

# RIDOC Happenings

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

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*"If your actions  
inspire others  
to dream more,  
learn more,  
do more and  
become more,  
you are a  
leader."*

(John Quincy Adams,  
sixth U.S. President)

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## Farewell to K-9 Enzo

Sadly, retired K-9 *Enzo*, whose human partner was C.O. Normand Vermette, had to be put to rest on September 10th. *Enzo* suffered two ruptured disks in his back while playing ball and after two months of rehabilitation could not pull out of his paralysis. He was five years old and had been retired as a member of the Department's K-9 Unit due to budget constraints. Officer Vermette would like to share the following message with his colleagues, "I want to thank everyone for all the calls made to me. I greatly appreciated them. *Enzo* was a great dog. He will be missed." *Enzo* was trained and certified in both patrol and narcotics work. He was part of the Rhode Island Police Work Dog Association (RIPWDA) as well as the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA). He was one of five dogs to accomplish the Tactical K-9 Swat Dog certification levels one and two. *Enzo* was also responsible for numerous narcotics finds for the RIDOC and a few police departments.

## Class 78 Graduation at RIC

The formal graduation for Class 78 will take place today - **Friday, September 24th**, at **Rhode Island College's Sapinsley Hall**, at **2 p.m.** Inspection by the Director begins at 1:45 so all guests are asked to arrive by that time. Col. Brendan Doherty, Superintendent of the RI State Police, will be the guest speaker.

## Recent Promotions

Congratulations to **Eric Laurianno**, recently promoted to Records & ID Lieutenant, and **Michele Berkley**, newly promoted Supervisor in the Woonsocket Adult Probation & Parole Office.

## Volunteers in Administrative Offices

Please welcome Mary Boyer of Westerly as a Volunteer working with Tracey Zeckhausen on public relations projects. Mary is a former probation officer in the state of Florida and has her undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's in Public Administration. Leann Lankford is a Volunteer in the Institutions and Operations Division. She graduated from Purdue University with a concentration in Human Resources and will be assisting with the Ins/Ops newsletter.

## Honoring Our Volunteers

Please mark your calendars for the annual *Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony* on **Tuesday, October 26th, from 4 - 6 p.m.** in the 2nd floor Admin-A Conference Room.

## Walk Out for Wellness!

Please join forces with your co-workers to properly kick off this year's *Rewards for Wellness Program* by participating in the *Walk out for Wellness* on **Monday, September 27th, at noon**. Please bring your walking shoes and your enthusiasm to the front of the DLT Building at the corner of Howard and Pontiac Ave., where the .5 mile walk will begin after a brief motivational speech. Employees have an opportunity to earn up to \$500 in incentive credits by participating in various wellness activities.

## Welcome Bahamas Delegation

As part of a continued partnership with the RI National Guard and the Government of the Bahamas, a delegation of four prison officials from the Bahamas will visit the RIDOC next **Tuesday through Thursday, September 28th - 30th**. A busy three-day schedule will have the guests touring several of our facilities and learning about topics such as basic operations, training, food service, emergency planning, and more.

## Minorities & Addiction Recovery: A Call to Action

The Institute for Addiction Recovery at Rhode Island College and the Rhode Island College Department of Psychology CD/AS Program will present a free community forum on **Monday, October 4th, from 9 a.m. to noon** at the RIC Student Union Ballroom. Dr. Haner Hernandez will be the keynote speaker. CEU's are available. E-mail Sandra DelSesto at [sdelsesto@ric.edu](mailto:sdelsesto@ric.edu) on or before **Wednesday, September 29th**.

## Special Signal Fire Association Raffle

The Special Signal Fire Association will hold a fund raiser raffle with a drawing on **Wednesday, December 15th**. Twenty winners will be chosen to receive a prize of \$100 each. Money collected will be used to support the operations cost of the Police & Fire Canteen Rehab Unit which operates strictly through donation funding. To donate, please contact Billie-Jo Gallagher at ext. **25347**.

## National Coffee Day

As Rhode Islanders, many of us frequent Dunkin' Donuts. On **Wednesday, September 29th**, which has been deemed *National Coffee Day*, any Rhode Island Dunkin' Donuts will donate \$.50 for each cup of **hot** coffee purchased to the RI Special Olympics. Drink up!

## PHOTO GALLERY

### REMEMBERING ENZO



Former K-9 Officer Normand Vermette and his late K-9 partner, *Enzo*.

### CLASS 78 TO GRADUATE



Seventeen members of Class 78, seen here during one of many classroom sessions at the Training Academy, will graduate today at RIC's Sapinsley Hall, at 2 p.m. Please come out and support them if you are able.

### WELCOME VOLUNTEERS



Mary Boyer is volunteering in the Public Information Office in Admin-A.



Leann Lankford is volunteering in Admin-B with Ins/Ops.