



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

Malloy Appoints Dzurenda

At a press conference just outside of his office in the State Capitol, Governor Dannel P. Malloy announced on Tuesday morning that he has selected James E. Dzurenda to be the eighth Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Correction.



Governor Dannel P. Malloy announces his appointment of Commissioner James E. Dzurenda (R), as Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman looks on.

If approved by the legislature, which reconvenes in February, Commissioner

Dzurenda will become the permanent replacement for Leo Arnone. Dzurenda, who most recently served as the agency’s Deputy Commissioner of Operations, has been serving in the role of Interim Commissioner since the retirement of Commissioner Leone Arnone on April 1, 2013.

“Throughout his career at the Connecticut Department of Correction, James Dzurenda has gained invaluable experience and knowledge of our correctional facilities and displayed a dedication to ensuring that they remain safe for staff, inmates and citizens alike,” Malloy said.

After Governor Malloy completed his announcement, Commissioner Dzurenda addressed the audience, making it clear where his main focus would remain.

“People who know me know that public safety is my No. 1 priority,” said the Commissioner, stressing that inmate accountability and supporting programs that work against repeat offenses are among his top priorities.

After the Governor’s announcement, Commissioner Dzurenda wasted little time in making his first executive decision by appointing Scott Semple to be the New Deputy Commissioner of Operations.

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A Day for Veterans at Bridgeport CC

As part of the facility's observance of Veteran's Day, the Bridgeport Correctional Center's Quality of Work Life Committee and the Department of Correction's Military Peer Support Program, Warden Timothy Farrell and his staff invited Mr. Gabor Kautzner, an Outreach Specialist Counseling Technician with the New Haven Vet Center, to the facility.

Mr. Kautzner provided Bridgeport staff members with resources and knowledge of Veterans Administration benefits and entitlements related to their service. Michael DeSena, Nurse Supervisor, was also available to answer questions about the agency's Military Peer Support Program.

A special addition to the event was a photo collage of BCC staff veterans in their military garb.

The poster was the work of Mr. DeSena and Secretary 2, Hilda Cardosa of the facility's QWL committee. The photo submission was a big hit as it allowed staff veterans to reminisce about their service.

It also allowed for others to see their colleagues in a different light. The photo board will be placed in the Officers' Mess near the QWL Information Board. The event was a success for several reasons: first it brought awareness of the staff that has served in the armed forces;

it also served as a celebration of Veterans Day 2013; and lastly, it increased overall participation in the QWL program at the Bridgeport facility. In addition to veteran resources and photo display, the breakfast sandwiches and coffee were sold raising a total of \$319 for the QWL committee.



L to R: Deputy Warden Kenneth Butricks; Gabor Kautzner, from the New Haven Vet Center; and Nursing Sup. Michael Desena.

Resources for Veterans



Proudly displaying their donations (L to R): Erica Soto, Natalie Rodriguez, Michael Steeves, Kate Cahill, Mildred Pagan, Patty Meskers, and Beverly Thibeault.

With the recent observance of Veterans Day and many of our military family members still serving in faraway lands, the Department of Correction's Human Resources staff got together to provide some non-essential items for the Army Corp of Engineers stationed in Kandahar, Afghanistan. The collection was spearheaded by Human Resources Specialist Patty Meskers (whose nephew is one of the soldiers deployed in Afghanistan).

The Human Resources staff members plan to send another batch of care packages in December, in time for the holiday season. If you would like to contribute, you may contact Human Resources Specialist Meskers via email at patricia.meskers@ct.gov or simply drop off items in the designated boxes at Central Office.

Additional thanks to those who contributed but are not pictured: Heather DiMauro, April Faraday, Maria Guglielmi, and Diane Lester.

Captain Murray Honored

Captain Gemini Murray of the Osborn Correctional Institution was honored by the Connecticut Chapter of the Men and Women for Justice Inc. during their annual Law Enforcement and Community Awards Banquet held on October 5, 2013, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell. Captain Murray was presented with an Achievement Award for her outstanding work in the Connecticut Department of Correction, as well as for her academic accomplishments.

Shortly after having obtained her Master's Degree in Human Services focusing on Organizational Management from Springfield College in Massachusetts, Captain Murray became an adjunct professor at the college in the School of Human Services. For several years, she has taught a Community Development and Change course where Professor Murray guided undergraduate students through Action Research projects aimed at creating sustainable change within their communities.

In addition to the Achievement Award, Captain Murray also received a Certificate of Special Recognition from Senator Richard Blumenthal, a Official Statement of congratulations from Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman, and a Public Leadership Citation from State Treasurer Denise Nappier.

The Connecticut Chapter of the Men and Women for Justice Inc. was founded in 1978 and is comprised of State and Local Sworn Law Enforcement officers, police department civilian employees, and community members who are good citizens of the United States.



