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Preparation Was Key For Jan. 3 Releases

*Mandatory Re-Entry Supervision (MRS)
inmates within six months of serving out*

By Lisa Lamb
Director of Communications

House Bill 463, the recently passed criminal justice reform bill, created a new type of discharge for certain inmates under a section of the legislation referred to as Mandatory Re-entry Supervision (MRS).

This section of the bill took effect January 1 and 916 offenders were released statewide on January 3.

The legislation calls for the release of a segment of the inmate population six months prior to the completion of their sentence. These offenders are being supervised by a parole officer and provided assistance during the six month period in order to help them transition into society. Without this leg-

islation, these offenders would be serving out their sentences without the transitional services being offered.

"I want to thank everyone involved with the Mandatory Re-entry Supervision initiative," said Corrections Commissioner LaDonna Thompson. "An incredible amount of hard work was involved leading up to January 3, and that day could not have gone as smoothly as it did without the planning and preparation of a large contingent of DOC staff. As you know, January 3 was a very highly scrutinized day by media, legislators, and public officials. I can't imagine how it could have gone any smoother. The day did not go well as a result of luck - but instead months of planning and work on the front end to be sure everything was in place for a successful release."

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HIP Program Has Grown Since 2005 Launch

The Home Incarceration Program (HIP) is a program designed to assist the Kentucky Department of Corrections with cost saving measures, while reintegrating offenders back into the community. The cost savings for fiscal year 2011 were \$2.7 M.

HIP began in July 2005 and was initially only available to offenders who had 60 days of their

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Veterans Blog Created for DOC Deployed

By Todd Henson
Public Information Officer

On November 10th, the Department of Corrections launched a "Veteran's Blog Page" on the Corrections website. This blog will enable employees that are deployed on active duty to stay connected with friends and family back home. It will also permit DOC employees, as well as other friends and family, the opportunity to leave words of encouragement and appreciation for our staff who are serving in the military.

"The new blog page is an important tool that will make it possible for us to keep in touch with our service men and women," said Commissioner LaDonna Thompson.



"This endeavor is in direct keeping with the Governor's 11-11-11 initiative to show support for our troops in the field."

The new blog page may be

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DOC Staff Across The State Capture True Spirit of the Season



Members of the Probation and Parole District 19 team participated in the Annual Project Warm event on November 5, 2011. The team was able to successfully winterize three homes located in west Louisville. Above and center: Joe Burdette and John Medeya work on insulating a window. Pictured far right are the team members (left to right) Kevin Burdette, Joe Burdette, Nicholas Burdette, Jim Wagner, Juli Wagner, Team Leader Dan Fountain and John Madeya (not pictured: Katrina Sanders).



P&P Districts 19 and 16 collected money, toys and canned goods for the Newburg JRI toy drive by sponsoring a "Bluejean Friday" fundraiser on Friday December 2nd and 9th. Pictured Left (clockwise from bottom left): P&P Officers Tara Lehr, Silvia San Antonio, Jill Williams and Ebone Weathers.



The Herrington Lake KCCD Chapter collected Money for the Toys for Tots Program. Pictured in the front is Tim Settles presenting the check to Marine Sergeant Thomas Stark. Front Row: Amy Reed, Monica Godbey, Robbie Canterberry, Linda Ragland, Eva Cochran, Pam Coffman, Loretta New, Andrea Bentley, Sandy Mitchell, Michelle Bonta, Kelly Tyree and Tami Vickers. Back Row: Gary Prestigiaco, Mike Murphy, Ron Hilton, Robert Epperson, Bob Milby, Bradley Osbourne, John Modlin and Michael O'Donnell.



Making a Difference



Western Kentucky Correctional Complex staff and the Four Rivers Kentucky Council on Crime and Delinquency (KCCD) Chapter conducted a shoe drive for the Edge Outreach program during "Make a Difference Day" in Murray. Edge Outreach collects any and all unwanted shoes. After collecting the shoes, they sell them to an exporter and use the money to provide water purification units to Haiti and other countries. Just one purification unit can provide 10,000 gallons of clean water per day. Pictured above left (left to right): Murray Kiwanis President Andrew Norman, Vanessa Kennedy, Leigh Jent, Bob Rogers (back), Jane Cantrell and Tim Cantrell.



Helping Hands

At left: Louisville KCCD members (left to right: Sharon Veech, Joy Keifer and Nick Dailey) prepared food baskets that were sent to the Salvation Army at Christmas. From there, the baskets were delivered to Correctional families in need. The KCCD Capital Chapter held a food drive along with their 4th Annual Wrap-a-palooza during the month of December. Each year the Chapter offers gift wrapping services for donations to their holiday fund. Chapter members wrapped 112 gifts and used proceeds to provide gift cards and food baskets to Correctional families during the holidays. Another DOC 'family' getting in the holiday spirit was the staff at WKCC. They donated 30 turkeys to the local food bank that were purchased by the Employee Benefit committee. An additional \$200 donation raised from a Turkey cook-off was also made to the local HOPE Food Bank.



