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9th Annual Awards Ceremony



On May 21, the Department recognized employees who had excelled in their chosen field and had shown dedication and service in 2012.

Adjutant General Jim Butterworth of the Georgia National Guard was the ceremony's keynote speaker.

Congratulations to the following recipients:

Volunteers of the Year

Dottie Benson, Joseph Davis, Elmer Walker, Scott Grimes, Tiffany Lovell, Dr. William Mitchell, Scott Nanney, Kathy Rich, Carol Shannon, Lisa & Brad Waggoner, Michael Sapp and Doyle Yawn

Faith Based Contributors of the Year Rock Point Church

Partner Agencies of the Year

Baldwin Accountability Treatment Court Collaborative, Albany Police/Gang Task Force Toccoa GA Dept. of Labor, GA State Patrol Peer Support Team, GA Correctional Healthcare and Johnson County Probate Office

Corporate Sponsor of the Year Mr. B's IGA and Tri-State Pet Rescue, Inc.



Correctional Officer of the Year John Koss, *Rogers SP*

Probation Officer of the Year Maegon Tyree, *Augusta Probation Office*

Facilities Supervisor of the Year Betty Bailey-Dean, *Hays SP*

Probation Supervisor of the Year Ashley Christopher, *Marietta Probation Office*

Customer Service Champion Award Carlotta Ficklin, *Augusta Transitional Center*

Headquarters Employee of the Year Jay Sanders, *Probation Operations*

Employee of the Year John Harper, *GD&CP*

Individual Fitness Award Ronnie Simmons, *Albany Probation Office*

The Cynthia Floyd Award Brandon Henderson, *Rome Probation Office*

The Bobby Franklin Award Gordon Spears, *Lee Arrendale SP*



The James Henderson Award Larry Stell (posthumously), *Telfair SP*

The Tiffany Bishop Horizon Award Antwan Walker, *Brunswick Probation Office*

Legacy Award General James E. Donald, *State Board of Pardons & Parole, former GDC Commissioner*

Facility Fitness Award Baldwin SP

Facility of the Year Lee Arrendale SP

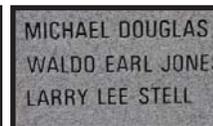
Center of the Year Colwell PDC

Probation Circuit of the Year Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit

County Facility of the Year Effingham County Prison

Awards were presented by Commissioner Brian Owens and Assistant Commissioners Timothy C. Ward and Gregory C. Dozier.

Georgia Public Safety Memorial Ceremony



Left Photo: Memorial at GPSTC

Center Photo: Governor Deal presenting Commissioner Owens with plaque for Officer Larry Stell

Right Photo: Officer Larry Stell name etched into Memorial Wall at GPSTC

On May 20, the Georgia Public Safety Memorial Ceremony was held at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center.

Officer Larry Stell was honored for his dedication and service to the state of Georgia. Commissioner Brian Owens accepted a plaque on behalf of Officer Stell.

The name of Larry Stell along with 11 other law enforcement men and women were added to the Memorial Wall for this years dedication.

Did You Know...The Department's Fire Services Program celebrated 50 Years of Service!



L to R: Fire Chief of Long County Richard Truman (and Chief Sylvester Hall)



L to R: Fire Chiefs Glynn Pittman, Don Shugart, Larry Brown, Jessica Z. Maher and Sylvester Hall



L to R: Commissioner Owens, Lee Arrendale Fire Chief Tammy Ayers and female firefighter crew



Fire Chiefs and Fire Services team

On May 22, the Department celebrated 50 years of Fire Services at Station #1 at Lee Arrendale State Prison in Alto.

The inmate firefighter program was established in 1963 by Buddy Brooks at the Georgia Industrial Institute, now Lee Arrendale State Prison.

Guest speakers included Lauren 'Bubba' McDonald who assisted with the amendment of O.C.G.A. Title 25 which permits municipalities to hire former inmates who have completed the GDC firefighter program; and Fire Chief Richard Truman of Long County Fire Department who served as a firefighter

within the GDC program.

During the celebration, wife of Chief Buddy Brooks and Chief Richard Truman were presented with plaques. Inmate William Allen Satterfield, the only inmate firefighter to die in the line of duty in 1984, was remembered and

will be added to the Georgia Public Safety Memorial Wall in Forsyth during the 2014 Georgia Public Safety Memorial Ceremony.

Learn more about the program here: <http://bit.ly/10vMOzH>

Graduations at Appling and West Central

Contributed by Superintendents Edd Sanders and Jeffery Pearce



Graduates at West Central ITF



Asst. Commissioner Tim Ward at Appling ITF graduation

On May 15-16, West Central and Appling Integrated Treatment Facilities (ITF) held the program's first graduations.

Appling ITF had 11 graduates and West Central ITF had six graduates receive their certificates of completion from the program.

