



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

First Class Graduation

It was a day for firsts at the graduation ceremony for Pre-Service Class 254 held on June 11, at the Maloney Center for Training and Staff Development. Not only was it the first official day of the rest of the graduate's career, but it was also the first time Commissioner James E. Dzurenda administered the oath of office to a graduating class.

After an inspirational rendition of the National Anthem by Correctional Enterprises Manager Raymond Monroe, Commissioner Dzurenda addressed the graduating class, pointing out that he and they will always be linked during the course of their correctional careers. "You always remember who swore you in," the Commissioner said, adding. "I still remember who swore me in 26 years ago."

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Commissioner James E. Dzurenda administers the oath to Class 254.

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From the Commissioner



I recently took a leap of faith when I agreed , along with Deputy Commissioner Cheryl Cepelak, to repel from the roof of the Mohegan Sun Hotel in Uncasville as part of a fundraising effort for Special Olympics of Connecticut. For those of you not familiar with the Mohegan Sun, the building is 34-stories tall.

I would be lying if I said I did not have some trepidation about my decision to be dangling over the edge of a very tall building by a rope. At the end of the day, I am confident that I have made the right decision when I take into consideration two things. First, I am doing this for the right reason. The Department of Correction has been a long-time supporter of Special Olympics and the wonderful work that they do.

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Agency Wide Awards Announced

The Connecticut Department of Correction recently announced the recipients of their 2012 Preservation of Life and Circle of Merit award winners.

The Preservation of Life Medal is awarded to an employee who takes spontaneous and immediate action in response to a life-threatening illness or injury to staff or offenders.

The Circle of Merit is awarded to a non-managerial employee who has demonstrated the most consistent, positive performance and professionalism both on the job as well as with the public.

Please join Commissioner James E. Dzurenda along with Deputy Commissioner Cheryl Cepelak in congratulating all the award winners.

The award recipients are listed below:

Preservation of Life Award Recipients

Badillo, Marangelys	Correction Off.	York CI
Burgos, Guillermo	Correction Off.	MWCI
Camacho, Belkys	Correction Off.	Garner CI
Caturano, Michael	Correction Off.	York CI
Cheverier, Gregory	Lieutenant	HCC
Cuevas, Frank	Correction Off.	Garner CI
Daly, Nina	Correction Off.	York C
Dorozko, Anna	Captain	HCC
Gray, Gary	Correction Off.	Garner CI
Greene, Michael	Correction Off.	York CI
Hadlock, Scott	Lieutenant	Garner CI
Lacy, Christopher	Correction Off.	York CI
Maddox, Eileen	Correction Off.	York CI
Mitchell, Kyle	Correction Off.	Garner CI
Murphy, Daniel	Correction Off.	CRCC
Partridge, Kevin	Correction Off.	York CI
Pitruzzello, Salvatore	Correction Off.	York CI
Robson, Chris	Correction Off.	Garner CI
Rushford-Snide, Neiley	Correction Off.	York CI
Schiavone, Gina	Correction Off.	York CI
Stiger, Noah	Correction Off.	York CI

Circle of Merit Award Recipients

Ambroise, Jean-Claude	Voc Instructor	York CI
Blum, Jennifer	Secretary 2	Cen.Off.
Brace, Kurt	CFSS II	Enfield CI
Branch, Linwood	Correction Off.	BCC
Carr, Diane	Records Spec.	York CI
Connor, Kimberlee	Records Spec.	Osborn CI
Cruz, Armando	X-Ray Tech.	HCC
Dimmock, Jeff	Main. Plumber	Enfield CI
DiPanni, Shane	CFSS II	CRCC
Horila, Ken	IT Sub. Exp.	Cen.Off.
Jubinsky, Stavana	Office Assistant	CRCC
Kelsey, Tim	CFSS II	Enfield CI
Landry, Tom	CFSS II	Enfield CI
Paskins, Shellie	Counselor	MWCI
Patricia Cornelio Hood	Office Assistant	Parole
Roach, Joseph	Counselor Sup.	NHCC
Ruegg, Carl	Recreation Sup.	Garner CI
Salka, Carol	Chaplain	MYI

Good Looking Out

Alert Staff Help to Apprehend Kidnapping Suspect

Most days the daily commute is uneventful at best, but if you are part of the Department of Correction's K-9 Unit, it can be an opportunity to assist in a multi-state manhunt.