Standing L to R: Deputy Wardens Gary Wright and Willaim Murphy. Seated L to R: Director Kimberly Weir, Warden Carol Chapdelaine, and Captain Gemini Murray at the Law Enforcement and Community Awards Banquet.

York Marathoners

This year's 20th running of the Hartford Marathon on October 12, 2013, included a team of runners from York CI - all of who ran and completed the 26.2 course for their first ever marathon. In the accompanying picture (from left to right) Brenda Harrington, Correctional Counselor; Nick Cordone, RN; Peter Violette, Correctional Officer; Jessie Loss, Clinical Social Worker; and Kristen Brousseau, Commissary Operator trained together as a team during the past year. Together, they have also run a 13 mile leg of the 2012 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics, as well as 18 mile run as part of the 2013 Torch Run.

The group followed a rigorous training schedule, and would often meet after work and on weekends to go running. This interdisciplinary group of staff members from York has shown that teamwork, support, and camaraderie are powerful forces both inside and outside of the correctional environment.



Giving From the Heart

In an effort to show gratitude for her service to our country a check was recently presented to Staff Sergeant Sandra Lee who survived multiple bomb explosions while on active duty. Lee deployed to the Middle East in December 2003, where she helped rebuild schools in Western Baghdad, serving as the liaison between local councils, military and international organizations and the Ministry of Education. In addition, she worked on projects that included providing veterinary services to farm animals in outer lying neighborhoods.



L to R: Sal Cretella, Middletown Fire Department; Vicki Thomas, Director Purple Heart Homes CT; Staff Sergeant Sandra Lee; Correction Officer Carl Morin.

Today Lee is Service Connected Disabled - she suffers from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, which includes short term memory problems, constant headaches, vertigo, debilitating nightmares and depression. Sergeant Lee expressed her sincere gratitude to all those who supported Purple Hearts Homes. Donations were raised through the sale of T-shirts through Sal Cretella of the Middletown Fire Department, and through Correction Officer Carl Morin of the MacDougall-Walker Correctional Institution.

Purple Heart Homes, Inc. is dedicated to providing personalized housing solutions for Service Connected Disabled Veterans and their families. Each case is different, but in all cases Purple Heart Homes provides at little or no cost to the veteran a “quality of life solution” that creates an injury specific, barrier free-living environment. These solutions can range from remodeling an existing home already owned by the veteran, to creating an entire living space from the ground up.

Around the Cell Block



NEW YORK - The State’s attorney general has asked a state judge to release sealed documents about the 1971 riot and retaking of Attica state prison in an effort to reveal the full history of the nation’s bloodiest prison rebellion.

MISSOURI- The Missouri Department of Corrections said Tuesday it is switching to a new lethal injection drug, less than two weeks after the governor halted executions until it could find a replacement for the anesthetic propofol. Agency officials said they will use the sedative pentobarbital -13 states use the drug for executions.

IRELAND - Eleven corrections officers from two facilities in Dublin will be shedding clothes in a 12-month 2014 calendar to raise money for cancer research.

<p>Total Supervised Population on November 29, 2013</p> <p>20,934</p> <p><i>On November 29, 2012 the population was 21,034</i></p>
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Teacher of the Year

Superintendent Kim Holley of The Unified School District #1 (USD #1) is pleased to announce that State School Teacher Eileen O'Neill has been selected as the USD #1's Teacher of the Year. Ms. O'Neill, who teaches at the



Teacher of the Year,
Eileen O'Neill

Osborn Correctional Institution, has been a dedicated faculty member for the past 21 years.

This is the third time in her career that she has been recognized as an Employee of Distinction.

Ms. O'Neill's tenure reflects a variety of initiatives and experiences that have been designed to improve the educational opportunities for her

students. Some of her accomplishments include: the first ever "Reading Lab" within the department's school system, to assist those with poor reading skills; she co-authored a literacy text entitled "The Bridge"; and developed and coordinated an Anti-Bullying/Suicide Prevention presentation.

In addition to her work inside the classroom, Ms. O'Neill also coordinates several school wide activities such as graduation ceremonies, Veteran's Day observances, and an AIDS Mobile Theater presentation.

In the words of her nominator State School Principal Edward Korza, "Eileen works tirelessly to insure that her students are provided dynamic, relevant and results producing learning opportunities." Principal Korza went on to add that, "Eileen consistently manifests high energy, dedication, and limitless optimism in every activity she pursues."

Please join Superintendent Kim Holley, Commissioner James Dzurenda, and the entire Executive Team in congratulating State School Teacher Eileen O'Neill on being selected as the USD #1's Teacher of the Year.

