“Experience is one thing you can’t get for nothing.”

Oscar Wilde

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**RIDOC Happenings**

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**SIU & RISP COLLABORATION RESULTS IN CAPTURE OF ABSCONDER**

On Friday, August 2nd an inmate absconded from a litter crew that was working on I-95 near the Point Street ramp. While the State Police were working diligently to find the escapee, staff of the Special Investigations Unit were tirelessly using their knowledge and connections to do the same. Investigators Figueiredo and Kowalski employed investigation skills to locate the inmate. Although they were off duty, they quickly relayed the information to the RISP which resulted in the capture of Mr. Castillo. Investigator Begones assumed a leadership role during the incident using his experience to guide SIU staff. He was able to provide direction and assign responsibilities without creating duplication of effort. Investigators Cabral, Perry, Bibeault and Olivelli provided their colleagues with the support needed to come to a successful conclusion to this incident. What a great example of teamwork, thank you to all.

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**CLASS 81 RECRUITMENT**

The recruitment for Correctional Officer Class #81 will kick off on September 5th at 9:00 a.m. The event will be held at the netWORKri office located at One Reservoir Ave., Providence. Applications will be accepted from Sept. 5th—Sept. 24th. For more information you can go to www.doc.ri.gov. Special thanks goes to the hardworking staff of the Training Academy and Office of Human Resources for stepping up to the plate to pull this all together on such short notice. In addition, I would like to thank the Department of Administration’s Human Resources Outreach & Diversity Office as well as the Department of Labor and Training for their assistance in this effort.

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**RALLIES FOR RECOVERY**

This is the 24th National Recovery month and the 11th celebration in Rhode Island. The state was chosen to be the National Hub Site for the recovery month festivities this year. As part of the honors, RIDOC will be hosting four events at some of our facilities. On 9/16/13 rallies will take place at Bernadette at 10:00 a.m. and Minimum at 1:00 p.m. On 9/18/13 rallies will be held at GM at 10:00 a.m. and Moran at 1:00 p.m. You are encouraged to attend and join in celebrating those who are in recovery from substance abuse.

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**2013-2014 REWARDS FOR WELLNESS**

The 2013-2014 Rewards for Wellness have started. If you are looking to get healthy and save some money, this is the time to start. If you are an eligible employee and participate in the activities described in the brochure, you will receive up to $500 in credits towards the cost of your health insurance co-shares. You should have received information about this program in the mail. If you did not receive it, you can find details about this initiative at www.wellness.ri.gov.

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**New Employee Orientation**

The next New Employee Orientation for permanent and contract employees is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 16-17, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mentors, volunteers and interns only attend on Monday, Sept. 16th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.