On May 23, at approximately 7:45 am, while en route to Meriden for State Police K-9 in-service training, K-9 Officer Ildio Rodrigues was behind Lieutenant Henry Gasiorek on Interstate 91 south, in their respective vehicles.

As the two approached the town of Rocky Hill, Officer Rodrigues heard a Connecticut State Police radio broadcast for a BOLO (be on the lookout) for an amber alert and kidnapping out of the State of New York. State Police dispatch transmitted that the New York State Police were looking for a Green Chevy Malibu with New York registration being operated by a Hispanic male with the first name of Julio, who is believed to be involved in an active Amber Alert/Kidnapping of an adolescent female teenager.

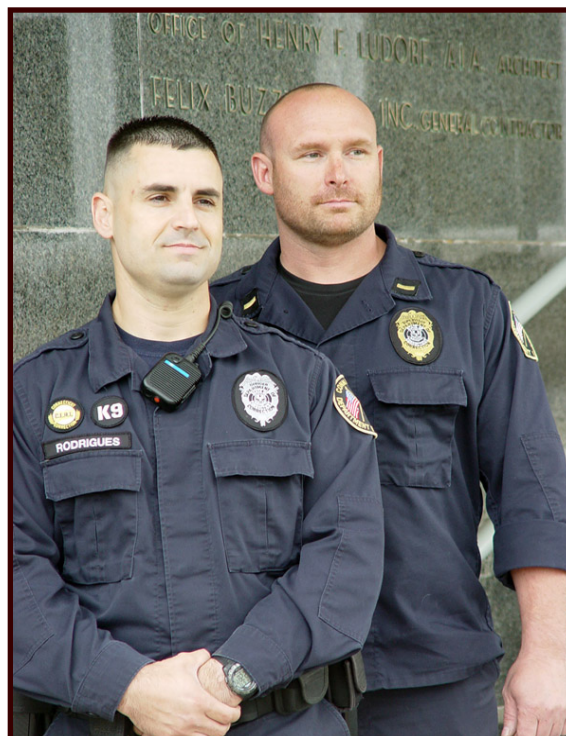
Upon dispatch completing their transmission, Officer Rodrigues observed Lt. Gasiorek's vehicle make a sudden lane change, he had pulled in behind a green Chevy Malibu matching the description of the BOLO.

At this time Officer Rodrigues heard Lt. Gasiorek transmit over his radio to State Police dispatch, asking for dispatch to repeat BOLO license plate number. Once the license plate number was confirmed, Lt. Gasiorek confirmed that the vehicle that the State Police were looking for was in front of the two Department of Correction vehicles headed south on Interstate 91. State Police then requested that Officer Rodrigues provide a visual verification of the Chevy Malibu's occupants. As he pulled up closer to the car, Officer Rodrigues relayed via radio what he saw

- a Hispanic male in his mid 20's in the driver's seat, and a teenaged Hispanic female in the passenger seat. Just then, the car made a sudden lane change and exited the highway at exit 24. Lt. Gasiorek remained behind the vehicle as Officer Rodrigues continued to communicate with State Police via radio. The green Chevy then made a left onto Rte. 99 and pulled into the Rocky Hill Shell gas station. As the vehicle pulled into the gas station Lt. Gasiorek remained behind it, while Officer Rodrigues circled around the gas pumps to the front of the Chevy in an attempt to block the vehicle in.

