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Awards Luncheon Draws Record Crowd

By Lisa Lamb
Communications Director

Our annual Awards Luncheon drew a record crowd, 540 attendees, to Lexington on Sept. 4.

Joseph Meko, the warden at Little Sandy Correctional Complex, was named "Warden of the Year."

Robert Taylor was named "Probation & Parole Supervisor of the Year." Taylor, who currently supervises District 16 in Louisville, has served

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Left: Commissioner LaDonna Thompson presented the "Warden of the Year" honor to Little Sandy Correctional Complex Warden Joseph Meko. Right: District 16 Supervisor Robert Taylor was selected as the Probation and Parole "Supervisor of the Year."

2013 Commissioner's Executive Leadership Program Begins

The first session of the 2013 Commissioner's Executive Leadership Program was held Sept. 30 in Frankfort. Forty DOC employees from throughout the department have been selected to participate in the program.

Commissioner LaDonna Thompson and all three Deputy Commissioners, Jim Erwin, Paula Holden, and Kimberly Potter-Blair, attended.

The kickoff included training on the Achieving Performance Excellence or "APEX" initiative. APEX facilitators worked with the class, that has been divided into eight teams, as they worked on an issue: "cost saving employee incentives," and reported their results at the end of the day.

The individual teams will use the APEX model as they work on their own project throughout the coming months.

The Sept. 30 session was one of the few classroom-based meetings for the participants. Future sessions include tours of an institution, probation and parole district, jail and half-way house.

DOC Receives ACA Golden Eagle

The American Correctional Association (ACA) presented the Department of Corrections with their "Golden Eagle" award for achieving department wide ACA accreditation.

In August Commissioner LaDonna Thompson attended the ACA conference in Washington D.C. and accepted the prestigious award on behalf of the department.

Kentucky is one of only three states in the nation to receive the Golden eagle award for both the Department of Corrections and the Department of Juvenile Justice.

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Probation and Parole Officer Shot, Wounded

Few things demonstrate the dangers associated with working in Corrections like the recent shooting of one of our Probation and Parole Officers.

Brian Melvin was shot and wounded Sept. 9 in Knott County while he, Olivia Newsome, Sloane Marcum and Joseph Ratliff were attempting to arrest a man who had absconded probation supervision on a three-year charge.

Knott County is in Probation and Parole District 11 which covers, Knott, Floyd, Letcher, Magoffin, Perry and Pike counties in eastern Kentucky.

A four-year veteran of the Kentucky Department of Corrections, Melvin sustained gunshot wounds to his arm and chest.

Due to the extent of his injuries and the time it would take an ambulance to arrive to the remote location, a passerby assisted by taking Melvin in her personal vehicle to meet the ambulance. He was then transported to Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Melvin underwent surgery and remained in the hospital for several days. He has returned to work.

Police at the scene noted Melvin was wearing his ballistic vest and said the vest probably saved the officer's life.

The shooting occurred at around 1 p.m. when the officers went to a residence in the Mousie community of Knott County in an attempt to serve a warrant on 28-year-old Rocky Wicker Jr. The home belonged to Wicker's father, Rocky Sr.

When Melvin approached the home to speak with the male subject he observed, Wicker Sr. opened fire on Melvin with a shotgun. He also fired on the state vehicle that was occupied

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LaDonna H. Thompson
Commissioner



P&P Officer Brian Melvin



The District 11 Probation and Parole Officers involved in the shooting are pictured above, (L-R) Joseph Ratliff, Brian Melvin, Olivia Newsome and Sloane Marcum.

by three other P&P officers. Melvin was able to take cover behind the vehicle and return fire. Wicker Sr. was not injured.

The four P&P officers were able to flee on foot to the nearby Mousie Post Office, where they called 911. The other officers had minor injuries from the shattered window glass, but they

were not hit by the gunfire.

Wicker Sr., 59, was located at his residence upon arrival by other law enforcement officers, and was taken into custody without further incident.

He is charged with four counts of attempted murder of a police officer

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Luncheon Memorable Not Only For Attendance



Left: Members of the Bell County Forestry Camp Honor Guard presented colors to start the 2013 DOC Awards Luncheon. This year's luncheon drew a record crowd of 540 to the Marriott Griffin Gate in Lexington on Sept. 4. The Honor Guard stood at attention while Johnson Central High School senior Marlana VanHoose sang the National Anthem. Among VanHoose's performances are appearances at Rupp Arena and the Kentucky Speedway. She has been featured in USA Today and CBS.

Awards

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with the division since 2003.

Meko was recognized for the importance he places on his staff, his ability to encourage his employees and for bringing new inmate programs and job opportunities to his institution.

Among the reasons Taylor was selected were his efforts to increase productivity and his dedication and initiative in making his district one of the most efficient in the state.

The "Rookie of the Year" award was presented to Zach Goins. Goins, who joined the department in July 2012, serves as a probation and parole officer in Harlan County. He was praised for his work performance and desire to do

things the right way.

Commissioner's Awards were presented to: Brian McGuire, Property Branch Section Supervisor; Darin Hunter, Lieutenant, Roederer Correctional Complex; Hezzie Turner, Lieutenant, Luther Luckett Correctional Complex (LLCC); Belinda Sanchez, Classification and Treatment Officer, Bell County Forestry Camp (BCFC); David Higgs, Fiscal Manager, Green River Correctional Complex; Cheri Kraus, Administrative Branch Manager, Kentucky Correctional Industries; Eric Sizemore, Internal Affairs Captain, Blackburn Correctional Complex; Jennifer Westphal, Corrections Regional Education Administrator, LLCC; David Short, Probation and Parole Officer, District 10;

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Above: District 10 Probation and Parole Officer Zach Goins was selected as the department's "Rookie of the Year."

Bell County Inmates Benefiting From Farming Project

By Brandy Calvert
UK Extension Agent

While it took an unfortunate situation to bring budding farmers to the Bell County Forestry Camp, inmates participating in the Grow Appalachia gardening program are fortunate to play a part in the project and are obtaining knowledge and skills that can help to sustain them throughout their lives.

The basic purpose of Grow Appalachia is to teach and support the people of Appalachia in addressing the tragedy of hunger in the region by learning to grow their own food to feed themselves.

