

# RIDOC Happenings

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

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*"Believe you can  
and you're  
halfway there."*

Theodore Roosevelt

## Dr. Vohr Helps New Yorkers displaced by Hurricane Sandy

RIDOC Medical Program Director Fred Vohr was deployed with the Rhode Island Federal Disaster Medical Assistance Team to Brooklyn Park Slope Armory from October 30 - November 9th where he and his team took care of 600 displaced nursing home and assisted living residents uprooted by Hurricane Sandy. While there, Dr. Vohr met with Health and Homeland Securities Director Kathleen Sebelius and was interviewed by *USA Today*.

## K-9 Graduation Held in Warwick

On October 22nd, RIDOC K-9 Officers Stephen Hauser and Anthony Lucca, along with K-9 Brock, attended a graduation for the two Warwick Police Department K-9 Officers they had recently trained. Warden Robert Vitale, Police Chief Stephen McCartney, and Warwick Mayor Scott Avedesian were in attendance.

## Congratulations on Promotions

The following staff members were promoted to permanent C.O. Lieutenant positions effective October 28th: Michael Boffi, High Security, 3-11 shift; Ryan Hayes, Intake Service Center, 11-7 shift; Michael Tierney, Maximum Security, 3-11 shift; and Edward Doran, Minimum Security, 7-3 shift.

## Providence Reentry Service Provider Fair

On **Wednesday, October 24th**, the Providence Reentry Council, coordinated by Michelle NeSmith, held its first Reentry Council Service Providers Fair at the Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence. Probationers and their family members were invited from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and were able to receive residential and sober housing information and assessments, Access To Recovery referrals through BHDDH and Discharge Planners, support from Probation Officers, substance abuse and mental health assessments, and more. Faith-based agencies also attended and employment opportunities were offered through the RI Community Food Bank, ORS and Open Doors.. The event will be held approximately every six weeks.



## Cranston Probation and Administrative Officers Make Donation

Back in September, Cranston Probation and Parole Officers and administrators (pictured at left) donated \$500 to the *Make a Wish Foundation* with proceeds from their Friday Dress Down Days.

## New Employee Orientation and Tour Reminder and Hep A/B Clinics

The next New Employee Orientation for permanent and contract employees is scheduled for **Monday - Tuesday, December 10th - 11th**. The next HepA/B clinic will be held on **Monday, December 3rd, from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the Training Academy.**

## NEADS Clients Meet 'n Greet Inmate Handlers

On **Tuesday, October 9th**, two NEADS Service Dogs trained in the Moran Facility returned with their human partners to greet and thank their inmate handlers. Noelle Englehart, a Massachusetts resident, and her Service Dog, *Alex*, came as did Desiree Forte, also of Massachusetts, who brought her Service Dog *Kharma*. Facility staff and all of the inmate handlers were on hand to witness the poignant reunion.

## Speaking Events and Community Involvement

If you attended or led a training or conference or participated in some community program in late summer to the present and would like it mentioned in the next *RIDOC Review*, please e-mail Tracey Zeckhausen with the details ASAP. Also, a reminder that per policy, anyone who teaches or gives a one-time presentation is to fill out a "Request to Make a One-Time Presentation" or Academic Course Notification" form available on the Intranet.

## Motorcycle Designated Parking Areas (also posted on RIDOC website)

**These areas have been sited and proposed for spring 2013**

Dix Building- rear of parking lot right side 12 ft x 25 ft (proposed area)

HSC-sally port parking lot 12 ft x 12 ft (proposed area)

Dix Building- Rear parking lot 12 ft x 25 ft (proposed area)

Admin B- Rear Entrance near Handicap 12 ft x 26 ft (proposed area)

Admin A- Entrance of parking lot 11 ft x 25 ft (proposed area)

**These areas have been completed and been in use for 2011/2012**

Minimum- Front left parking lot towards Howard Ave. 12 ft x 25 ft

Medium- Front right 18 ft x 36 ft

Women's Facility front entrance left side 12 ft x 18 ft

Maximum Security- sally port 12 ft x 45 ft

ISC- Left front entrance 11 ft x 45 ft



## PHOTO GALLERY

### K-9 GRADUATION



*K-9 Officers Anthony Lucca and Stephen Hauser stand with Warden Vitale following the graduation.*



*Warwick PD K-9 Officers Aaron Steere and Paul Wells pose with their newly trained dogs and RIDOC K-9 Officer Stephen Hauser following the ceremony.*

### NEADS MEET 'N GREET



*Service Dog Kharma and human partner Desiree Forte and Service Dog Noelle Englehart and Service Dog Alex returned to the Moran Facility last month for a Meet 'n Greet.*



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