



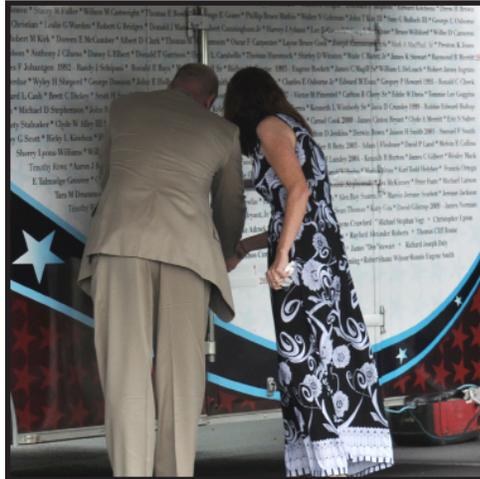
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Georgia Law Enforcement Memorial Wall Ceremony for PO Tiffany Bishop



On April 16th, Georgia Department of Corrections Probation Officers, GDC Senior Staff, Blue Knights of Georgia and local law enforcement gathered at the Rome Probation Office to honor fallen Probation Officer Tiffany Bishop.

The Moving Georgia Law Enforcement Memorial Wall, sponsored by the Blue Knights of Georgia, stopped in Rome to unveil PO Bishop's name.

With flashing lights, Probation Officers stood by their vehicles as the procession

began. Local law enforcement escorted the Bishop Family and Moving Memorial through the procession.

The ceremony began with the Presentation of Colors by the Floyd County Sheriff's Office. The Invocation was performed by PO Gary Vaughn of the Rome Judicial Circuit. Chief Probation Officer Chad Dabbs welcomed all who attended this special ceremony.

"Tiffany was a ray of sunshine on a dark and dreary day," CPO Dabbs said. "She was a true professional

she was my hero, added Dabbs."

Commissioner Brian Owens followed CPO Dabbs. He pointed out the many names displayed across the wall and stated, "Life on earth is finite for all of us. Sometimes it may end suddenly and it may end after a long duration."

Ed Christian of the Blue Knights of Georgia explained that the wall is a reminder and permanent tribute of the sacrifice the fallen officers made.

Christian then asked Tom and Maureen Bishop to come up to the memorial, which represents 653 fallen officers, to reveal their daughter's name.

Tom Bishop thanked the Department and its employees for everything they did and continue to do for Tiffany and their family.

The ceremony ended with closing remarks by CPO Dabbs and a Benediction by Center Administrator Ken Ward of the Rome DRC.

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 creates a safer Georgia by effectively managing offenders and providing opportunities for positive change.

The Department Celebrates Employees at the Quarterly Awards Ceremony



L to R: Commissioner Owens, Award Recipients Humphreys and Tolson, Employment Services Manager Carlton, Director of HR Smith and Asst. Commissioner Ward



L to R: Commissioner Owens, GCHC Bob Bradford, GCHC Dr. Ed Bailey, Director of Health Services Sittnick, Asst. Commissioner Ward, Division Director of OPT Smith



L to R: Commissioner Owens, General Counsel Jones, Asst Counsel Pham and Asst Commissioner Ward

On April 17th, the Second Quarterly Awards ceremony of 2012 commenced in Roberts Chapel at State Offices South at Tift College.

Recognition of new hires during January 1st to March 31st included: Billy Sanders, Engineering; Kevin Howell and Ronald Mullis, Fiscal Audits; Jessica Sherman, Accounting, Allen West and Tyler Moss, 12 For Life; Barry Crowder and Daniel Garrett, Fleet; Quamesha High, GA Corrections Academy; Harish Boyapati, IT; Samantha Shanett, Offender Administration; and Karen Jenkins, Personnel.

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

Corrections

PO of the Quarter
SO Steve Shierling
Valdosta Probation Office

CO of the Quarter
CO Brian Harvey
Phillips State Prison

Customer Service Champion
Celeste Jones
Offender Administration

Unsung Hero

Bill Blackburn
Probation Training

Operations, Planning & Training

Customer Service Champion
Lourdes Monterrosa
Campus Operations

Unsung Hero

Michelle Perry
Patricia Sweat
Training Operations

Presentation of Commissioner's Coin

Dr. Ed Bailey
GCHC

Administration

Customer Service Champion
Nancy Jackson
Business Management Unit

Unsung Hero

Ginger Green, John Howard
Barry Boalch, Amy Pataluna
Richard Moore, Merrill Knight, Dave Hess, Marcel-la Sawyer, Christine Yawn, Randy Hooper, Ronnia Fann, Barbara Godlewski, Sherrie Anderson, Nancy Daily, Laura Bain
GCI Website Team

Executive Operations

Customer Service Champion
Kristine Pham
Legal

Unsung Hero

Mike Tolson
Jan Humphrey
Human Resources

Faithful Service

5-Year
Joyce Wilson
Donna McCullough
Steve Jones
Della Grubbs

10-Year

Anthony Davis

15-Year

Avis Owens

20-Year

Keith Lank

25-Year

Patricia Smith
Philip Cherry
Angela Alexander
David Burnette
Lee Russell
Louis Monfort
Ray Spivey

30-Year

Johnny Sikes
Pat Lehn
Clarence Griffin
Deborah Gilchrist

Congratulations to all the award recipients of the Second Quarterly Awards Ceremony of 2012!



