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Third Annual Commissioner's CERT Challenge

2nd Place Winners
Valdosta State Prison



1st Place Winners
K-9 Unit

3rd Place Winners
Lee Arrendale State Prison



The 3rd Annual Commissioner's CERT Challenge was held on Nov. 16 at Georgia Diagnostic and Classification Training Center in Jackson.

The teams competing in the finals were GDPC, K-9 Unit and Lee Arrendale, Autry, Calhoun, Central, Coastal, Georgia, Hays, Telfair, Valdosta and Ware State Prisons.

CERT teams participated in firearm, obstacle, leadership and tug of war competitions.

Individual Excellence Award recipients were presented to the following:

Excellence in Policy & Procedures Award
Rodney Smith
Telfair SP

Excellence in Marksmanship Award
Deshawn Jones
Lee Arrendale SP

Excellence in Physical Fitness Standards Award
Freddie Davis
Georgia SP

Event Team Winners were:

Excellence in Team Leadership Award
Lee SP

Team Leadership Award
Valdosta SP

Team Marksmanship Award
Ware SP

Team Obstacle Course
Hays SP

Team Rope Challenge Award
Ware SP

3rd Annual Commissioner's CERT Cup Challenge Winners were:

First Place
K-9 Unit

Second Place
Valdosta SP

Third Place
Lee Arrendale SP



12ForLife students at the 3rd Annual Commissioner's CERT Challenge



Tug of War participants



Firearms participants

Did You Know..Voices of Hope recorded their Second CD at Emory University!

Third Quarterly Awards Ceremony of 2012

On October 30th, the Department held the third Quarterly Awards Ceremony of 2012 in Roberts Chapel at State Offices South at Tift College.

The Award recipients are as follows:

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PO of the Quarter

Terrika Barnes
Columbus Probation

CO of the Quarter

Christopher Palmer
Wilfred McKenzie
Daniel Sells
Telfair State Prison

Customer Service Champion

Derek Allen
Facilities Operations

Unsung Hero

Lori Rozier
Sex Offender Unit

OPERATIONS, PLANNING & TRAINING

Customer Service Champion

Nagesh Aynavollu
Jansusz Mlynarz
Bridge Assessment Project

Unsung Hero

Myia Perrimon
Mental Health Svcs-Opns



L to R: Asst. Commissioner Gregory C. Dozier, Commissioner Brian Owens, Wilfred McKenzie, Daniel Sells, Christopher Palmer and Asst. Commissioner Timothy C. Ward



L to R: Asst. Commissioner Gregory C. Dozier, Commissioner Brian Owens, PO Terrika Barnes, CPO Stacy Rivera, Asst. Commissioner Timothy C. Ward and Director of Probation Operations Stan Cooper

Joy Chapman
IT-Opns

ADMINISTRATION

Customer Service Champion

Cindy Harris
Admin Operations

Unsung Hero

Debra Hinkle
Donna Swearingen
Business Processes

EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS

Customer Service Champion

Tammy Edwards
Personnel

Unsung Hero

Gwendolyn Hogan
Public Affairs Office

FAITHFUL SERVICE AWARDS

5 Years

Linnequa Flournoy

10 Years

Eddie Brooks
Paul Kellum
Erika Terrell

15 Years

Tawanda Anderson
Sonja Brown
Daniel Sumner

20 Years

Michael Nervo
Murray Tatum
William Turner
Timothy C. Ward

25 Years

Mary Booth
Vanessa Ann Butts-Hawkins
Marcia McIntyre
Thomas Washington

30 Years

Jamie Anderson
Jan Humphrey
Raymond Hunt

Probation Field Training Officer "Ramp Up"

Contributed by Gary Bell, Program Development Consultant



FTO Basic Training Graduates



FTO POST IT Training Graduates

On Sept. 10-28, ten Field Training Officers (FTO) enrolled and completed a special POST Instructor Training course.

Graduates of the POST IT course:

Jennifer Torbett, *Chattahoochee*
Stacy Johnson, *Clayton*
Shari Gadson, *Cobb*

Michael Fowler, *Conasauga*
Devaki Gordon, *Dougherty*
Audrey Dunbar, *Gwinnett*
Erich Kenworthy, *Rome*
Mike Griner, *Southern*
Lakeittshia Gibbs, *Tallapoosa*
Carlton Renfroe, *Brunswick*

In addition, an FTO Basic course was held Oct. 8-12. Nineteen officers

from various circuits across the state graduated.