In early 2009, the development office at Berea College received a call from an individual interested in helping families in the Appalachian mountains grow more of their own food. This gentleman was Tommy Callahan, Senior Vice President of Training and Development, John Paul Mitchell Systems (JPMS). Tommy was inquiring on behalf of John Paul DeJoria, co-founder and CEO of JPMS.

John Paul, as a businessman who had surmounted enormous odds in the process of building a very large business organization, is a man who strongly believes that, "Success not shared is failure." Among his other philanthropic activities, he had tackled the problem of hunger head on in Africa.

Over time he came to believe that it was time to address hunger and food security issues in the United States

Tommy, John Paul's long time business associate, is from

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Bell County Forestry Camp inmates participated in a project through the Bell County Cooperative Extension Service called "Grow Appalachia." The inmates planted two large gardens that produced hundreds of pounds of vegetables. Some of which was donated to a local food pantry.



Shooting

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and four counts of wanton endangerment 1st degree. He remains lodged in Kentucky River Regional Jail in Perry County and the case will be heard by the grand jury.

Rocky Wicker Jr. was not located at that time but the following day, Kentucky State Police, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, and Knott County Sheriff's Department converged on a residence in Knott County after receiving tips that Wicker Jr. was there.

Wicker Jr. reportedly fled from authorities as they arrived at the residence, and he was later located in a creek. He was charged with first-degree fleeing or evading police, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, resisting arrest, and two counts of a convicted felon in possession of

a handgun for Tuesday's events.

He was also served with several pending warrants, including probation violation in Kentucky, and for pending charges in Indiana.

"This was a frightening experience - for all our staff, but especially for Brian, Olivia, Sloane and Joseph," said Corrections Commissioner LaDonna Thompson. "The outcome could have been far worse. This is a startling reminder of the dangers our staff face day in and day out."

Central Region Branch Manager Becky Carter was integrally involved in the incident, primarily due to the fact the District 11 Supervisor's position is vacant.

"The Probation & Parole Officers involved showed courage and professionalism in maintaining public safety while protecting each other," said Carter.

A team of mental health professionals, trained to respond in a crisis, was dispatched to District 11 and has also conducted debriefings throughout the state.



Spotlight On A Veteran

Dennis Harden

This issue of "Spotlight on a Vet" focuses on Dennis Harden. Dennis started his career with the Department of Corrections in October 2004 as a probation and parole officer in District 7 which covers Boone, Kenton and Campbell counties. In May 2009 he was promoted to assistant supervisor of District 7.

Dennis Harden's employment with the Department of Corrections comes after a long and rewarding career with the U.S. Navy. In 1974 Harden, who was born and raised in Ludlow, Kentucky, said he and a friend were looking for work when they decided to join the Navy. He was only 18 years old at the time.

Harden said following boot camp, the navy offered to send him to operations specialist training in the field of radar operations. He did very well and finished in the top 10 percent of his class. His hard work paid off when he found out that the top 10 got to choose their assignment.

This led to Harden being stationed in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Not bad for a first assignment. He reported to his first ship, the USS Benjamin Stoddert, which had just returned from Vietnam where it evacuated the last of the refugees from the Vietnam War in April 1975.

Four months later, Harden was transferred to the USS Davidson and left the very next day for an eight month tour in the western Pacific Ocean to conduct exercises with other ships. Following this, he served almost one year on the USS Brunswick.

In July 1977, Harden transferred to Charleston, SC and was assigned to the USS Jesse Brown. During this tour, Harden underwent extensive training at Guantanamo Bay Cuba and deployed to South America to conduct multi-national training exercises with South American Navies. The ship's primary mission was anti-submarine warfare while guarding an aircraft carrier. Harden also became a "shellback" during this tour by crossing the equator while circling South America.

Upon completion of this training, Harden transferred to Virginia Beach where he served from 1980 to 1982 as an



Dennis Harden (left) pictured with his daughter, Jaclyn, at her promotional ceremony to the rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer. The ceremony was held on September 13, 2013 at the Point Mugu Naval Air Weapons Station in California.

Air Intercept Controller providing ground control for fighter jets. From there, he was assigned to the USS Brumby out of Charleston and completed two deployments to the Mediterranean Sea, one in 1983 and one in 1985.

In March 1987, Harden transferred to Chesapeake, Virginia and became an instructor for the Navy's Re-locatable Over the Horizon Radar system. This mobile radar system has the ability to send signals that refract off the ionosphere and can detect targets over the horizon up to 2,000 miles away.

Following the Gulf War in 1991, Harden was deployed to the Mediterranean and Red Seas on board the USNS Leroy Grumman. The Grumman participated in the multi-national



It's Official!

Kentucky Department of Corrections Commissioner LaDonna Thompson accepted the Golden Eagle award at the American Correctional Association summer conference in Washington, D.C. The award signifies that all major areas of the department: institutions, probation and parole, training, correctional industries, and central office are now ACA accredited. KCI and Central Office were accredited for the first time in June. Both areas received perfect audit scores.

Veteran

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Red Sea embargo of Iraq. Their mission was to provide support, including fuel, supplies and mail to the ships that were patrolling the Red Sea.

After this deployment, Harden received orders which actually brought him back home to Kentucky. He was assigned as a Navy recruiter in Maysville. He said it was nice to be back home, but he did not particularly care for this duty. He said he signed up to serve on ships and that was where his heart was. After serving in this position for one year he was able to transfer to China Lake, California where he served as a Command Career Counselor until he retired as Senior Chief Petty Officer in 1997.

Dennis Harden has two daughters named Jaclyn and Joni. He said that being deployed away from his family was probably harder on his daughters than it was on him because he stayed so busy on the ship. They would work around the clock; five hours on, seven hours off, seven hours on and five hours off. They were able to make phone calls, receive mail, and even got the occasional video tape from back home, but at that time there was no "skype" like they have today.

"You stay busy working," said Harden. "You learn to deal with it, like anything else."

In March 2000, three years after Harden retired, Jaclyn told him that she had joined the Navy. When asked how he felt about this he responded, "She did it and I didn't have any say, not that I would have tried to talk her out of it. I thought it would be good for her." He said so far she has served about half the time that he served and "if you look at the pictures...she has five rows of ribbons and I have three, so she is doing quite well."



Dennis Harden served on the USNS Leroy Grumman (pictured above) while it was deployed during the Red Sea embargo of Iraq following the Gulf War in 1991.