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Feed the Need

Third food drive helps HOPE provide Thanksgiving dinner for 250 families

All State Prisons Will be Tobacco-Free by April 1

LLCC's First Smoking Cessation Class A Success

Luther Lockett Correctional Complex, like all DOC facilities, will become tobacco-free by April 1, 2012.

In an effort to make the transition as smooth as possible, LLCC and KCPC staff are being offered the opportunity to attend the acclaimed 12-week class called the "Cooper/Clayton Method to Stop Smoking." In addition to the staff, inmate groups were also offered the chance to attend this class.

Kevin Hayes, Philip Campbell and Misty Hair, who lead the LLCC Tobacco Free Transition Committee, were trained as facilitators by Dr. Richard Clayton himself.

For the program to be a success, Drs. Cooper and Clayton ask participants to agree with three statements: "I would be better off as a non-smoker," "I am willing to accept some discomfort in the quitting process," and "I will trust in the Cooper/Clayton system."

Based on this simple foundation and nicotine replacement therapy (NRT), people can break the habit.

There were 20 staff members who attended the first series of classes from September through November. Of the initial 20 attendees, 15 successfully completed the course and became tobacco and nicotine free.



Pictured above (left to right), participants and facilitators of the first 12-week smoking cessation class offered at Luther Lockett Correctional Complex: Phil Bramblett, Jennifer Brown, Kim Keyser, Maurice Hale, Jennifer Bowersock, Thomas Botts, Kim Fischer, Teresa Kidwell, Denise Kramer-Faith, Facilitators Kevin Hayes, Philip Campbell, and Misty Hair. Not pictured: Sherry Bayne, Pamela Blazer, Melanie Cooper, Betsi Cunningham, Chris Gore and Sherri Grissinger.

Some of these participants had smoked for over 40 years!

Of the five who did not complete the full program, three of them quit by using other methods such as Chantix (a prescription medication).

The topics that were discussed in the class were both interesting and encouraging. Participants talked about the challenges they faced, the motivation they did or did not receive from family members, as well as the changes they were experiencing such

as having more energy, food tasting better and an increased sense of smell.

Two of the graduates have even planned to go skydiving to celebrate their accomplishment.

Due to the overwhelming success of the first series of classes, LLCC has just begun another class that will finish around the time of the March 1st transition.

Special thanks go out to Elizabeth Burrows of the Oldham County Health Department for providing her knowledge and nicotine re-

placement therapy and the Oldham County YMCA for offering discounted memberships to participants – a reward for making a truly positive health choice.

Six institutions in the state have already made the change to a tobacco-free environment: Kentucky State Reformatory, Roederer Correctional Complex, Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women, Western Kentucky Correctional Complex, Blackburn Correctional Complex and CCA's Marion Adjustment Center.



Spotlight On A Veteran

Shane Caudill

This issue of "Spotlight on a Vet" focuses on Robert "Shane" Caudill. Caudill is an Assistant Probation & Parole Supervisor in District 14 who served in the United States Air Force.

Shane Caudill, who served with the United States Air Force, still speaks fondly of his time spent in the military. He enlisted in January 1998 and, after serving five years on active duty, was honorably discharged in January 2003. Caudill was a staff sergeant and served as a crew chief for an F-15 fighter jet.

After completing basic training in Wichita Falls, Texas, Caudill was assigned to the 90th Fighter Squadron at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage, Alaska. This was quite a change for a young man who grew up in southeast Kentucky. "It took some adjusting," said Caudill. "But I loved it." He said Anchorage is in southern Alaska and has a milder climate than the interior part of the state. That's of course if you consider sub-zero temperatures in January and February and snow on the ground from October through May to be "milder climate."

Caudill said he was fortunate that he was never deployed to a war zone, but he did serve two deployments during his time with the Air Force. In 1999, the U.S. Aircraft Carrier Kittyhawk was stationed in the south Pacific and was deployed to the Gulf, where it had primary responsibilities on the South Korean Peninsula. At this time, Caudill's unit was deployed to Kwang Ju Air Base in South Korea in support of the Kittyhawk. While there, their F-15's flew routine security missions as a "show of force."

Caudill was again deployed stateside for 45 days in 2000. This deployment involved providing mechanical support to aircraft for a joint military exercise at Fallon Air Base in Nevada.

Caudill's enlistment would have been completed in January 2002; however, he extended his enlistment for one year when he found out his wife was pregnant. He said this extension would ensure they got through the pregnancy with medical insurance.

"I was going to make the decision whether to re-enlist after that, but once my son was born, there was no decision left to make," said Caudill. "I no longer wanted to be away from home once he was born. I would have made a career out of it were it not for my son being born, but living a lifestyle where your job



Above: Staff Sergeant Shane Caudill was crew chief for the pictured F-15 fighter jet. Caudill, now Assistant Supervisor of District 14 in Versailles, attended Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base.



requires deployments is very very difficult once you have children."

