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Signal #1 – The New Radios Are Here

After months of testing and reviewing staff evaluation sheets, the Radio Advisory Committee has voted-on, and approved TAIT as the manufacturer to replace the “old” EF Johnson portable radios currently in use throughout the agency.

Beginning in October, Facilities Management & Engineering will start rotating the new TAIT model 9500 radios into Enfield CI, Northern CI, Osborn CI; followed by Willard/Cybulski CI and Robinson CI in November. It is anticipated that the deployment of the TAIT radios statewide will be completed by the fall of 2009.



The purchase of the new radios is the culmination of more than a year’s work by a 15-member committee comprised of District Administrators, as well as staff from: Tactical/Armory Operations, NP4 - Union, Engineering, MIS and District 1 Radio Specialists. The main purpose of the committee was to find, test, evaluate and purchase the best possible radio equipment available that fit the Department’s needs.

To achieve this goal, the committee purchased four radios from five different manufacturers with all hardware, software, batteries, chargers, holster etc., for evaluation. The five manufacturers chosen were Motorola, Tait, MA/COM, Kenwood, and EF Johnson. These radios were field tested by line staff at four correctional facilities. The facilities chosen were Hartford CC, Robinson CI, MacDougall CI, and York CI. Each facility received four radios to be tested on first, second and third shifts. Each manufacturer was tested for the entire week then rotated into the next facility. Tactical and District 1 Electronic Shop also performed rigorous testing on performance and functionality.

On September 17, 2008, the NP-4 and NP-8 Executive Staff met with the Radio Committee and were presented with the Committee’s findings and supported the Committee’s decision.

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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US Attorney's Office Recognizes DoC's Staff

At a recent awards ceremony, The United States District of Connecticut Attorney's Office recognized the contributions of two Department of Correction staff members. Counselor Supervisor John Aldi and Lieutenant Sean Sullivan were award recipients at the event held September 12th at the Shubert Theater in New Haven. During the ceremony, a sampling of criminal and civil cases that were completed during the past year were highlighted. The case in which Lieutenant Sullivan was recognized for his assistance involved the targeting of suppliers of the drug PCP in the New Haven area. After identifying the distributors, an FBI-led task force was able to not only dismantle the PCP enterprise run by local gang members, but also to identify and arrest the PCP supplier in New York.



**L to R Counselor Supervisor John Aldi,
Deputy Commissioner Brian Murphy,
and Lieutenant Sean Sullivan**

of a significant street gang operating in Waterbury and a separate drug trafficking enterprise that distributed substantial quantities of cocaine and heroin, also in Waterbury. The operation resulted in the arrest of approximately 80 individuals on state charges.

"We are grateful for the contributions you make, honored to work alongside you, and pleased to be able to highlight your accomplishments as you help to ensure the safety and security of the citizens of this District," stated Acting United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut Nora Dannehy.

9-11 Memorial Observance



On a crisp September morning, with a clear-blue sky, staff gathered outside Central Office to commemorate the tragic events of 9/11/2001.

"Our patriotism was awakened that day," said Commissioner Lantz addressing the solemn crowd. "Time has faded the raw anger and grief of that day, but that morning will forever remain seared into our memories."

Afterwards, in order to signify that our agency celebrates diversity and is built upon acceptance of all walks of life, faiths and colors, Commissioner Lantz asked Director of Religious Services, the Reverend Anthony Bruno and Chaplain, Imam Abdul Majid Karim Hasan to offer their prayers for those gathered, those we lost on September 11th, their families and for our great country.

As the ceremony was concluding Commissioner Lantz appealed to the crowd to remember throughout the year those who at this moment are defending our country. She added, "...keep in your thoughts and prayers our correctional staff, who are continuing to protect the public, having swapped their DOC uniform for one with our country's military."

Wardens in the Dunk Tank



Warden Bruce Cusckovitch...

On Thursday, August 28th, on a very cool day for August, the staff at the Carl Robinson Correctional Institution held a fund raiser for the American Heart Association. Staff had an opportunity to dunk Warden Cuscovitch, Deputy Warden Rinaldi and Captain Gemini Murray. Warden Cuscovitch agreed to sit in the dunk tank in the morning from 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM. At the time the temperature was 50 degrees. Deputy Warden Monica Rinaldi and Captain Gemini Murray sat in the tank from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Approximately \$400 was collected for the cause.



