

RIDOC Happenings

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

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*“Beginnings
are usually
scary and
endings are
always sad,
but it’s
everything
in between
that makes it
all worth
living for.”*

*Sandra
Bullock*


*Pauline
Marcussen
thanks
the 615
RIDOC
employees
who so generously
donated
\$64,289.52 to this
year’s successful
SECA Campaign!*

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Welcoming Lois Hayes as HR Administrator

It almost feels like coming home again to Lois Hayes, the Department’s new Human Resources Administrator. Bringing 31 years of HR experience (all in state government) to the position, Lois worked as a Supervising Employee Relations Officer with Corrections from 1989 to 1994. Two members of the HR staff, Ann-Marie Hamilton and Colleen Beltrami, were here during Lois’ first stint. She returned in an acting role on Jan. 26th and officially came on board to replace Paul Mancini, who has gone to work for Brown University, on Feb. 27th. In addition to Corrections, she oversees the HR functions for the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Rhode Island Emergency Management Association, and the Rhode Island National Guard.



RIBCO Honor Guard Takes to the Ice

The RIBCO Honor Guard presented the national colors of both the U.S. and Canada at the Boston Garden on December 3, 2011, at the Bruins vs. Toronto Maple Leafs game. Pictured are: (L to R) Allan Staton, Rachel Kowalski, John Bray, Glenn McCartney, Randy Denton, and Michael Calabro. They are on a standby list to return for the playoffs.

Employees Honored for 2011 Service

On March 1st, the Department recognized a number of outstanding employees for their service during 2011. Photos of the recipients were taken by Officer Christopher Braddock and are being sent to the hometown papers of those who request it, as well as to the honorees. Anyone who would like a specific photo may contact me at ext. 22609 or at tracey.zeckhausen@doc.ri.gov. Fuller coverage of the honorees will be included in the next quarterly *RIDOC Review*.

Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Golf Tournament Fund Raiser

The sixth annual Team Gorman Golf Tournament will take place on **Monday, Aug. 20th**, at the North Kingstown Golf Course beginning at **7:15 a.m.** The entry fee is \$130 per person before August 1st. Visit www.teamgorman.org for more details. Proceeds will support cancer research in honor of the late C.O. John Gorman.



Gordon Bouchard, Director of Nurses, with Mel White, R.N., and Dr. Fred Vohr, who replaced Dr. Michael Fine as permanent Medical Program Director effective Jan. 15th.

Staff Recently Honored for Commendable Service

C.O.’s Christopher Ferris and Raymond Lawson were presented with Letters of Commendation by Deputy Wardens Sergio DeSousarosa and Richard Meunier for their handling of an incident involving an inmate who had cut himself on **Jan. 1st**. Officers Timothy Grant, Michael Palumbo, Steven Lombardi, Jeffrey Laurie, Brian Fortes, and John Vigniero, all assigned to the Segregation Unit of the Intake Service Center, were recognized with Letters of Appreciation from Warden



Gordon Bouchard, Director of Nurses, with Steve Fortin, R.N., and Dr. Fred Vohr.

Matthew Kettle and Deputies DeSousarosa and Meunier based on a letter from an inmate who specifically named them as “treating others as you would want to be treated.” R.N.s Mel White and Steve Fortin were recognized by Director of Nurses Gordon Bouchard for their professional response to two separate emergencies involving inmate injuries.

Three-Day Rule Lieutenants Announced

Robin Rego (from the Women’s Division) has accepted a three-day-rule position at the Moran Facility; Michael Tierney will continue at High Security in a three-day-rule position, and Michael Boffi from Maximum is going to Minimum as a three-day-rule. These assignments were effective April 8th. Please extend your congratulations to these deserving professionals.



Belated Honors for Ernie Grossguth

Ernie Grossguth (left), a RIDOC Correctional Officer who died of a heart attack in the Guards’ Shack at Max while on duty in 1995, will be honored by the Correctional Peace Officers’ Foundation’s Annual National Memorial Ceremony For Fallen Correctional Officers at Arlington Cemetery on **June 8th, 2012**.

Upcoming NEOs

The next New Employee Orientation will be held **April 23rd - 24th** from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Training Academy. Volunteers, mentors, and interns need only attend on Tuesday, from **8:30 a.m. - noon**. The next NEO quarterly tour will be held on **Wednesday, the 25th, from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.** Supervisors are responsible for registering attendees.

PHOTO GALLERY

LOIS HAYES HEADS UP HR



CLASS 79 SET TO GRADUATE



Graduation ceremonies for Training Academy Class 79 will take place on Friday, April 20th, at 2 p.m. at Gaige Hall, Rhode Island College. Above: Trainees reload their ammunition during firearms qualification last week at the Wallum Lake Rod & Gun Club in Burrillville.

BLAZE DEPICTED IN PORTRAIT



Blaze, a JJM-trained NEADS service dog, poses with her weekend puppy raiser and members of the Worcester Fire Dept. recently beside a painting by a Moran inmate. Blaze was named in honor of six Worcester FD fire fighters who died in a tragic fire several years ago. The WFD held a run to raise the funds needed to name her.

RIDOC LEGEND

AARON ALDRICH TO RETIRE



Aaron Aldrich poses with past and present Inspectors and Director Wall. From Left: Bob Catlow, Ron Langlois, Director Wall, Aaron Aldrich, John Lopez, and Kim Mallett. He is leaving the RIDOC at the end of this month to begin a position at the Wyatt Detention Facility.