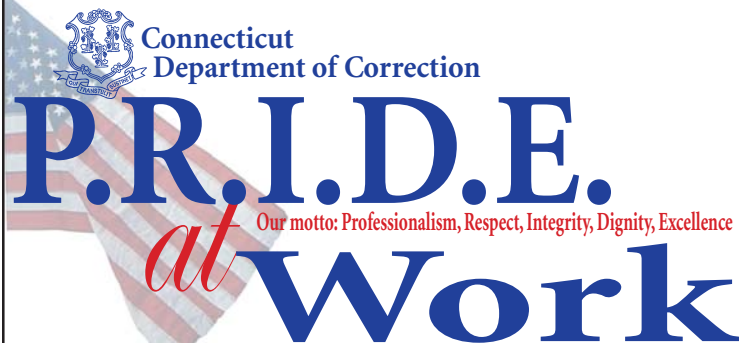


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## Governor Honors State's Finest

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.



From Left: Fred Levesque, Commissioner Theresa Lantz, Governor M. Jodi Rell, Raymond Filip, and Father Anthony Bruno.

see Three Receive page 5

## Commissioner Honors DoC's Finest

In the midst of the 40<sup>th</sup> 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.



Commissioner Lantz presents the Comptroller with a "Nancy Wyman Doll"

see 2008 Awards page 3

### 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.

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# 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 17<sup>th</sup> annual Connecticut Police Canine Olympics, held August 9<sup>th</sup> at the University of Connecticut West Campus in Mansfield. The event is sponsored by the Department



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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 7<sup>th</sup> overall to team.

### Obedience Competition

Rob Sabourin and Blade took 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

### Tactical Obedience

Cathy Lemay and Pharaoh took 3<sup>rd</sup> place.  
Sam Ducharme and Stix took 4<sup>th</sup> place.

### Obstacle Competition

Steve Whitehouse and Zoro took 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

### Criminal Apprehension Competition

Don Austin and Ladon took 7<sup>th</sup> place.  
Rob Sabourin and Blade took 9<sup>th</sup> place.

### Most Experienced Handler Award

Cathy Lemay – 11 years.



Jamie Rivera and Jake



Cathy Lemay and Pharaoh

## 2008 Awards Ceremony from page 1

“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.”



**Commissioner’s Award Recipient:  
Raymond Filip**



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

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 Lantz carried on the tradition of honoring staff

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.”



**Warden Robin Sutherland**

# 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.



**Officer Matthew Loubier**



**Record Specialist Lisa Besette**

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.

## 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.

## 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Total  
Supervised  
Population  
on  
September 11, 2008*

**23,868**

*On September 11, 2007  
the population was  
23,702*

## Three Receive Governor's Service Award from page 1

Father Bruno has been the Director of Religious Services since April of 1999, and this year marks his 40<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## 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.



**Officer Christopher Jones With  
Warden Ester Torres**

## 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.

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## 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.

## Years of State Service

August 2008

### 20 Years of State Service

Name	Title	Facility	Hire Date
Richards, Matthew	C.O.	Cent.Off.	8/12/1988
Wagner, Gerald	C.S.	Cent.Off.	8/26/1988
Campbell, James	C.O.	GCI	8/1/1988
Brodeur, Raymond	C.O.	HCC	8/12/1988
Armento, Alexander	C.O.	MYI	8/12/1988
Caesar, Geraldine	C. O.	MYI	8/5/1988
Raucci, Michael	C. O.	MYI	8/12/1988
Cluff, Minter	C. O.	YCI	8/12/1988

August 2008

### 25 Years of State Service

Cyr, James	Lt.	Cent.Off.	8/26/1983
Dillon, Joseph	D.W.	MYI	8/26/1983
Roach, Randy	C.O.	NHCC	8/26/1983
Davis, Derek	C.O.	OCI	8/26/1983

August 2008

### 30 Years of State Service

Stoodley, Wendy	PHRS	Cent.Off.	7/14/1978
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August 2008

### 35 Years of State Service

McCaughey, Joseph	GMO	NCI	8/3/1973
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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