Jaclyn, like her father, was also deployed to the Middle East. In July 2011, she went to Afghanistan where she served for one year as a logistics specialist. Harden was very glad when she finally returned home. He said she is currently assigned to Port Hueneme in California. She was just promoted to the rank of Chief Petty Officer and Harden was able to travel to California to visit with her and participate in the promotional ceremony.

Dennis Harden said he is quite proud of his daughter and we at the DOC are proud of Dennis. He has served his country honorably and continues to serve the citizens of the Commonwealth.



Retirees Invited to Breakfast to Hear About the Program

NTC Begins Mentor Program For New Staff

Since the year 2000, more than 200 employees have retired from the Northpoint Training Center - taking more than 2,100 years of experience with them.

With so many young and inexperienced Correctional Officers on board, Warden Don Bottom developed a creative plan to provide select retirees the opportunity to become volunteer mentors to those officers.

Recently, more than 120 NTC retirees attended a breakfast where current Administrative, Program, and Security staff was introduced to their predecessors, and Warden Bottom addressed the group with his mentor plan.

"The request for the retirees to become mentors to our young staff was quickly embraced by several, and I am looking forward to developing this training relationship," said Warden Bottom.

More than 120 retirees recently gathered at Northpoint Training Center. The retirees attended a breakfast and learned about a mentoring program to be established by NTC. The program would help train new NTC staff using the expertise of the retirees.



Luncheon

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David Meeks, Policy and Procedures policy and procedures officer, Western Kentucky Correctional Complex; Benjamin Wells, assistant supervisor, District 20; Lisa Craigmyle, accountant III, Kentucky State Reformatory (KSR); Brian Melvin, probation and parole officer, District 11; Stephen Ison, corrections education administrator, LSCC; and Wayne Pearson, justice program specialist, KSR.

Department of Corrections Hero Awards were presented

to: Rick Jones, correctional officer, BCFC; Lloyd Watkins, social services clinician, District 16; Jennifer Del Valle, probation and parole officer, District 17; William Hoskins, correctional officer, BCFC; Mark Lyons, correctional officer, Northpoint Training Center; and probation and parole officers Kate Greer, Chris Gumm and office coordinator Sandy Silvestri, District 17.

A complete listing of the awards can be found on the Department's website at:

<http://corrections.ky.gov/about/Documents/2013%20Award%20winners.pdf>

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Commissioner's Award Winners



Left to right, rows 1-4: Brian McGuire, Hezzie Turner, Darin Hunter, Belinda Sanchez, David Higgs, Cheri Kraus, Eric Sizemore, Jennifer Westphal, David Short, David Meeks, Benjamin Wells, Lisa Craigmyle, Brian Melvin, Stephen Ison and Wayne Pearson.

DOC Staffers Receive Acknowledgement for Great Work

From: Bouton, Pat (DOC)
Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2013 10:51 AM
To: Hall, Johnathan (DOC)
Subject: Briney King

Jon, I want to take a moment to say how wonderful it is working with Briney King. Every time I ask her a question she responds as soon as she can and gives a complete explanation of the issue so I don't have to ask again. Which in turn I send out to Cheri and Michelle so they know (if they didn't already).

But Briney is a valuable asset to your dept. which I'm sure you already know but wanted to say so myself. If you have an Employee of the month award please put her name in from me.

Ms. Pat Bouton
Kentucky State Reformatory
Offender Information Supervisor

From: Morrell, Coleman (DOC)
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2013 8:08 AM
To: Lamb, Lisa (DOC)
Subject: I-LEAD at APPRISS

I am writing to tell you about the wonderful job that Tammy Lou Wright did setting up the I-LEAD visit to APPRISS.

Ms. Wright arranged an entire day's worth of interesting speakers and a tour of both APPRISS locations in Louisville. This was easily the best received session of the program by the participants, most of whom had little or no prior experience with VINE, victim advocacy, or any other services offered by APPRISS.

The entire day was professionally executed with great planning and was appreciated by all of the I-LEAD instructors as well. The I-LEAD team can't wait to go back next year!

Coleman Morrell
Division of Adult Institutions

Dear Warden Brown:

After witnessing the heroic efforts demonstrated by Officer Mann in actually saving inmate Jason Adkin's life in the dining room a few days ago, I felt that it would only be appropriate to send you a letter commending those efforts from Officer Mann.

I have spent a long time in prison Warden Brown, and it is not everyday in this highly charged atmosphere, where tension and high alert goes unrelieved, that one is a witness to someone being a hero. The professionalism and immediate response Officer Mann exhibited to protecting this inmate from literally dying on the scene in the Cafeteria calls for a reward to him! All those that witnessed his efforts, the attention that he provided the situation and the exclusive action which protected this man's life from coming to an end was beyond anything that I have witnessed in the fifteen (15) years that I have been incarcerated within the Kentucky Department of Corrections. His actions, courage, care and proactive response gave alot of people in this society a much different perspective on the stance that they had believed that the administration takes toward the inmates in their custody here @ GROC. While I cannot speak on behalf of all the guys here, I have spoke with Mr. Adkins. I believe that this incident has spurred a newfound outlook on his life when he has recovered from losing his over the smallest of situations that we take for granted everyday. It is those like Officer Mann whom need to be shown evidence of the appreciation for their heroic efforts!

In closing, I again state that words can't express just how much I can appreciate Officer Mann's value of human life, and the lengths he will go to save a life from destruction. I'm certain that what he has done has made a drastic impact in the life of Jason Adkins, as now Mr. Adkins is forever indebted to Officer Mann for saving him from death.

HDJ/hjp

cc. Rickie Williams
Ron Beck
Jason Adkins



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WKCC
WARDEN'S OFFICE

August 5, 2013

Warden Steve Woodward
Western Kentucky Correctional Complex
374 New Bethel Church Road
Fredonia, KY 42411

RE: Letter of Appreciation

Dear Warden Woodward,

I personally want to thank you for allowing some of your staff to assist us in a recent escape from the Christian County Jail. In the early morning hours on 17 July 2013, a young man escaped from the outdoor rec yard by climbing up a basketball goal. From the goal, he was then able to gain access to a small ledge covering a storage area. Once on the roof of the storage area, he somehow managed to scale a ten foot high section of a brick wall to gain access to the fencing that covered the rec yard. He was able to force a hole in the fencing and escape to the rooftop of the jail. From that point, he jumped off the roof and fled the area on foot.

