



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 restitution, rehabilitation and successful community reintegration

Class 251 Graduates

Hundreds of family and friends gathered on June 7, at the Maloney Center for Training and Staff Development in Cheshire to witness the graduation of 131 trainees from Pre-service Class 251 of the Connecticut Department of Correction.

The guest speaker for the ceremony was State Comptroller Kevin Lembo who took the opportunity to address one of his office's top priorities, the health care of state employees.

"There is nothing tough or macho about deferring maintenance, punking out on keeping yourself healthy and dying, leaving a family to fend for themselves," Lembo reiterated, "there is nothing tough about that."



State Comptroller
Kevin Lembo

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From the Commissioner



You know you have been around for a long time when the agency is preparing to commemorate the 30th anniversary of one of our most important units, and I was part of it when it all began. I am referring to CERT, the Correctional Emergency Response Team, which is set to celebrate three decades of being always ready to respond and protect our agency when the going gets difficult and dangerous. A CERT muster to mark the anniversary will be held on June 16, 2012 at the Webster Correctional Center. This will be an event that is open to the public and Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman will be able to drop by and help us recognize this achievement. As for the history involved here, the agency learned the hard way, during a major riot at the then Somers State Prison in 1982, that we didn't have a sufficient in-house response ready when something like this occurred. We had to call in the Connecticut State Police that night to quell the actions of the inmates. In the wake of that incident, the Department went to work and created the first CERT Team of which I was a member.

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Department of Correction Facility Awards

In conjunction with national Correction Employee Week, many of the facilities held employee appreciation cook outs and doled out facility awards to outstanding staff members.

Manson Youth Institution Award Winners

Employee of the Year Gary Brazil
Unit of the Year Intelligence Unit
Officer of the Year
 1st Shift Robert White
 2nd Shift Hector Hernandez
 3rd Shift Anthony Pratt, Jr.
Supervisor of the Year Lt. Darry Rucker

Support Services

Employee of the Year Ann Bramson

Health Services

Employee of the Year Vikki Garcia

Educator of the Year Laura Mittman

Circle of Merit Robert Vasquez

New Haven CC Facility Award Winners

Employee of the Year Plumber Stephen Mana

Officer of the Year

 1st Shift Alan Black
 2nd Shift Anthony Mendillo
 3rd Shift Manuel Gomes

Supervisor of the Year CS Richard Laffargue

Counselor of the Year CC Jessica Tiriolo

Unit of the Year Sierra Unit

Health Services

Employee of the Year CHN Lisa Clark



Manson Youth Institution's First Shift Officer of the Year, Robert White (L) and Circle of Merit winner, Officer Robert Vasquez.



New Haven Correctional Center Warden Jose Feliciano (center) with facility award winners.

Hartford Correctional Center 2012 Facility Awards

Teacher of the Year	Wendie Turbet, SST
Military Prestige Award	Todd Anderson, Correction Officer
Military Prestige Award	Jerry Richardson, Correction Officer
Supervisor of the Year	Ed Marinaccio, Maintenance Supervisor
Manager of the Year	Ronald Cotta, Lieutenant
Officer of the Year	Timothy Johnson, Correction Officer
Excellence in Training & Staff Development	Kenyatta Robinson, Correction Officer
Correctional Counselor of the Year	Kristen McCann
Correctional Maintenance Employee of the Year	HVAC Robert Enriquez
Religious Employee of the Year	Sister Jerilyn Hunihan
Correctional Clerical of the Year	Connie Bancroft, Administrative Assistant
Warden's Award 2012	CHN Ken Avery
Distinguished Service Award 2012	Christopher Boulanger, Correction Officer
Employee of the Year 2012	James Robinson, Correction Officer
Health Service Employee of the Year	LPN Robin Maciag
Department of the Year	Admissions & Discharge Unit

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The Comptroller went on to share some statistics regarding the use of health care. In 2010, 76% of all state employees age 50 and above received preventive health care; when looking at just correctional employees from the same age group, the percentage drops to 46%. The good news is that the number of correctional employees receiving preventative care in 2011 jumped dramatically to 66%.

“When so many people are fighting for access to the kind of care that we (as state employees) have, we are obligated to use the benefits that are in front of us,” Lembo added.

The recipient of the Highest Scholastic Award for the class was Correction Officer Gabriel Rivera with a final grade average of 99.04%. The members of Class 251 selected Lieutenant Juan Martinez as the recipient of the Victor E. Harris, Jr. award, named for a deceased officer whose enthusiastic dedication and commitment to correctional education and training still lives on in the memory of DoC staff.

In addition to swearing the members of Class 251, Commissioner Leo C. Arnone also took the opportunity to officially swear in two new Deputy Wardens, Sandra Barone of the MacDougall Walker Correctional Institution and Roger Bowles of the New Haven Correctional Center.