When asked what was the most rewarding part about serving in the Air Force, Caudill said it is the random acts of kindness and appreciation that you receive as a service member. He recalls the time when he worked third shift in Alaska. He said there were 10 to 12 members of his unit that would meet at a Denny's restaurant after their shift for breakfast and coffee. One day, an elderly couple stopped by their table to thank them for their

EEO Conference Attendees



The Department of Corrections was well represented at the 25th Annual Governor's EEO Conference which was held on October 18, 2011 at the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville. The DOC had the largest group at the conference, which was attended by over 250 human resources professionals. The EEO conferences began under the administration of Governor Martha Layne Collins, who was also present at this year's 25th anniversary to deliver the keynote speech. Pictured above with Secretary J. Michael Brown is a group photo of the DOC employees that attended the conference.



Veterans

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accessed at the following address:
<http://corrections.ky.gov/about/Pages/DeployedEmployeesBlog.aspx>

Employees are encouraged to participate by emailing their comments to doc4vets@ky.gov.

All submissions will be reviewed prior to being posted on the blog page.

Governor's Ambassador Award Recipients Named

DOC Employees Nominated

An elite group of Kentucky's public servants were recognized at the annual Governor's Ambassador Awards ceremony in Frankfort.

The awards were presented by First Lady Jane Beshear.

Created in October 2008, the awards program was established to highlight stories of employees who have positively impacted the lives of their co-workers, customers and community.

Nominations were

accepted throughout the year in six categories: customer service, courage, leadership, professional achievement, teamwork, and community service or volunteerism.

More than 100 nominations were submitted, involving more than 230 employees.

All nominees were invited to attend the ceremony.

Award recipients were honored by having a personalized engraved brick placed along Ambassador Avenue outside the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History.

Those DOC employees nominated included:

Kristy Hicks (individual nomination);

Desi Brooks (individual and team nomination);

Rosemary Ryan, Robin Thompson, Debbie Moyers (team nomination);

Cortney Shewmaker, Robert Taylor, Heather Meredith, Paige Lutz, Eva Smith, Heather Thomas (team nomination);

Elizabeth McKune, Chris Douglas Hatton, Abby McIntire, Melissa Clark, Diane Lambert (team nomination).



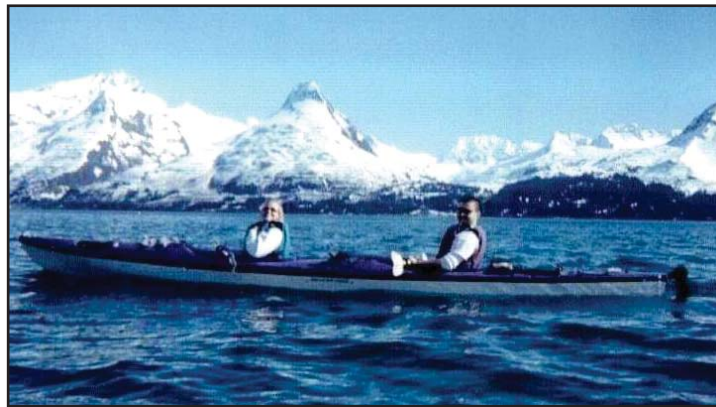
LEADERSHIP KENTUCKY



Leadership Kentucky, a non-profit educational organization that prepares participants to take an active role in advancing the state for the common good, made their annual stop at the Penitentiary on October 13th. Above, Commissioner LaDonna Thompson addresses the group, a regular feature of the day-long tour. Left, Oldham County Jailer Mike Simpson also participates with the organization.



Right: KSP Deputy Warden Alan Brown begins the staff panel part of the Leadership Kentucky visit to the prison. Other staff panelists included (left to right) Bruce Von Dwingelo, Skylia Grief and Andy Charles.



Pictured above is a typical snowy day at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage, Alaska where Shane Caudill was stationed. At left, he enjoyed one of the more pleasurable pastimes: sea kayaking in Valdez, Alaska. In the bottom photo: the highly classified Stealth fighter sits in a hangar at Elmendorf Air Force Base.

“There are a lot of good folks from all around the world and regardless of what region you are from, what color, race or creed you are, there is something about everyone wearing that camouflage that really brings folks together. That camaraderie and brotherhood really transcends a lot of social issues that are present in the civilian world.”

Shane Caudill
Assistant Supervisor

District 14
Probation & Parole

Caudill

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service. They then went on their way, but when Caudill and his friends went to get their check, they found that the couple had already paid the bill for the entire group. Caudill said, “it’s a good feeling when you grasp the fact that to folks in the civilian world it means something. That is the rewarding part...it sticks with you.”