Appling ITF is a male facility that assists with the reduction of chronic recidivism of substance abuse and crime by meeting the dual diagnosis needs of probationers. West Central ITF is a female facility for probation violators with co-occurring conditions who need mental health and substance abuse treatment.

Quarterly Field Training Officer Training

Contributed by Gary Bell, Program Development Consultant



Field Training Officers at the Georgia Diagnostic & Classification Training Complex for FTO Training

On April 31, the first Probation Field Training Officer (FTO) Quarterly training was hosted at the Georgia Diagnostic and Classification Training complex in Jackson.

Thirty-one officers were present out of the 49 Judicial Circuits. Officers received training on leadership and retention, radio communication and the

use of force model. In addition, they were trained and certified as Physical Fitness Coordinators and on the Alco-Sensor.

A breakout session was conducted where team leaders evaluated and received feedback from the field in order to enhance and improve the program.

Criminal Justice Symposium

Contributed by Pamela Gould, Augusta Chief Probation Officer

In honor of National Police Week, a Criminal Justice Symposium and Networking Forum was held for students and the public on May 13.

Augusta State Medical Prison Warden Stan Shepard and Augusta Judicial Circuit Chief Probation Officer Pam Gould served on a panel for the University of Phoenix's College of Criminal Justice and Security.

Richmond County Sheriff Richard Roundtree and Juvenile Judge Doug Flanagan joined the panel. The panel answered questions on current criminal justice topics.



L to R: Warden Shepard, CPO Gould, Sheriff Roundtree and Juvenile Judge Flanagan

Issues discussed included gang activity, victim's assistance, women in the criminal justice field and prison downsizing.

14th Annual Nursing Showcase

Contributed by Stan Shepard, Augusta State Medical Prison



L to R: Infectious Disease Nurse Beckye Smith, Warden Stan Shepard and Director of Nursing Charlene Martin

On May 3, the Georgia Nurses Association Central Savannah River Area (CSRA) Chapter presented the 14th Annual Nursing Showcase. The show-

case is held annually to honor registered nurses for their contributions to healthcare in CSRA. Nurses are nominated by peers based on criteria which reflects going above and beyond call of duty.

Two nominees at Augusta State Medical Prison (ASMP) were Beckye Smith, RN-Infection Control Nurse and Charlene Martin, RN-Director of Nursing.

Beckye has over 35 years and Charlene has over 16 years of experience. Beckye has been with ASMP for 11 and Charlene for seven years.

Thursday, June 6
Board of Corrections Meeting

Thursday, June 13
Board of Public Safety

Friday, June 14
GPA Golf Tournament

Monday, June 17
GDC Roll-Up
"Day in Central Office"

Saturday, June 22
Kids Fishing Event at State Offices South

Thursday, June 27
BCOT Graduation



Commissioner Owens presents Stan Cooper with GDC Eagle Award

Thank you Stan Cooper for your 28 years of dedicated service!

On May 30, the Department held a retirement ceremony for Director of Probation Operations Stan Cooper. Picture Left: Commissioner Brian Owens (L) and Stan Cooper. Picture Right, L to R: Court of Appeals Judge Michael Boggs, Stan Cooper and Senator Jeff Mullis.



Judge Boggs and Senator Mullis present Stan Cooper with Resolutions

Thank you Bob Plemons for your 13 years of dedicated service!

On May 10, the Department held a retirement ceremony for Assistant Director of Engineering and Construction Services/Legislative Liaison Bob Plemons. Left Photo, L to R: Senator Jack Hill, Bob Plemons, Senator Jeff Mullis and Representative Jay Neal. Picture Right, L to R: Asst. Commissioner Dozier, Commissioner Owens, Bob Plemons and Asst. Commissioner Ward.



Senators Hill and Mullis and Representative Neal present Bob Plemons with Governor's Commendation and flag that was flown over the Capitol in honor of Bob.



Commissioner Owens and Asst. Commissioners Dozier and Ward present Bob with the GDC Eagle Award.



Thank you Dennis Brown for your 34 years of dedicated service!

On May 1, the Department held a retirement ceremony for Augusta State Medical Prison Warden Dennis Brown. Pictured above, L to R: Dennis Brown, Asst. Commissioner Tim Ward, Deputy Director Johnny Sikes and Field Operations Manager Cynthia Nelson.



Thank you Frank Teasley for your 36 years of dedicated service!

On May 23, the Department held a retirement ceremony for Whitworth Women's Facility Warden Frank Teasley. Pictured above, L to R: Field Operations Manager Victor Walker, Deputy Director Jack Koon, Field Operations Manager Steve Upton and Frank Teasley.



Thank you Darryll Hart for your 23 years of dedicated service!

On May 22, the Department held a retirement ceremony for Wilcox State Prison Warden Darryll Hart. Pictured above, L to R: Deputy Director Jack Koon, Warden Darryll Hart, Deputy Director Johnny Sikes and Assistant Commissioner Timothy C. Ward.