“We fully expect those we choose as deputy wardens to be our wardens and district administrators of the future,” said Commissioner Arnone just prior to swearing the two in. “Among those ranks will someday also come a future commissioner of our agency – so, no pressure.”



**Commissioner Leo C. Arnone (Center)
with deputy wardens Roger Bowles
and Sandra Barone.**

Thank you – From a Warden and a Friend



Warden Scott Erfe

On May 11, 2012, the staff of the Corrigan Radgowski Correctional Center was informed of the loss of one of their Officers, Matt Yacovou. Matt had just shy of 18 years in the Department, all of which were at CRCC. Matt was a former member of the Correctional Emergency Response Team, and was currently assigned as the Key and Tool Officer.

There are over 100 staff members assigned to this facility who were Matt's classmates. As you can imagine, this impacted the facility greatly.

With the approval and cooperation of the Executive Team, NP-4 and NP-8 unions, we were able to arrange for a CTU bus to transport staff for the wake and funeral. We were able to obtain enough volunteer coverage for both days to send all the staff that remained on duty to be able to pay their respects and attend the services. None of this would have been possible if it were not for the support of the Executive Team, NP-4 and NP-8, and especially the staff that volunteered their time and traveled to CRCC to take post so their correctional brothers and sisters could say good bye to their co-worker and friend. In all, 49 staff volunteered and took post so CRCC staff could attend the services. Some of the staff had actually worked at the facility before, many of them had not.

This is the largest undertaking of this nature that I have experienced during my 23 plus years in this agency. I requested permission to have a bus, and staff from other facilities to come volunteer to take post on Monday afternoon. By Tuesday mid-morning, I had received final approval to ask the other wardens for assistance. In less than 24 hours we had received enough responses back from staff from all over the state willing to volunteer and take post so that CRCC staff could attend.

Words cannot express what this meant to the staff of CRCC, Matt's family, and myself. These were a couple of the most painful days I had experienced as part of this Agency. I had to say goodbye to a friend, and still be a warden at the same time. I would not have been able to do it without receiving the support I did from everyone. On behalf of the CRCC staff, as well as Matt's family, I want to thank everyone for their assistance - we always come together in times of need. These were painful days, but also, proud days, to see the Agency work as one to assist their brothers and sisters, strangers with a common bond, the Connecticut Department of Correction.

Scott Erfe, Warden

Around the Cell Block



NEW JERSEY – A proposed law would make harboring or concealing a sex offender in their attempt to evade Megan's Law a crime with a minimum prison sentence of three years.

OHIO – The mother of an inmate who was struck by lightning while in a recreation yard is accusing the Ohio prison department of negligence that contributed to his death. The state says the inmate's death was the result of acts beyond the prison department's control.

NORWAY – A one-square-mile island in Norway is known as the "world's nicest prison." The island's 115 prisoners can sunbathe on the beachfront, fish, play tennis or take a sauna. Most of the inmates have been sentenced for serious crimes, including murder and rape. The prison boasts a recidivism rate of 16 percent.

**Total
Supervised
Population on
June 13, 2012
21,057**

**On June 13, 2011
the population was
22,344**

Police Unity Tour

Together with more than 1,500 other riders, York Correctional Institution's Lieutenant Eric Dessaulles took part in the 2012 Police Unity Tour bicycle ride. This year's Tour started out on May 9th in Florham, New Jersey and concluded on May 13th in Washington D.C. at the National Law Enforcement Memorial. The



The 2012 Police Unity Tour rolls into Washington D.C. York CI's Lieutenant Eric Dessaulles participated in the 290 mile ride.

bicyclists rode in two-by-two formation with full police escort the entire route to Washington D.C., a total of approximately 290 miles.

The Police Unity Tour originated in 1997 with the purpose of increasing public awareness as well as to memorialize the men and women of law enforcement who have died in the line of duty. The funds generated are intended to pay for the National Law Enforcement Museum Hall of Remembrance which is scheduled to be opened in 2013. The motto of the ride is, "We ride for those who died." The riders and support staff had to raise a minimum of \$1750 to participate in the ride. This year a total \$1.65 million was raised for National Law Enforcement Memorial.

Legislators Tour Willard-Cybulski

On Wednesday May 16, 2012, Warden John Tarascio and his administrative team hosted a legislative tour of the Willard/Cybulski facility for Senator John Kissel, Enfield Town Council Member Tom Arnone, Somers Deputy Fire Chief Frank Falcone and Lt. Reynolds.