Another rewarding aspect of service life, according to Caudill, is the closeness you feel toward your fellow service men and women. There are a lot of good folks from all around the world and regard-

less of what region you are from, what color, race or creed you are, there is something about everyone wearing that camouflage that really brings folks together. That camaraderie and brotherhood

really transcends a lot of social issues that are present in the civilian world.

According to Caudill, the soldiers who serve long deployments overseas, in war zones, are the real heroes.

But to the rest of us, Caudill and anyone else who puts on a uniform are “all” truly heroes. The commitment and sacrifice that goes along with any military service deserves our respect.



Never go out of style

Notes of Thanks

Our “thank you” notes in this edition of the newsletter come once again from a wide cross section of the public but all have the common theme of DOC employees doing an outstanding job - and someone taking the time to let us know!

The first note (top right) is from the mother of an offender in District 14. Supervisor Ray Canterberry, in commending Officers Patrick Hoover and Greg Stiles’ actions wrote “this mother is very grateful for your acts in facilitating her daughter’s placement in a treatment facility. You are to be commended for this and for your daily pursuit of fulfilling the duty of not only protecting the community, but attempting to put someone on a better path.”

The second note is from an inmate at Green River Correctional Complex who attributes his positive learning experience to the staff at the GRCC Education Center. He writes: “I have been working on getting or completing my GED for several years now and I was beginning to believe I might never get it.” He says, however, thanks to Ms. Cathy Edelen and her aide, Andre Mitchell, he obtained his goal and is now even thinking about taking college classes.

Our third note is from Metro Corrections Director Mark Bolton. Bolton sent a note to DOC Deputy Commissioner Rodney Ballard praising the work of Branch Manager Gary Barnes. He wrote: “The LOS of the PV population at Metro has shifted considerably over the past few weeks and is attributed mainly to Mr. Barnes and his quick oversight and responsible approach with his local P and P staff. Timelines and movement of this population are well within acceptable range and the numbers have trended downward accordingly. We will continue to meet with him on a regular basis to ensure consistency and timely flow of information. Your recognition of his efforts is appreciated.”

Deputy Commissioner Ballard passed on the kudos to
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From: Bolton, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2011 16:19
To: Ballard, Rodney (DOC)
Subject: P and P

Hi Rod.....quick note to you and shout out to Gary Barnes. The LOS of the PV population at Metro has shifted considerably over the past few weeks and is attributed mainly to Mr. Barnes and his quick oversight and responsible approach with his local P and P staff. Timelines and movement of this population are well within acceptable range and the numbers have trended downward accordingly. We will continue to meet with him on a regular basis to ensure consistency and timely flow of information. Your recognition of his efforts is appreciated.

October 10, 2011
128 Woodview Drive
Nicholasville, KY 40356

Officer Patrick Hoover
Division of Probation and Parole
152 Pleasant Retreat Plaza
Lancaster, KY 40444

Officer Hoover:

I just want to thank you for performing your job duties in a very efficient and

October 10, 2011
128 Woodview Drive
Nicholasville, KY 40356

Officer Greg Stiles
Division of Probation and Parole
152 Pleasant Retreat Plaza
Lancaster, KY 40444

Officer Stiles:

I want to let you know how much I appreciate you taking care of the details in getting my daughter, [REDACTED], transferred into Liberty Place. I think she would have lost the bed if it weren't for you stepping in and performing job duties on a case that wasn't even yours. Thank you so much for going above and beyond.

Your work ethic is commendable and appreciated. Thank you.

God Bless,


Sarah Walker

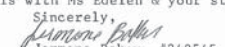
cc: Ray Canterberry
Cortney Shewmaker

To: Warden Randy White
Re: Letter of Appreciation for Ms Cathy Edelen & Green River Education Ctr
Dear Warden White,

Sir, I wanted to write and let you know how much I appreciate the level of support and encouragement I received from the staff at Green River's Education Center, particularly Ms Edelen, made it possible for me to finally get my GED. I have been working on getting or completing my GED for several years now, and I was beginning to believe that I might never get it. I was discouraged and disappointed with myself and with my prospects for the future. However, Ms Edelen and her Aide, Andre Mitchell, helped me to realize that I wasn't stupid or a failure. They were able to make learning fun again and to break down subjects that seemed hard for me to get in the past, in a way that made sense to me and made it easier to learn. Achieving the goal of getting my GED has helped me to see that there are other more positive things I could do with my future, rather than continuing to sell drugs and hustle in the streets.

Ms Edelen was more than just a teacher, she was the caring, wise, and thoughtful mentor/teacher I've been needing my whole life. Her direct and honest approach to teaching helped me to get beyond my insecurities and to realize my true potential. I have thanked her personally, but, I also thought it was important that you should know the difference your staff is making in the lives of me and other inmates here at Green River. I also want to thank Ms Piper and the entire Green River Education Center staff for giving myself and other inmates the opportunity to have a graduation ceremony with caps and gowns. I never thought I'd ever get to walk across a stage and receive a diploma, and so having the chance to do so means all the more to me. I recently made Parole, upon completion of SAP, and I have already begun writing to community colleges to inquire about admissions and majors they might offer so I can attend college.