Graduates of the FTO Basic course:

Justin Shope, *Piedmont*
Tamecha Buck, *Atlanta*
Mike Griner, *Southern*
Erich Kenworthy, *Rome*
Joe Callaghan, *Tifton*
Michael Fowler, *Conasauga*

Tony Karmazina, *Dublin*
Jamie Powers, *Alapaha*
Lakesittshia Gibbs, *Tallapoosa*
Jennifer Torbett, *Chattahoochee*
Stacy Johnson, *Clayton*
Devaki Gordon, *Dougherty*
Audrey Dunbar, *Gwinnett*
Clara Glenn, *Augusta*
Jennifer Byrne, *Northeastern*
Mark Kinservik, *Cordele*
Keri Woolfolk, *Macon*
Toni Burton, *Blue Ridge*
Shari Gadson, *Cobb*

Currently, there are 34 FTO positions filled across the state. These officers mentor newly hired probation officers for the first six months of their career. The goal is to have an FTO at each of the 49 circuits.

"...FTO is the most important officer in any department, they direct and define the department's future," said LT. Bill Harvey at the Summer 1998 NAFTO.

Thursday, December 6

Board of Corrections Meeting

Human Resources Off-Site

Tuesday, December 11

Headquarters Holiday Breakfast

Clayton DRC Graduation Ceremony

Thursday, December 13

Special Council on Justic Reform Meeting

Board of Public Safety Meeting

Monday-Tuesday, December 24-25

HOLIDAY



LASP Choir with Rep. Jay Neal, Rev. Clinkscales & McClenton, Warden Kathy Seabolt, Commissioner Brian Owens, Chaplain Bishop, Board member Rose Williams and Carl Franklin and DW Benton

The Lee Arrendale State Prison Choir, Voices of Hope, began recording their second CD Nov. 20 at Cannon Chapel on the campus of Emory University.

Deputy Warden for Security Brooks Benton, Rev. Anthony Clinkscales and Rev. Arthur McClenton performed on

the album by providing vocals and instrumental solos.

The choir, under the direction of Chaplain Susan Bishop, is a select group of singers chosen from the population at LASP. They are chosen based on their musicianship, conduct and commitment

to ministry through song.

The choir and the department would like to thank the following for their continued support:

*Emily Saliers, Indigo Girls member
Barbara Day Miller
Candler Community of Students, Staff and Faculty
George Nikas
Stanley Taylor
Georgia Prison Ministries Project
The Care and Counseling Center of Georgia*

The album will be available in the next six months. All proceeds go to enhance the Ministry at Lee Arrendale State Prison.



Chaplain Bishop and LASP choir at the Cannon Chapel

Fall Senior Leadership Off-Site in Reidsville

Contributed by Patricia Sweatman, Operations Center Manager



Senior Staff on tour

On Nov. 13-14, senior leadership attended the Fall 2012 Senior Leader Off-Site. The off-site is intended for continuing coordination, education, and professional development for GDC's senior leadership.

Commissioner Brian Owens wanted senior staff to "experience the heart of our prison operations" and "to see, feel, and smell the day-to-day operations and missions of the Correctional Officers and other employees". Therefore, the location of the off-site was set in Reidsville at Georgia, Rogers and Smith State Prisons.

Senior leaders viewed the Agency's unique capabilities through personal ob-



Senior Leadership Fall 2012 Off-site group photo

servation of the roles and missions of these facilities. Additionally, they discussed opportunities to enhance capabilities and improve on *people, processes, and infrastructure*.

Special guests included Board of Public Safety Chairman Ellis Wood, Tattnall County Agent Reid Torrence, Board of Corrections members Chairman Tommy Rouse, Vice Chairman John Mayes, Wayne Dasher, Carl and Jackie Franklin, Carlton Powell and Justin Wiedeman.

During the off-site, Certificates of Appreciation Awards were presented to the following:

Georgia SP - Deputy Warden Wendall



Senior staff during off-site

Fowler, Unit Manager Janet Brewton and Counselor Kimberly Pough

Smith SP - Correctional Officer Edward Moore, Correctional Officer Joyce Carver, and Maintenance Engineer Phillip Glenn

Joe Kennedy Farm - Administration Assistant Karen Outler, Farm & Livestock Manager Eddie Cohen and Farm Manager Don Conner

Rogers SP - Food Service Supervisor Jettie M. Calhoun, Correctional Officer Emmitt Donahue and Correctional Officer Shirley Ford

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Smith State Prison helps two local families



On Nov. 20, Smith SP staff teamed up with The Brother Hood of Hope Lifers Group to feed two local families in Tattnall County for Thanksgiving.

"This has become a yearly tradition here at Smith State Prison," said Warden Stanley Williams. "And we expect to do more and more each year forward."

Thanksgiving at Ware State Prison



On Nov. 21, Ware State Prison staff smoked and fried turkeys to take home for their families for Thanksgiving.

Coastal State Prison supports community this Thanksgiving



In a show of community support, the staff of Coastal State Prison held a food drive during the month of November.

Donations far exceeded those of last year, enabling Coastal to significantly impact the amount of available food at Garden City Feed the Hungry.

Johnson State Prison celebrates Thanksgiving



Johnson State Prison staff celebrated Thanksgiving on Nov. 14. During the luncheon, staff participated in a drawing for a Walmart gift card to raise money for charitable contributions.

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