



# Impact Georgia

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## First Quarterly Awards Ceremony of 2012



L to R: Commissioner Owens, PO of the Quarter SO Yawn, CPO Betsy Thomas, Assistant Commissioner Ward and Dir. of Probation Operations Cooper



L to R: Commissioner Owens, CO of the Quarter Wilkerson, Captain Kevin Davis, Assistant Commissioner Ward and Dir. of Facilities Operations Tillman



Commissioner Owens and Assistant Commissioner Ward with the Sex Offender Apprehension Unit Award Recipients

On January 31st, the Department celebrated the first Quarterly Awards Ceremony of 2012 at State Offices South at Tift College.

Recognition of new hires

included Management Specialist Ronnie Kinnas, Mail Services Lead Worker Chantel Hicks, Audit Manager Thomas McCoy, Director Stan Hall, Project Engineer Emory Burgamy,

Executive Assistant Commissioner's Office Vonnie Stewart, Professional Accountant II Evelyn Smith, Payroll Paraprofessional I Tammie Pierson and Chaplain Carlos Guevara.

The Department continued the ceremony with the presentation of awards to the following:

**Corrections**  
**PO of the Quarter**  
SO James Yawn  
*McRae PO*

**CO of the Quarter**  
Kendrick Wilkerson  
*Macon SP*

**Customer Service Champion**  
Cliff Hartley  
*Probation Operations*

**Unsung Hero**  
Julie Stephens  
*Records Clerk-Hays SP*

**Operations, Planning & Training**  
**Customer Service Champion**  
Elizabeth 'Dawn' Mock  
*Office of Information Technology*

**Unsung Hero**  
Rosario Garcia,  
*Risk Reduction*  
Darrell Clark,  
*Office of Health Services*  
Officer Willie Little  
*Campus Operations*

**Administration**  
**Customer Service Champion**  
Leslie Broadnax, Anthony George, Deborah Gilchrist, TaCaria Giles, Stephen Jordan, and Tammie Pierson  
*Payroll Unit*

**Unsung Hero**  
Sherryl Johnson  
*Consolidated Banking*

**Executive Operations**  
**Customer Service Champion**  
Jeannene Woodruff  
*Personnel*

**Unsung Hero**  
Byron Johnson, Pete Morris Bryant Hill, Antonnio Printup, Marc Collins, Tim Jackson, Lyle Wilkes, and Candace Fretwell  
*Sex Offender Apprehension Unit*

**Faithful Service**  
**5-Year**  
Andrea Roberts-Henderson  
Katherine Brown  
Javian Hill  
Richard Chromi

**10-Year**  
Natasha White  
Cecil Cox

**15-Year**  
James 'Tim' Williams  
Sherri Bloodworth  
Doug Womble  
Donna McKenzie

**20-Year**  
Wendy Davis  
Angela Pittman  
William Turner

**30-Year**  
Teresa Torrance  
Lisa Barnes  
Pamela Rogers

# Georgia DOC Vision & Mission Statements

## VISION

The Georgia Department of Corrections is the best corrections system in the nation at protecting citizens from convicted offenders and at providing effective opportunities for offenders to achieve positive change. We are a leader and partner in making Georgia a safer, healthier, better educated, growing, and best managed state.

## MISSION

The Georgia Department of Corrections protects and serves the public as a professional organization by effectively managing offenders while helping to provide a safe and secure environment for the citizens of Georgia.



## Athens Day Reporting Center Scores the Highest Ever on GPAI

Contributed by Statewide Day Reporting Centers Manager Rosalyn Davis

Each year, Georgia Department of Corrections Day Reporting Centers, Regional Substance Abuse Treatment facilities and other sites that offer evidence based programming are assessed by the GDC Risk Reduction Unit using the Georgia Programs Assessment Inventory (GPAI).

The GPAI is based on a national instrument that is utilized as an evaluative tool adherence to evidence based best practices. Adherence to these best practices has been proven to directly relate to the reductions in recidivism and thereby resulting in cost saving to tax payers.

Each year these GDC sites are put to the test using the GPAI and later given the results. These results inform the program directors and their staff of the location's strengths and weaknesses as it relates

to nationally established best practices. The sites are then encouraged to maintain their strengths and improve on their weaknesses before the next assessment.

The Athens Day Reporting Center recently earned a score of 95 out of a possible 100 points. This is an increase of 4.7 points from their 2010 score. Robert Kiedinger, Manager of the READ Unit with Re-Entry/Risk Reduction Services, reported this score was an all time high for the GPAI Project.