L to R: Commissioner Owens, Lt. Hopkins, Superintendent Williams, Asst. Commissioner Ward and Division Director of OPT Smith



L to R: Commissioner Owens, Dir. of GCI Norm Wilson, GCI Website Team, Asst. Commissioner Ward and Division Director East

The 3rd Annual Commissioner's Challenge

Contributed by Special Operations Coordinator Amy Fortner



First Place Winners - Canine

On April 13th, the final events for the 3rd Annual Commissioner's Challenge were held at the Georgia Diagnostic & Classification Training Complex.

Special Operations is proud to say that this event was a huge success. There were 13 finalists which consisted of 10 Tactical Squads, 2 Probation Tactical Teams and 1 team from Canine.

The challenge included a Firearms Test, Leadership Reaction Course, Obstacle Course and the GDC Team Rope Challenge.

The Department would like to congratulate the following GDC employees who accumulated the most points in individual events:

Marksmanship
Christopher Lawrence
Cobra 1

Written Exam
Terry Hood
Southeast Probation

Physical Fitness
Georg Trexler
Southeast Probation

The Department would also like to congratulate the team award recipients:

Marksmanship
Southeast Probation

Leadership Reaction Course
Canine

Obstacle Course
Cobra 1

Team Rope Challenge
Dodge State Prison

Congratulations to the following winners of the 2012 Commissioner's Challenge Championship:

Third Place Winners
Southeast Probation

Second Place Winners
Valdosta State Prison

And for the second year running.....

First Place Winners
Canine

The 2012 Commissioner's Challenge Champions, Canine Unit, recieved the Commissioner's Cup, a \$500 bonus per member, a commemorative jacket and a year's worth of bragging rights!



Buster King holding the 2012 Commissioner's Cup



Second Place Winners - Valdosta SP



Third Place Winners - Southeast Probation

Top Seller of the 2nd Annual Special Olympics Chicken-que

Contributed by Chief Probation Officer Scott Chitwood



PO III Tim Housley and Mountain Judicial Circuit Chief Probation Officer Scott Chitwood

On April 24th, Chief Probation Officer Scott Chitwood presented a Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run padfolio to PO III Tim Housley for being the top ticket seller for the 2nd Annual Chicken-que for the Special Olympics of Georgia.

PO III Housley was responsible for selling 90 of the 400 tickets.

The fundraiser netted \$1830.05.

CPO Chitwood would like to thank all his staff for their hard work for this great cause.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, May 3
Board of Corrections

Friday, May 4
GPWA Golf Tournament

Monday-Friday, May 6-12
Public Employee
Recognition Week (PERW)

Thursday, May 10
Board of Public Safety

Monday, May 14
GDC Roll-Up
"Day in Central Office"

Monday, May 28
HOLIDAY
Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 29
8th Annual Awards
Ceremony at
State Offices South
at Tift College

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Senior Leadership Off-Site at State Offices South at Tift College



President's House Courtyard before barbecue



2012 Senior Leadership Off-Site Group Photo



2012 Senior Leadership Off-Site

On April 25-26, 2012, Senior Leadership gathered at State Offices South at Tift College for the first Senior Leadership Off-Site of the year.

The purpose of an Off-Site is to provide continuing coordination, education and professional development for GDC's Senior Leadership while fostering the principles of a learning organization.

The objective of this Off-Site was to develop and educate leaders on Department initiatives, achieve a common understanding of the

Commissioner's Strategic Plan on Criminal Justice reform and Justice Reinvestment and to achieve a common understanding of recent Legislative decisions and the impacts they will have on the Department.

To prepare for the Off-Site, staff members were asked to read *Society 3.0* by Tracey Wilen-Daugenti. The book focuses on the continuously changing structure of the family dynamic, the new ways of balancing work and personal lives and the rapid advancements in technology.

On April 25th, presentations were given by Chief Operating Officer Bart Gobeil of the Governor's Office; Chief Financial Officer Debbie Dlugolenski-Alford of the Office of Planning and Budget; and Policy Advisor to the Governor on Criminal Justice Thomas Worthy.

The Keynote Speaker was Public Service Assistant Matthew Hauer of the Carl Vinson Institute of Government of the University of Georgia. Hauer shared his knowledge of demography of the state of Georgia with the Senior

Leadership team.

After the presentations, the Commissioner presented COO Gobeil, CFO Dlugolenski-Alford, Policy Advisor Worthy and Public Service Assistant Hauer with wooden bowls made by state inmates.

Special guests included the newly appointed Mayor of Forsyth, John Howard; County Commission Chairman, James Vaughn; Board of Corrections Members Carl Franklin, Rose Williams, Wayne Dasher and Tommy Rouse.

On April 26th, the last day of the Off-Site, Senior Leadership formed break out groups and developed the Agency's five year plan as well as set the ground work for the Department's Strategic Plan through 2032.



L to R: COO Gobeil and Policy Advisor Worthy



L to R: FOM Sandra Thomas and Statewide Transitional Center Coordinator Jamie Apple Anderson



Superintendent Williams and Dir. of Probation Operations Cooper networking during the Off-Site

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