



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

**DUI Home Confinement Unit -
Community Champions**

The Connecticut chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) recently selected the Department of Correction’s DUI Parole Unit as the recipient of the MADD DUI Parole Unit Award. The award was presented during MADD’s annual Community Champions dinner which was held on October 30th at Anthony’s Ocean View in New Haven, CT. The DUI Parole Unit Award was presented to the officers of the DoC Parole Unit for their hard work and dedication in ensuring that parolees are successful in transitioning into positive members of the community.



The Department of Correction’s DUI Parole Unit.

November 8, 2012
through
December 4, 2012

Distributed monthly
to 6,200 staff
and via the Internet
throughout Connecticut
and the nation
by the
Department of Correction
24 Wolcott Hill Road
Wethersfield, CT 06109

From the Commissioner



As we all find ourselves at the beginning of December, again asking the question, “Where did this year go?” I thought it would be a good idea to take a quick measure of some of our success over the past 12 months. In particular, I think two programs speak volumes about what we as an agency, and each of you individually, quietly accomplish every day. Something you haven’t heard about in the news of late, especially compared to its high profile in the preceding year, is the sex offender treatment center at the Corrigan-Radgowski Correctional Center. Predictions of peril for the Town of Montville if the facility were to open received an audience all the way to the State Capitol on more than one occasion. Legal action was undertaken and public hearings were held, all trying to block the 24 bed facility that would take 12 probationers from the Judicial Branch and 12 parolees from the Department of Correction.

see **Successful Measures/page 2**

Dannel P. Malloy
Governor

Leo C. Arnone
Commissioner

Web address:
www.ct.gov/doc

Public Information
Office telephone:
(860) 692-7780
Fax: (860) 692-7783

Promotions and Reassignments

Please join Commissioner Arnone and the Executive Team in congratulating the following individuals on their promotions effective December 1, 2012:

Retired Major **Jonathan Hall** to Warden at Brooklyn CI
Captain **Denise Walker** to Deputy Warden at Cheshire CI
Counselor Supervisor **Karen Martucci** to
Deputy Warden at Willard/Cybulski CI



Warden Jonathan Hall



Deputy Warden
Karen Martucci

In addition, the following reassignments are being made:

Brooklyn Warden **Stephen Faucher** to York CI
Cheshire CI Deputy Warden **Antonio Santiago**
to South District Office
South District Deputy Warden **Michael Davis** to Carl Robinson CI
Carl Robinson CI Deputy Warden **William Faneuff** to MWCI

from page 1

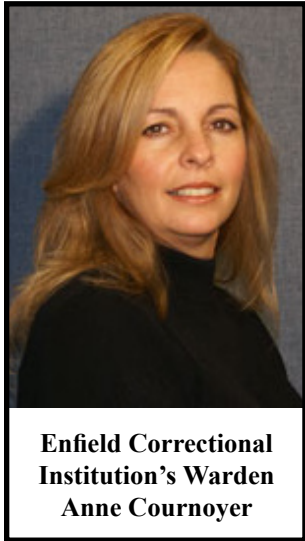
Successful Measures

The goal was to fill a critical gap in the reintegration of these offenders, which too often took them directly from incarceration back to the community with little support or supervision. As the old saying goes, no news is good news. The January Center as it is now known took in its first offender in February. Since then there have been no major issues, no impact whatsoever on the Town of Montville and most importantly the offenders who have completed the program have been given yet another set of skills to assist in combating recidivism. The end result, and the most important, is a further enhancement to public safety. An article in the Norwich Bulletin about the program in fact was headlined, "Feared Montville Sex Offender Facility Off to Quiet Start." I will take that as an endorsement any day.

