



**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.*

## 2010 Manson Scholarship Breakfast

Describing it as one of the “pleasures” of his job, Commissioner Brian K. Murphy was pleased to award two University of Connecticut undergraduates with the 2010 John R. Manson Scholarship at the annual scholarship breakfast held January 14 at Central Office’s Café 24.

The scholarship winners were Thomas Curry Jr., son of Correctional Officer

Thomas Curry Sr. of the Manson Youth Institution, and Paul Staffieri son of Correction Officer Ezio Staffieri of the Garner Correctional Institution.

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**Commissioner Brian K. Murphy and Carolyn Manson (in green) with this year’s Manson Scholarship Award winners and their families.**

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## From The Commissioner



The difficult and challenging inmate population at the Northern Correctional Institution has unfortunately placed that facility in the news over the course of the past few months. Viewed through the lens of the media, in the three or four sentence story when an assault occurs, you never get a true picture of what that facility accomplishes on a daily basis, nor can you fully appreciate what an incredible job our staff there does under extremely trying circumstances. So, let me state directly that it is because of

Northern CI and its dedicated men and women that the rest of this agency can operate in a safe, secure and orderly manner. Since it opened in 1995, Northern has been and will continue to be the effective and ultimate management tool that we have to deal with inmates who assault each other or our staff. The populations that are housed there, belong in that level five, maximum security environment, whether Administrative Segregation, Security Risk Group Safety Threat Members, Chronic Discipline or Death Row. All belong in the most secure and restrictive facility that we have to offer.

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## Giving 107 %

### DoC Exceeds Charitable Giving Campaign Goal

The 2009/2010 Connecticut State Employee Campaign for Charitable Giving has come to another successful close for the Department of Correction. The campaign collected a total of approximately \$103,401.00 for various statewide charities.

According to the Department's 2009/2010 Campaign Coordinator, Captain Timothy Newton of the Willard-Cybulski Correctional Institution, the campaign was successful because of the continued support of the staff of the Department of Correction. Nearly 700 (699 actual) employees contributed to this year's campaign through payroll deductions or cash/check donations.

The campaign is successful because of the many caring individuals who coordinate the campaign at each facility. These coordinators collect and distribute campaign materials and turn them in on behalf of each facility. Without their continued support and cooperation it could not have happened.

The facility that donated the most money was the Osborn Correctional Institution. Warden Carol Chapdelaine proudly announced that the employees of Osborn raised a grand total of \$13,506.00 for the Charitable Giving Campaign. First shift raised \$1,954.00, second shift raised \$10,296.00, and third shift raised \$1,256.00. Warden Chapdelaine offered a special thanks to Captain Russel Maggio, Lieutenant Timothy Irish, and Officer Donna Stevens for pitching in to organize this very successful charity event. Thank you to everyone throughout the department for their efforts on behalf of all charities represented by the Connecticut State Employee Campaign for Charitable Giving (C.S.E.C.)



**Captain Timothy Newton (left) thanks Warden Carol Chapdelaine and Captain Russell Maggio for their efforts during the 2009/2010 Connecticut Campaign for Charitable Giving.**

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## The Final Roll Call



Commissioner Brian Murphy is saddened to announce that Lt. Michael Fisher, assigned to the North District Office, passed away on February 9, 2010.

An 18-year plus veteran of the department, Lieutenant Michael Fisher, had recently been diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer and was undergoing treatment. Lt. Fisher's career has taken him across the state, working at Corrigan CI, Hartford CC, MacDougall- Walker CI and most recently the North District office. Lt. Fisher is survived by his wife and two beautiful 12-year-old twin girls. The plight of Lieutenant Fisher once again demonstrated the remarkable generosity of our staff. An Agency wide "pay to park" fundraiser held on January 15<sup>th</sup> of this year raised more than \$15,000 for the Fisher family. Also, hundreds of "Mikestrong" t-shirts have been sold, with all proceeds being donated to the family.

Please join Commissioner Murphy in keeping Lt. Fisher's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

## DoC Staff Honored during Gala

The staff of Robinson CI and one officer from MacDougall-Walker CI were recently honored for their efforts in helping Tim Richard and his family.

The David Felner Caregiver Award was given to Correction Officer Dana Michele, during St. Vincent's SWIM Across the Sound 5th Annual Sports Gala held on January 20<sup>th</sup> at Anthony's Ocean View in New Haven. Michele donated his time, expertise and equipment to build a backyard patio and fire pit with landscaping for Officer Tim Richard. The Felner award is given to an individual who demonstrates extraordinary care and compassion for cancer patients.