...takes the plunge

Hartford Correctional Center's Quality of Work Life Committee

held a similar fundraiser on September 12th. Staff had the opportunity to try to dunk Warden Lori Ricks, Deputy Warden Scott Erfe, or Lieutenant Eric Perry. "With the serious nature of our business, it is important for the staff to have some fun once in awhile," said a wet Warden Ricks. The approximately \$200 that was raised will help to offset the cost of the facility's holiday party.



Warden Lori Ricks: Before, During, and After

CONNECTICUT K-9 MEMORIAL FUND

Connecticut Department of Correction's canines are willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for public safety.

Ask any K-9 Handler and they will tell you their canine is a partner, one willing to put their life on the line. In order to honor those brave animals that have been willing to sacrifice their lives protecting the public, correctional staff, and inmates of the State of Connecticut, the Connecticut Department of Correction Canine Unit has begun fundraising to create a permanent memorial that will honor these fallen heroes.



Currently, there are 20 highly trained canines working along side officers in the agency. From responding to codes, protecting staff, drug detection or searching for escaped inmates or missing civilians, these dogs play a critical role in achieving the Department of Correction's mission. Courageous, loyal and devoted to duty, these dogs operate on the front line of public safety. Envision a black granite stone with a bronze replica of the department's K-9 patch with the K-9 prayer engraved on the stone placed in a memorial setting on the grounds of our Academy to honor these heroes.

Won't you help us honor these heroes who are willing to give their life to protect D.O.C. staff?

Gifts of all sizes will be greatly appreciated and can be made out to the **CT DOC K9 Memorial Fund**. Checks can be given to any **K9 Handler** or sent to **Deputy Warden Joseph Chapdelaine** at **24 Wolcott Hill Road, Wethersfield, CT 06109**.

Around the Cell Block



Minnesota- A 21-year old inmate, serving time for burglary used a fire truck to drive through the front gate to freedom.

Pennsylvania- County prison commissioners admit they furloughed an inmate after he jumped off a tier in a suicide attempt to avoid paying the \$554,000 medical bill.

England- Prison officials are requiring staff to address inmates as Mr., Mrs. or Ms. as part of the Prison Services national "decency agenda."

Georgia- The state's 18 prison chaplains are facing furloughs as the prison system struggles to find a 10 percent reduction in its budget.

***Total
Supervised
Population
on
October 9, 2008
23,813
On October 9, 2007
the population was
23,737***

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 William Porter, Plant Facilities Engineer 1, and questions relating to it may be answered by contacting him at 860.739-3084.

How does GPS work, and is now the time to invest in one?

GPS, short for Global Positioning System, allows people to know exactly where they are without having to use a map and compass. GPS works by communicating with satellites orbiting the earth. The satellites transmit a signal telling their position which is received by the GPS unit. The GPS unit then compares the information between 3 or 4 satellites, and can calculate where you are on the surface of the earth. GPS units are becoming increasingly affordable, and provide you with the security of knowing where you are, no matter how far from home.

But what does this mean?

This means that you never have to get lost driving again! GPS systems are no longer exclusive items, they can be bought for as cheaply as \$150 dollars at stores such as Staples, Best Buy, Target, and even Wal-Mart. High end GPS units can still cost over \$1000 dollars, but spending as little as \$200 can give you a well equipped unit that will speak aloud directions as you are driving.

What should I buy?

For use in an automobile, the most popular units are TomTom, Garmin, and Magellan. Most devices are mounted to your dash or windshield with a suction cup, and allow you to plug them into a 12 volt outlet such as your cigarette lighter or alternate accessory outlet. For around \$150 dollars the low end models will allow you to enter in destinations and get visual directions on where to turn. Don't worry, if you miss a turn, all GPS units will recalculate your route as if nothing happened! More expensive models, \$250+ will speak to you as you are driving, calling out street names and places to turn, and even allow you to enter your destination by speaking into the unit rather than typing. And once you reach a destination, simply hit a "Return" button, and enjoy directions back to your home. The highest end models are Bluetooth enabled and function as a hands free cell phone unit. Some also provide real time traffic updates, suggesting alternate routes around construction sites and accidents.