Officer Rodrigues exited his vehicle in fear for the kidnapped victim's safety and directed the occupants of the vehicle to place their hands on the car's dashboard. With hands in view Rodrigues then asked the driver his name, to which he replied "Julio". Officer Rodrigues then directed the driver to exit the vehicle and place his hands on the car's hood as Lt. Gasiorek spoke with the female in the car. Approximately 30 seconds later State Police arrived and took control of both individuals. At no time did K-9 Officer Rodrigues or Lieutenant Gasiorek use any type of force, draw their weapons, or make any contact with any individual involved in this incident.

Thanks to the alert and unflinching actions of Lieutenant Gasiorek and K-9 Officer Rodrigues, a dangerous situation was brought to a safe and peaceful resolution.



**K-9 Officer Ildio Rodrigues (L) and
Lieutenant Henry Gasiorek**

Years Of Service

Employees with 20 Years of Service as of April 2013

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>
Allen, Kenneth	Lieutenant	Garner CI	4/16/1993
Amarante, Paul	Correction Officer	MYI	4/16/1993
Bradley, William	Correction Officer	Cheshire CI	4/16/1993
Brito, Derick	Lieutenant	CRCC	4/16/1993
Carattini, John	Correction Officer	MYI	4/16/1993
Carden, Gerald	Correction Officer	NHCC	4/16/1993
Clark, Ricky	Correction Officer	Cheshire CI	4/16/1993
Clarke, Todd	Rec. Sup.	CRCC	4/23/1993
Covin, Anthony	Correction Officer	CRCC	4/16/1993
Dinguis, William	Lieutenant	CRCC	4/16/1993
Eaddy, Charles	Correction Officer	Cheshire CI	4/16/1993
Fazo, Peter	Voc. Instr.	Garner CI	4/16/1993
Figuroa, Rene	Correction Officer	Garner CI	4/16/1993
Gibson, David	Correction Officer	Hartford CC	4/16/1993
Glasheen, Thomas	Lieutenant	Osborn CI	4/16/1993
Gonzalez, Carlos	Correction Officer	Garner CI	4/16/1993
Green, Ernestine	Lieutenant	Hartford CC	4/27/1993
Hagerman, Victor	Correction Officer	Cheshire CI	4/16/1993
Hardy, Anita	Captain	Cheshire CI	4/16/1993
Harris, Lois	Hum. Res. Spec.	Central Off.	3/26/1993
Hinrichs, Robert	Correction Officer	MYI	4/16/1993
Juliani, Frank	Correction Officer	CRCC	4/16/1993
Killeen, Donald	Correction Officer	Enfield CI	4/16/1993
Lemire, Eulalie	School Teacher	Osborn CI	4/16/1993
Lewis, Peter	Correction Officer	BCC	4/16/1993
Martinez, Maria	Captain	York CI	4/16/1993
Maynard, Phillip	Corr. Stores Sup.	Central Off.	4/16/1993
McCooe, Milagros	Corr. Counselor	Central Off.	11/13/1992
McCown, Tonia	Parole Off. 2	Central Off.	4/16/1993
Melewski, Mark	Correction Officer	Cheshire CI	4/16/1993
Miller, Eugene	Correction Officer	Cheshire CI	4/16/1993
Mollin, Brett	Lieutenant	Cheshire CI	4/16/1993
Monty, Michael	Correction Officer	York CI	4/16/1993
Moore, Joenathan	Lieutenant	NHCC	4/16/1993
O'Brien, Anthony	Voc. Instr.	York CI	4/16/1993
Packard, Michael	Correction Officer	CRCC	4/16/1993
Philbrick, Mark	Correction Officer	Cheshire CI	4/16/1993

Around the Cell Block



COLORADO - A wildfire forced the evacuation of more than 900 prisoners at a state prison outside Colorado Springs earlier this week. The fire is one of four blazes across the Front Range that destroyed dozens of homes.

IOWA - State prison officials are seeking to arm community based corrections officers with TASERs. More than two dozen officers in the state serve on "warrant teams" – monitoring offenders who are out on probation or parole. Kip Shanks, director of the Iowa Department of Corrections' Fourth Judicial District, says those officers are currently armed with batons, pepper spray, and a firearm. He hopes TASERs will prevent violent confrontations with offenders.