The warden provided a power point presentation of the facility's statistics including program and treatment services the inmates are offered to prepare them for their re-entry to the community upon their release. Programs include worship services, academic and vocational training, Tier II, NA, AA, Voices, Anger Management, Thinking for a Change, and Parenting classes. Warden Tarascio spoke about the importance of the facility's involvement in community projects to provide work assistance to the surrounding towns. He provided an overview of the Commissioner's Farming Initiative and the gardens at WCCI, which reduce food costs and provide fresh produce to local food shelters. Plant facility engineer Kevin Roy provided an overview of the Maintenance Department and SSDH Mary Kane spoke on behalf of the education programs.

After the presentation, the guests were given a guided tour of the facility.



L to R - front row - Enfield Town Councilman Tom Arnone, Warden John Tarascio. Second row - District 1 Plant Facility Engineer Kevin Roy, Somers Fire Department Lt. Reynolds, Somers Fire Dept Deputy Chief Frank Falcone

Corrigan-Radgowski CC Opens J's Barn

With patches of newly sawn wooden shingles standing out against its turn of the century walls, Warden Scott Erfe recently led the dedication ceremony at the Corrigan-Radgowski Correctional Center for J's Barn, which will be the site of a new rehabilitation program for abused, large animals.

With staff, department leaders and representatives of partners in the project from the Department of Agriculture in attendance, Erfe explained the restored barn is named after three staff and the town resident who milled the lumber, all he thought, had first names beginning with the letter "J". They include Officers Jason Ware, Joe Schoonmaker and Jesse Long. The warden had those gathered laughing, as he admitted he didn't find out until the

day before the event, that the saw mill owner's name Gerry Shaffer began with a "G".

The program will build upon the success of the Second Chance Corral on the grounds of the York Correctional Institution, to which the Agriculture Department has for a number of years taken animals seized in animal abuse cases. The sick and malnourished animals are nursed back to health with the assistance of inmate labor. This new facility will be easier for those interested in adopting to come and see the animals.

Erfe thanked DOC officials including Commissioner Leo Arnone, Deputy Commissioners Cheryl Cepelak and James Dzurenda and District Administrators Michael LaJoie and Angel Quiros for letting him think out of the box about establishing the program at his facility.

The project has been carried out at no expense to state taxpayers. The lumber used to renovate the existing barn was cut on the facility property and milled without cost. The work was carried out by staff and inmate labor.

The program expands the agricultural theme already in full swing at the Uncasville facility where three gardens are already in early bloom and two goats and a flock of chickens are already at home.

Two horses, whom Erfe called his lifers, already have a new home in the barn. Venus and Rebel, with a history of abuse and a number of ailments, will be well cared for at J's Barn.



Corrigan Radgowski CC's warden, Scott Erfe speaks during the dedication of J's Barn at the facility.



The first two guests at J's Barn - Venus and Rebel

Years Of Service

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Employees with 20 Years of Service as of April 2012

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>
Arcari-Cummings, Lisa	Correction Officer	Cheshire CI	4/3/1992
Bailey, Mittie	Pupil Serv Specialist	MYI	4/3/1992
Barnes, Jeffrey	Correction Officer	Cen Off	4/3/1992
Callender, Cicero	Lieutenant	Cheshire CI	4/3/1992
Casey, Joseph	Captain	CRCI	4/3/1992
Chalmers, Robert	Records Supv	Cheshire CI	4/3/1992
Coley, Christopher	Correction Officer	York CI	4/3/1992
Cooper, Lawrence	Correction Officer	Cheshire CI	4/3/1992
Cordeiro, Mark	Counselor	MWCI	3/6/1992
Crane, Daniel	Correction Officer	Northern CI	4/3/1992
Donofrio, Leonard	Correction Officer	Cheshire CI	4/3/1992
Eichner, Walter	Correction Officer	MYI	4/3/1992
Faucher, Stephen	Warden 1	Brooklyn CI	4/3/1992
Fouse, Helen	Correction Officer	York CI	4/3/1992
Gagnon, Steven	Correction Officer	Brooklyn CI	3/6/1992
Gauruder, Patrick	Correction Officer	York CI	4/3/1992
Gramuglia, Anthony	Correction Officer	Hartford CC	4/3/1992
Green, Robert	Correction Officer	York CI	4/3/1992
Hebert, David	Lieutenant	Osborn CI	4/3/1992
Hickman, Carolyn	Lieutenant	Cheshire CI	4/3/1992
Johnston, Carol	Counselor	MYI	4/10/1992
Jones, Ronnie	Correction Officer	MWCI	4/3/1992
Knapp, Robert	Captain	Northern CI	4/3/1992
Lawrence, Dwight	Correction Officer	CRCI	4/3/1992
Mullen, James	Correction Officer	Northern CI	4/3/1992
Murray, Russell	Correction Officer	WCCI	4/3/1992
Oates, Micheal	Correction Officer	Osborn CI	4/3/1992
O'Neill, Eileen	State School Teacher	Osborn CI	4/3/1992
Owen, Brett	Correction Officer	CRCC	4/3/1992
Paradis, Scott	Correction Officer	Cheshire CI	4/3/1992
Paskins, Shellie	Counselor	MWCI	1/24/1992
Perryman, Herbert	Correction Officer	MWCI	4/3/1992
Pliss, James	Food Sves Supv II	BCC	4/6/1992
Poehler, Matthew	Correction Officer	Enfield CI	4/3/1992
Powell, Maurellis	Correction Officer	Cen Off	4/3/1992
Reutter, David	Correction Officer	CRCI	4/3/1992

