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In Remembrance of Officer Larry Stell



**END OF WATCH
10/11/2012**

On October 11th, we lost one of our own. Officer Larry Stell of Telfair State Prison was fatally assaulted by an inmate. The inmate involved has been transferred and faces charges.

Hundreds of condolences have been received by citizens, correctional and law enforcement agencies across the United States and the state of Georgia. All have expressed heartfelt messages to family, friends and coworkers of Officer Stell as well as memorable moments with Officer Stell.

"I am deeply saddened by the loss of Officer Stell and extend the Department's deepest sympathies to family, friends, and staff during this very difficult time."

-Brian Owens
Commissioner

To view or add your condolences to the online messages, please visit our Facebook page & the Officer Down Memorial Page at the following addresses:

facebook.com/georgiacorrections

odmp.org

"Officer Stell was an honorable and loyal officer who carried out the agency's mission of protecting the citizens of Georgia. He will be greatly missed, but never forgotten."

-Randy K. Tillman
Director of Facilities Operations

The Employee Assistance Program is providing counseling services for those who wish to speak with someone.

Any GDC employee may call them directly at 1-800-869-0276 and schedule an appointment. In addition, Georgia State Patrol Peer Support Team Administrator Andy Carrier is offering one on one phone counseling with peer support members. Employees can contact the Administrator at 706-836-4410.

Wardens' Remembrance of Officer Stell

"In the midst of our despair, we find healing in each new day, strength in unity and peace in celebrating a life well lived."

-William Danforth
Warden, Telfair State Prison

"Officer Stell was a loyal and dedicated officer at Wilcox State Prison for over eight years. He transferred to Telfair State Prison on September 16th. When asked why he wanted to transfer to Telfair State Prison, he said 'I believe I can make a difference at Telfair, with my years of experience'."

-Darrell Hart
Warden, Wilcox State Prison



Did You Know..The Department has implemented a new pilot program, DRC Lite in rural circuits!

Meet the Department's Newly Appointed Assistant Commissioner Gregory C. Dozier

On October 15th, Gov. Nathan Deal appointed former Commissioner of Driver Services Gregory C. Dozier to Assistant Commissioner, Chief of Staff of the Department of Corrections.

Asst. Commissioner Dozier will oversee the Executive Operations, Administration and Operations Planning & Training divisions for the Department.

Public Relations & Information Specialist Dabney Weems sat down with Asst. Commissioner Dozier and asked questions to get to know our newly appointed leader.

Q: What is your Educational background? *I received a Bachelor's of Science in Criminal Justice and a Master's of Business Administration in Finance from Georgia State University.*

Q: What was your previous position and duration? *Commissioner of the Department of Driver Safety, 7 years*

Q: Why did you want to pursue a career in law enforcement? *I wanted to be a*



Assistant Commissioner Gregory C. Dozier

public servant. My mom is a teacher and my grandfather served in World War II. I wanted to make a difference.

Q: What do you find most rewarding about being a leader? *Seeing an idea develop and how it can make a difference on a large number of people.*

Q: What is your proudest accomplishment? *Other than my family, the transformation of DDS.*

Q: What are some of your goals for the

Department? *To support the Commissioner's vision and continue to move the Department forward. This is a great team, and I'm looking forward to being part of it.*

Q: What is one of the major challenges facing the profession of law enforcement? *The overall challenges that society faces.*

Q: What do you look forward to most working for the Department? *Being part of great team that works to create*

a safer Georgia for our citizens."

Q: What's your favorite quote? *"The harder I work, the luckier I get."*

Q: Do you have any hobbies? *Golf, coin collection, and my daughter's soccer team.*

Q: What is your favorite movie? *Mission Impossible*

Q: What music is on your iPod? *Christian, 80s, a little bit of everything*

Q: What's your favorite website? *Any news site*

Q: What's your favorite app? *Kindle, Yelp*

Q: What's your favorite book? *"Good to Great" by Jim Collins; anything by John Grisham*

Q: Do you have a celebrity look-a-like? *Jeopardy champion, Ken Jennings*

Volunteer Appreciation Day at Smith State Prison

Contributed by Ruthie Moody, Secretary to the Deputy Warden of Care & Treatment



Volunteers pose for a picture at Smith State Prison

On September 28th, a new event took place at Smith State Prison.

An Appreciation Ceremony was held for the ministering volunteers at the facility.

The event was sponsored by the Harvest Time Faith Center as well as Books, Buttons & More; Project Care, Inc; Fabulous Finds; and Stewart's Meats.

The event was hosted by Chaplain Dr. Bernard Hill. Guest speaker of the event was Chaplaincy Services Director Danny Horne.

Chaplain Horne spoke to the volunteers about their persistent and unwavering service to the men and women who are incarcerated throughout the state of Georgia. He asked them to continue in their quest to reach those in these situations regardless of the opposition they may face upon trying to enter some facilities.

