



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 intergration

New Facilities Director

Deputy Commissioner Cheryl Cepelak is pleased to announce Steve Link as the new Director of the Engineering and Plant Facilities Management Unit. Prior to joining the Department of Correction, Mr. Link worked for the state Department of Public Works as a Director of Facility Operations for the Capitol Area System (CAS), an area heating and cooling district loop that serves 18 private, state and government buildings representing over 3 million sq. ft. along Hartford’s Capitol Avenue area. He also supervised the Technical Services Energy Unit which initiated and managed energy improvement projects for state agencies. Director Link has more than 25 years experience in facility maintenance and engineering for large commercial buildings.



Steve Link with Deputy Commissioner Cheryl Cepelak

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From the Commissioner



It has always been an unfortunate fact of our business that much of the good work that our professional men and women perform on a daily basis never sees the light of day, as it is carried out within the walls and fences of our correctional facilities. We are a critical component of the state’s criminal justice community and have always been due the same kudos and recognition as our colleagues who are also charged with protecting the public.

Now, we have entered into a new era of correctional work, which is seeing our staff carry out our mission in a number of non-traditional positions, outside of our facilities. But even as this happens the reality continues to be that you most often won’t find the details of that dedicated duty to our state on the front page of the newspaper. In many cases it is the big umbrella of safety and security which is cloaking much of what we do from public view. For example, as you may know, we have staff assigned to the shooting task forces in several major urban areas in the state.

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Harvest Time

The DoC's farming program is reaping benefits across the state

Connecticut's elderly and disabled residents are among those who are benefiting from the vegetables being harvested from prison gardens across the state. Approximately three-quarters of the produce that is grown is used to feed the inmates; the surplus is donated to regional food banks and senior housing facilities.

On August 3, workers from Willard-Cybulski's garden made the facility's first donation of the summer of more than 240 pounds of produce to four senior housing complexes in the morning, and an additional fifth donation to the Enfield Food Shelf in the afternoon.

On August 7, Recreation Supervisor Carl Ruegg, who coordinates the prison garden efforts at the Garner Correctional Institution, delivered approximately 200 pounds of organically grown produce to Newtown's Social Services Department. Residents who use the department's services will be able to obtain free vegetables there.

Down at Corrigan-Radgowski CC, not only did the inmates' work benefit those who eat the vegetables, but they also assisted those who grow the food as well. On August 16, an inmate work crew picked an estimated 1,000 pounds of potatoes at the John "Whit" Davis Farm in Stonington, helping the 88-year-old farmer to continue a multigenerational tradition of farming the family's land.



Officer Joe Schoonmaker supervises inmate workers picking potatoes.



L to R: Newtown Social Services Director Ann Piccini, DoC intern Adam Meehan, Recreation Supervisor Carl Ruegg, and Newtown Social Services Caseworker Ann Benore.

Much of the produce taken from the Davis farm was donated to the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center, a social and human services facility.

In addition to helping out those in need in the community, the prison farming program helps inmates as well by teaching them valuable skills. Vocational Instructor Dave Murray, who teaches a horticulture class at Willard-Cybulski, said he has had a number of former students contact him after their release to tell him that they are now working for landscaping companies or farms.

All indications are that it has been a very good year for the prison gardens. Correction Officer Joe Schoonmaker, who oversees the garden efforts at Corrigan-Radgowski expects 10,000 to 11,000 pounds of food to come out of his facility's gardens by the end of the season. Meanwhile Carl Ruegg at Garner is hoping to exceed the 7,000 pound mark, up from last year's 2,200 pounds of produce.

No additional funding is allocated for the farming program, which receives most of its seeds and supplies from donations from agriculture companies.

Cell Extraction Training

Hartford Correctional Center and Northern Correctional Institution staff members, along with the guidance and help of staff members from the MCTSD and the Tactical Operations Unit have just completed a cell extraction refresher training course at Webster CI. The 16-hour course was developed by academy staff and several supervisors from throughout the state.



Some of the participants and instructors from the cell extraction refresher training course conducted at Webster CI.

