



Connecticut
Department of Correction

P.R.I.D.E. *at* Work

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

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.

A Time of Remembrance

The 2008 Memorial Ceremony

In many ways the weather paralleled the mood of those attending the annual Department of Correction Memorial Ceremony held May 9th at the Maloney Center for Training and Staff Development.

First came the rain

The storm clouds and gloomy conditions served to punctuate the somber mood of family, friends and staff gathered to pay tribute to those members of the Department who had passed away during the previous year.



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From the Commissioner



Under a magnet on my refrigerator is a fortune cookie slip that helps me stay balanced. It says, "Don't let your ambitions overshadow your achievements". On March 17th, I reached my fifth year as Commissioner of this grand agency. Those of you who know me personally, know that I am a driven person with relentless optimism. And I admit, I'm so busy trying to move the agency to better performance that I sometimes do forget to really take inventory of all the wonderful achievements the agency has garnered over the past five years. So, with your indulgence, I list some of the major accomplishments that makes me so very proud and grateful to be part of the best correctional agency in the country.

At the top of my list is a safety record that is the envy of many in our field. While this is a difficult and dangerous profession, where violence and discord can erupt at any moment, we continue to have an outstanding record of safety and security within our facilities, even when we are tasked with an overflow population.

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Ottolini hangs up her Stethoscope

After 20 years of state service Director of Health and Addiction Services, Patricia Ottolini has announced her retirement effective July 1st.

“It’s hard to imagine replacing someone like Pat Ottolini – It’s a great loss,” said Director of the Program and Treatment Division Mary Marcial. “Through a combination of passion and compassion, she touched the lives of staff, as well as, ailing inmates alike. She leaves behind a wonderful legacy.”



Director Patricia Ottolini (center) says “aloha”

In May of 2003 Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz appointed Ottolini as Director of Health and Addiction Services. She began her nursing career in 1975 providing a variety of care at a number of major hospital facilities both in the Hartford area and on Cape Cod. Her first position within the correction system was as a staff nurse at the Enfield Correctional Institution.

Director Ottolini is especially proud of her efforts in developing the Hospice and Palliative Care Program that cares for terminally ill inmates. The first such program opened at MacDougall-Walker C.I. in 2001 with a companion female program which began in the spring of 2003 at York C.I.. Another honor was recently bestowed on Ottolini; she was elected as the Director of the board of the American Correctional Health Services Association (ACHSA). She has been actively involved with ACHSA for several years. A nationwide search for her replacement is currently underway.

Commisioner Marks Milestone cont. from page 1

Perhaps our most massive undertaking was to enhance public safety with the transition of our agency from a confinement model to a Re-Entry model of corrections. This was a fundamental sea change in how we do business that has paid dividends from the day we changed the agency mission statement to include the final phrase, “...with opportunities that support successful community reintegration.” It has become a common theme, with the media and even at the State Capitol, that by addressing criminogenic factors and investing in the potential of each offender, we better their chances of rejoining law abiding society, enhance public safety, reduce recidivism, manage our offender population and ultimately hold down agency costs borne by all of us - state taxpayers. Our Parole and Community Services Division has set new procedures for the oversight of offenders returning to their communities. With such innovations as the Offender Accountability Plan, evidence-based programming and additional community support services, our recidivism rates reflect our mission success. Most importantly, we were able to bring 500 Connecticut inmates home from Virginia in 2004 and achieve the three consecutive years of reductions in the inmate population in more than 20 years without impacting the crime rate in the community. Our work with the University of Connecticut, Correctional Managed Health Care in the field of mental health, and the designation of the Garner Correctional Institution as a mental health facility, has progressively addressed one of the most crucial issues in corrections, and indeed in society, today. We have been recognized nationally for our appreciation and celebration of our diversity and the formation of our Diversity Councils. This is a far cry from the agency that was once under the national spotlight for sexual harassment. We instituted a Vision and Code of Ethics to our Administrative Directives and have seen the Governor, Lt. Governor and even Bill Cosby join us to celebrate our success. My list is endless, and if you looked at all that each of you have accomplished in the past years, I’m sure yours would be also. Together we have come an incredible distance in five fast years. I continue to look forward and I know that with you, the best and most dedicated correctional professionals in the country, we will continue on our journey of professional excellence. With all my heart and prayers, I thank you.

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In anticipation of the predictably bad weather, an elaborate replica of the memorial was ordered from Correctional Enterprises and set up inside the auditorium.

