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Please submit articles and photos to Gwendolyn Hogan by December 13th.

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

Third Annual Commissioner’s CERT Challenge

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 GDCP, 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
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:

**CORRECTIONS**

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

**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

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
Devaki Gordon, Dougherty
Audrey Dunbar, Gwinnett
Clara Glenn, Augusta
Jennifer Byrne, Northeastern
Mark Kinser, 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.

FTO Basic Training Graduates

Michael Fowler, Conasauga
Devaki Gordon, Dougherty
Audrey Dunbar, Gwinnett
Erich Kenworthy, Rome
Mike Griner, Southern
Lakesitshia Gibbs, Tallapoosa
Carlton Renfro, 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

FTO POST IT Training Graduates

Tony Karmazina, Dublin
Jamie Powers, Alapaha
Lakesitshia Gibbs, Tallapoosa
Jennifer Torbett, Chattahoochee
Stacy Johnson, Clayton
Devaki Gordon, Dougherty
Audrey Dunbar, Gwinnett
Clara Glenn, Augusta
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Voices of Hope Record Second CD


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.

Fall Senior Leadership Off-Site in Reidsville

Contributed by Patricia Sweatman, Operations Center Manager

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 observation 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 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 Butler, 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.”

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.

Thanksgiving at Ware State Prison

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

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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