Another program with the same qualities as the January Center for breaking the mold is the Driving under the Influence/Home Confinement Program, which has also been successfully growing since its implementation at the end of 2011. Given the public outcry in recent years to aggressively go after those who would drink and drive, it was a hurdle to suggest that you could attack the problem while not creating a collateral issue of destroying the livelihood and families of those who were arrested for DUI and required to serve mandatory periods of incarceration. But through the work of our staff and many other stakeholders, most importantly Mothers against Drunk Driving, the legislatively mandated program has now created a process where DUI offenders are accessed upon admission, and if appropriate placed on a treatment program that can allow them to continue to be productive citizens while serving their sentences at home. As of today, there is a program high of 138 offenders under the program's supervision with 214 offenders having successfully fulfilled its treatment requirements and completed their sentence. Again, it's not the public fanfare that's important. It is treating the problem, reducing the recidivism and improving public safety. Recently, Mothers against Drunk Driving honored the Parole and Community Services Division, DUI Home Confinement Program for its work in ensuring parolees are successfully transitioning into positive members of the community. These are just two examples of our success in 2012.

A Warden's Gratitude

While many of you know that, Enfield Correctional Institution recently lost a devoted 19-year veteran officer, Ernest Douville, who was loved and respected by all who knew him.



**Enfield Correctional
Institution's Warden
Anne Cournoyer**

I felt it was important to share with all staff that during this very difficult time for the staff here at Enfield CI, that the presence and support the administration provided to us was so deeply appreciated by myself and the staff here. With the blessing of my immediate boss all the way through to Commissioner Arnone, he authorized the deployment of managerial staff to cover the posts at the facility so that all staff

who wanted to attend the funeral services for Officer Douville could do so while still maintaining a safe environment at the prison.

So a final hour email went out the day before the services to all Wardens and Deputy Wardens asking for them to volunteer. The response was so overwhelming, that I had to decline as many offers to help as I accepted. I had offers from every facility in the state to include Central Office, from Directors, Wardens, Deputy Wardens, and with the support of NP-8, Captains and Lieutenants. Those who reported were assigned a post, which allowed my staff a chance to be a part of a wonderful tribute and celebration of Officer Douville's life.

While the list is too long to thank everyone individually, I would simply like to express my gratitude and recognize that what you all did that day was an extraordinary act of kindness. It was a wonderful reminder during times such as this, rank has no place and that we are all just a part of the DOC family.

Anne M. Cournoyer
Warden,
Enfield Correctional Institution

Reentry Resource Fair

The Chrysalis Center, Inc. hosted the "Second Annual Reentry Employment and Recourse Fair" which was held on Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2012 at the XL Center in Hartford. Collaborating partners included the State of Connecticut Department of Correction (DoC), Community Partners in Action, Community Solutions and STRIDE. The potential employees – all former offenders - were screened by the collaborating partners to ensure only appropriate candidates were registered in order to show prospective employers they were "employment ready". To prepare for the event, DoC Job Developer Joy Vouthounes, along with Job Center Counselors, worked to interview, update resumes, and screen candidates in various facilities, halfway houses



**DoC Job Developer Joy Vouthounes and
Correctional Treatment Officer Mike Smith.**

and parole offices throughout the state. Correctional Treatment Officer Mike Smith of the DOC attended the event in order to return recovered identification to discharged offenders. Almost 200 former offenders were registered for this private event and more than 30 employers and resource vendors participated. Staff from the DoC were responsible for the participation of several vendors in the event including: Subway, Easter Seals, Good Will Industries, Jobs Funnel and the Connecticut Convention Center. This was the second year that the Connecticut Convention Center participated in the event, for which they received an award for their continued support and commitment to the reentry initiative.

DoC Goes Pink in October

Garner Walks for the Cause

Garner CI participated in the Litchfield, CT “Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk” on October 14, 2012 with upwards of 30 participants on the *Garner Goes Pink* team.

The staff at Garner CI invested in raising awareness for a disease that has affected so many families, friends and fellow staff by fundraising events: luncheons, bake sales, the sale of breast cancer pins and tee shirts throughout the year. The facility raised a total of \$2,800 with all proceeds being donated to the American Cancer Society.