I am so grateful to even be able to think of going to college, and I know that would not have been possible without Ms Edelen, Andre, or GREC. Again, thank you all so much for making a seemingly impossible dream for me a reality. Please feel free to share this with Ms Edelen & your staff.

Sincerely,

Jermon Baker, #242545
GED Graduate-2011

Employee Recognition, News

Ratliff Promoted to Deputy Warden; Davidson, Adams and Terrell Promoted to Branch Manager Posts; Other Promotions Announced

Ratliff Promoted to DW at Luther Luckett

Kentucky Department of Corrections Deputy Commissioner James Erwin announced on January 6 the promotion of Tiffany Ratliff to Deputy Warden at Luther Luckett Correctional Complex (LLCC) in LaGrange.

“Tiffany Ratliff has the varied type of correctional experience and educational background we are looking for in our top administrators. She is one of our ‘up and coming’ professionals with a truly bright career in front of her,” said Erwin.

Ratliff began her career in public service in 1991 as a paralegal in the Jefferson County Commonwealth Attorney’s Office where she specialized in white collar crime investigations.

In 2002, Tiffany joined the Department of Corrections as a Classification and Treatment Officer in the Assessment Center at Roederer Correctional Complex (RCC). In 2005, she was promoted to Unit Administrator I at RCC. She was then promoted to Program Administrator in 2006 in Central Office where she worked in the Classification Branch.

In 2008, Ratliff returned to RCC where she worked as Unit Administrator in the Assessment Center and as the institution’s Pre-Release Coordinator. She was then promoted to Unit Administrator II where she worked with the RCC permanent population, served as Grievance Coordinator, provided oversight for GED and College programs, Pre-Release, and Visitation.

Ratliff returned to the Assessment Center in 2010 and was promoted to Program Administrator over the Assessment Center in April 2011.

A graduate of Eastern Kentucky University with a bachelor’s degree in paralegal science, Ratliff is also a 2007 graduate of the Commissioner’s Executive Leadership Program.

“With her experience and diverse background, Deputy Warden Ratliff is a welcome addition to the Luther Luckett Team where she will serve as Deputy Warden for Programs,” said Warden Clark Taylor.

She resides in Oldham County with her husband Kenny and their two children, Will and Ethan.



Tiffany Ratliff

Mark Davidson Promoted to Branch Manager

Mark Davidson has been promoted to the position of Administrative Branch Manager of the eastern region for the Division of Probation and Parole.

The eastern region consists of five supervisory districts with offices in Catlettsburg, London, Mt. Sterling, Newport and Prestonsburg. Davidson assumed his new duties on Jan. 1.

“Mark Davidson brings proven dedication to the position,” said Division Director Tim Carman said. “He has been and will continue to be a valuable member of the leadership team for this division as it moves forward in addressing the pointed issues we face.”

Davidson is a 1988 graduate of Georgetown College where he earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology. After graduating, he joined the United States Navy where he served as a Naval Flight Officer before being honorably discharge in 1992. Following his discharge, he was hired by the Kentucky Department of Social Services where he worked until transferring to the Department of Corrections as a probation and parole officer in 1996. Davidson was promoted to District 8 supervisor in 2005. In his role as supervisor, he has served on both the division’s ACA Compliance Team and on the policy committee formulating policies related to recent legislation. Davidson also received the 2011 KCCD award for Probation and Parole District Supervisor of the Year.

Mark Davidson is a native of Winchester and currently resides there with his wife, Missy.

Brigid Adams Promoted to Re-Entry Branch Manager

On November 1st, Brigid Adams was promoted to Re-entry Branch Manager. She has served as the Interim Branch Manager since April 2011.



Mark Davidson



Brigid Adams

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Promoted

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Prior to this promotion, Adams served as an Internal Policy Analyst III. Since 2004, she also served as the grant manager for all federal, state and foundation awards to the Department, where she was responsible for not only exploring grant opportunities but also complete grant management from the development of proposals and applications to ongoing financial and programmatic reporting.

Adams graduated Summa Cum Laude from Bellarmine University where she earned a Bachelor's degree in psychology and communications. She continued her education at Indiana University where she earned her Master's degree in business administration.

Adams currently resides in Louisville with her husband, Jason.

Terry Terrell Appointed to IT Branch Manager

On December 1st, Terry A. Terrell was appointed as the Information Technology Branch Manager for the Department.

Terrell began his state government career with the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority as a Systems Analyst. In 2004, he was promoted to the position of Resource Management Analyst III with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Office of Information Technology.