## 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.

## 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.

State of Connecticut  
Department of Correction



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**

## 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](http://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	Gordon, Jacqueline CSAC	MWCI	O'Mara, John CO	CRCI
Allison, Horrace Lt.	MWCI	Graser, Leonard CO	CRCC	Otero, Rafael CO	OCI
Aloi, Joseph CO	BCC	Gray, Richard CO	Bergin	Pagnoni, Joe CHN	MWCI
Andrade, Linda Counselor	ECI	Griffin, Bruce CO	Bergin	Penn, Theresa Cpt.	CRCC
Antico, James CO	OCI	Griffin, Jack CSAC	MWCI	Perras, Linda Sec II	ECI
Avery, John Lt.	CRCC	Guarino, Lauren Re. Spec.	Parole	Philip Lajoie, Philip CO	MWCI
Badura, Steve CHNS	OCI	Guillot, Greg CO	CRCC	Phillips, Michael CO	OCI
Baker, Thomas CO	OCI	Henry-Ruffin, Eula CC	OCI	Piccone, Sam Counselor	ECI
Barnes, Marie Lt.	CCI	Hesse, Delina CC	OCI	Pinkney, Sonya CO	OCI
Besette, Lisa Rec. Spec.	CRCI	Hickman, Carolyn Lt.	CCI	Pope, Reggie Couns Sup.	ECI
Birmingham, Fred CC	MYI	Hollstein, Jennifer Lt.	YCI	Provencher, Pam RN	CRCI
Blanchette, Edward Dr.	CO	Holmes, John CO	CRCC	Quinn, Edwar CO	CRCC
Boisvert, Charmaine CTO	MYI	Holmes, Mark CO	CRCI	Reid, Charlene CO	MYI
Bona, Robert Lt.	MYI	Jackson, Sharon Lt.	CCI	Reid, Kevin CO	MWCI
Bonetti, Rob LPN	MWCI	Jasenec, Robert CO	MWCI	Reynolds, Patricia Cpt.	CCI
Boucher, Robert Lt.	CRCI	Jeannotte, Jeffrey Lt.	OCI	Riffo, Art CFSS 3	OCI
Bowman, LaTonya Counselor	ECI	Johnson, Andrew Lt.	MWCI	Righenzi, Jayson CO	MWCI
Brown, Damita CO	CCI	Johnson, Melissa Off. Asst.	CRCC	Rios, Maria Lt.	OCI
Brown, Milagros CO	MYI	Jones, Karin CO	CRCC	Rivenburgh, Kevin CO	MWCI
Callaghan, Dennis Cpt.	MYI	Kendrick, Linda CCS	CRCI	Rivera, Edward CO	OCI
Canfield, Keith CO	MWCI	Kendrick, Matt CO	CRCI	Robinson, Hayton CO	CRCI
Caouette, Michael CO	MYI	Kotiadis, Irene CC	OCI	Rodriguez, William CO	Bergin
Capasso, Michael Cpt.	MYI	Lamirand, Gary CO	BCI	Roman, Efrain CO	MYI
Chouinard, Caroline LPN	MWCI	Lawrence, Mia CC	OCI	Roston, Dave CFS Man.	OCI
Clark, Laurie LPN	CRCI	Lee, Joseph CO	MYI	Roy, David CO	OCI
Clarke, Todd Rec. Sup.	CRCC	Lee, PeiTi IT Anyl III	CO	Roy, Steve Voc. Ed. Inst.	OCI
Clay-Bey, Lawrence CO	CTU	Lepaoja, John Cpt.	BCI	Russell, Deborah CO	Bergin
Conover, Kevin SST	CRCC	Lewis, Nathan Lt.	MWCI	Santana, Annette Counselor	ECI
Coro, John CO	MWCI	Lichwalla, Aaron CO	MYI	Santaniello, Andrew CO	MWCI
Correa, Pablo CO	MWCI	Long, Devonia CC	OCI	Segura, Barbara CS	MWCI
Cotto, Adalberto CO	CRCI	Longton, William CO	CRCC	Shikoluk, Jeffrey CO	CRCI
Craig, Kevin Lt.	Bergin	Lopez, Leticia CO	MYI	Shoemaker, John Lt.	CRCC
Cusano, Antonio Lt.	CTSD	Loubier, Matthew CO	CRCI	Smith, Donald Lt.	CCI
Cuttitta, Brian CO	MYI	Lumpkin, Jeffrey CO	OCI	Smith, Wendy Office Asst	ECI
Davis, Martha CO	CRCI	Lytle, Darin CO	CCI	Soderman, Diane Sec. II	OCI
DeGraffenreaidt, Willie CO	CRCI	Mack, Dirmy CO	CCI	Soine, Larry SST	CRCI
Demiraj, Rustem CO	CCI	Maffa, David CO	CCI	Soucy, Ray Corr. Ind. Sup.	CCI
Deorsey, John CO	MWCI	Maggio, Russ Lt.	OCI	Statchen, Mark LT	Bergin
Diaz, Ivette Lt.	MWCI	Martin, Brian CO	MYI	Staton, Vernon CO	CRCI
Diaz, Pablo CO	CRCI	Matuszczak, Rafal	CCI	Steinmetz, Christ. CFSS2	OCI
Donahue, Sean Lt.	OCI	McCormick, Ned Lt.	NCI	Strange, Bruce Lt.	CRCI
Dubuque, Doug CO	CRCI	Miele, Michael CO	Bergin	Stuart, Sean Lt.	MWCI
Dulaire, Stanford CO	MWCI	Miller, Gordon CO	MYI	Stubbs, Melissa Princ.	CRCC
Dupuis, Donna CO	MYI	Millhouse, Michael CO	CCI	Summers, James Mnt. Sup.	CRCC
Durham, Richard CFSS3	CRCC	Mitchell, Thomas CO	MWCI	Sutherland, Ross Counselor	ECI
Eichner, Walter CO	MYI	Mix, David Voc Ed Inst.	ECI	Szpyrka, Doreen CO	CRCC
Ethier, David CO	BCI	Morgan, Dennis CC	OCI	Vasquez, Bangie Lt.	Garner
Flores, Daniel CO	MYI	Morneau, Robert CO	OCI	Vazquez, Freddie CO	OCI
Gagnon, Jason Lt.	Garner	Morrow, Tom Mnt. Sup.	CRCC	Velez, Abraham Lt.	CRCI
Gardner, Jeremy CFSS 1	OCI	Moyher, Eric CO	Bergin	Waldron, Richard Lt.	CRCC
Garner, Walter CO	OCI	Murray, Gemini Cpt.	CRCI	Ward, Leslie Sec. II	OCI
Garofalo, Maurizio CO	MWCI	Murry, Marysol Off Asst	ECI	Weiner, Kathleen CHNS	MWCI
Gethers, Priscilla CO	CCI	Normandeau, Maryann ITAnyl III	CO	Weldon, Roy Counselor	ECI
Gilliand, Bill LCSW	MWCI	O'Donnell, Melissa CO	MYI	Werne, Rich CSAC	MWCI
Godwin, Tanjorie CO	CRCC	O'Gorman, Frank CSAC	MWCI	Wilcox, Richard CFSS 1	OCI
Golas, Steven CO	CRCC	O'Hearn, Michael CO	OCI	Williams, Gregory CO	MWCI
Gonzalez, Evelyn CO	CRCI	Olbrych, Michael CO	CRCI	Wing, Jeffery CO	CRCC