Chief Deputy, Colonel Steve Howard, contacted WKCC in an attempt to inquire about assistance using the department's K9 team. The WKCC staff acted very professional and courteous throughout this process. The K9 team arrived at the jail with three staff members and two K9s. The team consisted of: Sergeant Jon Tangerose, C/O Andy Duncan, C/O Lucas Brummitte, K9 Cutter and K9 Dallas. K9 Cutter with his handler quickly picked up the track. They were able to locate the orange jumpsuit that the inmate shed on a creek bank behind the jail. They were able to follow the track for approximately one and half miles. The track went around a creek line, behind multiple buildings, across two bridges and through many residential yards. Eventually the track ended at the back of the city cemetery on some railroad tracks.

I enjoyed watching your team in action. I deeply appreciate their assistance that day. Please thank them again for all of their hard work and professionalism. I hope that we are able to repay the favor someday.

Sincerely,

Bradley L. Boyd
Jailer

From: Erwin, James
To: Thompson, LaDonna
Subject: DOC Corrections Education had top NCRC passing rate

This is a big accomplishment due to efforts of Martha and the teachers.

From: Paul, Joseph L (OETCO-FK)
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2013 7:54 AM
To: Slemple, Martha (DOC)
Subject: DOC NCRC / WorkKeys Report for FY13

Department of Corrections Education Leaders,
Please find attached your FY13 report from the KY NCRC system. As you can see, your examinees scored very well; this is a testament to the remediation they have received from your educators. In fact, your 78% pass rate was the highest of any in the partnership.

Good Job!!

J. L. Paul, MPA
NCRC Coordinator

Thanks

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From: Jones, Shannon J (DOC)
Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2013 11:01 AM
To: Chandler, Melissa (DOC); Hall, Johnathan (DOC); Lynn, Michael F (DOC)
Subject: RE: Thanks

You all are great to work with. Big thanks on this one.

Shannon Jones
Chair, KY Parole Board
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From: Chandler, Melissa (DOC)
Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2013 10:55 AM
To: Hall, Johnathan (DOC); Lynn, Michael F (DOC)
Cc: Jones, Shannon J (DOC)
Subject: Thanks

Good Morning,

Just wanted to say that the Board appreciated you bringing the Otis Martin case to their attention and I wanted to pass that along Thanks Michael!!

Melissa Chandler

From: Trotter, Sheila (DOC)
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2013 10:53 AM
To: Brown, Shonda (DOC)
Subject: Just a HEADS UP

Shonda,

Just wanted to let you know: Since I found out Eddie Newsome is who I needed to send these things to for CC and CD inmates, I kid you not, I have sent him 5 or 6 different inquiries in the last 24 hours! I get the feeling that they are already wishing they had never heard of me up there, but you can't tell it by the way they respond! You were right, they are quick, efficient and very polite! I don't know why, but I have run into a bunch of additional sentences that need to be calculated, detainers that need to be removed, and other "STUFF"! Having this info at this time was a big help! Thanks again!

Sheila Trotter
Justice Program Specialist
Roederer Correctional Complex

From: McIntosh, Melissa (DOC)
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 3:10 PM
To: Wright, Tammy Lou (DOC)
Subject: KCCD

Tammy Lou --

Just wanted to let you know what a great DV session you all presented last week. I found it sort of surprising that you said you had to sort of "trick" audience participants to show up to the session by naming it "Green Light - Red Light." When I read the bios, your all's session was the one I was really looking forward to; it's odd to me that conference attendees would actually avoid a domestic violence presentation.

At any rate, the session was good - Mr. Bales from Appriss and Ms. Bartlett from the Mary Byron Foundation were dynamic presenters and the session was informative. Both organizations, as well as your office, provide such tremendous services to crime victims across the state. VINE provides peace of mind to DV and stalking victims - a commodity that is rare to come by in those scenarios.

Thank you so much for the preparation that no doubt went into your presentation, as well as for your efforts with victims every day. You make such a difference.

Best,

Melissa McIntosh, MS, CTO #C-34
Luther Luckett Correctional Complex, Special Mgmt. Unit



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BRENT YONTS
15th Legislative District

July 17, 2013

Mr. Steve Woodward, Warden
Western Kentucky Correctional Complex
374 New Bethel Church Road
Fredonia, Kentucky 42411

Dear Warden Woodward:

I appreciate the hospitality extended to the Judiciary Committee during our recent visit and committee meeting. This is not the first time I have been to the facility. I can say categorically that I always find it very clean, and have not noticed any disruptive behavior by any of your inmates. I am particularly impressed by your SAP statistics, the program you are administering under state law and direction. Again, I appreciate your hospitality. If I can be of assistance in any way, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Brent Yonts
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From: James West
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2013 8:54 AM
To: 'Tatia.Moore@ky.gov'; James West; 'tara.higgins@ky.gov'
Subject:

Officer Tatia Moore,

I had Cassie give me your email because I wanted to thank you for identifying [REDACTED] in the surveillance photo's. I received several leads and was following up on some when I decided to follow up on [REDACTED]. Due to your attention to detail, I was able focus on him, persuade him to come to HQ for an interview, and gain a confession for a Burglary 2' and Indecent Exposure. This saved me many hours of interviews and tracking potential suspects. The victims of these crimes and I would just like to give you a big THANK YOU for your assistance.

Thanks Much,
Detective Jim West
Covington Police Department

Employee Recognition, News

Key Promotions Announced Throughout DOC

Ravonne Sims Promoted to Warden at RCC

Ravonne Sims has been promoted to warden at the Roeder Correctional Complex (RCC) in LaGrange. Sims assumed her new duties Aug. 16.

Sims began her career in 1999 as a classification and treatment officer at the RCC Assessment Center. In 2000 she received a promotion outside of the Department of Corrections as a microbiologist I with the Department for Public Health.

Sims returned to the Department of Corrections in 2001. In 2003, she was promoted to corrections unit administrator I at Luther Luckett Correctional Complex (LLCC).

Two years later she was promoted to CUA II and assigned to the Kentucky State Reformatory where she supervised the prison's 130-bed segregation unit. In 2007 Sims transitioned to Unit A at the Reformatory which houses approximately 700 offenders and includes the prison's Nursing Care Facility. She also served as KSR's back-up public information officer.