I am currently looking for a GPS unit myself, and have found the TomTom 130S, which provides turn by turn spoken directions and many other features for only \$200 to be a excellent deal. If you are interested in a GPS unit, Staples always has a wide variety of them on display for easy comparison, and there is even more information available on the internet. And just remember guys, with a GPS unit you will never have to ask for directions again!

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Years of State Service As Of October 2008

20 Years State Service

Name	Title	Facility
Butler, Kimberly	CorrectionalCounselor	Garner CI
Duffey, John	Corr. Couns. Supv.	Central Office
Erfe, Scott	DeputyWarden	Hartford CC
Gallo, Jeffrey	CorrectionOfficer	Manson Youth
Kraimer, Sharon	Ident.& Rcrd. Spec. I	CRCI
Soares, Richard	CorrectionOfficer	Central Office

25 Years State Service

Faucette, Darryl (as of April 2008)	CorrectionOfficer	OCI
Jackson, Willie	CorrectionOfficer	CRCI

30 Years State Service

Acas, Thomas	CorrectionalCounselor	Cheshire CI
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Bulb And Lamp Sale

The Department of Correction, Facilities Management and Engineering Unit is sponsoring energy saving light bulb and fixtures sale. These bulbs and fixtures are offered to all DOC employees and the public at substantial savings.

District 2

Cheshire Correctional Institution
Cheshire Helipad
Wednesday, October 15, 2008
Time: 6:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

District 3

York Correctional Institution
CPC parking lot
October 21, 2008
Time: 6:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Please come and joint us at anyone of the above locations.

Announcements

- Please join Warden Ester Torres in congratulating Counselor Tara McEwan and her husband on the birth of their son, Chase Thomas, born on September 20th. Baby Chase weighed in at 9 lb., 10 1/2 oz. and is 22 inches. Congratulations.

- Cheryle O'Neal a Correctional Counselor Trainee at York C.I. has just received her Doctor of Divinity degree in Ministry from Friends International Christian University in Merced, CA. She is currently persuing a Ph.D in Religious Studies.

Hospice Nurses Honored



On September 11th, six nurses, all of whom have been instrumental to the prison hospice program received the Safe Passage Award from the CT Coalition to Improve End-of-Life Care. The ceremony took place at the Wadsworth Mansion in Middletown, during the Coalition's annual luncheon meeting. The following nurses were

awarded a plaque and roses for their outstanding dedication: Cindy Letavec and Barbara LaFrance of MacDougall Walker CI; Patricia Wallenhaupt and Colette Morin of Osborn CI; and Susan Sullivan and Mary Howe of York CI. When asked if the hospice program benefits inmates, Ms. Howe commented, "I definitely see a change in the inmates once they go through the program. They become less selfish. They learn to care about others."

Cindy 'Works' No More

After 36 years of employment with the Department of Correction Head Clerk Cindy Works is finally calling it quits. "I was only going to stay here until I figured out what I wanted to do," she said from the records room of the Osborn Correctional Institution-the facility at which she spent her entire career.

When she began working for the Department at the age of 18, in 1972, there were only 600 inmates at the Osborn. She distinctly remembers when the count at the facility reached 1000 inmates. "I was working in classification at the time and we actually had a little pizza party to mark the occasion."



**Head Clerk Cindy Works
Retiring after 36 years**

The size of the agency is but one of the myriad of changes that transpired during the four decade span of her career. For example, according to Ms. Works, back in the early years she was required to wear a dress and "heels" and counselors had to wear a suit and tie.

Just because the Head Clerk will no longer be drawing a paycheck, does not mean that she will stop working. Cindy also currently volunteers at Johnson Memorial Hospital and plans to continue to do so until her husband retires within the next two years. A lover of animals, Ms. Works will be kept busy by her menagerie

of 15 chickens, two goats and several cats. "I am even thinking about getting a donkey," she added.

Her coworkers benefited from working with Ms. Works in many ways. Not only did they enjoy her positive attitude, but because she loves to bake, she would often bring in treats to share with them. "She is one of those people that you never have to worry about," said her supervisor Counselor Supervisor William Murphy. "You could always count on her to do what needed to be done."