Thank you Stanley Arrington for your 31 years of dedicated service!

On May 29, the Department held a retirement ceremony for Atlanta Transitional Center Superintendent Stanley Arrington. Pictured, L to R: Warden Kathy Seabolt, Stanley Arrington, Chaplain Charles Tolbert and James Doctor, GDC retiree.



Thank you Anthony Washington for your 30 years of dedicated service!

On May 23, the Department held a retirement ceremony for Rutledge State Prison Warden Anthony Washington.



Thank you Michael Carlton for your 29 years of dedicated service!

On May 30, the Department held a retirement ceremony for Employment Services Manager Michael Carlton. Pictured L to R: Michael Carlton and HR Director Patricia Smith.

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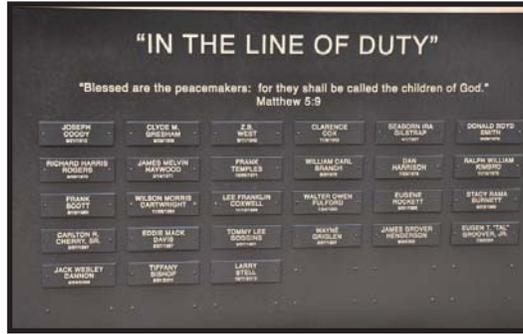
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GDC Officer Down Memorial Dedication



Attendees after the dedication ceremony



Memorial plaque



L to R: DPS Commissioner Col. McDonough, GDC Commissioner Owens and Asst. Commissioners Dozier and Ward

On May 29, the Department held an Officer Down Memorial Dedication outside of Roberts Chapel at State Offices South at Tift College.

"Today we honor 27 individuals, who during the course of a century, from 1912 to 2012, lost their lives in the line of duty," said Commissioner Brian Owens at the opening of the ceremony.

Commissioner Owens stated how the location of the memorial garden was fitting as with every graduating class of officers that leave Roberts Chapel,

newly credentialed, they will be reminded by the names on the wall the gravity of their chosen profession.

Commissioner Owens, Assistant Commissioners Timothy C. Ward and Gregory C. Dozier and Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety Colonel Mark W. McDonough unveiled the memorial plaque during the ceremony.

Fallen GDC Officers

- Joseph Coody, 3/21/12
- Clyde M. Greshma, 8/29/36
- Z.B. West, 9/11/42

- Clarence Cox, 11/8/43
- Seaborn Ira Gilstrap, 4/1/57
- Donald Boyd Smith, 3/29/70
- Richard Harris Rogers, 3/29/70
- James Melvin Haywood, 2/18/71
- Frank Temples, 10/25/71
- William Carl Branch, 8/2/76
- Dan Harrison, 7/23/78
- Ralph William Kimbro, 11/15/78
- Frank C. Scott, 9/18/80
- Wilson Morris Cartwright, 11/26/84
- Lee Franklin Coxwell, 11/15/86
- Walter Owen Fulford, 1/24/90
- Eugene Rockett, 3/31/93
- Stacy Rama Burnett, 6/20/96

- Carlton R. Cherry, Sr., 2/27/97
- Eddie Mack Davis, 2/27/97
- Tommy Lee Goggins, 2/27/97
- Wayne Griglen, 2/27/97
- James Grover Henderson, 6/3/2002
- Eugene T. "Tal" Groover, Jr., 7/9/2004
- Jack Wesley Cannon, 8/20/2009
- Tiffany Danelle Bishop, 8/31/2011
- Larry Lee Stell, 10/11/2012

"Let the names on this wall remind us that often times safety comes with sacrifice," said Commissioner Owens.

Audits and Compliance Unit Honors Employees

Contributed by Kevin Roberts, Regional Operations Coordinator



L to R: Warden Eric Sellers, FOM Cynthia Nelson, CO Constance Hamilton and Deputy Director of Audits and Compliance Antoine Caldwell



Security staff during the comprehensive audit close out on May 15th



Warden Eric Sellers, FOM Cynthia Nelson, CO Vanessa Brewton and Deputy Director of the Audits and Compliance Antoine Caldwell

On May 13-15, the agency's Audit and Compliance Unit conducted a comprehensive audit at Phillips State Prison.

After the completion of all audits, two individuals and one group are recognized for exceptional performance. Officer Constance Hamilton received one

of the two individual awards. Officer Hamilton began her career with the department in 2010 and currently serves as the Tool Control Officer at Phillips. Her unit was in excellent condition with no critical findings.

Officer Vanessa Brewton, whose

primary responsibility is Disciplinary Procedures, received the second individual award. Officer Brewton began her career in 2000. It was found that the disciplinary process was in excellent condition.

The group award went to the Security

staff who had an overall score of 98 percent with no critical findings within the 18 topics that were audited.

Congratulations Officer Hamilton, Officer Brewton and to the security staff for a job well done.

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.



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