Sims served on the Corrections Emergency Response Team at RCC and LLCC from 2002-2005 and has received training in hostage negotiations. In 2009 she was appointed to coordinate classification issues at Northpoint Training Center for offenders involved in the disturbance that occurred in August 2009.

In 2011, Sims was promoted to deputy warden of operations at the Reformatory and supervised the institution's support services including the medical department, mental health, food service, Correctional Industries, religious and recreation services. In 2012 she was named the deputy warden of security.

Sims is a graduate of the University of Louisville where she earned bachelor's degrees in biology and psychology. She is also a 2006 graduate of the Commissioner's Executive Leadership Development program.



Ravonne Sims

Roberto Rodriguez Named Probation & Parole Director

Roberto "Bob" Rodriguez, who has more than 30 years of experience in pre- and post-adjudication community corrections programs, has been appointed as director of the Division of Probation and Parole.

Rodriguez began his career in the criminal justice field in 1979 as a release on recognizance interviewer with the New York City Criminal Justice Agency in the borough of Manhattan and was later promoted to supervisor with the same agency working at central booking in the NYPD headquarters. In 1987 he was appointed program supervisor for the Orange County Department of Corrections Pretrial Services' Program in Florida, and from 1987 to 1998 was additionally responsible for inmate initial classification, administrative booking and first appearance bond hearings for offenders. In 1998 he became the unit supervisor for the Orange County (Fla.) Probation Unit, and in 2001 was appointed probation director for the Office of Probation in Osceola County, Fla. He retired from that position in 2008.

His most recent position was manager of Sentinel Offender Services in Georgia, where he oversaw electronic monitoring programs, managed probation supervision, established pretrial diversion and pretrial release programs and secured electronic monitoring contracts with law enforcement agencies.

Rodriguez received his bachelor's degree from Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y., and attained the designation of Certified Public Manager (CPM) from Florida State University in Tallahassee.



Roberto Rodriguez

Fred Siegelman Appointed as Director of KCI

Fred Siegelman has been appointed as the Director of Kentucky Correctional Industries (KCI). He assumed his new duties July 1.

Siegelman served as a Versailles city councilman from 1996 through 1998, before being elected as mayor of Versailles. He served as mayor from 1999 through 2013 and is one of only one of two mayors in the history



Fred Siegelman

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Promotions

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of Versailles to serve four consecutive terms. While there he served his constituents and community in many positive ways by enhancing the quality of life for the entire community.

He has also owned and operated multiple Little Caesars restaurants throughout central Kentucky for more than 25 years.

Siegelman has also served on numerous boards, including the Kentucky League of Cities Insurance Trust Board, the Bluegrass Area District Development board, the Kentucky Fire Commission Board and the local Chamber of Commerce.

Cortney Shewmaker Promoted to Assistant Director of Probation and Parole

Cortney Shewmaker has been promoted to assistant director of the Division of Probation and Parole. Shewmaker assumed her new duties Oct 1.

In her new position, Shewmaker will oversee operations and staff within the Division of Probation and Parole in the absence of the director. She will also assist the director in providing direction and guidance to supervisory staff.



Cortney Shewmaker

The Division of Probation and Parole currently has 45,660 offenders on probation or parole supervision and 798 staff.

Shewmaker served as deputy administrator for the Interstate Compact Office overseeing parole operations for the past two years. The Interstate Compact Office controls the movement of probationers and parolees across state lines and provides for the appropriate supervision of these offenders.

Shewmaker began her career with the Division of Probation and Parole as an officer in District 14 in 2005. She had previously worked for the Administrative Office of the Courts and as a deputy jailer. While an officer in Lincoln County, she was a member of the Lincoln County Drug Court team. In 2007, she was promoted to assistant district supervisor for District 14. In 2009 Shewmaker served on Probation and Parole's compliance team as the division worked toward re-accreditation with the American Correctional Association (ACA). She has also served as a trainer for the department's risk/needs assessment tool.

Shewmaker is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University where she earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. She is also a graduate of the Commissioner's Executive Leadership Program.

Keith Helton Promoted to Deputy Warden at EKCC

Keith Helton, a 16-year veteran of the Department of Corrections, has been promoted to deputy warden at the Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex (EKCC) in West Liberty. Helton assumed his new duties July 16.

Helton began his DOC career in May 1997 as a correctional officer at EKCC. He was promoted to lieutenant and transferred to Little Sandy Correctional Complex when that facility opened in May 2005 and was again promoted to corrections unit administrator in May 2006.

In August 2010, Helton returned to EKCC upon his promotion to captain. In January 2011, he was promoted to senior captain and has been the acting deputy warden at EKCC since June 2012.

He currently serves as EKCC's Corrections Emergency Response Team (CERT) commander and is also the eastern region CERT commander.

Helton is a graduate of both the 2007 Commissioner's Executive Leadership Development Program (CELDP) and the CELPD Alumni class in 2012. He is also the recipient of the 2007 Achievement award from LSCC and the 2011 Achievement award from EKCC.



Keith Helton

Mark Stonex Promoted to P&P Branch Manager

Mark Stonex has been promoted to western region branch manager for the Division of Probation and Parole. The western region includes probation and parole districts 1, 2, 3, 5, and 13 and encompasses 41 counties. Stonex most recently served as District 3 supervisor, a position he's held since 2008.

During his 19-year career Stonex has held many positions including assistant supervisor in District 2, and captain/shift commander at the Warren County Regional Detention Center.

Stonex developed "PORTAL" (Parolee Orientation, Rehabilitation, Training, and Assimilation Lesson Plan to Success). The program provides basic life skills programming for parolees, shock probationers and select probationers upon release



Mark Stonex

Promoted

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from incarceration or being placed on supervised probation. These offenders are under the jurisdiction of the Kentucky Division of Probation and Parole.

A frequent guest faculty member at the Probation and Parole Officers' Basic Academy, Stonex specializes in community supervision, motivational supervision strategies and re-entry. He is currently involved in projects reviewing day reporting/technical violation centers, standards for non-contract facilities, and staffing and expansion of re-entry efforts in Kentucky.

A graduate of Western Kentucky University, Stonex completed a two-year planning residency with the Barren River Development District.

Stonex is a member of the American Correctional Association, Kentucky Council on Crime and Delinquency, Knights of Columbus, Glock Sport Shooting Foundation, Green River Gun Club, and he is a frequent volunteer at St. Joe School in Bowling Green.