As the ceremony began, in relative darkness, Commissioner Theresa Lantz offered solace to those grieving the loss of their loved ones.

“Tonight however, we must do more than mourn, for this is also a time of remembrance and ultimately of celebration,” said Lantz. “Their names have been carved in the indelible black marble of the monument, not as a sign of their death, but as a reminder of their life and to signify what they continue to contribute our agency.”

The Rain Subsides

After a soulful rendition by Counselor Supervisor Leigh Ware of “His eyes are on the Sparrow,” chaplains, representing various faiths, and led by the Director of Religious Services, Father Anthony Bruno, offered their individual prayers for those who had recently passed.

Afterwards, candles were lit not only in memoriam, but also to symbolize that even during the darkest of times, the light of hope still shines.

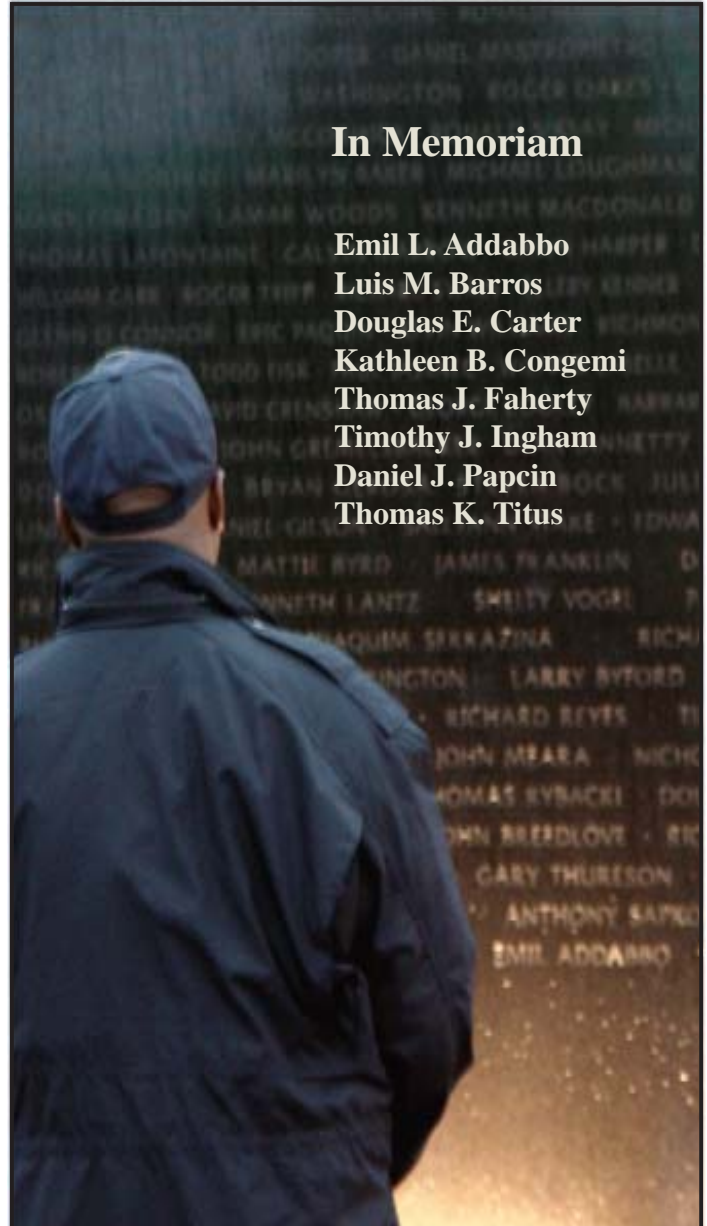
Commissioner Lantz then called out the memorial roll call – with each name, Honor Guard members answering, “absent ma’am,” then laying a single rose at the base of the memorial.

Clearing Skies at Dusk

With the ceremony drawing to a close, a wreath was laid, a moment of silence observed, and as a lone bagpiper wailed out “Amazing Grace,” many a cathartic tear was shed.

While the clouds were breaking-up outside, and a hint of blue sky could be seen in the distance; inside, Commissioner Lantz’s words gave those gathered a sense of hope, a sense that the sun would surely shine again.

“Your loved ones are our foundation. What they gave of themselves still supports us,” she said. “The mentoring they provided those who have come behind them, will live on, holding our agency high and nourishing the ranks of the future. They were and will forever be our foundation, our rock.”