To date, a total of 64 individuals from Hartford CC have gone through the course and the feedback has been outstanding. Officer Theodore Jefferson stated, “it was great training that was very hands on and intense.”

“It is training that will help keep our staff safe and help them respond to many different incidents with more confidence,” said Lieutenant Greg Cheverier who assisted in putting the course together. “I am also impressed with the way several different facilities, the academy staff and leadership came together to address the need for this important training”.

The 16-hour course consisted of drills covering approximately 30 extraction scenarios, code purple responses, code orange responses, code

white responses, tactical cuffing, 4-point restraints, control holds and techniques, ground defense, chemical agent/gas mask drills and drills that teach the individual jobs of each Cell Extraction Team member.

A special thanks to Warden Walter Ford, Warden Scott Erfe, Deputy Warden Dennis Roche, Deputy Warden Charles Barberi and Lieutenant Gregory Chandler for their help, guidance and leadership. Thank you, also, to the instructors of the course: Captain Nelson Correia (Northern CI), Lieutenant. Michael Pafumi (Northern CI), Officers Chris Rollo (Tactical Operations Unit) and Jimmy Guerrero (Hartford CC).

No Senior Slump

For the fourth year in a row, Frank Decusati, Jr., son of Correctional District Food Service Manager Frank Decusati, Sr., is the recipient of the 2012 Susan M. Hunter Scholarship Award.

Commissioner Leo Arnone, along with Deputy Commissioners James Dzurenda and Cheryl Cepelak recently presented Frank Decusati, Jr. with the award certificate at Central Office. Decusati, Sr. beamed with pride as the commissioner read a letter of congratulations from the scholarship committee. Along with the letter and certificate, Decusati, Jr. also received a check for \$500 to help offset the cost of his college education. Decusati, Jr. will graduate this spring with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Emmanuel College.

The scholarship, named for Susan M. Hunter, former chief of the Prisons Division of the National Institute of Corrections, who passed away in 2003, is presented on behalf of the Association of State Correctional Administrators (ASCA).



Frank DeCusati, Jr. (L), with Commissioner Leo C. Arnone

Show of Support

There was a Code Orange for Osborn CI's Officer Wade McDowell - Officer S. Spencer, Officer Joseph Gagnon and Michelle DeLorge were the first to respond to the call for assistance. When they learned that Officer McDowell was bravely battling cancer, they knew they had to act quickly to help him. "These amazing staff members organized a state-wide tee shirt sale with all of the proceeds going directly to Officer McDowell and his family," said Warden Chapdelaine.



"Officer McDowell is one of ours, and we are going to do everything we can to help him and his family at their time of need," said Officer Gagnon. On July 26, 2012, approximately 30 staff members from Osborn gathered outside of the Officers' Mess Hall for a group picture. "It was amazing," said Warden Chapdelaine. "A steady stream of staff appeared wearing their tee-shirts in honor of Officer McDowell. There were officers, maintenance workers, kitchen and medical staff. We had the picture framed and mailed it to him. He needs to know that the entire staff at Osborn is thinking about him and giving him our full support."



Torch Ride at MWCI

On June 24, 2012 Correction Officers Chris Williams (on right in photo), Shaunda Hale, and Rodney Rakestrau completed 25-mile Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Ride. The trio raised \$1,050 which was the largest amount raised to date. The officers would like to thank the staff of MacDougall-Walker for their generous donations.

Around the Cell Block



NEW YORK – New legislation requires paroled sex offenders to get new photographs of themselves for criminal records if they grow a beard, shave their head or otherwise alter the way they look. Police now have new authority over the parolees, and can order new photos every 90 days for any reason.

FLORIDA – For the first time in 28 years, the Sunshine State will have a smaller prison population than it did the previous year. Florida's prison population is projected to dip below 100,000 by this fall, and stay there for the next five years.

OREGON– Governor John Kitzhaber has granted a twice convicted murderer a reprieve, even though the death row inmate did not ask for it and does not want it.