Dan Fountain Promoted to P&P Branch Manager

Dan Fountain has been promoted to the position of administrative branch manager of the Eastern Region for the Division of Probation and Parole. The region consists of five supervisory districts with offices in Catlettsburg, London, Mount Sterling, Newport and Prestonsburg. Fountain assumed his new duties Oct. 1.

Fountain began his career with the Department of Corrections in 2002 as a felony supervision officer in District 18. In 2004 he transferred to District 17 as a misdemeanor supervision officer. Fountain was promoted to assistant supervisor of the District 9 Lexington field office in 2007. He transferred to District 19 in 2008, where he was instrumental in initiating the PORTAL program. He also served on the Newburg Weed and Seed Steering Committee and the Newburg Justice Reinvestment Pilot Re-entry Program.

In 2012, Fountain transferred to District 17 where he continued his involvement in the Shawnee/Newburg Justice Reinvestment Program. He was also a volunteer with the Justice Reinvestment Beautification and Community Garden project, which allowed participants to give back to Louisville's Newburg area. He is also a current member of the Kentucky Council on Crime and Delinquency.

In 2011, Fountain was the recipient of a Commissioner's

Award for his reentry program participation and volunteerism.

Fountain is a 2002 graduate of the University of Louisville, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in justice administration. He is also a 2007 graduate of the Commissioner's Executive Leadership Development Program.

Angela Howard Promoted to District 8 Assistant Supervisor

Angela Howard has been promoted to assistant supervisor of District 8 which encompasses Bath, Breathitt, Clark, Estill, Lee, Madison, Menifee, Montgomery, Owsley, Powell, Rowan and Wolfe counties. The district office is located in Mt. Sterling with field offices in Campton, Irvine, Morehead and Richmond. Howard assumed her new duties Aug 16.

Howard began her career with the Department of Corrections in 2002 after transferring from the Cabinet for Families and Children, where she served as a social worker. She was initially hired as a probation and parole officer and assigned to Greenup County in District 8. In 2005, she transferred to Montgomery County where she first supervised a regular caseload and later supervised a sex offender caseload. In 2007, she transferred again, this time moving to Rowan County, where she has remained until this promotion.

Howard is a 1998 graduate of Morehead State University where she earned a bachelor's degree in sociology with an emphasis in criminology. She is also the recipient of the 2010 DOC achievement award for District 8.



Angela Howard

Tim Horn Promoted to District 8 Assistant Supervisor

Tim Horn has been promoted to assistant supervisor of District 8 which encompasses Bath, Breathitt, Clark, Estill, Lee, Madison, Menifee, Montgomery, Owsley, Powell, Rowan and Wolfe counties. The district office is located in Mt. Sterling with field offices in Campton, Irvine, Morehead and Richmond. Horn assumed his new duties Aug 16.

Horn began his career with the Department of Corrections in 2004 as a probation & parole officer in Madison County.



Tim Horn



Agency Spotlight

What is a Compact? It is simply an agreement between states.

Compacts date back to colonial times and states have made agreements among themselves covering a wide range of other issues and activities, including use of natural resources, transportation, and crime control.

The Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision was first established in 1937. It is a formal agreement between member states that promotes public safety by controlling the movement of certain adult offenders who transfer their supervision across state lines.

In 1998, the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) Advisory Board directed its staff to begin pursuing a revision of the compact. The revision was necessary because states had agreed to conduct business under the compact but there was no process to address states who failed to abide by the rules.

There was also a need for developing a more modern administrative structure that provided for rule-making and rule-changing over time. It also required the development of a modern data collection and information sharing system among the states, and one that was adequately funded to carry out its tasks. Victims were also crying out for assistance in tracking these offenders and holding states responsible.

The new compact is the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS) and the national office is located in Lexington, Kentucky. The Interstate Commission oversees the day-to-day oversight of the compact between the states.

The ICAOS allows for enforcement of the Compact on member states for noncompliance by imposing fines and

Interstate Compact: Monitoring Offenders Who Transfer Supervision Across State Lines



Kentucky's Interstate Compact Office staff are pictured above (L-R): Support staff for Probation, LaVon Hill and Debbie Nutgrass; Support staff for Parole, Janet Wheatley, and Deputy Compact Administrator for Probation Steve Turner.

fees, remedial training and technical assistance, legal enforcement, and suspension or termination of membership in the Compact.

The Kentucky Interstate Compact office is staffed with two deputy compact administrators and three support staff. The Deputy Compact Administrator for Probation is Steve Turner and the Deputy Compact Administrator for Parole is currently vacant. Interstate Compact support staff for Probation includes Debbie Nutgrass and LaVon Hill, and Janet Wheatley serves as support staff for Parole.

Currently there are close to 6,200 Interstate Compact offenders who are being supervised in and out of the state of Kentucky.

The Interstate Compact Offender Tracking System (ICOTS) is a nationwide web-based system that facilitates the transfer of supervision for proba-

tioners and parolees from one state to another.

The Interstate Compact office oversees the transfer of offenders' obligations from one state to another. Kentucky Interstate Compact monitors all actions submitted in the Interstate Compact Offender Tracking System.

Some of these actions include Transfer Requests/Replies, Request for Reporting Instructions/Replies, Violation Reports/Replies, Case Closures/Replies, and Progress Reports. The Interstate Compact office verifies all information submitted is correct and meets the guidelines and rules of the Compact. Compact staff stay in constant communication with other states, working out problem cases or notifying of non-compliance. All 50 states and U.S. Territories: District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands are members of the Interstate Compact.

Department Presented ASCA Scholarship



Left to Right – Mike Scott, Ruth Scott, scholarship recipient Suzanne Scott and Commissioner LaDonna Thompson.

Child of DOC Employee Received Continuing Scholarship Award

The Department of Corrections was proud to present a continuing education scholarship check in the amount of \$500 to Suzanne Scott.

The Association of State Correctional Administrators (ASCA) awards the annual scholarships and the recipients must be the son or daughter of a corrections employee within an ASCA-member DOC. This year's scholarship award winners were selected from a total of nearly 700 applicants.

Scott is the daughter of District 13 Probation and Parole Officer Mike Scott. She is a senior at Western Kentucky University, majoring in Biology/Pre-Med. She has already been accepted into the University of Louisville's School of Medicine and will start Fall 2014.

