

RIDOC Happenings

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Upcoming & Recent Events & News of Interest to the RIDOC Community

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SECOND CHANCE ACT



Director Wall, seen here in Senator Jack Reed's Office in Washington, D.C., with Sen. Reed and (above) with ex-offender Andres Idarraga and Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, recently attended a conference on the Second Chance Act, where he and other grantees were asked to speak.

PROMOTIONS



Jack Ward is the Department's new Intake Services Coordinator.



Anthony Feole is the Department's newly named Associate Director of Facilities and Maintenance.

Successful Dress Down Day Benefits Family of Justin Curran

Many thanks to all employees who participated in the recent **Dress Down Day** to support the family of C.O. Justin Curran of Intake who was recently injured in Afghanistan. Organized by Intake C.O.s Luke Walker, Joseph Pelletier, and Glenn McCartney, all on the 3-11 p.m. shift, the event yielded approximately \$5,000, a **Dress Down Day** record. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Curran family as Justin recovers from his non-life threatening injuries.

Robbie on the Mend and other K-9 Unit News

RIDOC K-9 **Robbie** had been seriously ill but is now on the mend and back to "light duty." K-9 Officers Anthony Lucca and Commander Steve Hauser recently completed a 12-week training of a Johnston Police canine team and will hold a graduation on **Wednesday, June 23rd**.

Farewell to Greg McCarthy

The Planning and Resource Unit will lose a valued staff member when Greg McCarthy leaves at the end of the month to begin a position as IT Security Project Manager with the City of Boston's MIS Department. Congratulations, Greg. The RIDOC's loss is Boston's gain.

Congratulations to Promoted Employees

Two longtime valued staff members have recently been promoted. Jack Ward has been named Intake Services Coordinator and Anthony Feole is Associate Director of Maintenance. Both of these men have proven their merits over long careers with the RIDOC and have held the positions in an acting role for some time.

Upcoming NEO and Hep B Clinics at the Training Academy

The next New Employee Orientation will be held **July 12th-13th from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.**, with a quarterly NEO Tour to be held on **July 14th from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.** Mentors, Volunteers, and Interns need only attend on **July 12th, from 8:30 a.m. - noon**. Supervisors must register attendees by calling the Training Academy at ext. 22697. The sessions will take place at the Training Academy, 2nd floor of the Pinel Building. The next Hep B Clinic will take place in the same location on **Friday, July 16th, from noon - 1 p.m.** Please contact Terry Couture at ext. 22697 if you have questions.

Kudos to Probation & Parole Instructors

Parole Officers George Lang and Greg Williams and Parole Supervisor Lynn Gardiner are all certified instructors and will be conducting training on the new Probation and Parole Mapper at each Municipal Police Academy.

The End of another Academic Year at the RIDOC

Recognition ceremonies have been held in five facilities with one to go next week, recognizing the hard work of inmate students who could not have accomplished what they did without our dedicated teaching staff and administrators in the Education Unit. During his remarks at the Minimum Security ceremony on Thursday, Director Wall commented that there is no one in the world who doesn't remember their teachers. He and other speakers, including Dr. Albert Alba, spoke about the important and transformative role teachers play in students' lives.

RI One of Two States Selected as Pilot Reentry Sharing Information Site

The RIDOC has been selected as a Pilot Site for a US Department of Justice Reentry Information Sharing Project. We are one of only two states in the nation afforded this opportunity (the other is Maryland). The grant will allow us to design, develop, and implement a set of electronic data sharing capabilities to exchange information among agency partners about reentering offenders with the goal of improving the chances of successful reentry and reducing recidivism. A kickoff meeting was held on May 17th with over 30 people from numerous state and national agencies. Planning & Research's Erin Boyar and MIS's Michelle Lanciaux have provided key leadership on this project.

Appetite for Renewal - Blessing Way Fund Raiser

On **Thursday, June 24th, from 6 - 9 p.m.**, The Blessing Way will hold a benefit dinner at Everyman's Diner in Providence. The evening will include great food, music, and a silent auction. Proceeds from the \$50 ticket price will go to the Blessing Way, a nonprofit founded by ACI Episcopal Chaplain the Rev. Dr. Joyce Penfield to assist individuals getting out of prison. For information, visit www.theblessingway.org.

"Limitations

live only

in our minds.

But if we use

our

imagination,

our

possibilities

become

limitless."

Jamie Paolinetti

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