**Total
Supervised
Population
on
June 14, 2013**

21,006

*On June 14, 2012
the population was
21,132*

Staff Appreciation at Osborn CI

Osborn Correctional Institution's, Warden Carol Chapdelaine and her two Deputy Wardens, William Murphy and Gary Wright, are very adept at giving orders. After all, giving orders comes with their territory. The question on their staff's minds during National Correctional Employees Week was if they could take orders as well as they could give them. But these weren't just any orders the Osborn staff were giving to Warden Chapdelaine and her deputy wardens. These were food orders, and a long line of hungry staff from all three shifts were waiting to be served pasta and meatballs, salad, garlic bread, cookies and bottled water on first and second shifts, and egg sandwiches and coffee on third shift.



L to R: Deputy Warden Gary Wright, Warden Carol Chapdelaine, Deputy Warden William Murphy, Counselor Supervisor Renee Cyr, and Food Service Supervisor Arthur Riffo.

OSBORN CI FACILITY AWARDS 2013 Award Recipients

Supervisory Leadership Awards:

Captain Ned McCormick

Lieutenants T. Glasheen, L. Bradley, R. Kraus

Correction Officers of Distinction Awards:

1st: C/Os Scott Cunningham/Kingsley Spencer

2nd: C/Os Ashley Augusto/Maritza Maldonado

3rd: C/O Edward Rivera

Employees of Distinction Awards:

Addiction Services: Steve Faniel

Classification: Delina Hesse/John Kay

School: Eileen O'Neill

Food Service: CFSS II Lance Oliver

Mental Health: Tasha Hamm

Maintenance: Rich Hardy/John Stevenson

Industries: Evan Carrara

Religious Services: Charles Williams

Warehouse/Commissary: Mike Zelz

"It was very important to me and to Deputy Warden Murphy and Deputy Warden Wright that we take this opportunity to thank the staff at Osborn CI and to recognize them for all of their hard work and dedication throughout the entire year," said Warden Chapdelaine. "Their combined enthusiasm and generosity gained Osborn the title of top facility in the Campaign for Charitable Giving for the fourth consecutive year."

She went on to say that the staff of the Osborn Correctional Institution also contributed to many Pay-to-Park efforts to assist staff and their families. In addition they contributed to Special Olympics Connecticut and local food pantries as well.

"Our staff continues to pull together to get the job done and to make Osborn CI shine in spite of limited resources and budget cuts," Chapdelaine said.

Warden Chapdelaine along with deputy wardens Murphy and Wright wish to recognize several members of the Osborn staff for going above and beyond in their daily work.

"They are the backbone of the facility, and it was important to us to honor some of our outstanding employees," the warden said.

A Ceremony to Remember

The Department honors those who have passed on

For their family and friends who gathered at the Maloney Center for Training and Staff Development on May 3, 2013, the agency's annual memorial ceremony is an opportunity to not only mourn, but also to cherish the memories of the ten Department of Correction staff members who passed away during the course of the previous year.

As a representation of both the depth and diversity within our agency, a group of chaplains representing the Catholic, Islamic, Native American, and Protestant faiths led by the Director of Religious Services, Reverend Anthony Bruno offered a prayer to the departed. With the auditorium illuminated only by the flickering glow emanating from the candles held by those in attendance, one by one, the roll was called – only to be answered by, “Sir, absent sir.” A solemn Honor Guard member then approached the indoor replica of the memorial and laid a single rose at its base, followed by a slow salute punctuating the poignant tribute.

The ceremony, always emotionally charged, was even more so this year as one of those being honored was the Director of External Affairs, Brian Garnett, who traditionally served as the master of ceremonies for the event.

As the ceremony drew to a close, Commissioner James E. Dzurenda reminded the family members in attendance that the light of their loved one and their correctional family will, both, always be here for them. He encouraged them to visit the memorial on the grounds of the training academy in Cheshire whenever they felt the need.