Farming

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Harlan County and has a deep sensitivity towards the challenges that face Appalachian families every day. From there, Grow Appalachia was born and the project took on partners. One of those partners is Bell County's own Henderson Settlement.

Jackie Waldroop, the Director of Grow Appalachia at Henderson Settlement, has teamed up with Bell County Forestry Camp Warden Kathy Litteral. BCFC inmates have two flourishing gardens that have produced hundreds of pounds of vegetables this summer.

Warden Litteral is excited about having the Grow Appalachia program at the prison.

"For years, I have noticed that inmates need something to take care of," said Litteral. "I had a houseplant on my desk that needed attention, and they would offer to pick the dead leaves off of it or water it."

Litteral said she realized that the ability to nurture something gives individuals a sense of pride and helps in the re-entry process that inmates will go through.

In addition to learning the basics of gardening and maintaining the two on-site gardens, inmates are learning about their health through information and lessons provided by Bell County Cooperative Extension Service Agents.

The Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service is the most comprehensive outreach and engagement program at the University of Kentucky. The Extension Service's mission is to make a difference in the lives of Kentucky citizens through research-

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Kathy Litteral

Warden

Bell County Forestry Camp

based education. Jointly with Kentucky's other land-grant partner, Kentucky State University, Extension takes the University to the people in their local communities, addressing issues of importance of all Kentuckians.

Bell County Agriculture Extension Agent Stacy White has lent his expertise and University-provided information to the participants at the prison on several occasions.

Bell County Family and Consumer Science Extension Agent Rebecca Miller and SNAP-ED Assistant Gail Brock taught participants a lesson on heart health. The inmates learned about cardiovascular disease, risk factors, dietary factors and the ways to keep their hearts healthy. Inmates prepared a heart healthy recipe, oven baked tomatoes, following the lesson.

The inmates indicated that they will aim for fitness with their dietary decisions in the future. By aiming for a healthy weight, becoming physically active, choosing a variety of grains, fruits and vegetables daily, a diet low in saturated fats and cholesterol, limiting sugar, salt and alcohol intake, inmates can better their heart health and prolong their lives.

GRCC Canine Team Tracks Down Jail Escapee

On August 14, an inmate escaped from the Ohio County Detention Center. The local sheriff's department, believing they had located an area where the escapee was hiding, called and requested the assistance of the Green River Correctional Complex's canine tracking team. Correctional officers Casey Foster and Robert Norton responded to the scene with three of GRCC's bloodhounds.

After being provided with a scent sample of the escapee, Officer Foster and "Lady," one of the most experienced bloodhounds, were able to successfully track down the escapee in just 36 minutes. He was found hiding in a barn and was arrested without incident and returned to the Ohio County Detention Center.

"I am very proud of my officers



Above (left to right): Green River Correctional Complex Officers Robert Norton and Casey Foster, pictured with "Lady."

and canines," said GRCC Warden Alan Brown. "Their performance was exceptional."

The officers and bloodhounds go

through continuous extensive training and are not only utilized to track escapees, but are also available to assist in searching for any missing persons.

Promote

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During his tenure with the department, he has performed numerous duties including supervising a regular caseload, presentence investigation preparation and serving as a member of the 25th Judicial Circuit Drug Court Team.

Horn is currently a District 8 firearms instructor, security threat group coordinator and back-up re-entry liaison. He has completed basic training in Moral Reconciliation Therapy and "Train the Trainer," and began teaching classes to probation and parole officers during annual in-service training.

A 1992 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, Horn earned a bachelor of science degree in corrections and juvenile services. He has also been selected to participate in the 2013 Commissioner's Executive Leadership Development Program.

New Kentucky Parole Board Members Sworn In



Governor Steven L. Beshear appointed two new members to serve on the Kentucky Parole Board. They were sworn in on July 23, 2013, by the honorable Judge Thomas D. Wingate at the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet in Frankfort. Pictured above (left to right) are the two new parole board members, Lee VanHoose and Sharon Hardesty, along with Judge Wingate, far right.

Staff Across the State Work Hard for Worthy Causes



Probation & Parole - Districts 2, 3 and 19

Top Left: The Hopkinsville Probation and Parole Office supported the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk, held Sept. 28 in Christian County. The Memory Walk is the nation's largest event to raise funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. The P&P office held a "Pie Your Boss Day" in order to raise money. District Supervisor Kim Henagan and Assistant Supervisors Amy Kearns, Trinity Haddock and Sally Beard made themselves available for this worthy cause. Employees were able to purchase pies and they raised \$105. In the top photo, Henagan seems to enjoy rubbing the 'pie' in Haddock's face! Center: Kearns has a smile on her face despite just being hit with a pie. In the letter (right) District 2's September Community Service Project was a donation of \$169 to the Shrine Circus, Bowling Green. Thousands of children from the area will receive free tickets thanks to generous sponsors and contributors like Probation and Parole. Top Right: District 19 Officers Kelly Murphy, Kendra Dye, Ebone Weathers, Jonathan "Dudley" Harris, and Jessie Sides participated in the Lupus Walk in Louisville on Sept. 28. Below left and right: P&P District 3 collected \$146 by charging \$1 for 'Friday Jean Day.' Left: (L-R) Back Row - Kevin Pardue, Michael Hester, and Hannah Keffer; Middle row - Katie Green, Holly Avery and Angela Johnson; Front row - Treva Martin, Mark Stonex and Shannon O'Hara. The money was donated to the Bowling Green/Warren County Humane Society to assist them with operating expenses relating to their "No Kill Shelter." The Probation and Parole staff also toured the facility after making the donation.



Department of Probation & Parole
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October 2, 2013

2013 Rizpah Shrine Circus
P.O. Box 1257
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42102-1257

To Whom It May Concern:

Please find enclosed checks totaling \$169.00 from the Office of Probation and Parole, District Two. It is our hope that our small gift will assist you in providing a spectacular event for some very special children in our community.

May your organization continue to be blessed.

Sincerely,

[Signature]



More Great Examples of DOC Lending a Helping Hand



Institutions - GRCC

The Green River Correctional Complex Staff Canteen raises money by utilizing such things as the car wash program. They recently made donations to two non-profit organizations in their area. Both organizations were very grateful to the staff at GRCC for their help and support. Pictured above left: Warden Alan Brown presented a check for \$1,297.50 to Mariam Patterson representing the Muhlenberg County Humane Society. Pictured above right: Brown presented a check for \$1,297.50 to Roger Arbuckle, president of the Muhlenberg County Children's Fund.