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Total Supervised Population on August 31, 2012</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">21,108</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>On August 31, 2011 the population was 22,574</i></p>
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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 Larry Clymer, Electrical Design Engineer 3, and questions relating to it may be answered by contacting him at 860-692-7622. If you have any questions, or have an idea for a future column, please leave a message on the Director of Facilities Management and Engineering’s phone at (860) 692-7554.

Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter

Once upon a time I had an electrical contracting business. After an electrical service upgrade, a customer called and wanted to know why a new circuit breaker did not trip when an appliance plugged into a receptacle outlet started to smoke. I explained that circuit breakers and fuses installed in an electric service panel are designed to protect the wiring connected to them and not the electrical appliance. Why? Circuit breakers and fuses are over current protective devices designed to open a circuit when their current rating has been exceeded. Since electrical devices connected to a circuit vary the circuit breaker doesn’t know or care what the appliance needs for current unless it draws more than it is designed to allow. A faulty appliance connected to an electric circuit in your home can indeed be the source of a hazard without your electrical system being at fault. That is why many electrical devices have internal over current or over temperature protective devices. Manufacturers know what the normal conditions of operation are and provide internal protective device(s) to disconnect the appliance before it can in some way cause harm to the user or create any other hazard including fire. Now consider yourself connected to an electrical circuit. You are just an appliance as far as a circuit breaker or fuse is concerned.

In 1971 the electrical industry introduced the installation of a mandatory protective device designed to reduce the risk of fatal electric shock. The device is called a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI). Since 1971 the National Electrical Code has expanded the required use of these devices from bathroom and outside receptacles to other wet areas or areas with the potential to become wet. You will also see them on extension cords and some appliances such as hair driers. These protective devices are designed to monitor the current flow from the GFCI to your appliance then back to the GFCI. When the difference between what leaves the GFCI and what returns does not equal it turns off the electricity. Where did the current that did not get back to the GFCI go? Suffice to say, electrical systems today are grounded to the earth which allows current to take an alternative path and return to its source through earth or ground. Earth ground is distributed

in the wiring system using a ground wire and is accessed via a receptacle socket then on to an appliance via the cord and plug. If frayed insulation, a loose connection or other condition causes a circuit conductor to touch a conductive surface like the metal frame of an appliance it becomes energized to a degree dependent on circuit dynamics. This condition is called a “Ground Fault” hence the device being named a ground fault circuit interrupter. Touching an energized surface puts one at risk for electric shock because you become part of the circuit. With very low current and a brief amount of exposure one can be fatally injured if conditions are right. GFCI devices are equipped with a test switch. They should be tested once a month. If they do not test properly have them replaced by a qualified licensed electrician. If your home electrical system predates 1971 consider installing GFCI protection to enhance home safety.



A GFCI Receptacle

Back to School Supplies at Bridgeport CC

Early morning rain showers did not deter dozens of area-children and parents from lining up along the sidewalk outside the B. J. Brown Park in Bridgeport, for their chance to receive free school supplies. On August 18, staff members of the Bridgeport CC, spearheaded by Lieutenant Linwood Branch and Correctional Services Aide Shaheerah Blank, organized the “3rd Annual Back to School – Inner City Youth Event.”

In addition to passing out school supplies, representatives from various community organizations were on hand, at the park directly across from Bridgeport CC, to inform parents of services that are available to them.



Shaheerah Blank (R) passes out free school supplies.

In the first two years of the event, more than 780 city youths have received school supplies such as book bags, lunch boxes, etc, thanks to numerous donations from individuals and community businesses.

The event was created to increase the probability of academic success in children by removing some of the small barriers that can hamper learning. “It is our goal to equip our youth with the necessary tools and confidence not only to survive, but to excel,” said Lieutenant Branch. “They’re not just our children, they are our future.”

The organizers wish to thank the many organizations that help to make this event possible including: Sprint, TD Bank, Boys and Girls Club, Prime, Pepsi, Murphy’s Law, Bridgeport Library, Borders, Bridgeport CC, WEBE 108, Wal-Mart, CT-Army National Guard, and many others for their support.