The “Garner Goes Pink” Team

Garner Goes Pink Team: CO Gloria Sapp and family, CO Belky Camacho and mom, CO Techita Bland and family, CO Pamela Charles, CO Sherri Richardson, Deputy Warden Amonda Hannah, Administrative Assistant Aleshia Hall and family, CHN Eileen Law and son, NS Patricia Morris and daughter, and LPN Linda Messenger and family.

Tough Enough to Wear Pink

During Breast Cancer Awareness month, a T-shirt fundraiser was organized by Dr. Joe Coleman and staff at the MacDougal Walker Correctional Institution, raising more than \$2,000 in donations.



Some of MacDougal Walker CI’s “Tough Guys”

Around the Cell Block



WISCONSIN – For the first time, Wisconsinites are spending more tax money to send criminals to prison than to send students to college. Lawmakers allotted \$2.2 billion dollars for the corrections department in the current two-year budget, and only \$2.1 billion for the university system.

CALIFORNIA – The state’s policy barring beards on correction officers has come under scrutiny by the US Justice Department following a discrimination lawsuit by a Sikh man who said he was denied a job because of his facial hair, which is part of his religious practice.

SOUTH DAKOTA – A federal judge ruled recently that the South Dakota ban on tobacco in religious ceremonies substantially burdens Native Americans inmates’ religious rights.

*Total
Supervised
Population
on
December 4, 2012
21,1??
On December 4, 2011
the population was
21,659*

Outstanding Educators

Vocational Instructor of the Year

Congratulations are in order for Hospitality Technology Instructor Jean-Claude Ambroise for being selected as the Unified School District #1's 2012-2013 Vocational Instructor of the Year.

"Your students develop industry-specific skills, a positive work ethic, appropriate workplace decorum, and self worth," wrote Director of Career, Technical, Educational and Fiscal Services for USD #1 Caryn McCarthy in a letter informing Ambroise of his award. "That you were selected is a testament to the dedication and expertise you exhibit on a daily basis."

Ambroise, who brings more than 10 years of experience in hotel and restaurant management to his classroom, was initially hired as a GED instructor. He started the hospitality program four years ago, overseeing the construction of a mock front desk and hotel room inside his classroom.

As part of his being selected the Vocational Instructor of the Year, Ambroise was awarded \$1,000 in educational supply money for use in further enhancing his program.



**Vocational Instructor of the Year
Jean-Claude Ambroise**

Teacher of the Year Ceremony

On November 15, 2012, Enfield Correctional Institution's State School Teacher Rayford Somerville was one of over 100 educators honored at The Bushnell in Hartford, CT, as part of the 2013 Connecticut Teacher of the Year Awards Ceremony. As noted by Connecticut Commissioner of Education Stefan Pryor, the State's best teachers were recognized for inspiring "... a love of learning in their students who have distinguished themselves in the teaching profession." Mr. Somerville, who teaches computer education, was selected as the Unified School District #1's 2013 Teacher of the Year.

Guest speaker Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman told the assembled teachers of the year, their families and superintendents, "You are the ones who teach the future, who inspire the future. You are a very special group of people. You have chosen a life of constantly giving."



Enfield Correctional Institution's Rayford Somerville was honored along with his Teacher of the Year peers.

Veterans Old and Young Honored at Osborn CI

As part of their effort to honor all veterans, the Osborn Correctional Institution hosted two veterans, one from the past and one currently serving as part of their Veteran's Day celebration held on November 15, 2012. Representing a long past, but certainly not forgotten, war was 90-year-old World War II Army Veteran Charles Nash who spoke to a packed house of more than 70 inmates and staff.

Mr. Nash was among the thousands of American troops that stormed the beaches of Normandy on D-Day June 6, 1944. He was one of the youngest American soldiers on the beaches that day. During his five year stint in the Army, Mr. Nash also served in Africa, as well as supporting a regiment that liberated a concentration camp.