In Memoriam

Emil L. Addabbo
Luis M. Barros
Douglas E. Carter
Kathleen B. Congemi
Thomas J. Faherty
Timothy J. Ingham
Daniel J. Papcin
Thomas K. Titus

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 Plant Facilities Engineer I, Don Hallabeck. If you have any questions or comments, he can be reached at (203) 806-2666.

With oil prices sky rocketing alternative fuel sources for home heating are an option that many people are exploring. One of the most popular is firewood. There are a few things one should know when choosing this option which will allow you to get the most BTU's out of your fire. The first thing that comes to mind is what type of wood you should burn. Well the harder the wood the more BTU's you will get.

The list starts with Rock Elm and works its way through Hickory, Oak Maple, Ash, Birch, Aspen, Hemlock, Poplar, Pine, Cedar and Fir. There are many varieties of the different types which work their way into different places on the list but that is basically the way it reads.

I know the last wood on the list is fir and many of you who already burn wood are saying I would never burn that, it creates too much creosote. Well you might be surprised to know that there was a study done back in the early 1980's to see which wood created the most creosote. That study revealed that the softer woods (properly dried) created the least amount! Well it's true the softer wood's like fir, pine, etc. are less dense and actually



burn faster creating a hotter flame and increasing chimney flue temperatures. It is this higher flue temperature's that keep creosote from developing. How does creosote develop you ask? Well it is a by-product of rising un-burnt particles in the flue gases with a fast burning fire. The hot gases rise up and out of the chimney without having time to cool down. It is the cooling down phase of the flue gases which allows these un-burnt particles to accumulate. These particles will gather on the walls of your chimney creating a creosote build up. So now that we have established which wood creates the most creosote and which creates the most BTU's what is the next thing you should know?

Seasoning. How long should you season fire-wood? Well you want as much of the moisture out of it as possible, at least one year is a good rule of thumb. If you want a visual, seasoned wood looks dark or gray when compared to green unseasoned wood but if you split it, it's white on the inside. Some hard woods like oak may take longer to season because they are so dense it just takes longer to dry out. How wood is stacked can assist in the drying time. If you simply throw a tarp over a pile of wood you are not allowing air to move freely around it and it will take longer to dry. Now the down side of seasoning is you can over do it. Wood starts to break down after 4-5 years. In closing, to have the most efficient burning wood, cut next year's wood this year.

DOC Cruising With a Purpose

On Saturday March 15, 2008, DOC staff, their family and friends sailed on the "1st Annual Cruise with a Purpose 2008" to support the Connecticut Special Olympics.

The ship sailed out of New York City and headed south for a day and a half, to the Caribbean. On Monday morning the ship docked at Cape Canaveral where families debarked for a fun day at Disney or fun in the sun on the Cape Canaveral shoreline. From Florida, the ship head for the Bahamas, where it made port in Nassau, and Freeport. All in all, it was eight great, fun-filled days of fun in the sun, shopping, fine dining, shows, and entertainment. The trip raised \$775.00 for the Connecticut Special Olympics.

Thank you to all staff, their families, and friends for supporting this great cause. Hopefully, in 2009, we can fill the entire ship. Look out for the flyers in the near future for the "2nd Annual Cruise with a Purpose 2009"



Pictured above: from Manson Youth C.I.: Capt. Chris Taylor and family, Capt. Rocco Sweat and family, Retired Deputy Warden Melvin Wells and family, Lt. Viveca Martin, Administrative Assistant Barbara Westerberg and family, Clerk Typist Pamela Castonguay and family, Officer Jody Hickman and friend, Officer Tori Henry. Osborn C.I.: Officer Milton Wisdom and family. Garner C.I.: Office Assistant Rose Abic and family.

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Around the Cell Block

Louisiana- The warden of the State Penitentiary considers a 400 pound black bear roaming his facility an extra layer of security.

Canada- The country's prisons have instituted a smoking ban, that includes staff, beginning with the maximum security facilities.

Virginia- A new study finds that black adults in this state are 13.2 times more likely to go to prison for drug convictions than whites.

Iowa- Prison officials are embarking on a \$228-million building program that includes an 800 bed facility that won't be ready until 2014.