In 2007 he served as an analyst on the award winning KY-Child Application. The KY-Child Application beat out seven other states to win a national award at the American Council for Technology Conference in Virginia. In 2008, Terrell was the lead analyst on the award winning KY Vital Event Tracking System (KVETS). The KVETS application won the Most Innovative Use of Technology - Government award at the Kentucky Digital Summit Best of Kentucky Awards.

Terrell is a graduate of Florida Community College of Jacksonville where he earned an Associate's degree in business. He has also completed the Certified Managers Fundamentals course of the Certified Public Managers Program through Kentucky State University.



Terry Terrell

Terrell currently resides in Franklin County with his wife and son.

Robert Taylor Promoted to District 16 Supervisor

On November 1st, Robert Taylor was promoted to supervisor of District 16 in Louisville. District 16 covers the northeast section of Jefferson County.

Taylor started his career with the Department of Corrections in 2003 as an officer in the Louisville Southwest Office. He subsequently transferred to District 14 where he served as both a felony and sex offender officer before returning to Louisville in 2009. He was promoted to assistant district supervisor of District 17 in 2009.

He has served as a firearms instructor and a member of the ACA compliance review team with the Division of Probation and Parole. In addition, he was appointed to the Sex Offender Risk Assessment Advisory Board in 2008 and most recently served as a statewide trainer for the implementation of the LS/CMI risk and needs assessment.

Taylor is a 1997 graduate of Alice Lloyd College where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration.

Taylor currently resides in Louisville with his wife, Sandy, daughter, Erin and son, Elijah.



Robert Taylor

Shane Caudill Promoted to Assistant Supervisor

On November 1st, Robert Shane Caudill was promoted to assistant supervisor of District 14 in Versailles. District 14 covers ten counties including Bourbon, Garrard, Harrison, Jessamine, Lincoln, Nicholas, Pendleton, Robertson, Scott and Woodford.

Caudill served 5 years in the United States Air Force. He obtained the rank of staff sergeant and served as a crew



Robert Shane Caudill

*Employees Enjoyed
the Christmas Luncheon
at the Carter House*

CENTRAL OFFICE HOLIDAY SCENES



Top Left: Terry Terrell and Stephanie Appel are all smiles at the Holiday Celebration luncheon. Above: (left to right) Holly Murphy-Mattox, Brigid Adams, Sharon Brassfield, Ruth Edwards and Cheryl Million enjoy the food and the mild December weather. Top Right: (left to right) Lisa Howard, Kim Potter-Blair, Retired P&P Director Lee VanHoose and Tonya Raison. Middle Right: (left to right) Mike Lynn, Mary White, Judy Perkinson and Steve Turner wait in line as the luncheon begins. Bottom Right: Commissioner LaDonna Thompson (far right), is pictured with her three Deputy Commissioners (left to right) James Erwin, Kimberly Potter-Blair and Rodney Ballard.





Top Left: Alexis Williams gets ready to enjoy a plate of great food. Top Right: (left to right) Kevin Pangburn, Paula Holden and Annyette Fleming pick out their desserts. Middle Left: Mary Ann Sullivan and Allison Brown pose for picture in front of the Christmas tree. Middle Right: The Best Part: Dessert!! Bottom Left: A good turnout, a wonderful meal and great fellowship marked this year's Holiday Celebration luncheon.

Releases

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Certain offenders are not eligible:

- Offenders not eligible for parole by statute;
- Offenders convicted of a capital offense or Class A felony;
- Offenders classified as maximum or close security;
- Offenders sentenced to two years or less;
- Offenders subject to the provisions of KRS 532.043;
- Offenders who have six months or less to be served after his or her sentencing by a court of recommitment to prison for a violation of probation, shock probation, parole or conditional discharge;
- Offenders who have previously been released on Mandatory Re-Entry Supervision during their current period of incarceration.

“One of the main goals of this legislation is to continue to attack our recidivism issue,” said Thompson. “Working with offenders when they are first released, we believe, will have an impact on whether they return to custody or make a positive transition to the outside world.”



Above: (left to right) Aaron Smith, Tim Carman, Jeff Burton and Chris Copenhaver work in the Central Office Command Center to ensure that the Mandatory Re-entry Supervision releases go smoothly. Right: (left to right) Secretary J. Michael Brown, Commissioner LaDonna Thompson, Jennifer Brislin, and Carol Beth Martin look on as the day progresses. In the background, Lisa Lamb works the phones to keep the media apprised of the day's events.



As with other types of supervised release, the Department of Corrections Division of Probation and Parole will be responsible for the super-

vision of these offenders. Of the total number of inmates to be released, 178 of these projected releases are already in the community under home incarceration.

All discharged offenders will be monitored for progress and compliance and subject to return to prison if they violate the terms of their release.

Don't Miss Out!