Representing our current day conflicts was Christian Carrier, a Navy Veteran, now serving in the Army National Guard who spoke about his experiences while serving on an aircraft carrier in the Persian Gulf.

Students and staff were both impressed and moved by the presentation.

"This was a remarkable program," said Unified School District #1 Principal Ed Korza, whose staff coordinated the program. "It brought this extremely important part of American history to life for our students."



L to R: State School Teacher Eileen O'Neill, WWII Veteran Charles Nash, Persian Gulf Veteran Christian Carrier, and Culinary Instructor Hugh Lowenstein.

Hair-"razoring" Fundraiser



Officers John Gurski (L) and Ted Ramdass (R) sport their new hairstyles while flanking officer Tony Colella.

officer Gurski to also shave off his hair. Once the plan was in motion, it was agreed that if the facility staff would raise \$1,000 in donations, officers Gurski and Ramdass would shave their heads and give the funds to the Colella family. To everyone's delight, including a grateful officer Colella, more than \$1,500 was donated for the event.

It all started on a dare and culminated on October 3, 2012, during the 6:45 AM roll call at the MacDougall-Walker Correctional Institution (Walker Building). Officers Ted Ramdass and John Gurski (nicknamed Ponch and Jon from the TV series CHiPs) shed their locks in support of their fellow officer Tony Colella, his wife, and their young daughter Teagan who was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis.

Weeks prior to the event, Officer Ed Heller dared officer Ramdass to cut off his hair. Officer Heller, independently challenged



Officers Ted Ramdass (L) and John Gurski with hair

Years Of Service



Employees with 20 Years of Service as of September 2012

<u>Name</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>
Ackerman, Michael	Corr. Officer	MYI	9/18/1992
Anderson, Kevin	Food Serv. Sup.	WCCI	9/18/1992
Bartley, Scott	Corr. Officer	Cheshire CI	9/18/1992
Brantle, Frederic	Corr. Officer	NHCC	9/18/1992
Bruce, Joya	Corr. Officer	HCC	9/18/1992
Bulger, James	Corr. Officer	Cheshire CI	9/18/1992
Bundy, Sandra	Deputy Warden	HCC	6/5/1992
Capodiferro, Robert	Corr. Officer	MYI	9/18/1992
Cardoso, Jose	Corr. Officer	Garner CI	9/18/1992
Corriveau, Donald	Corr. Officer	MYI	9/18/1992
Costanzo, Philip	Corr. Officer	York CI	9/18/1992
Cummings, Robert	Lieutenant	NHCC	9/18/1992
Cyr, Kenneth	Gen. Main. Off.	Northern CI	9/18/1992
Dellano, Michael	Corr. Officer	Cheshire CI	9/18/1992
Dickson, Brian	Corr. Officer	York CI	9/18/1992
Dombroski, Richard	Corr. Officer	MYI	9/18/1992
Dudley, Mark	Corr. Officer	Cheshire CI	9/18/1992
Duell, Timothy	Corr. Officer	Osborn CI	9/18/1992
Edwards, William	Corr. Officer	Cheshire CI	9/18/1992
Everett, Michael	Corr. Officer	Osborn CI	9/18/1992
Feo, Flabia	Admin. Asst.	Enfield CI	9/4/1992
Hanis, Michael	Corr. Officer	Cheshire CI	9/18/1992
Hebert, Donald	Corr. Counselor	Cheshire CI	9/18/1992
Jackson, Gregory	Corr. Officer	Gen. Off.	9/18/1992
Jackson, William	Corr. Officer	BCC	9/18/1992
Johnson-Walton, Roponza	Corr. Officer	BCC	9/18/1992
Joy, John	Corr. Officer	BCC	9/18/1992
Kepshire, Kurt	Corr. Officer	BCC	4/3/1992
Lebel, Raymond	Corr. Officer	CRCC	9/18/1992
Maldonado, Joyce	Corr. Officer	Cheshire CI	9/18/1992
Medina, Edwin	Corr. Officer	BCC	9/18/1992
Pace, Andrew	Corr. Ind. Sup. 1	Cheshire CI	9/18/1992
Persaud, Ganesh	Corr. Officer	HCC	9/18/1992
Peterson, Dennis	Corr. Officer	York CI	9/18/1992
Petracca, Steven	Corr. Ind. Sup. 2	Cheshire CI	9/18/1992
Phillips, Michael	Corr. Officer	Osborn CI	9/18/1992
Pitruzzello, Salvatore	Corr. Officer	York CI	9/18/1992
Roach, Joseph	Counselor Sup.	NHCC	9/18/1992
Roberts, Angelo	Corr. Officer	NHCC	9/18/1992