Total Supervised Population
on
May 29, 2008
23,835
On May 29, 2007
the population was
23,534

MVP'S

Haskell., Charles CO	CRCC	Richard, Tim CO	CRCI	Golas, Tracy CO	Gates
Henneberry, John CO	CRCI	Rivera, Edwin CO	HCC	Thomas, George CO	Gates
Hill, David GMO	CRCI	Robinson, Kenyatta CO	CRCI	Potts, Jason CO	Gates
Hodges, Nicholas CO	CRCC	Rodriguez, Ricardo	MWCI	Scovish, John CFSS II	Gates
Hoover, Jeffrey CO	CRCC	Rosario, Keyr CCT	WCCI	DeLosReyes, Cesar CFSS II	Gates
Hudyma , David CO	CRCC	Roshkowski, Ken SST	CRCI	Susan Colby, CFSS II	Gates
Jacaruso, Matthew CO	CRCC	Rumore, Steven, CO	CRCI	Genido, Flaviano, CFSS II	Gates
Jackson, Willie CO	CRCI	Ruops, Vincent, SST	CRCI	Baldassario, Michael CFSS II	Gates
Jaghi, Deen CO	WCCI	Saladini, Marcos, Capt.	CRCC	Harris, William CFSS II	Gates
Johnson, Laura CC	CRCI	Salinas, Irving , CO	MWCI	Kulp, Garrett CFSS II	Gates
Jolin, Paul CO	CRCI	Sanchez, Lissette CO	MWCI	Mau, Matthew CFSS II	Gates
Judd, Robert Lt.	CRCC	Santiago, Raphael CO	MWCI	Kuckel, Debra CFSS III:	Gates
Kane, Mary Asst. Principal	MWCI	Saraiva, Marc CO	CRCI	Whipple, Kevin Lt.	Gates
Kehoe, Charles CO	CRCI	Schmidt, William Rec. Spvr	CRCI	Edward, Waido Lt.	Gates
Kehoe, Rose CO	CRCI	Sherman, Michael CO	CRCC	Ford , Wayne Capt.	Gates
Kelly, Jerrilyn CC	CRCI	Shikoluk, Jeffrey CO	CRCI	Melo, Socorro CO	WCCI
Kendrick, Linda CCS	CRCI	Shoemaker, John Lt.	CRCC	Maggio, Russell Lt.	OCI
Kennedy, Kevin, Lt.	WCCI	Soine, Larry SST	CRCI	Hebert, Randy CO	OCI
Kraimer, Sharon Rec. Spec.	CRCI	Somers, Betsy CO	CRCI	Sterlacci, Nick CO	OCI
Labonte, Jared CO	CRCI	Staton, Vernon CO	CRCI	Quirion, Jeffrey CO	CRCI
Labonte, Jared CO	CRCI	Stephen, Roy CC	CRCI	Graham, Jamie CO	CRCI
LaPorte, William Maint. Spvr	CRCI	Stewart, Ken CO	CRCI	Hunter, Brandon CO	CRCI
Lawrence, Bernard CO	MWCI	Strange, Bruce Lt.	CRCI	Rickson, Stephen CO	CRCI
Lawson, Jeff CO	CRCI	Strickland, Billy CO	MWCI	Goudreault, Paul	CRCI
Lazarus, Erica CN	BCC	Stygares, Yolanta SST	MWCI	Hurley, Eric CO	CRCI
Lee, Robert CO	CRCC	Sullivan, Michael SST	CRCI	Correia, Nelson Lt.	CRCI
Littell, Charles CO	CRCC	Heller, Joseph, CO	MWCI	Reaves, Adrian Lt.	CRCI
Lopez, Gladys Rec. Spec.	CRCI	Ireland, Steven CO	MWCI	Clark, Dawne Lt.	CRCI
Loubier, Wendy CFSSII	WCCI	Linares Edgardo Lt.	MWCI	Thompson, Kevin CO	MWCI
Moore, Joenathan Lt.	NHCC	Murry Mark Lt.	MWCI	Timothy, Pope CO	CRCI
Lucey, Timothy CO	CRCI	Kendrick, Linda CCS	CRCI	Toms, Yvonne LPN	NHCC
Luddy, Mary Clerk Typist	MWCI	Martyn, Wendy Sec.2	CRCI	Tyszka, Michael LPN	BCC
Maiolo, Gay Librarian	WCCI	Twarosch, Yoke AA	CRCI	Velez, Javier CO	MWCI
Mangual, Maria CO	WCCI	Beaumier, Steven Voc. Inst.	CRCI	Walton, Nancy CHS	BCC
Martinez, Noel PO	WPO	Masi, Joseph Voc. Instr.	CRCI	Wheeler, Steven GMO	CRCI
Mattil, Kenneth Locksmith	CRCI	Davagian, Scott CO	CRCI	William, Morison Electrician	CRCI
Maynard, Gary CO	CRCC	Dion, Matthew CO	CRCI	Winters, Roderick CO	CRCC
McNair , Steven Lt.	CRCC	Barber, Earl CO	CRCI	Woods-Ebron, Kimberly CO	NHCC
Mendillo, Anthony CO	NHCC	Rivera, Sam CO	CRCI	Wright ,Larry CO	MWCI
Moller, Jeffrey HVAC Tech	CRCI	LaFleur, Albert CO	CRCI	Zajdel, Michael CO	CRCI
Murray, Gemini Capt.	CRCI	O'Mara, John CO,	CRCI	Zimmerman, Michael Electrician	CRCI
Mysliwicz, Lisa Sec. 1	CRCI	Coley, Christopher CO	Gates	Auclair, Christian CO	CRCI
Neveski, Harry, CO	CRCI	Davies, Donald CO	Gates	Barber, Earl CO	CRCI
Nicholas Hodges, Lt.	CRCC	Estabrooks, James CO	Gates	Barnett, William CO	CRCI
O'Donnell, Terrence	WCCI	Muckle, Christopher CO	Gates	Beaumier, Steven Voc. Inst.	CRCI
O'Neal, Fred CO	WCCI	Harasimowicz, Tom CO	Gates	Colby, Susan CFSS II	Gates
Papallo, Franco CO	CRCI	Peridon, Joseph CO	Gates	Henderson, Janelle CO	CRCI
Pessoni, David CO	CRCC	Wilson, Othar CO	Gates	Holmes, Mark CO	CRCI
Petrella, Joseph Rec. Supvr.	YCI	Tracey, William CO	Gates	Kelly, Scott CO	CRCI
Pisano, Domenick CO	CRCI	Woolard, Larry CO	Gates	Kendrick, Linda CCS	CRCI
Pogg, Eric CO	CRCI	Murray, Timothy CO	Gates	Krasner, Robert CFSS2	CRCI
Poulin, Steven CO	MWCI	Espada, Angel CO	Gates	Martyn, Wendy Sec. II	CRCI
Quijano, Eduardo CO	MWCI	Delucca, Steven CO	Gates	Murry Mark Lt.	MWCI
Quinn, Dennis CO	CRCI	Stone, Jamie CO	Gates	O'Mara, John CO	CRCI
Ramsey, Jerry Lt.	CRCC	Spotten, Kelly CO	Gates	Ottaviano, Diane Sch. Pscyh.	CRCI
Regan , Matt Capt.	CRCI	Woody, Craig CO	Gates	Castro, Luis Lt.	NHCC