Warden Stanley Williams also spoke to the volunteers on how much he appreciates the work each and every one of them performs at his facility. He mentioned that he has noticed the positive effect they have on the offenders and encouraged them to continue their work.

Chinese Delegation Visits State Offices South

On October 16th, visitors from Hangzhou, China visited State Offices South at Tift College.

The Central Office Human Resources Director and team presented an

overview of their function within a government agency.

The Chinese Delegation was treated to lunch and a tour of the campus after the presentation.



Chinese Delegation pictured in the President's House at State Offices South at Tift College following the HR presentation

Thursday, November 1
Board of Corrections Meeting

**Thursday-Friday
November 1-2**
Deputy Warden Care & Treatment Academy

Monday, November 5
Governor's Public Safety Awards at GPSTC

Friday, November 9
Open Enrollment Ends

Monday, November 12
HOLIDAY

**Tuesday-Wednesday,
November 13-14**
Senior Leadership Off-Site in Reidsville

Saturday, November 17
3rd Annual GDC Motorcycle Ride for SCCP

**Thursday-Friday
November 22-23**
HOLIDAY

**Monday-Friday
November 26-30**
Deputy Warden of Care & Treatment Academy

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Buster King
29 Years of Service
Buster King retired from the Department on September 27, 2012. Buster received the Years of Service award, Commissioner's Coin and his badge was retired by the Department in honor of his service.



Hilton Hall
30 Years of Service

Hilton Hall retired from the Department on September 25, 2012. Hilton received the Department's Eagle Award for his outstanding service to the agency, Years of Service award, Commissioner's Coin and his badge was retired by the Department.



Edwinnet Murphy
34 Years of Service

Edwinnet Murphy retired from the Department on October 23, 2012. Edwinnet was presented with a State Flag which was flown over the Capitol on Oct. 10 and a letter from the Governor. In addition, she received the Years of Service award for her dedicated service.



"Thank you for your selfless service to the great state of Georgia."
-Brian Owens
Commissioner



Pamela Rittweger
30 Years of Service

Pam Rittweger retired from the Department on September 26, 2012. Pam received the Years of Service award for her dedicated service.



Glen Appling
28 Years of Service

Glen Appling retired from the Department on October 25, 2012. Glen received the Years of Service award for his dedicated service.

Retirees of the Quarter

≤10 Years of Service

Julie Frey, Brunswick PC
Bonnie Hardeman, Phillips SP
Emmit Johnson, Long SP
David Maddox, GDCP
Tosha Parker, Central SP

≤15 Years of Service

Lora Burkhalter, Montgomery SP
Jerry Claxton, Johnson SP
Sharon Drake, Arrendale SP
Lee Ellison, Cobb PC
Llowyan Forde, Smith SP
Peter Gay, Treutlen PDC
Charlene Hall, Telfair SP
Paul Hobbs, Coastal SP
Marsha Holland, GDCP
Jimmy Hunter, Johnson SP
Lee Johnson, Stone Mtn PC
Kenneth Lee, Macon PC
Tony Neesmith, Inmate Const.
Dianne Porter, Purchasing
Donald Rabitsch, Emanuel PDC
Patricia Riggs, Piedmont PC
Robert Roberts, Phillips SP
Dixie Smith, Appling PRC
John Wynn, Coastal SP

≤20 Years of Service

Lynn Barney, Lee SP

Kenneth Bostick, Southern PC
Lawrence Bryant, ASMP
Fred Carter, Hays SP
Walter Gilbert, GSP
George Harmon, ASMP
Matthew Lau, Hays SP
Michael Lemon, ASMP
Willie Mathis, Augusta DRC
Carolyn Maybach, Mountain PC
Leroy McKennie, Washington SP
David Roberts, Phillips SP
Olan Strickland, Smith TC
Deryl Wood, GSP

≤25 Years of Service

Delainie Collins, Rogers SP
Kay Anderson, Conasauga PC
Richard Davidson, Hays SP
James Decarufel, Paulding PDC
Annette Dotson, GSP
Ruby Ferrell, ASMP
ML Fortson, Rutledge SP
Clarence Greene, Baldwin SP
Gregory Hall, Hays SP
Ronald Hopkins, Hays SP
William Jakes, Phillips SP
Terry Lucas, Arrendale SP
Stacy Rinehart, Hays SP
Richard Sharp, Hays SP
Joel Smith, Alcovy PC

Judy Thrift, GSP
Lawrence Tindall, Ware SP
Jerry Towns, Bleckly PDC
Kenneth Vaughn, Emanuel PDC
Chester Welchel, Engineering