Mr. Smith Goes to New Jersey

At the Region I Correctional Education Association (CEA) conference held in New Jersey in May, Pupil Services Specialist Russell Smith of the MacDougall - Walker Correctional Institution was honored as the recipient of the 2012 Director’s Award. During his nearly 20



School Principal Christine Murphy (L) with Pupil Services Specialist Russel Smith.

years involvement with the CEA, Mr. Smith has served on the CEA Region I Executive Board for more than 15 years - holding various offices (sometimes more than one at a time) including; membership, newsletter, and elections chair person. Mr. Smith has also served in various capacities for the annual regional and national conferences serving as the; audio visual chair, hospitality co-chair, membership activities and general planning committees. Most recently he and former Unified School District # 1USD #1 Superintendent William Barber co-chaired a membership campaign that involved almost 500 members and brought in 200 new members to CEA.

When asked why he was so involved in the organization Smith stated, “by being involved in CEA it allows the individual to network with other professionals and expands one’s frame of reference in working with our unique student population and to reduce recidivism. It (CEA) supports and expands the efforts that facility and state administrators provide to the educational staff by providing educational resources via its journal and workshops on the state, regional and national levels.”

Big Umbrella of Safety

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Much of what they are doing on a daily basis, neither they nor we can talk about without risking the success of what they are trying to do. We also have staff working with homeland security on both the state and federal levels. But again, that work by its very nature has to be kept confidential if it is to succeed. Even much of the work of our Parole and Community Services Division cannot be publicized without compromising the tactics that allow our parole officers to effectively supervise offenders in the community. That said, occasionally, you may see credit given to our staff in a news release such as the one the Hartford Police Department recently put out regarding the gun and drug seizure that the accompanying picture shows. Our Special Management Unit was conducting compliance checks in Hartford and visited a convicted sex offender. In his bedroom they found three guns, one of which was reported stolen, ammunition, 24 bags of marijuana and a scale. The parolee was charged with Criminal Possession of a Firearm-three counts, Theft



Drugs and weapons seized by the Special Management Unit.

of a Firearm, Possession of Narcotics with Intent to Sell and a number of other charges, all of which resulted in a remand and a million dollar bond. What an incredibly successful night, and also unbelievably dangerous given

an armed drug dealer who certainly did not want to go back to prison. Regardless of how many of our accomplishments such as this make it into the public eye, know that all you do every day when you put on your uniform is very much appreciated by me, the governor and even by the public. They may not know exactly who it is keeping them safe, but they know there are some committed individuals putting their lives on the line to do so. And a number of them carry a badge that says, Connecticut Department of Correction.



Deputy Commissioner James Dzurenda throws out the ceremonial first pitch during the New Britain Rock Cats' DoC Night.

OSBORN CI 2012 FACILITY AWARDS

Supervisory Leadership Awards:

Captain Jeffrey Jeannotte
Lieutenants David Hebert, John Manning,
Michael Ruggeri

Correction Officers of Distinction Awards:

Maria Ayala, Matt Busha, Justin Graham,
Cathy McCoy, Michael O'Hearn

Employees of Distinction Awards:

Addiction Services: Steve Faniel
Classification: Roy Weldon, Zelynette Caron
Education: Steven Roy
Food Service: Richard Wilcox
Industries: Renee Blondin
Medical: Olive Scott, LPN
Mental Health: Yvette Thibodeau, CSW
Maintenance: Thomas Perlotto
Religious Services: Michael Torres
Warehouse/Commissary: Josh Concepcion

Troop Support at Cheshire CI



L to R: Military Peer Support Program member Captain James Watson, Correction Officer Ian McMahon, and Cheshire CI Warden Jon Brighthaupt.

Correction Officer Ian McMahon has served three tours of duty during Operation Enduring Freedom. On August 16, 2012 Cheshire Correctional Institution's warden, Jon Brighthaupt presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation signed by Commissioner Leo Arnone, Deputy Commissioner James Dzurenda and Deputy Commissioner Cheryl Cepelak. Along with the Certificate he received a plaque from the Military Peer Support Program, gift card for a local restaurant

and a Challenge Coin in appreciation of his dedication and loyalty to the United States of America, Department of Correction and his family. This recognition was possible because of the donations made by the staff of the Department of Correction and Correctional Managed Health Care.