Recent Promotions

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Venus Wilson	Lieutenant	York
Gary Hunter	Captain	Carl Robinson
Jon Brighthaupt	Deputy Warden	Central Office
John McCormack	Corr Treatment Officer	Northern
Paulette Williams	Corr Treatment Officer	Northern
Michael Pierce	Corr Treatment Officer	Northern
John Ilvento	Corr Treatment Officer	Gates
Robert Smith	Corr Treatment Officer	Gates
Heather Delaporta	Corr Treatment Officer	York
Katherine Iozzia	Corr Treatment Officer	York
Michael Cauley	CFSS 3	Carl Robinson CI
Blanchard-Samuda	Corr Treatment Officer	MacDougall/Walker
Craig Washington	Corr Treatment Officer	MacDougall/Walker
Jason Marston	Corr Counselor	MacDougall/Walker
Sara Skribiski	Corr Counselor Trainee	MacDougall/Walker
Kelly Malloy	Corr Counselor Trainee	Osborn
Michael Shkoluk	Corr Counselor Trainee	Brooklyn
Vincent Moore	Corr Counselor Trainee	Bridgeport
Michael Guillet	Corr Counselor Trainee	Gates
Kristy Messier	Corr Counselor Trainee	Central Office-CRCI
Donna Moro	Corr Counselor Trainee	Northern
Wanda Maloney	Corr Counselor Trainee	Central Off.- Osborn
Renee Cyr	Corr Subs. Abuse Coun. Sup.	Willard/Cybulski CI
Michael Rieve	Addiction Svcs. Coun. Sup.	Cheshire/Webster CI
John McNerney	Addiction Svcs. Coun. Sup.	Cheshire/Webster CI
Joseph Brady	Department Head	Central Office
Kenneth Mattil	Corr. Maintenance Sup.	CRCI
Carla Kielbasinski	Fiscal Administrative Asst.	Central Office
William Carey	Training Officer	MCTSD
T. Angelakopoulos	Training Officer	MCTSD
Brenda Sharpiro	Training Officer	MCTSD