The Athens Day Reporting Center, under the leadership of Center Administrator Tripp Powers and Chief Probation Officer Will Driver, implemented various programming improvements throughout the year of 2010, which address the needs of participants in the program.



Center Administrator Powers and Chief Probation Officer Will Driver and their team

As a result of their leadership and teamwork concept, the Athens Day Reporting Center has set the standard for all other Day Reporting Centers in Georgia. When asked about the center's success,

Center Administrator Powers credits the dedication and hard work of a tremendous group of staff members that consist of Paige Barber, Reginald Birdsong, Aaron Cobb, Linda Gilbert, Beverly Grant,

Patty Guerra, Lasheika Kassa, Jessica McFadden, Bernard Roebuck, Samad Tucker and Stephanie Thornton.

## Firefighter Recognition Day at the State Capitol

Contributed by Fire Services Administrative Operations Coordinator Meribeth Gable



L to R: Fire Services Chief Maddox, Fire Inspector Chief Brown, Insurance Commissioner Hudgen, Dir. of Fire Services Chief Hall, State Fire Marshal Dwayne Garris and Central District Fire Chief Shugart

On February 7th, the Georgia Department of Corrections Fire Services participated in the annual Firefighter Recognition Day at the State Capitol.

On this day, firefighters from across the state are recognized by the Governor, State Representatives and the Insurance Commissioner Ralph Hudgen.

Four members of the GDC Fire Services were deputized for the first time and they were Director of Fire Services Chief Sylvester Hall Jr., Fire Inspector Chief Larry Brown, Chief Tommy Maddox and

Central District Fire Chief Don Shugart.

The Fire Marshals along with Chief Tammy Ayers of the Lee Arrendale Fire Station, Chief David Emery of Hays SP Fire Station and Chief Charles Price of Macon SP Fire Station attended a recognition breakfast that morning and a ceremony where Governor Nathan Deal thanked the firefighters for their outstanding job in protecting the citizens of Georgia.

# Augusta State Medical Prison Celebrates National Wear Red Day

Contributed by Administrative Assistant Sharon Davis



ASMP staff group picture in support of National Wear Red Day

On February 3rd, Augusta State Medical Prison celebrated *National Wear Red Day* in support of the fight against heart disease in women.

In an effort to support this great cause, ASMP orchestrated a Super Bowl Challenge at their facility. Staff contributed money for their favorite teams. Staff who contributed to the Giants won bragging rights! Ninety-five dollars was collected and donated to the American Heart Association.

In addition, ASMP will participate in the American Heart Association's CSRA Heart Walk on March 3rd. This is the first time ASMP has participated.

Staff will raise money during the walk and collect donations during a hot dog fundraiser they plan to hold during lunch.

This annual celebration promotes physical activity and heart healthy living in a fun family environment. More than 2,000 walkers are anticipated to participate in the non-competitive four mile walk.

"Our goal is to raise money for the Association, have a fun day walking together as a team and increase awareness that heart disease is still the number one killer of women," said Administrative Assistant Sharon Davis.

# CLI Graduation Reaches 25th Graduating Class Milestone

Contributed by Corrections Academy Staff Trainer Delphine Reese



25th CLI Graduating Class

On February 9th, the Corrections Leadership Institute held a graduation ceremony for 27 students.

The graduating class marked

a 25th graduating class milestone in the partnership between the Georgia Department of Corrections and the Carl Vinson Institute of the University of Georgia.

Since the first graduating class in 2000, there have been 558 students graduate from CLI.

CLI is a course intended to prepare middle and senior

leadership staff for increasing levels of responsibility with the focus on developing managerial skills to help them become more effective in overseeing changes, challenges and opportunities.

The 25th graduating class was the first class to include participants with two correctional partners, the Board of Pardons and Paroles and the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Please join me in congratulating the 25th graduating CLI class!

# Office of Investigations & Compliance Donates Hundreds of Cell Phones

Contributed by Ombudsman & Inmate Affairs Manager



GBI Special Agent Tori Peacock and Ombudsman & Inmate Affairs Mgr. Fields The Office of Investigations and Compliance donated Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence and partnered with the GBI to give

phones to the Verizon Wireless HopeLine program.

GCADV brings together members agencies, allied organizations and supportive individuals who are committed to ending domestic violence. GCADV helps social change by addressing the root causes of this violence.

GCADV leads advocacy efforts for responsive public policy and fosters quality, comprehensive prevention and intervention services throughout the state.