**The Southern States Correctional Association (SSCA)
Mid-Winter Convnetion is just around the corner - January 19-22 at the
Lexington Griffin Gate Marriott.
It isn't too late to join or attend!
Go to www.SSCAweb.com**

DOC's Home Incarceration Program (HIP) CTOs



Amanda Adams



Jimmy Lowe



Ann Walton



Nell Glass



Don Werner



Mark Cook



Stacey Carnes-Darst



Gwen Burroughs



Above: (left to right) Central office Home Incarceration Program staff Melissa Moore, Tanya Stevens and Mavis McCowan.

HIP

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sentence to serve remaining. In July 2006, the program expanded to include county jails along with institutions. In addition, the number of days that an offender could participate in HIP increased to 90 days.

Currently an offender can be placed on HIP for up to 9 months.

In December 2010, the Department signed a contract with a new vendor, Leimac Contracting LLS.

This partnership has been a valuable resource that has enabled the Department to have over 400 offenders on HIP.

The Department's HIP program is administered through the Reentry/Home

Promotions

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chief of an F-15 fighter jet. Upon leaving the military, he continued his education at Eastern Kentucky University where he earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

Caudill began his career with the Department of Corrections in July 2005 as a probation and parole officer in Hopkinsville.

During his time with the division, he has also worked in the Monticello, Somerset and Danville probation and parole offices.

Caudill, a native of Knott County, currently resides in Rockcastle County with his son, Maison Douglas Caudill.

Hardwick Promoted to District 20 Supervisor

Jason Hardwick has been promoted to the position of supervisor of District 20 within the Division of Probation and Parole. Division Director Tim Carman made the announcement on January 6.

District 20 in Somerset encompasses eight counties including Clinton, Lincoln, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Wayne and Whitley.

"Jason has a proven record of integrity which is needed

for a position of leadership," said Carman. "We have every confidence that he will continue to be a great asset to the division and department in this leadership position."

Hardwick began his career with the Department of Corrections in May 2001 as a probation and parole officer in Somerset.

In January 2007, he was promoted to the assistant supervisor position in District 10. During his tenure with the department, he has served as a trainer for motivational interviewing and serves on the Community Corrections Board.

Hardwick is a 1998 graduate of Lindsey Wilson College where he earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He is also a 2007 graduate of the Commissioner's Executive Leadership Program.

Hardwick is a native of Pulaski County and currently resides there with his wife, Sarah, son, Jackson and daughter, Audrey.



Jason Hardwick

Home

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Incarceration Branch, with Brigid Adams as Branch Manager. HIP CTO staff work directly with offenders housed in local jail facilities and halfway houses throughout the state. HIP CTO's are: Ann Walton, Mark Cook, Jimmy Lowe, Don Werner, Nell Glass, Amanda Adams, Gwen Burroughs and Stacey Carnes-Darst. We do have one vacant position that covers far western Kentucky.

These field staff are supported by Central Office Program Administrator Mavis McCowan and Administrative Specialist III's Melissa Moore and Tanya Stevens.

During FY 2011, there were a total of

1,178 offenders who participated in HIP. Of those 1,178 offenders, 865 (73%) completed HIP successfully, 56 (5%) were sent back due to no violation of their own, 239 (20%) violated with the majority of those violations being drug and/or alcohol related. The additional 18 (2%) offenders continued on the program in the next FY and their completion dates are after July 1, 2011.

Offenders on HIP are required to wear an ankle device while being monitored by a local Probation and Parole officer.

The Home Incarceration Program has proven to be a successful reentry method. This program provides them an opportunity to obtain a job, re-establish family ties and re-integrate back into society, all while remaining incarcerated

via electronic monitoring. Since offenders are still classified as state incarcerated offenders, they continue to earn meritorious good time towards their sentences. Offenders on HIP are also able to apply for their SSI or disability, if eligible.

The Reentry/Home Incarceration Branch strives to increase public safety and reduce recidivism by enhancing the resources available to returning offenders/inmates and building a seamless reentry process.

The Branch will continue its mission in 2012 to coordinate resources and work collaboratively within the Department, while partnering with state agencies and the community. DOC strives to increase public safety by better preparing offenders to get a "Second Chance to Make a First Impression."

Larry Chandler Named Parole Board Chair

Larry Chandler has been appointed Chair of the Kentucky Parole Board by Governor Steve Beshear.

Chandler has served on the Board as a full-time member since March 2009. He retired from the Department of Corrections in September 2008 after a distinguished career with the DOC.

When he retired he was warden of the Kentucky State Reformatory (KSR), the same institution he began his career at 26 years earlier as a correctional officer.

When he retired, he left his mark on not only that prison, but the entire state correctional system.

Chandler served as warden of four prisons, KSR, Luther Lockett Correctional Complex, Green River Correctional Complex, and Bell County Forestry Camp.