I will fully admit that this first unit was no where near the current team in terms of the modern weapons, tactics and overall professionalism that is apparent anytime you observe our current CERT members preparing for the worst that corrections can present. I would eventually become the commander of the team before leaving Somers in 1988. One thing that has remained the same throughout, however, is the honor that comes with earning that CERT patch for your uniform, and proudly being able to display it for your entire career. It identifies you as one who will do whatever it takes through determination and hard work to be part of this elite unit that will always be there to assist, should their fellow staff or our facilities be threatened by a major incident.

The muster will feature a number of demonstrations, both inside and outside of Webster CI that will fully display the abilities of these dedicated teams. These will include tactical operations as well as our K-9 teams. Breakfast and lunch will be available for sale as will commemorative t-shirts. All proceeds will benefit the Connecticut Special Olympics. I don't know if any other members of that first team will be in attendance, but I will be there to proudly mark 30 years of the Connecticut Department of Correction being prepared to handle whatever might come our way. As the official CERT greeting goes, I hope you will join us for an "Easy Day."

Employees with 20 Years of Service cont...

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>
Rochester, Gary	Correction Officer	Hartford CC	4/3/1992
Ruggeri, Michael	Lieutenant	Osborn CI	4/3/1992
Scafariello, Mark	Counselor	Cheshire CI	4/3/1992
Schibi, Kevin	Correction Officer	Hartford CC	4/3/1992
Sherwood, William	Correction Officer	BCC	3/6/1992
Smith, Harold	Correction Officer	WCCI	4/3/1992
Sparaco, Richard	Parole Mgr	Cen Off	4/3/1992
Stamidis, Patricia	School Principal	Enfield CI	4/3/1992
Thomas, John	Correction Officer	Enfield CI	4/3/1992
Thomas, Sharon	Counselor Supervisor	WCCI	3/6/1992
Thompson, Franklin	Lieutenant	MWCI	4/3/1992
Woods, Vearneail	Correction Officer	Cen Off	4/3/1992

Employees with 25 Years of Service as of April 2012

Bellon, Angel	Correction Officer	BCC	3/13/1987
Colangelo, Diane	Fisc Admin Asst	Cen Off	4/24/1987
Hadziutko, Lori	Secretary 2	Cheshire CI	4/24/1987
Miller, Virginia	Admin Asst	Cen Off	4/10/1987

Special Olympic Connection



Allison and Jennifer Marino

Although staff members from the Hartford Correctional Center who volunteered their time at the Special Olympic Connecticut Eastern Regionals held Saturday, May 12th at Hartford Public High School were cheering on all the contestants, truth be told they did have a favorite competitor. Allison Marino, a Special Olympian representing Wethersfield, is the sister of Office Assistant Jennifer Marino of the Hartford Correctional Center.

Approximately 700 athletes, 200 coaches and 400 volunteers participated in

aquatic and track and field events. "My sister was so happy that everyone was there to support her," said Marino. "Thank you so much for giving your time for such a great cause."

Code Orange Officer McDowell

There was a Code Orange at Osborn CI. An officer needed assistance. Warden Carol Chapdelaine knew what she had to do, and she wasted no time jumping into action. She put on an apron, fired up the grill and, with the assistance of Officer Gagnon and Officer Agnew, started flipping hamburgers and hotdogs. This, of course, was no ordinary Code Orange. "Officer McDowell is undergoing treatment for cancer, and this luncheon was in his honor," Warden Chapdelaine said. "The entire Osborn family rallied around him to give him all of the support he and his family needs at this extremely difficult time." The luncheon was a tremendous success, raising more than \$2,000. There was a long line of officers, medical staff, teachers, counselors and maintenance workers, all waiting to buy a lunch in support of Officer McDowell. "So many people came together and worked hard to make this day a big success," said Deputy Warden William Murphy. "Captain Murray, Counselor Otero, Officer Spencer and many others helped to cook other parts of the meal and to work the buffet line. Everyone wanted to do their part to help their fellow officer in his time of need."

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**10:00 AM-TACTICAL DEMONSTRATION
IN GYMNASIUM**

**11:00 AM-TACTICAL DEMONSTRATION
IN GYMNASIUM**

**12:00 PM-TACTICAL DEMONSTRATION
IN GYMNASIUM**

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