Governor Rell Signs New Law Banning Use of Nooses to Threaten or Intimidate

Governor M. Jodi Rell has signed into law Senate Bill 604, *An Act Concerning Hate Crimes*, which strengthens state law by making it a crime to display a noose as a way of harassing or threatening someone.

“Connecticut simply will not tolerate bigotry or racism,” Governor Rell said. “Let this bill send that message loud and clear. Using a noose – a symbol of the racially motivated lynchings during the late 19th and first half of the 20th century – to intimidate anyone because of their race or any other characteristic is a repugnant and cowardly act. No one should be subject to that kind of treatment.” The new law takes effect October 1st.

Condolences



Staff of Bridgeport Correctional Center are saddened to announce the death of Thomas Harrell, brother-in-law of Warden Walter Ford, Lt. Wallace Ford and brother of Correction Officer Deborah Ford who recently retired from Webster CI.



Director Fred Levesque and Warden Charles Lee are saddened to announce the passing of Tracey Brown, sister of Correctional Counselor Stacy Hanna, OCPM and Correctional Counselor Marion Hanna, Cheshire CI



It is with great sadness that Warden Feliciano shares with you the passing of Correction Officer Ceasar Ordonez on May 5, 2008.



William D Glenn, Sr., Father of Officer Sheryl Duzant at York CI, died on April 28th from Lung Cancer.

20 Years of State Service

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Allen, Ralph	CorrectionOfficer	York C. I.
Ames, Robert	Corr. Lieutenant	Northern C. I.
Baker, Marion	CorrectionOfficer	Hartford C. C.
Baynes, Gary	Corr. Captain	Garner C.I.
Buchanan, Joy	Corr. Lieutenant	York C. I.
Fisher, Sharon	Corr. Counselor	York C. I.
Fleming, Mattie	CorrectionOfficer	York C.I.Bridgeport C. C.
Foster, Thomas	Correction Officer	Hartford C.C.
Gary, Robert	Correction Officer	Hartford C.C.
Grimmett, Gevonna	CorrCounslr Supv.	Central Office
Gunn, Thomas	Correction Officer	Osborn C. I.
Hasan, Amin	Correction Officer	Bridgeport C. C.
Miller, Rodney	Correction Officer	Corrigan/Radgowski
Morgan, Susan	Corr. Treatment Off.	Gates C. I.
OKeefe, Joseph	Dir. Re-Entry Ser.	Central Office
Parker, Melvina	Chaplain	Gates C. I.
Quinn, Peter	CorrectionOfficer	York C. I.
Ricks, Lori	Corr. Warden2	Hartford C. C.
Semple, S. Scott	Corr. Deputy Warden	Garner C. I.
Stewart, Serecia	CorrectionOfficer	Hartford C. C.
Van dusen, Walter	CorrectionOfficer	York C. I.
Warren, Jon	Corr. Deputy Warden	Manson Youth Inst.
Waterhouse, William	CorrectionOfficer	Gates C.I.
Wollman, Patricia	OfficeAssistant	Gates C.I.

Fundraising Dance To support Team CT-DoC

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Cybulski)
Officers Montalvo & Morrisette
(Macdougall/Walker)
Lieutenant Cleveland (UCONN)
Capt. Rodwell (HCC)
CTO Dwyer (Northern)
Capt. Parker, Lt. Williamson & C/O
Wright, J. (Osborn)
Officer Pettie (CCIE)

The Race is On

The 2008 Komen CT Race for the Cure is on June 7th in Bushnell Park, Hartford.

Whether you plan to register or just want to come support the event, we encourage you to become involved. Sign on today! Register to run, walk, knit, sleep in or volunteer. Volunteer, create a team, collect donations or all three. Online forms make it easy. Special recognition and a complimentary breakfast are available to all registered breast cancer survivors.

For more information go to:
www.komenct.org



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30 Years State Service



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