Manson Youth Institution Awards

Warden John Alves of the Manson Youth Institution held an Open House/Award Ceremony on October 25, 2013. The event gave family and friends of employees an opportunity to tour the facility and to partake in a meal together.

The Statewide Tactical Team Units all participated in sharing their expertise along with displays of equipment and armory. Many questions were answered, and guests were able to handle some of the equipment.

Preceding the Awards Ceremony members of the K-9 Unit performed a demonstration, which was entertaining as well as educational for those in attendance.

Recipients of the Annual Awards were greeted with loud applause along with some good old fashioned camaraderie.

MYI AWARD RECIPIENTS 2012-2013

Employee of the Year: Officer Jason Massai

Unit of the Year: Lieutenant's Office

Correction Officer of the Year:

1st Shift - Millie Brown

2nd Shift - David Carnemolla

3rd Shift - Victoria Grandy

Supervisor of the Year: Lieutenant Sean Murray

Educator of the Year: Jennifer Corti

Support Services Employee of the Year:

Suzanne Hinz, Secretary 2

Health Services Employee of the Year:

Margo Zukowska, RN

Circle of Merit: Officer Charles Terry

Circle of Merit: Officer Efrain Roman

Distinguished Public Service: Officer Robert Lee

Outstanding Leadership: Captain Danielle Borges

Dog Vest Donation

The DoC's K-9s will be safer thanks to a donation from a nonprofit organization

The Connecticut Department of Correction's K-9 Unit recently received nine bullet and stab protective vests thanks to the efforts of Vested Interest in K-9s Inc., a Massachusetts based nonprofit organization. The vests will provide protection from potential life threatening injuries for the DoC's K-9s as they help maintain security and search for contraband within the Department's facilities. The DoC K-9 unit also assists state and local police with missing person searches.



Members of the Department of Correction's K-9 Unit, along with their K-9 partners, display the recently donated protective vests.

The mission of Vested Interest in K-9s Inc., an all volunteer charity located in East Taunton, Massachusetts, is to provide bullet and stab protective vests for law enforcement dogs throughout the United States. The organization was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with body armor for their four-legged K-9 Officers. Each vest costs \$950.00 and has a five year warranty. Through private and corporate sponsorships, Vested Interest in K-9s has provided more than 435 law enforcement dogs with protective vests since their inception. Over \$400,000 in K9 vests has been donated in 35 states, including Alaska and Hawaii.

Brooklyn Cares Honored

Brooklyn Correctional Institution's Warden Hall proudly displays the plaque of appreciation he recently received from The Exchange Club of Northeast Connecticut. The Exchange Club sponsors activities designed to benefit, award and develop our nation's youth, promote crime prevention, serve senior citizens, and recognize military and public safety service providers. The Exchange also promotes Americanism programs, and its national project is the prevention of child abuse. The Exchange is the country's oldest service organization operating exclusively in the United States.

The Brooklyn Cares Program has donated money on several occasions to the Exchange Club, benefitting a wide variety of the organization's initiatives. The Exchange Club honored Brooklyn Cares for its continuing support during a dinner held on October 16, at the Golden Lamb Buttery Restaurant in Brooklyn, CT.



Warden Jonathan Hall

Ex-Offender Job Fair

Years of Service

Employees with 20 Years of Service as of September 2013

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>
Angelopoulos, Maria	Corr. Captain	Garner CI	9/17/1993
Astwood, Karl	Correction Officer	CRCI	9/17/1993
Ayers, Timothy	Correction Officer	Osborn CI	9/17/1993
Backiel, Brett	Correction Officer	MWCI	9/17/1993
Barone, Anthony	Corr. Counselor	Enfield CI	9/17/1993
Barrett, Matilda	Correction Officer	MWCI	9/17/1993
Beausoleil, Bruce	Corr. Lieutenant	York CI	9/17/1993
Bibeau, Jon-Paul	Corr. Counselor	Osborn CI	9/17/1993
Blair, William	Corr. Lieutenant	Osborn CI	9/17/1993
Blue, Michael	Correction Officer	Northern CI	9/17/1993
Boszko, Derek	Correction Officer	CRCI	9/17/1993
Boyd, Gary	Correction Officer	WCCI	9/17/1993
Brothers, Gerald	Correction Officer	Osborn CI	9/17/1993
Butkiewicz, David	Corr. Captain	MWCI	9/17/1993
Christie, Pamla	Correction Officer	MWCI	9/17/1993
Cox, Stephen	Correction Officer	Northern CI	9/17/1993
Cruz, Theodore	Correction Officer	Hartford CC	9/17/1993
D'andrea, Thomas	Correction Officer	Cen. Off.	9/17/1993
Daniels, Gregory	Correction Officer	Osborn CI	9/17/1993
Dargan, Scott	Correction Officer	Cheshire CI	9/17/1993
Delmonte, Mark	Correction Officer	Osborn CI	9/17/1993
Desilets, Duane	Correction Officer	MWCI	9/17/1993
Devore, Jeffrey	Corr. Captain	Cen. Off.	9/17/1993
Edelson, Michael	Correction Officer	MWCI	9/17/1993
Field, William	Correction Officer	CRCC	9/17/1993
Fitzgerald, Daniel	Correction Officer	Osborn CI	9/17/1993
Fournier, Joseph	Corr. Electrician	WCCI	9/17/1993
Fournier, Joseph	Correction Officer	Osborn CI	9/17/1993
Frazier, Kevin	Correction Officer	Osborn CI	9/17/1993
Gagnon, Gorman	Corr. Captain	Cen. Off.	9/17/1993
Goode, Jo	Food Serv. Sup. 2	York CI	9/17/1993
Griffith, Kathy	Correction Officer	CRCI	9/17/1993
Hall, Raymond	Correction Officer	Osborn CI	9/17/1993
Hanna, Stacy	Corr. Counselor	Cen. Off.	9/17/1993
Jones, Daniel	Correction Officer	Osborn CI	9/17/1993
Keeney, Keith	Correction Officer	Cen. Off.	9/17/1993
Kevin Manley	Correctional Captain	MWCI	9/17/1993
Kraus, Robert	Corr. Lieutenant	Osborn CI	9/17/1993