IN MEMORIAM

Elizabeth B. Bayona	Deputy Warden, Central Office
Denis Boucher	Correction Officer, Carl Robinson
Bryan Cooke	Correction Officer, York CI
Ernest Douville	Correction Officer, Enfield CI
Brian Garnett	Director of External Affairs, Central Office
Jeffrey Johns	Correction Officer, York CI
Barbara Jones	Correctional Services Aide, Central Office
Ronald Passaro	Corr. Food Service Supervisor, Bridgeport CC
Reuben C. Perrin	Corr. Substance Abuse Counselor, Osborn CI
Matthew L. Yacovou	Corr. Officer, Corrigan-Radgowski CC

Retirement Board at Hartford Correctional Center

It isn't every day that retired staff report for roll call at their last assigned facility. But on May 14, 2013, morning roll call at Hartford Correctional Center was attended by Lieutenant Kenneth Olszta (retired). Lieutenant Olszta, who retired last year, was present to attend the unveiling of the facility's commemorative retirement recognition board. The first of its kind in the state, this board was designed to honor the dedicated staff of Hartford CC. When asked how the board came to be, Warden Walter Ford stated, "Some of the greatest and most dedicated staff this agency has, walk through the doors of this roll call room, and exit through those same doors the day they retire. Long after we're all gone, this board will show our gratitude for that dedication."

The concept is simple: to commemorate their years of service, a retiring Hartford CC staff member's last roll call will now include the hanging of that staff member's 'chit' on the board, where it will hang for years to come. The board holds 170 chits, and as correctional staff know, chits are an iconic symbol of the correctional



Proudly displaying the new commemorative retirement recognition board at Hartford CC are L to R: Captain Timothy Newton, Deputy Warden Dennis Roche, Warden Walter Ford, Lieutenant Kenneth Olszta (ret.), Captain Alfonso Reyes and Captain Ronald Cotta.

environment, and become a part of a staff member's daily life. "Staff are always presented with something to take with them when they leave," said Deputy Warden Roche, "Here at HCC, we want those staff to leave us a piece of their legacy."

The brief ceremony, during which Lieutenant Olszta was afforded the first 'hanging' on the board, also included a challenge to current staff. "We didn't want to just honor our retirees," said Deputy Warden Roche. "We wanted to challenge our current staff and establish a standard for staff walking through our doors ten or 15 years from now."

Inscribed with the following words: "Each generation stands upon the shoulders of those who passed before", the board is meant to provide a daily reminder to Hartford CC staff, for generations to come, that, in Warden Ford's words, "This job is about teamwork. It's about your responsibility to maintain the level of dedication and commitment that all of those people before you built upon. It's a daily reminder of your obligation to honor their sacrifices with your own." In addition, Warden Ford expressed a special thank-you to Lieutenant Jason Beaulieu for bringing this concept to reality through his design of the board.

Keeping the Faith from page 1

Since 1968, Special Olympics has been offering women, men, and children with intellectual disabilities year-round training and competitions in Olympic-style sports. Win or lose, the goal is always to be brave in the attempt.

The second reason for my feeling good about my decision comes down to one word – trust. I trust the event organizers are experienced professionals, and that they will take every precaution necessary to ensure my and Deputy Commissioner Cepelak's safe decent down the side of the building.

Come to think of it, I can draw an analogy between repelling down the side of a building, and working for the Department of Correction. I do not think anyone would argue that we are in this line of work for the right reason – protecting the public. Although it may feel that we are going over the edge, working without a net at times, we carry out our mission knowing that ours is an important job that needs to be done.

This brings me to the second part of the analogy, the issue of trust. Just as I have to put my trust in the people outfitting me with ropes and harnesses, we must put our trust in one another. Trust to have each other's back. Trust each other to do the right thing. Trust to keep each other safe.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to all of you for doing the right thing for the right reason and being trusting as well as trustworthy.