In addition, he helped design the state's newest prison, Little Sandy Correctional Complex. He attained the

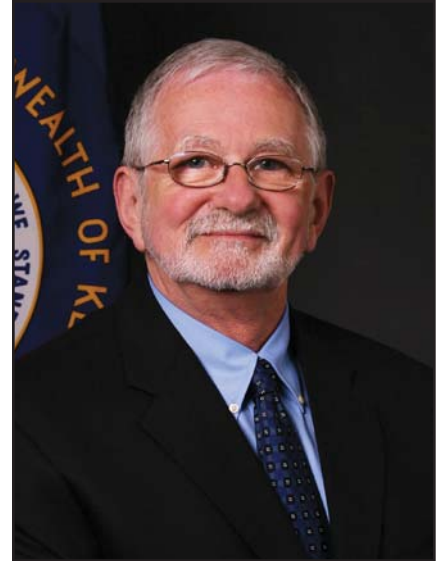
highest designation, Certified Corrections Executive (CCE), from the American Correctional Association and also attained the designation of a Certified Correctional Health Care Professional from NCCHC (National Commission on Correctional Health Care).

He was the first in Kentucky to receive these honors.

Twice Chandler was named, "Warden of the Year" by the Kentucky Department of Corrections, in 2006 and 1999, and twice in his career he was a nominee for the national Warden of the Year award presented by the North America Association of Wardens and Superintendents (NAAWS).

Prior to his career with the Department of Corrections, Chandler served for four years as the Trimble County Jailer, from 1978 to 1982.

Chandler received his bachelor's and master's degrees in Justice Administration from the University of Louis-



Larry Chandler

ville. He also has a master's degree in management from Brescia University.

He currently teaches criminal justice classes on a part-time basis at the University of Louisville.



Justice Cabinet's KECC Campaign Honored Once Again

Deputy Commissioner Kimberly Potter-Blair received an award from Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Secretary Marcheta Sparrow, the 2011 KECC Chair. The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet was honored as a "Key Campaign" in this year's overall campaign activities, raising \$126,726.74. That figure is 75% of our goal and all the fundraising reports are not in!

KCCD Chapters Help Kids Have Safe & Happy Halloween



Captain Stan Kinnis, Human Resource Specialist II Leigh Jent and Deputy Warden Vanessa Kennedy of the Four Rivers KCCD Chapter participated in a Trunk or Treat for kids at Halloween. All are employees of WKCC and Captain Kinnis is one of the new members of the Four Rivers KCCD Chapter!

Every year, the Louisville KCCD Chapter sponsors a Fall Festival Halloween party for the children of St. Joseph's Orphanage located on Frankfort Street in Louisville. Pictured at left: Back Row (standing left to right) Misty Hair, Patti Ray, Robert Lanning (Dismas), Alan Watt, Erika Watt, Goldie Roller, Sharon Veech and Danny Roller; Middle Row (sitting left to right) Ange Zysk, Amanda Dees, Abby McIntire, Paula Holden, Commissioner LaDonna Thompson and Mary Godfrey; Laying in front is Jonathan Mertz.



Above: KCIW Correctional Officer Patti Ray played a pretty good Hippie as she helped the kids decorate pumpkins. Right: Population Management Director Paula Holden (AKA Lady Bug) helped the children enjoy the event with some face painting.

Scarf Campaign Underway for Special Olympics



Special Olympics Kentucky recently asked for volunteers to crochet or knit scarves for the athletes, coaches and volunteers who'll participate in the 2012 State Winter Games from January 22nd to 24th at Perfect North Slopes in Lawrenceburg, Ind. KCCD's own Sharon Kouns crocheted and donated several scarves in response to the Special Olympics request. Pictured above: Sharon Kouns presents her scarves to KCCD President Tammy Lou Wright. For more information concerning donating scarves, you may visit Scarvesforspecialolympics.org or the Special Olympics Kentucky's Facebook page, or call (502) 695-8222.

2011 ASCA Midwest Directors' Conference Held in Kentucky

The 2011 Association of State Correctional Administrators (ASCA) Midwest Directors' Conference was held in Lexington, Ky., October 13-16.

Commissioner LaDonna Thompson is serving as regional representative for the organization and she planned the conference that featured a full three and half days of training.

The training ideas had been submitted to Commissioner Thompson in advance from her fellow commissioners and directors and focused heavily on technology



Secretary J. Michael Brown, Sen. Tom Jensen and Rep. John Tilley led a presentation during the 2011 ASCA Midwest Directors' Conference at the Lexington Griffin Gate Marriott in October. Commissioner LaDonna Thompson serves as the Regional Representative for the group.

issues affecting Corrections.

In addition Sen. Tom Jensen, Rep. John Tilley and Justice & Public Safety Cabinet

Secretary J. Michael Brown presented a session on House Bill 463, the landmark criminal justice reform legislation which passed the

Kentucky General Assembly last March.

The Corrections professionals also received media training and information on

Kentucky's electronic ACA audit.

The group was also feted with a wide range of Kentucky-themed activities.