≤30 Years of Service

Dewey Alverson, Gwinnett PC
Thomas Barron, GDCP
Crawford Battle, Compliance & Audits
William Blackburn, Training
Terrence Burch, Central SP
William Chapman, Walker SP
Bobby Cooper, Baldwin SP
Patricia Daniel, Dodge SP
Sandra Diggins, ASMP
Peggy Elliott, Toombs PC
Nell English, Middle PC
Kenneth Goodman, GDCP
Hilton Hall, Central Office
Dorothy Haller, Central Office
Cynthia Hallman, Smith SP
James Hammock, Arrendale SP
Nathan Handberry, Baldwin SP
Patti Hendrix, Blue Ridge PC
Luke Howard, GSP
Buster King, Central Office
Jerry Kitchens, Hancock SP
James Long, Flint PC

Silas Lucas, Dodge SP
Michael Murray, Smith SP
Glenda Riner, Middle PC
Edgar Rodriguez, Smith TC
Travis Sanders, GSP
Dana Smith, GDCP
Virginia Smith, Central SP
Montress Walker, ASMP
Johnny Young, Washington SP

31+ Years of Service

Delois Brown, Planning & Analysis
Tina Cobb, Bell Forsyth PC
Frank Ellis, Cordele PC
Linda Heath, Baldwin SP
Diann Lawrence, Telfair SP
Deborah Lundy, Rome PC
Robert Pilgrim, Southern PC
Audrey Rea, Business Processes
Pamela Rittweger, Atlanta PC
Paulette Robbins, Hancock SP
Marvin Smith, Hancock SP

DRC Lite Program Opens

Contributed by Betsy Thomas, DRC Lite Program Coordinator



Newly Trained DRC Lite Counselors at State Offices South at Tift College, October 24th

The Department of Corrections announces the roll out of the Day Reporting Center Lite (DRC Lite) program in seven rural circuits around the State on Nov. 5th.

The Department received \$750,000

from Gov. Nathan Deal for this Justice Reinvestment pilot program. The program will assist circuits that cannot support a physical Day Reporting Center within their community to treat offenders who suffer from substance abuse.

This program will provide programming in areas that do not have any or very limited counseling services. Counseling is divided into three Phases.

In the first Phase, offenders are taught Motivation for Change and Re-entry Skills Building. Phase 1 lasts approximately 2 months.

During this phase, offenders will begin to positively change their behavior and examine themselves and their lives. The Reentry Skills Building course is designed to teach offenders life skills, such as organization, work ethics, money management, family and friend relationships as well as ways to successfully live under supervision.

Phase 2 consists of Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT) and Matrix Substance Abuse Counseling and will last 3-6 months. This phase is self-paced and the level of success depends solely on the offender and his or her motivation. Matrix Counseling is designed to help offenders begin the process of substance abuse recovery through cognitive behavioral evidenced based curriculum.

Phase 3 consists of an Aftercare program, a support group for the offender, that lasts 2-6 months.

The Probation division plans to reduce the number of probation revocations due to drug usage and help offenders become drug free law abiding citizens through the implementation of this program.

The seven participating circuits are as follows:

Alapaha Circuit - Cook, Berrien, Lanier, Atkinson, Clinch counties

Appalachian Circuit - Fannin, Gilmer, Pickens counties
Cordele Circuit - Dooly, Crisp, Wilcox, Ben Hill counties

Mountain Circuit - Rabun, Habersham, Stephens counties

Northern Circuit - Hart, Franklin, Madison, Oglethorpe, Elbert counties

Southwestern Circuit - Macon, Schley, Sumter, Stewart, Webster, Lee counties

Toombs Circuit - Wilkes, Lincoln, McDuffie, Warren, Glascock, Taliaferro counties

The eleven counselors are as follows: Shalonda Bell, Kylee Brown, Candra Speir, Ted Pinkard, Vanessa Thompson, Eric Jacobson, Martha Wade, Clay Garrett, Jennifer Brightwell, Shalita Shorty and Windsor Primous.



Images Across The State



Pulaski State Prison



On Oct. 18th, staff held a "wear pink" contest in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Augusta State Medical Prison



On Oct. 10th, ASMP wore Pink in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Hays State Prison



On Oct. 24th, staff supported the fight against breast cancer. The facility's Faith & Character based dorm assisted in providing pink ribbons for all staff to wear.

Smith State Prison

RAISED \$492 in support of one of their coworkers who was diagnosed with breast cancer earlier this year. The money was raised through a Bake Sale in the month of October.



Lee Arrendale State Prison

On Oct. 10th, staff held a luminary sale in honor and in memory of family and friends touched by cancer. Proceeds from the purchase of the luminaries were donated to Susan G. Komen in support of Marsha Black, Operations Manager.

MISSION

The Department of Corrections creates a safer Georgia by effectively managing offenders and providing opportunities for positive change

VISION

To be recognized as the best corrections organization in the nation.



BRIAN OWENS
Commissioner

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