, Shawn C/O	CRCC	Lee, Greg C/O	CRCC	Torres, Jose Lt.	OCI
Diloreto, Michael C/O	CRCC	Linares, Edgaurdo, Lt.	MWCI	Trapp, Ronald GMO	OCI
Dipace, Joseph CO	NCI	Linares, Edward, Lt.	MWCI	Turner, James C/O	CRCC
Dousis, Jamilee C/O	CRCC	Litwin, John C/O	CRCC	Twarosch, Yoke AA	CRCI
Drame-Brown, Tammarrah CO	NHCC	Lorenzi, Sylvia CO	NCI	Ugona, Ikechukwu CO	ECI
Drapp, Donald CO	NHCC	Loubier, Bernard Lt.	MWCI	VanOudenhove, Scott Cpt.	MWCI
Duclos, Jeffrey CO	NCI	Lt. Dino Cicchetti	ECI	Velez, Javier CO	MWCI
Dulka, Kevin CO	ECI	Lt. Neva Lloyd	ECI	Vereen, Quinn CO	NCI
Durham, Richard CFSS3	CRCC	Lucio Figureiredo, Lucio CO	CRCI	Vining, Todd CO	MWCI
Emmelmann, Bradford CO	NCI	McDonald, Scott CO	ECI	White, Fred Lt.	CRCC
Faucher, Stephen Cpt.	CRCC	Monroe, Spencer CO	MWCI	Whitley, Heidi CN	MWCI
Fontaine, Shane CO	ECI	Montagna, Brian CO	ECI	Willard, Steven C/O	CRCC
Fortin, Thomas C/O	CRCC	Motta, Joseph CO	MWCI	Winton, Tom CFSS2	CRCC
Fulcher, Brett C/O	CRCC	Murphy, Theresa MH	Bergin	Wolney, Matthew CO	HCC
Gadson, James CO	MWCI	Murray, Gemini Cpt.	CRCI	Yother, David C/O	CRCC
Gingras, Peter C/O	CRCC	Murray, Michael C/O	CRCC	Zamora, Oscar CO	NHCC
Glasper, Derek CO	MWCI	Naarden, Jeff RN	NHCC	Zina, Richard CO	NCI