**Correction Officer Dana Michele (R) of the MacDougall-Walker Correctional Institution in Suffield, CT receives the David Felner Caregiver Award from Fairfield Fire Department Chief Richard Felner (L). The award is named in honor of David Felner (Richard Felner's son) a former Stratford firefighter who past away from cancer in 2002.**

Also honored during the event was the staff of Robinson for their efforts to help the Richard family. Commissioner Brian K. Murphy and MacDougall-Walker's Warden Peter Murphy were on hand to witness Robinson's Warden Christine Whidden accept the award on behalf of her staff and all those throughout the agency who have helped Officer Richard.

Tami Hodges the Vice President and Regional Director of the Employee Assistance Program who was on the St. Vincent Swim Across the Sound First Responder Fund Committee, nominated the staff of CRCI after hearing of their efforts to help a fellow officer.

Officer Richard underwent surgery for brain cancer in the fall of 2009. Shortly afterward Tim's wife was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. In addition to their own acute medical needs, they are also the parents of three daughters; one is attending college, while the other two suffer from Multiple Sclerosis. In an outpouring of support, DoC staff donated more than \$30,000 to help offset the family's medical bills.

The event, sponsored by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Connecticut, benefited state and local police, firefighters, EMS personnel, correction officers and their families throughout the state, who are battling cancer. The Sports Gala raised more than \$100,000 for Connecticut's First Responders and Correction Officers and their families who are battling cancer.

To all DoC staff,

My husband and I would like to thank all of the employees and staff of the Connecticut Department of Correction throughout the entire state for their generosity and kindness during this very difficult time for us. It is so very much appreciated. Tim wants everyone to know that their constant thoughtfulness touches his heart. He greatly appreciates everything that has been done to help us in so many ways.

So many people have been so very supportive. We would not have survived this long without all of the love and generosity of the good people who make up the DOC - they should all be so very proud of themselves.

The way that staff, many of whom have never met Tim, came together to assist our family, has made us realize that we are not alone; it has been like having an extremely large extended family.

We are very grateful.

AnnMarie and Timothy Richard



## UConn Star at Bergin CI

All indications are that Senior Tina Charles, the 6'4" center for the top-ranked University of Connecticut women's basketball team, will be the number one pick in this coming April's Women's National Basketball Association draft. In the meantime she will be spending some time in prison. Charles, who is carrying one class this semester to complete her degree requirements, recently began an internship at the Bergin Correctional Institution. Charles has said that she would be interested in a career in criminal justice once her basketball playing days were over. She participated in an orientation at the facility this past December. The UConn star is required to work at the facility for six hours a week in order to earn two college credits.



**UConn women's basketball team Center Tina Charles learns the disciplinary process from Officer John Jurewicz while interning at Bergin CI .**

## Diverse Donations

The Central Office Diversity Council would like to thank all of the diversity councils for participating in collecting donations to show support for our military families. Over \$1,470 was collected which provided forty-two families with Stop and Shop gift cards in the amount of \$35.00.

## Jeans for Charity

Board of Pardons and Paroles "Jeans for Charity" committee recently made a \$500.00 donation to St. Jude Children's and Research Hospital located in Memphis, Tennessee.

## Around the Cell Block



**Rhode Island** – A federal program allowing illegal immigrant inmates to get out of prison if they agree to be deported hasn't resulted in a single person leaving jail early in Rhode Island.

**South Dakota** – If a non-violent offender who meets various conditions gives birth while in DoC custody, and she isn't placing the baby for adoption, the infant can stay in the mother's cell for 30 days, according to prison officials.

**Indiana** – A prison lockdown has created a shortage of temporary license plates in Indiana. As a result, some local car dealerships have had to turn people who wanted to buy a vehicle away. A temporary plate is needed in order to register a vehicle with the Department of Motor Vehicles.

*Total  
Supervised  
Population  
on  
February 11, 2010  
23,136  
On February 11, 2009  
the population was  
23,471*



## Did You Know?

*“Did You Know” is an informational column written by the Facilities Management and Engineering Services Unit, aimed at increasing your knowledge of issues in our everyday lives. This article was written by Plant Facilities Engineer I, Dan Hallabeck, if you have any questions about this article, you may contact him at (860) 739-3084. If you have any questions or an idea for a future column please contact Director David Batten at (203) 806-2666.*

## Dryer Duct Cleaning

I thought this would be a good time to remind everyone of the potential dangers and the advantages of cleaning your dryer ducts. First let's start with the good news, you will save money! With a clean duct system and no restrictions, your dryer vent will operate more efficiently, which will reduce dryer run times saving you money. Now for the bad news; if you do not clean your dryer duct, not only will your machine run inefficiently, it is hazardous to operate a dirty dryer, as dryer lint is extremely flammable.

First things first, if you have white vinyl vent hoses, these are not UL-Approved, and are a great way to start fires in your house. The American Household Appliance Manufacturers Association (AHAM) recommends the use of either rigid aluminum or steel duct or spiral-wound aluminum flex hose, not the white vinyl hose. For any dryer, but especially gas dryers, white vinyl vent hose should never be used. If your dryer has this installed on it, replace it with UL-Approved materials.