The Department of Correction Employment Services Unit participated in the 3rd Annual Ex-Offender Job/Resource Fair held on September 19, at the Marriott Hotel in Hartford, with Monica Rinaldi, Director of Programs and Treatment, for the Department of Correction providing the opening remarks.



Director of Programs and Treatment Monica Rinaldi.

A total of 31 employers and 34 resource providers participated. Ex-offenders were prescreened and prepared for job searches and interviews by the department's Job Developer and Job Center staff. Some successful ex-offenders also had the opportunity to address the population during the opening ceremony. Also, a representative from the agency's Re-Entry Unit was there to assist recently released offenders in gaining identification as an aid to securing employment.

Years of Service cont...

Employees with 20 Years of Service as of September 2013

Lucey, Timothy	Correction Officer	CRCI	9/17/1993
Mancini, Francis	Correction Officer	Cen. Off.	9/17/1993
Marsh, Richard	Correction Officer	Osborn CI	9/17/1993
Massoia, Brett	Corr. Treatment Off.	MWCI	9/17/1993
McGuire, Joseph	Corr. Counselor	MWCI	9/17/1993
Mobley, Kenneth	Correction Officer	MWCI	9/17/1993
Mulligan, William	Deputy Warden	Enfield CI	9/17/1993
Murphy, Christine	School Principal 2	MWCI	9/3/1993
Novak, Scott	Correction Officer	MWCI	9/17/1993
Orlowski, Michael	Correction Officer	Cen. Off.	9/17/1993
Parker, Edward	Correction Officer	MWCI	9/17/1993
Rodriguez, Carlos	Voc. Instructor	CRCI	9/17/1993
Scott, Edward	Correction Officer	Enfield CI	9/17/1993
Smyth, Daniel	Correction Officer	Osborn CI	9/17/1993
Stewart, Michael	Correction Officer	Enfield CI	9/17/1993
Testori, Michael	Correction Officer	Osborn CI	9/17/1993
Vaughn, Larry	Correction Officer	Garner CI	9/17/1993

Employees with 25 Years of Service as of September 2013

Perry, Crystal	Correction Officer	Hartford CC	9/23/1988
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Employees with 35 Years of Service as of September 2013

Acas, Thomas	Corr. Counselor	Cheshire CI	9/8/1978
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Worldly Lunch at Cheshire CI

The Cheshire Correctional Institution looked a bit like the United Nations during the recent International Luncheon held on October 3.



Some of the treats at Cheshire CI's International Luncheon.

Staff members represented their cultures through food. To add to the international flair, flags from different countries were on display in the Officer's Mess. Some of the delicious foods from around the globe included: jerk chicken, pirogues, rice and beans, macaroni and cheese, pasta with clams, and tempting desserts.

Seeing Pink at MWCI

As part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Captain Gerald Wood (top left in photo) and members from the MacDougall-Walker Correctional Institution's Quality of Work Life Committee raised more than \$1,000 through the sale of pink t-shirts – with all proceeds going towards the fight against breast cancer. An exception to the administrative directives allowed staff to wear the pink t-shirts under their uniforms for the month of October. Pictured are some of the second shift staff from the facility proudly wearing pink, along with Deputy Wardens William Faneuff (far left) and Sandra Barone (center). Special thanks to Correction Officer Virginia Ligi (not pictured) for her tireless effort in supporting this cause.

