

RIDOC Happenings

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

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PHOTO GALLERY

AUGUST '09 CAREER AWARDS



Members of the HR staff (standing: Jane Ryan, Paul Gutowski, Michele McMahon, Stacey Dussault, Linda Milner, seated: Ann-Marie Hamilton, Karen Zambarano, and Paul Mancini) pose following last month's Career Awards ceremony honoring recent retirees and those who have reached significant milestones since entering state service.



Beverly Koly, posing here with former boss, Chief Inspector Aaron Aldrich, was one of many recent retirees who returned for the August 18th ceremony.

BYRNE/JAG PRESS EVENT



Police officers from cities and towns receiving Federal stimulus funds through the Byrne-Jag program look over the list of funded projects posted at a press conference held on Thursday at the State House to formally announce the grants. The RIDOC received \$425,000 for an Access to Employment for Transitioning Offenders program and \$391,000 for a Family Reunification Program.

WAY TO GO, ASHLEY!



Ashley, proud, tired, hot, and dirty with her "find," OSSAR's Alicia Sequin.

Rick Meunier Selected as Minimum's Three-Day-Rule Deputy Warden

Congratulations to Medium Moran C.O. Lieutenant Richard Meunier, who was selected as 3-day-rule Deputy Warden at Minimum Security effective **August 23rd**.

Dress Down Day Supports Gorman Family

Many thanks to those employees who volunteered to participate in a *Dress Down Day* fundraiser for the family of John Gorman, C.O. at Intake, who has been battling brain cancer. The total raised, department-wide, was approximately \$3,500 according to organizer C.O. Scott Lepizzera.

Urban League P&P Office Welcomes Special Visitor

Senator Sheldon Whitehouse paid an impromptu visit to the RIDOC's District 2 Probation & Parole Office this week while touring the city with Providence Police Chief Col. Dean Esserman, seeking a brief tour and synopsis of the RIDOC Probation & Parole/Providence Police Department partnership. According to Probation & Parole Supervisor Lynne Corry, he is pleased to see Probation out of the Courthouse and in the community and praised Director Wall as being a driving force in Corrections.

Update on Joe Gallant

Many of you are aware that Financial Resources' Ann Gallant's husband, Joe, was in a serious motorcycle accident earlier this summer. The accident occurred near Hartford, and Ann has spent all of her time in Connecticut over the past seven weeks. Hopefully he will be transferred to Rhode Island within the next week. Please keep Ann, Joe, and their son, Joseph, in your thoughts and prayers during the long road ahead to full recovery.

Upcoming NEOs

On **Tuesday, September 8th**, there will be a new employee orientation for mentors, volunteers, and interns from **8:30 a.m. - noon** at the Training Academy. New employees are expected to attend two full days of NEO, **Tuesday - Wednesday, August 11th - 12th, from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.** Attendees must be registered by their supervisor.

Community Team Receives Scholarship to Attend Crime Victims Conference

Probation & Parole Supervisor Christine Imbriglio reports that a community team scholarship has been awarded to team leader Karen DeGenova of Adult Probation & Parole; Warwick Police Officer Steve Lombardi; Ana Giron, Director of Victim Services with the AG's Office, and Carol Giordano, Court Clinician representing the Kent Center. The team will attend *Responding to Crime Victims with Disabilities* from **Sept. 30th - Oct. 2nd** in Denver, Colorado.



NEADS Radio Program Postponed

The *What Would Jeff Do?* radio program dedicated to the NEADS Prison Pup Partnership at the RIDOC has been postponed to sometime in October or November. The air date will be announced when it is known.

House of Hope Seeks Donations for Harrington Hall

The following items are needed for Harrington Hall: paper/styrofoam dinner plates, bowls and cups; plastic forks and spoons; napkins; Saran wrap/aluminum foil; gallon jugs of water; individually bottled drinks (water, juice, etc.); individually wrapped snacks (granola bars, etc.); can openers; travel size shampoos; bath soap (bars); disposable razors and shaving cream; deodorant; socks, underwear; and items to pass the time such as books, board games, cards, etc. Contact Sean Trott at 644-7908 to make arrangements to drop off your donation.



Lt. Reis' Search & Rescue Dog, Ashley, Recertified

On **Monday, August 17th**, Lt. Michael Reis and search and rescue dog, *Ashley*, took to the wilderness for a bi-annual recertification exam with the Rhode Island State Police at Big River Management Area in W. Greenwich. Despite the high heat and humidity that morning, *Ashley* (at left with RI State Trooper Scot Carlsten and Lt. Reis) passed with flying colors, locating her subject within a half-hour, well within the two-hour time limit. The eight-year-old Golden is now able to continue to participate in searches for missing persons in Rhode Island. A press release about *Ashley* and OSSAR - Ocean State Search and Rescue - will be posted on the RIDOC website.

"The work goes on, the cause endures, the hope still lives, and the dream shall never die."

- Edward M. Kennedy

Listings or photos for the e-calendar *RIDOC Happenings*, the quarterly newsletter *RIDOC Review*, or changes or updates to the Department's Intranet site or external website (www.doc.ri.gov) should be submitted to Tracey E. Zeckhausen, Chief of Information & Public Relations
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