The way your dryer works is pretty simple; it spins clothes around in hot air while an exhaust vent sends damp air outside. A round, flexible exhaust tube connects to the back of your dryer and then to a duct in the wall that leads somewhere outside-so all the hot, moist air coming out of the dryer ends up outside. As your heated clothes tumble in the hot air, lint comes off the fabric and most of it gets caught in the lint trap as the exhaust air passes through it. The lint trap is often located inside the dryer door or on top of the dryer; it usually looks like a plastic or wire screen. Whatever gets past the lint trap goes out the exhaust vent and either clings to the sides of the tube (it is wet with condensation and can be sticky) or blows out the exhaust vent outside.

A clothes dryer needs a little ongoing maintenance to keep it in safe, proper working condition. Lint tends to build up in three areas: inside the lint trap, inside the flexible duct hose behind the dryer, and inside the in-wall duct work leading to the outside vent flap. The first step is to clean the lint trap after every load of laundry. To clean, pull out the lint trap and scrape out the lint, then replace it. When you pull out the lint trap, look around inside the dryer in the pocket where it sat, if you see more loose lint there, remove it (you can use your hand, a brush or your vacuum). By doing this simple cleaning regularly, you will avoid 90% of dryer vent problems. Each year (or sooner if you suspect a problem) you should unplug your dryer and pull it out from the wall, then disconnect the exhaust tube from the dryer and the wall and clean it out with a vacuum. To clean the in-wall ductwork that leads to the outside, use a vacuum or blower along with a dryer brush, put everything back together and in place, and you're done.

### **Warning signs of a possible clogged dryer vent:**

**Clothes are taking longer to dry**

**Clothing is very hot, but still damp at end of drying cycle**

**The outside of the dryer feels hot.**

**No lint on the lint screen – indicating that the exhaust is plugged**

A lint-clogged dryer can often consume \$20 worth of extra electricity every month trying to dry clothes, so it makes sense to keep your machine clean, it will save you money and extend the life of the appliance. Also, remember that the length of your dryer duct has a direct effect on its operation. If feasible, shortening the length or run of the dryer vent will increase the dryer's efficiency.

## From the Commissioner from page 1

To judge its effectiveness all you need do is look at our assault statistics before 1995 and compare those to the historically low levels that we have achieved today. The inmate population knows that Northern stands ready should they fail to comply with what is expected of them. The great majority of offenders do not want to do their time in such a confined environment with so few privileges. To be constitutional, Northern has to be programmatic, that is, there needs to be a mechanism that a compliant inmate can follow to work his way back into general population. But let me make clear, that inmates who do not change their behavior and remain a threat to our staff or other inmates will remain at that facility until such time as they see the error of their ways. Working in this facility is a minute to minute test of correctional attentiveness. There are very few second chances at Northern which demands the very best from our staff on every shift. Like everything else in corrections, things change and regular reviews and revisions must take place to keep pace. We have and will continue to review our procedures and protocols at Northern. We have made security adjustments that are necessary to limit the opportunity for assaults to occur and shall continue to monitor the effectiveness of our procedures. Throughout this process, Warden Quiros will be keeping staff apprised of the review and eventual changes. The agency will also continue to keep local lawmakers informed as well as the Correctional Officer Safety Committee. The Connecticut Department of Correction daily owes a debt of gratitude to the Northern Correctional Institution and its staff for keeping the rest of us safer than we ever were in years past.

## Bergin CI Staff Recognition

In November of last year, Bergin Correctional Institution held its annual Staff Recognition and Awards Ceremony. After honoring the award recipients, all staff were treated to a lunch of ravioli, salad, rolls and cake. It was an event that was enjoyed by all and truly showed the spirit of "Team Bergin!"

### The Bergin C.I. award recipients for 2009 are:

**Circle of Merit** - Officer Michael Beaton

**Circle of Merit** - Records Specialist MaryAnn Cronin

**1st Shift Officer of the Year** - Officer Michael Everett

**2nd Shift Officer of the Year** - Officer John Perkins

**3rd Shift Officer of the Year** - Officer James King

**Supervisor of the Year** - Captain Christopher Cameron

**Employee of the Year** - Secretary Vikki Deary

**Unit of the Year** - Intelligence Unit



## Governor Rell Appoints Dzurenda

Governor M. Jodi Rell recently announced she has appointed South District Administrator James E. Dzurenda to the Connecticut State Employees' Retirement Commission to serve as a management trustee.

The commission administers the retirement system, the municipal employees' retirement system and all other state retirement and pension plans except for the Teachers' Retirement Fund.