When her husband finally retires they may rent an "RV", travel the country, and see the Grand Canyon. Looking back on her 36 years with the Department of Correction, Ms. Works has no regrets. "I would do it all over again," she said. "I know it's a cliché, but we really are like a family."

In Command



**Lieutenant Colonel
Dennis Dockery**

At a recent Army Reserve ceremony held in New Haven, Correction Officer Dennis Dockery of the Enfield Correctional Institution assumed command of the

395th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion (CSSB). In the Reserves, officer Dockery holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. The 395th CSSB is responsible for command and control, administration, and logistical support for various subordinate units located throughout New England.

Prior to assuming his new command, Lieutenant Colonel Dockery served as the Group Operations Staff Officer for the 655th Area Support Group. During his nearly 20 year career in the Reserves, the Lieutenant Colonel has served in various capacities including: Platoon Leader during Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Company Commander, 334th Military Police Company, and Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff Army-Afghanistan.

Congratulations

Captain Christopher Taylor of Manson Youth Institution was awarded a Masters degree in Criminal Justice from the University of New Haven in August, 2008. The degree is Captain Taylor's second Masters; he earned his first from Southern Connecticut State University in Sociology with a concentration in Race Relations and Ethnicity.

MVP'S

Akdemir, Fatih Imam	Gates	Dahl, Jan SST	Gates	Jenkins, Michelle Lt.	CRCC
Archer, Shawn CO	NHCC	Daigle, Brian CO	YCI	Johns, Jason CC	MYI
Archer, Shawn CO	NHCC	Danis, Karen CS	CRCC	Johnson, Bruce Cpt.	Gates
Avery, John Lt.	CRCC	Dasher, Melissa CO	NHCC	Jones, Karin CO	CRCC
Bachan, Jackie CC	MWCI	Delaney, William CO	CRCC	Joseph, Lynette Sec. II	CRCC
Beetham, Russell Plmbr.	Gates	Dennis Nash, Dennis CO	CRCI	Judd, Robert Lt.	CRCC
Begun, Ted CTO	Gates	Deorsey, Eli CO	CRCI	Keel, Dannette Lt.	NHCC
Behney, Helen Rec. Sup.	CRCC	Dexter, Shawn CO	CRCC	Keeling, George CO	Bergin
Bernard, John CO	NHCC	DiPanni, Shane CFSS2	CRCC	Kelley, Duane Cpt.	CRCC
Bibeau, Jon-Paul CC	OCI	Donna Savoie, Donna CC	BCI	Kivela, Karen CFSS2	CRCC
Bishop, Stephanie CO	CRCI	Dossat, Randy Lt.	Gates	Knox, Beverly Lt.	NHCC
Black, Alan CO	NHCC	Dow, Shelia CO	Gates	Kuckel, Debra CRSS III	Gates
Black, Allison CS	MYI	Drame, Tamarrah CO	NHCC	Lacy, Christine CC	CRCC
Blair, Brian CO	Gates	Duncan, Toni CO	OCI	Lawrence, Joseph Cpt.	Gates
Borowy, Theodore CO	NHCC	Dupuis, Donna CO	MYI	Lawrence, Mia CC	OCI
Bourne, Robin DW	Gates	Dupuis, Donna CO	MYI	Le, Robert Lt.	Bergin
Brehler, Jeffrey CO	CRCC	Durant, Thomas CO	NHCC	Leak, Wendy CC	CRCC
Brehler, Jeffrey Lt.	YCI	Durham, Richard CFSS3	CRCC	Lee, Joseph CO	MYI