This year marks the

29th Annual Governor's Care & Share Holiday Drive

A collection of cash and non-perishable food items to benefit Foodshare and the Connecticut Food Bank.

Through
December 14, 2012

We are asking staff to make a monetary donation by writing a check or money order made out to "Foodshare". The facility representative will collect the checks.

There will also be boxes available for non-perishable food donations at each facility.

For every thirty dollars donated, Foodshare and other partners are able to feed a hungry person for thirty days.

Checks and/or cash can be forwarded to Kristine Sanzo,
24 Wolcott Hill Road
Wethersfield, CT 06109

For more information please contact: **Kristine Sanzo** at **860.692.7704**, or via email: Kristine.Sanzo@po.state.ct.us

Years Of Service Cont.

Employees with 20 Years of Service as of September 2012

<u>Name</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>
Rollo, Christopher	Corr. Officer	Cheshire CI	9/18/1992
Santopietro, James	Corr. Officer	MYI	9/18/1992
Shingola, John	Pupil Serv. Spec.	Cheshire CI	9/4/1992
Smith, William	Corr. Officer	Garner CI	9/18/1992
Talbert, Frederick	Corr. Officer	Osborn CI	9/18/1992
Trowbridge, Robert	Corr. Officer	NHCC	9/18/1992
Vargas, Roberto	Corr. Officer	Garner CI	9/18/1992
Veno, Thomas	Corr. Captain	Cheshire CI	9/18/1992
Viscomi, Laurie	Exec. Secretary	Cen. Office	8/21/1992

Employees with 25 Years of Service as of September 2012

Hansen, Jean	School Teacher	Brooklyn CI	9/11/1987
Harris, Teer	Social Worker	Cen. Off.	9/8/1987

Recognition Richly Deserved



Warden Stephen Faucher (R) presents Counselor Darren Sorensen with a certificate of appreciation.

Brooklyn Correctional Institution's warden, Stephen Faucher, recently presented Correctional Counselor Darren Sorensen with a certificate of appreciation for his dedicated service to the United States Armed Forces. Sorensen is currently a Major in the Air National Guard where he has served for 22 years.

Excellent Executive Lecterns



Vocational Instructor Joe Czech and State School Teacher Michael Bald were proud to deliver two lecterns outside of Gov. Dannel P. Malloy's office at the State Capitol last month. One lectern will replace the podium at the Emergency Operations Center at the State Armory in Hartford, where the Governor holds news

conferences during storms and other natural disasters. The second lectern will be used at news conferences and other events taking place at the State Capitol. Inmates enrolled in Mr. Czech's carpentry class at Osborn CI and inmates enrolled in Mr. Bald's carpentry class at Cheshire CI were able to use the skills they learned in class to plan, design and build the lecterns. "This was a tremendous undertaking on the part of Mr. Czech and Mr. Bald," Osborn Correctional Institution's Warden Carol Chapdelaine said. "The finished product is absolutely beautiful and I couldn't be more proud of the vocational staff."

Condolences

Warden Chapdelaine of the Osborn Correctional Institution is saddened to announce the passing of Correction Officer Wade McDowell on November 27, 2012 after a battle with cancer.

Employee Assistance Program

MEMBER CARD

Confidential help for personal problems.

1-800-252-4555 or 1-800-225-2527

www.theEAP.com