Building Manager

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Through several third party commercial property management companies, he was employed as a chief engineer and energy specialist with responsibilities over a broad range of facilities including high rise office and residential towers, hotels, performing art centers, judicial court buildings as well as numerous state owned office buildings.

Director Link has earned Associate's Degrees in both Mechanical Engineering/HVAC Design and Aircraft Maintenance. He holds Systems Maintenance Administrator and Systems Maintenance Technician designations from Building and Owners Management International and maintains a Connecticut S-1 license as an Unlimited Mechanical Contractor. Director Link is also certified by the Environmental Protection Agency to work with all refrigerants, and holds a Federal Aviation Administration Airman's license as an airframe and power plant mechanic.

Please join Commissioner Leo C. Arnone, along with Deputy Commissioners Cheryl Cepelak and James Dzurenda in welcoming Director Link to the Department.

Years of Service

Employees with 20 Years of Service as of June 2012

Name	Title	Facility	Hire Date
Delorge, Crystal	Lieutenant	York CI	6/12/1992

Employees with 25 Years of Service as of June 2012

Perrin, Jeremy	Office Assistant	NHCC	6/1/1987
Jordan, Diana	Payroll Clerk	Cen. Off.	6/19/1987

Employees with 35 Years of Service as of June 2012

Callaghan, April	State School Teacher	Garner CI	6/17/1977
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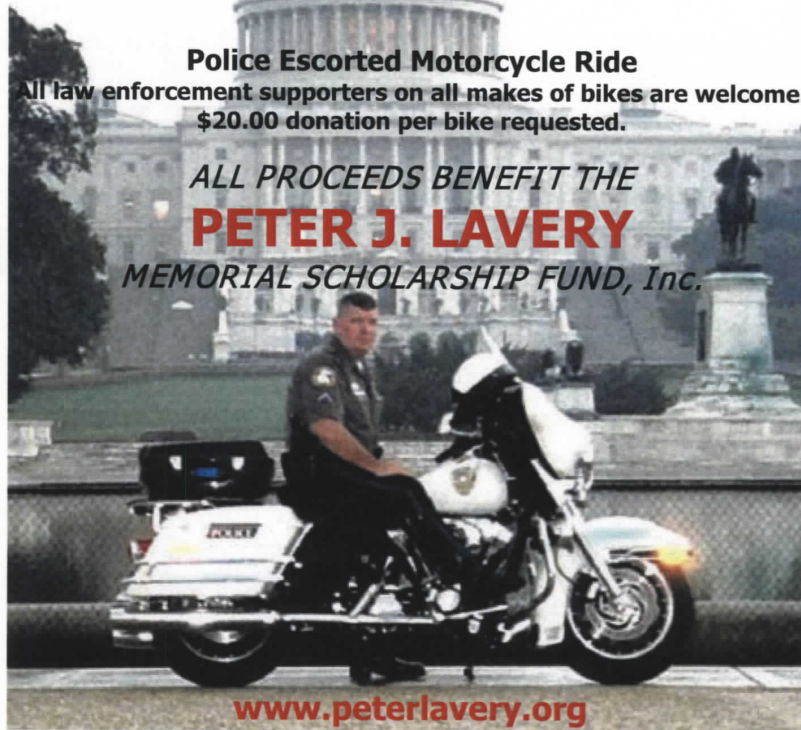
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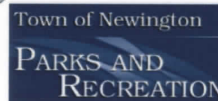
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Registration from 8:00 AM – 9:45 AM; ride departs at 10:00 AM from **Churchill Park**, 1991 Main Street, Newington, Connecticut. Ride concludes at **Churchill Park** at approximately 11:15 AM.

Lunch is provided by Stew Leonard's with music by Shark Entertainment.

Short- and Long-sleeve T-shirts are sold at the following locations:

CT Police Supply, 105 Fenn Road, Newington

Gengras, 221 Governor Street, East Hartford

Greater Hartford Police Supply, 92 Weston Street, Hartford

Mickey Finn's, 559 Berlin Turnpike, Berlin

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