Brown, David CO	CRCC	Earl Barber, Earl CO	CRCI	Lee, Joseph CO	MYI
Brown, Derek CO	CRCI	Eichner, Walter CO	MYI	Lee, Robert CO	CRCC
Brown, Latrece Lt.	NHCC	Eichner, Walter CO	MYI	Lewis, Charles CO	NHCC
Brown, Milagros CO	MYI	Ellison, Charles CO	NHCC	Lewis, Charles CO	NHCC
Bubar, Ruth CC	Gates	Ellison, Curtis CO	Gates	Lichwalla, Aaron CO	MYI
Burke, Don CO	YCI	Espinosa, Ben CO	CRCC	Littell, Charles CO	CRCC
Butler, Marilyn Lt.	CRCC	Espinosa, Benjamin CO	CRCC	Livingsdton, Samara CO	NHCC
Caccavalle, Paul Rec. Sup.	CRCI	Eusebio, Edmund CO	CRCC	Lloyd, Donald CFSS2	CRCC
Caouette, Michael CO	MYI	Evans, Charles RN	CRCC	Lopez, Leticia CO	MYI
Caple, William CO	NHCC	Evans, Mark CO	CRCC	Lt. John Arcouette, John Lt.	CRCI
Capleton, Neville Cpt.	OCI	Faccinto, Janet Chap.	CRCI	Lucido, Reynaldo CFSS2	CRCC
Carcia, Melissa CC	CRCC	Fiorentino, Pamela CO	NHCC	Luis Castro, Luis Lt.	NHCC
Casey, Thomas Deacon	Gates	Flores, Daniel CO	MYI	Mangene, Luanne CO	MYI
Casey, Tom Deacon	Gates	Ford, Wayne Cpt.	Gates	Mann, John CO	NHCC
Castonguay, Pam OA	MYI	Fusaro, Tim CO	CRCC	Martin, Brian CO	MYI
Champion, Angel CO	Gates	Gaudreau, Jane AA	Gates	Martin, Brian CO	MYI
Charles Kehoe, Charles CO	CRCI	Geer, Richard CFSS2	CRCC	Maynard, Gary CO	CRCC
Chouinard, Caroline LPN	MWCI	Germain, Craig CO	CRCI	McCarroll, Brian Rec. Sup.	MYI
Church, David CO	YCI	Golas, Steve CO	CRCC	McLaurian, Sharol Cpt.	Gates
Cieslukowski, Donald CC	Gates	Gonzalez, Jimmy CO	OCI	McNair, Steven Lt.	CRCC
Clarke, Todd Rec. Sup.	CRCC	Graser, Leonard CO	CRCC	McRae, David CO	NHCC
Clayton, Donald CO	OCI	Greene, Barry CO	Gates	Melendez, Ricardo CO	NHCC
Clinton, James CO	NHCC	Greeno, Kathy Lt.	CRCC	Mendillo, Anthony CO	NHCC
Cloutier, Amy CO	CRCC	Hailey, Bernard CO	NHCC	Michonski, Dean CO	NHCC
Cloutier, Michelle Sec. I	YCI	Hanney, Chris CO	CRCC	Migliaro, Raymond CC	MYI
Coggeshall, Raymond DW	Gates	Hebert, Richard CO	NHCC	Miller, Gordon CO	MYI
Coley, Christopher CO	Gates	Hickman, Jodi CO	MYI	Mitchell, Stephanie RN	NHCC
Colonis-Martin, Carolyn Sec.	YCI	Hoffman, Sandra CO	CRCI	Morgan, Dennis CC	OCI
Conger, Jeff CO	CRCC	Holmes, John CO	CRCC	Morrone, John CO	CRCC
Cook, Thomas CO	NHCC	Holmes, Lawrence CO	NHCC	Mullaly, Michael CFSS2	CRCC
Corcella, Anthony Cpt.	Gates	Holmes, Thomas CO	CRCC	Munichiello, Richard CO	Bergin
Corey, Chris Cpt.	Bergin	Hughes, Mark Rec. Sup.	Gates	Murray, Gemini Cpt.	CRCI
Corley, Andrew CO	NHCC	Hutchinson, Deb CO	YCI	Murray, Timothy CO	Gates
Costa, John C/O	CRCC	Jackson, Annie Sec. II	YCI	Neigel, Richard CO	Gates
Costa, John CO	CRCC	Jackson, Joy CC	MYI	O'Brien, Anthony SST	Gates
Cote, Renee CO	Gates	Jackson, Michellin CO	NHCC	O'Donnell, Melissa CO	MYI
Crone, Donald CFSS2	CRCC	Jackson, Timothy CO	NHCC	Olkowski, Kathleen CC	MYI
Cruickshank, Murray CS	CRCC	Jarvis, Stacey Lt.	Gates	Pacheco, Bruno CO	NHCC
Cureton, Gail RN	NHCC	Jaskiewicz, Chris CC	CRCC	Pafias, Chris CO	CRCC