

RIDOC Happenings

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

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PHOTO GALLERY

BAHAMIANS VISIT RIDOC



A group of prison officials from the Bahamas visited the RIDOC last week to learn about how we run our prison system. They are seen here with two of their hosts from the Rhode Island National Guard.

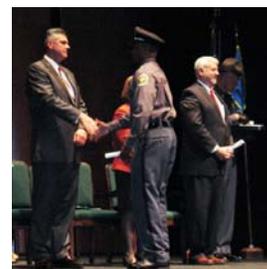
CLASS 78 GRADUATES



The candidates gather outside of Sapinsley Hall for the inspection by the Director.



Chief of Training Paul Kennedy welcomes guests.



Col. Brendan Doherty, guest speaker, shakes the hand of graduate Omar Gass.



Members of Class 78 take the oath of office.

EOAC Seeks Volunteers and Announces Open Events

The Department's Equal Opportunity Advisory Committee assists in the preparation and review of the RIDOC's Affirmative Action Plan, encourages a respectful work environment and promotes an appreciation for diversity. Whether or not you are able to commit to membership at this time, all staff members are invited to take advantage of these scheduled training opportunities, all to be held from **2 - 4 p.m.**

·**October 18, 2010 - *The Milgram Experiment*** on social conditioning and people's reluctance to confront those who abuse power

·**November 15, 2010 - *Healthy Work Environment***

·**February 21, 2010 - *Respect and Positive Interactions in the Workplace***

·**March 21, 2010 - *Diversity in the Workforce Training***

·**April 18 and May 23 - *Valuing Differences***

Please contact EOAC Advisor Linda Milner via e-mail or call **462-5112** if you can attend.

Deputy Warden Reassignments

Effective **Monday, October 11th**, the following new Deputy Warden assignments will take effect: **Anthony P. Travisono Intake Service Center** - Sergio Desousarosa and Donna Collins; **Minimum Security** - Silma del Langley; **John J. Moran Medium Security Facility** - Cindy Drake, and **Donald Price Medium Security Facility** - Robert Vitale. All other Deputy Wardens will remain in their current facilities.

Upcoming Emergency Drill

On **Monday, October 18th**, from approximately **7 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, the RIDOC will conduct a drill to test our emergency preparedness and response. The CERT will be activated. Weapons may be used for perimeter security; however no chemical munitions or ammunition will be issued to RIDOC staff. Neighboring agencies and the press will be notified so they know this is only a drill.

Upcoming NEOs and Hep B Clinics

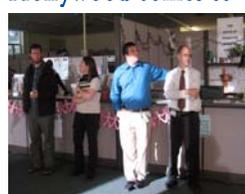
The next **New Employee Orientation** will take place **Tuesday - Wednesday, October 12-13th, from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.** The quarterly NEO tour will take place on **Thursday, October 14th, from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.** Mentors, volunteers, and interns need only attend on **Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. - noon**. Supervisors must pre-register their supervisees by calling the Training Academy at ext. **22697**. The next **Hep B Clinic** will be held from **noon - 1 p.m. on Monday, October 18th**.

Flu Shot Clinics for RIDOC Employees

Please watch for specific dates and times for **RIDOC Employee Flu Shot Clinics** to be held between **November 1st and 10th**. Uniformed staff can get their flu shots in their facilities and non-uniformed staff flu shots will be offered at the Training Academy. Please have your United Healthcare card. There is no cost.



Hollywood comes to Woonsocket P&P Office



Monday, October 27th, was not your typical afternoon and evening at the Woonsocket Adult Probation & Parole Office. The building in which the office is housed was transformed into a TV set when a scene for an episode of the new show **Body of Proof** was filmed in the space



occupied by P&P and DLT. Among the celebrities in the scene was Dana Delaney of *Desperate Housewives* and *China Beach* fame. While no one on the P&P staff had a cameo appearance, PO Paula Turcotte stuck around to make sure all evening clients were seen and to catch the action. She is seen at left with DLT staffers. At right is a shot of the lights and cameras outside the building. Supervisor Michele Berkley said it was as if the 100-plus-member crew had never been there the following morning.

Honoring Our Volunteers

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the annual Volunteer Appreciation Day on **Tuesday, October 26th, from 4 - 6 p.m. in the Admin-A Large Conference Room**. The 13th Annual Russell E. Dixon Award will be presented to an exemplary volunteer.

South County Art Show

The inherent worth and dignity of every person is the theme of an art show at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of South County on **Friday, October 8th, from 5:30 - 10 p.m.** RIDOC art instructor Marietta Cleasby has submitted the work of an inmate to be included in the show. Contact Pam Santos at **789-5568** if you have any questions.

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Nadine Stair

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