

RIDOC Happenings

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

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*"To do more for
the world than
the world does
for you - that is
success."*

Henry Ford (1863-1947);
Founder of Ford Motor Co.



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Probation and Parole Holds Training on Vicarious Trauma

The Probation and Parole Unit, in conjunction with Federal Probation, held a training on vicarious trauma (sex offender specific) on November 14th at the Federal Courthouse. The speaker was Joseph Lafratta, Supervising U.S. Probation Officer from the Boston Office. Photos from the training are included at right.

SECA Campaign Underway

The State Employees Charitable Appeal (SECA) Campaign was formed in 1984 to allow Rhode Island's state employees to conveniently contribute money to local and regional health and welfare organizations. This year's campaign, whose theme is **"Coming Together, Taking Care of Home"** is underway. Pledge cards have been distributed, and you are asked to consider making a pledge through payroll deduction or a onetime donation. There are hundreds of organizations and agencies to which you can direct your pledge. Visit <http://riseca.org/index.asp> for more information. Please submit pledge forms by **December 28, 2012**.



Flu Clinics Update

If you are not among the 206 RIDOC employees who received flu vaccinations during our recent clinics, you are encouraged by our medical staff to get vaccinated. The Center for Disease Control is seeing early incidents of flu at levels not seen in almost a decade. The Center is predicting a difficult flu season, but the good news is that the vaccine is very effective against the strain of the flu they are seeing. Don't take a chance...get vaccinated!

Minimum Security

Assistant Director David McCauley has announced that Warden Carole Dwyer has agreed to oversee the Minimum Security Facility until a permanent warden is assigned there. She will continue to oversee the Women's Facilities.

Congratulations on New Baby

Congratulations to Inmate Accounts' Senior Reconciliation Clerk Amanda Brouillard who welcomed her second child, Miley Jane Cheney, on October 1st, 2012, at 7:52 a.m. Miley, who was born exactly four years after Amanda's first child, weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz. at birth. She has earned the nickname of "Smiley Miley."

New Employee Orientation

The next New Employee Orientation for permanent and contract employees is scheduled for **Monday - Tuesday, December 10th - 11th from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Training Academy**. Mentors, volunteers and interns need only attend from **8:30 a.m. - noon**.

Woonsocket and Cranston Probation & Parole Offices Supports Charities

The Woonsocket Probation & Parole Office donated a total of \$400 to charities on Friday, November 30, on behalf of Probation & Parole Supports Local Charities. Proceeds from Friday "Dress Down Days" allowed for \$200 to be donated to the Family Resources Community Action Agency and \$200 to Harvest Community Church. The Cranston Probation & Parole Office collected \$400 during October and November and have generously donated the proceeds to the Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation.

Volunteers Sought for PIO Emergency Response Team

The Public Information Officer team is looking for volunteers! We would like to have at least 12 members representing all three divisions and one bilingual member. Trainings will be held twice a year and the team will be activated during department-wide emergency drills. If interested, email or call Tracey Zeckhausen, ext. 22609, or Susan Lamkins ext. 22905.

Letters of Commendation Presented

At a recent Executive Staff meeting, Letters of Commendation were presented by Director Wall to Warden Matthew Kettle and Assistant Director Patricia Coyne-Fague for their role in preparing the Department for Hurricane Sandy. The Director commended their actions before, during and after the storm noting, "Your leadership and dexterity were instrumental in addressing priorities and countless other aspects of the emergency."

Wreaths Donated

Beautiful wreaths (like the one at right) made by the men in the gardening program at Maximum Security and the women in the gardening program at Bernadette were donated to the Director's Office and hang in the entry way of Admin-A.

PHOTO GALLERY

P&P TRAINING



Top: Joseph Lafratta speaks to RIDOC Probation and Parole Officers about vicarious trauma during a Nov. 14th training. Above: The audience breaks into work groups.

BABY ON BOARD



"Smiley Miley."

EMERGENCY DRILL



Members of the CERT Team respond during the Sept. 18th drill.

HOLIDAY DECOR