As for the "Over the Edge" event being held on July 18, 2013, both Deputy Commissioner Cepelak and I need to raise \$1,000 each in order to participate. If you would like to make a donation towards this worthwhile organization you may access the following websites:

<http://soct.convio.net/goto/jamesdzurenda> or <http://soct.convio.net/goto/cherylcepelak>

I know that I can count on your generosity to help Special Olympics Connecticut ensure that everyone has the chance to exert themselves to the fullest, to reach beyond their own limits, and to feel proud of their achievements.

Honor Guard Openings

Director William Colon has announced new members are being sought for the Department's Honor Guard Unit, specifically for the positions of Color Guard members, Bagpipers and Drummers.

Interested employees are encouraged to review Administrative Directive 2.16, Honor Guard for eligibility requirements including sick leave usage, discipline history, sexual harassment and workplace violence history, service ratings and physical appearance standards.

In reference to the Color Guard selection, any member of the Department of Correction with a minimum service of three (3) years shall be eligible. A letter of interest and/or resume is requested to include date of hire, three (3) years of time and attendance records, the last three (3) years evaluations and two (2) letters of reference from shift commander and immediate supervisor.

In reference to the Bagpiper/Band selection, any member of the Department with a minimum service of one (1) year shall be eligible. A letter of interest and/or resume is requested to include date of hire, one (1) year of time and attendance record, last evaluation and two (2) letters of reference from shift commander and immediate supervisor.

Interested employees may mail their interview packets to Captain Ned McCormick to be placed on an interview list: Captain Ned McCormick - Honor Guard Commander

Osborn CI, 335 Bilton Road P.O. Box 100
Somers, CT. 06071

Closing date is July 19, 2013. Interviews/auditions will be conducted shortly thereafter.

Class 254 Graduates from page 1



Charitable donations from last year's Commissioner's Cup Golf Tournament were distributed recently to The Connecticut Hospice Inc. (\$1,250), and to the DoC's Military Peer Support Group (\$1,500).

Pictured L to R: Parole Manager Thomas O'Connor; Timothy Sugrue, a volunteer with The Connecticut Hospice; Commissioner James E. Dzurenda; and Lieutenant James Kanios on behalf of the Military Peer Support Group.

Just in case anyone is wondering, Commissioner Dzurenda was sworn in as a line officer by Interim Commissioner Thomas White.

In addition, Commissioner Dzurenda assured the graduates that outside of marriage and raising a family, the decision to join the Department of Correction, "will be the best thing you ever do in your life."

The small group of 15 graduates is comprised of primarily important support staff positions, including: three Correctional Managed Health Care (CMHC) Nurses; two Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; two Licensed Practical Nurses; two Licensed Clinical Social Workers; two Correctional Counselor Trainees; two Food Service Supervisors; one Correctional Training Officer; and one Program Manager.

All those in attendance were treated to a video presentation which highlighted various aspects of the training the class participated in.

The keynote address was delivered by the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services, Martin Anderson, who urged the members of Class 254 to "get out there, do your best, and make us all proud."

Years Of Service cont.

Employees with 20 Years of Service as of April 2013

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>
Philippi, Steven	Correction Officer	Cheshire CI	4/16/1993
Probulis, Thomas	Correction Officer	Osborn CI	4/16/1993
Rymer, Cynthia	School Teacher	Osborn CI	4/2/1993
Saavedra, Orlando	Correction Officer	MWCI	4/16/1993
Sagnella, Paul	Correction Officer	Central Off.	4/16/1993
Sholomicky, Harry	Correction Officer	Cheshire CI	4/16/1993
Tolisano, Thomas	Correction Officer	Cheshire CI	4/16/1993
Whittingham, Nolice	Correction Officer	CRCI	4/16/1993
Williams, Moreen	Correction Officer	BCC	4/16/1993

Employees with 25 Years of Service as of April 2013

Emanuel, Jeffrey	Lieutenant	Hartford CC	4/8/1988
Ruegg, Carl	Rec. Sup.	Garner CI	4/8/1988
West, Judith	Secretary 2	MYI	4/14/1988