HopeLine is a program that puts wireless services to

work to assist victims of domestic violence. HopeLife collects used cell phones in any condition from any service provider. These used phones are refurbished and sold for reuse, thus generating proceeds for the program. Refurbished phones with 3,000 minutes are provided to local domestic violence organizations, local government and law enforcement agencies for the use of their domestic violence clients.

Congratulations OIC for contributing to such a great cause!

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## Calendar of Events

Thursday, March 1  
Board of Corrections Meeting

Thursday, March 8  
Board of Public Safety

Tuesday, March 13  
Macon DRC Graduation

Wednesday-Friday  
March 14-16  
GPA Mid-Winter Conference

Monday, March 19  
GDC Roll-up  
"Day in Central Office"

Tuesday, March 20  
Athens DRC Graduation

Friday, March 30  
Tift College Alumni Campus Tours

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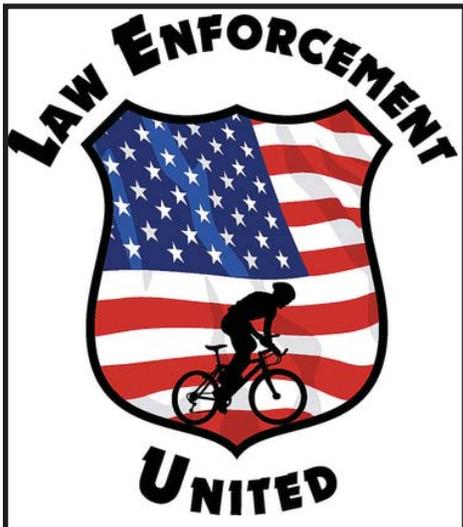
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# Law Enforcement United's Annual Memorial Ride

Contributed by Chief Probation Officer Chad Dabbs



On May 1, 2012, United States Probation Officer Thomas Plumley will be joining bicyclists in a group ride known as Law Enforcement United's Road to Hope.

This year Officer Plumley will be riding in honor of Georgia Department of Corrections Probation Officer Tiffany Danielle Bishop; end of watch, August 31, 2011.

The ride is composed of law enforcement officers and surviving family members of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

It will begin at the Federal

Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, Georgia. Riders will arrive in Virginia Beach on May 9th, where they will be joined by many more cycling officers and survivors. On May 13th, they will arrive at their final destination of Washington, DC for the 2012 National Police Week.

Part of Officer Plumley's commitment to participate in this ride requires him to raise \$1,250 for Law Enforcement United (LEU), which in turn provides monetary support to Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) and the Officer Down Memorial Page (ODMP).

To contribute to Officer Plumley's goal, please visit:

<http://www.lawenforcementunited.org/Donate>.

Should you have any questions, please contact Chad Dabbs at 706-295-6530.



## 21st Annual Ride for Fallen Officers in Georgia

Contributed by Chief Probation Officer Chad Dabbs

### 2011 Fallen Officers

*Probation Officer Tiffany Danielle Bishop*  
Georgia Department of Corrections, Rome

*Deputy Sheriff Derrick Whittle*  
Union County Sheriff's Office

*Detective Robert Shane Wilson*  
Doraville Police Department

*Deputy Sheriff Richard 'Rick' Joseph Daly*  
Clayton County Sheriff's Office

*Deputy Sheriff James 'JD' Paugh*  
Richmond County Sheriff's Office

*Deputy Sheriff Willie Amos Cammon*  
Heard County Sheriff's Office

*Sheriff James 'Dee' Stewart*  
Spaulding County Sheriff's Department

*Police Officer Terry Lewis-Flemming*  
Albany Police Department

*Deputy Sheriff Ronnie Eugene Smith*  
Butts County Sheriff's Office

*Sr. Police Officer Elmer 'Buddy' Christian*  
Athens-Clarke County Police Department

*ATSAIC Christopher Smith*  
USDHS Secret Services

The 21st Annual Ride for Fallen Officers in Georgia will take place on Saturday, April 28, 2012.

Motorcycle riders participating in this event are showing their recognition and support of the fallen law enforcement officers.

In 2011, Georgia lost 11 officers in the line of duty.

On the evening prior to the ride, the 27th of April, there will be a Hereos Concert, candlelight vigil and dinner.

Riders can register from 8 to 10:30AM on April 28th.

The ride begins at Turner Field at 11AM. Riders will circle the State Capitol in Atlanta, ride down West Fayetteville Road and along highways 314, 85, and 74. Riders will finish at the Atlanta Regional Airport in Peachtree City.

The cost per rider is \$35 and \$15 per passenger. The fee will include a ride pin, shirt and lunch.

Come out and join the ride in remembrance of our fallen officers of 2011.

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