## DoC in the Military

### Heartfelt Appreciation



**L to R: Lieutenant Rochelle Huddleston, North District Mail Handler Chris Dutton, and Counselor Supervisor Barbara Segura.**

North District Mail Handler Chris Dutton received a plaque of appreciation on behalf of the Department of Correction Military Peer Support Program (MPSP). Counselor Supervisors Jackie Jennett, Barbara Segura and Lieutenant Rochelle Huddleston along with all the members of MPSP wanted to express their gratitude to Mail Handler Dutton for his service as a Corporal in the U.S. Army Reserve, and the Purple Heart Decoration he received in association with Operation Iraqi Freedom during June 2008 – April 2009.

### Shea in Iraq

Correction Officer Patrick Shea of the Enfield Correctional Institution (pictured below) during his first of two tours in Iraq. He volunteered for both tours, and was assigned to the 1-172 Mountain Infantry Division in Ramadi, Iraq during his first tour, and with the 10182 Infantry Regiment in Irbil, Iraq during his second. Officer Shea is the eldest son of Captain James Shea of the DoC Correctional Transportation Unit. The DoC appreciates CO Shea's service to our country and with the agency.



**Correction Officer Patrick Shea of the Enfield Correctional Institution during his first tour in Anbar Province, Ramadi Iraq during 2007.**

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## Manson Scholars Announced from page 1

Thomas Curry Jr., a freshman, is enrolled in the School of Engineering and plans to become a Civil Engineer. As a high school student, Mr. Curry was a member of both the National Honor Society as well as the Spanish Honor Society. Paul Staffieri, a sophomore, is engaged in pre-pharmacology studies. Upon graduation, he hopes to conduct research in the fields of incurable diseases, and the use of nuclear technology in pharmaceuticals. A member of the University's pharmacy, and Red Cross Clubs, Mr. Staffieri also volunteers at the local Boys and Girls Club.

The John R. Manson Scholarship Fund was established by friends and colleagues of John Manson, the Commissioner of the Department of Correction from 1971-1982, in memory of his many positive contributions to the field of corrections. The scholarship provides an undergraduate student enrolled at the University of Connecticut, who is a dependent of a Department of Correction employee, with financial assistance.

Recipient selection is based not only on scholastic achievement, but also on community service, clear establishment of goals, and any efforts made by the student to offset tuition through part-time employment.

## Recent Promotion

NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE	LOCATION
Fulcher, Beth	Corr. Lieutenant	1/29/2010	York CI
Fusaro, Timothy	Corr. Lieutenant	1/29/2010	Corr.-Rad. CC
Grennan, John	Assoc. Fis./Ad. Off.	1/1/2010	Central Off.
Langenheim, Scott	Corr. Lieutenant	1/29/2010	Garner CI
Lowe, Peter	Parole Officer II	1/15/2010	BOPP
Lugo, Felipe	Corr. Lieutenant	1/29/2010	Corr.-Rad. CC
McClendon, Carolyn	Counselor Sup.	1/15/2010	Central Off.
Morales, Jorge	Corr. Lieutenant	1/29/2010	Corr.-Rad. CC
Palmer, Brian	Corr. Lieutenant	1/29/2010	Corr.-Rad. CC
Reilly, James	Corr. Captain	1/29/2010	New Haven CC
Smith, Alex	Corr. Lieutenant	1/29/2010	York CI
Tavernier, Jean	Corr. Lieutenant	1/29/2010	Osborn CI

## Outstanding Parole Staff

Director of Parole and Community Services Joseph Haggan was pleased to announce that the following staff members (pictured below) were recognized on Friday, 1/29, at Camp Rell in Niantic, Connecticut as part of the division's quarterly professional development training.



**L to R: Parole Manager Eric Ellison - DOC Manager of the Year**  
**Parole Officer Frank Viera - Distinguished Service**  
**Parole Officer Joseph Gessaroli - Parole Officer of the Year**  
**Parole Officer Trudy Beaulieu - Preservation of Life**  
**Parole Officer Peter McDevitt - Preservation of Life**  
**Records Specialist Lauren Guarino - Circle of Merit**  
**Parole Officer II Arthur Reardon - Preservation of Life**

## Golf... Maybe?



Winter is rapidly coming to an end. Spring will be here March 20th and a new golf season begins. To that end, the Joe Bongiorno Memorial DOC Golf League will have an organizational meeting for both last year's members and anyone else who may be interested in playing the 2010 season (24 weeks of great camaraderie (18 2-man teams) and surprisingly good and "sometimes great" golf).

The meeting will be held on Tuesday (weather permitting), March 9th at Joanna's Restaurant on Rte. 190 in Somersville, CT from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Snow date will be March 16th. So get out the clubs, clean them up, and let's get to the first tee! League President Jim Holland is really looking forward to seeing you at Joanna's. Sign ups are on a first come, first served basis. FORE!