KCCD Makes Donation From Catastrophic Fund

Western Kentucky Correctional Complex Officer Stan Redick was presented with a \$500 Catastrophic Fund donation from KCCD (Kentucky Council on Crime and Delinquency). The money will assist with Redick's medical expenses regarding his pacemaker replacement. Presenting the check was WKCC Deputy Warden and KCCD Secretary DeEdra Hart. Hart said Redick was very appreciative of the assistance and with this donation, will be able to get the pacemaker replaced.

KCCD Chapter Holds Poker Run for Spina Bifida



The KCCD Louisville Chapter sponsored a Poker Run for Spina Bifida on Oct. 12. Spina Bifida is the most common permanently disabling birth defect in the United States. Every day, about eight babies born in the United States have Spina Bifida or a similar birth defect of the brain and spine. Above: KCCD members register those attending. Left: LLCC Senior Captain Jay Whitfield heads out on the route.

Rugged Maniac Obstacle Course No Match for DOC Staff

Kentucky DOC staff found an exciting team building activity recently - and it wasn't for the faint hearted!

Several employees from the Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women (KCIW), an employee from Roeder Correctional Complex and one from Population Management participated in the award-winning "Rugged Maniac 5K Obstacle Course in Paoli Peaks, Ind.

The day was filled with epic obstacles and live bands.

The event features a 3.1-mile course filled with over 20 obstacles designed to push participants to their limits.

KCIW's team said while waiting for their turn on the course, they were able to hang out with thousands of other 'maniacs' in the festival area where they could ride mechanical bulls, play muddy tug-of-war, pretend to be a kid in the adult bounce houses, or just hang out and listen to the bands while enjoying some tasty food or beverages.

The course's obstacles were constructed by an experienced crew of licensed contractors. These weren't the pop-up kiddie obstacles you see at other races. Team

"We spent the day in the perfect balance between fun and physicality."

KCIW Rugged Maniacs

KCIW climbed over walls up to 20' high, slid down a 100' water slide, jumped over fire, crawled through tunnels of mud and faced a host of other challenges all while running through a combination of forests, fields, motocross tracks and ski slopes!

The KCIW Rugged Maniacs were: Pam Clayton, Deanna Monroe, Brandy Aston, Jessica Johnson, Jenny Noe and Mary Hargis.

Also participating was RCC's April Hall and Amanda Dees, Population Management.

All proceeds benefitted USO, whose mission is to "help those who need it the most: troops serving in combat, their families, our wounded warriors and their families, and families of the fallen."



Top: DOC participants crawled under barbed wire. **Below:** Amanda Dees, Population Management, survived the day!



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Top left: The KCIW Rugged Maniacs BEFORE the course: Pam Clayton, Deanna Monroe, Brandy Aston, Jessica Johnson, Jenny Noe and Mary Hargis; **Top right:** Mary Hargis, Jessica Johnson and Deanna Monroe on the balance beams! **Bottom left:** KCIW's Jenny Noe (left) led the way and Jessica Johnson handled the mud slide with ease.



NIC Training

Training staff from across the state assembled in the KCIW visiting room on September 26th for the National Institute of Correction's presentation of Instructor Theory Into Practice (ITIP). The training is part of the NIC's Central Regional Training Initiative which includes correctional professionals from North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Ohio and Kentucky. Beth Kreger, a Regional Field Coordinator for the NIC, and Travis Johnson from the Ohio DOC were on hand to deliver the training to more than 30 Adult Institution, Jailer, and Probation and Parole training staff.



Left: The course consisted of over 20 obstacles, including fire - requiring the participants to jump over the flame. RCC's April Hall showed great form as she leapt over fire. Above: The KCIW team AFTER the course!

CERT



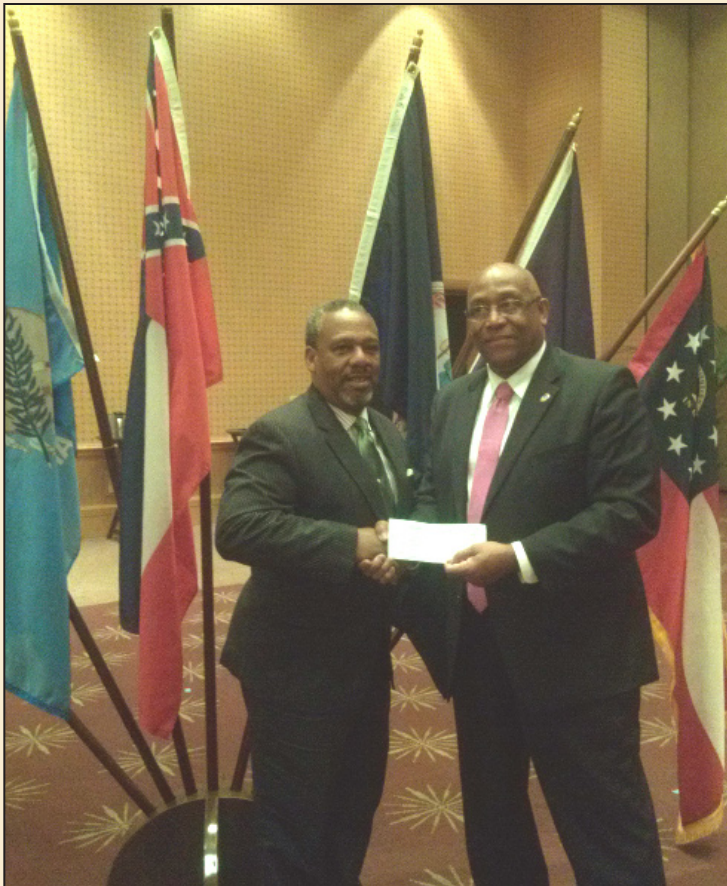
In September Corrections Emergency Response Team (CERT) Basic Training and Joint CERT Training was held in LaGrange at the Central Region Training Center. Basic was held Sept. 9-13 and DOC staff members from all the prisons across the state came together to begin a week of difficult training to become a part of CERT. The week consisted of Critical Incident Training including riot control and escapes, OC (pepper spray), TASER, PepperBall, chemical agents, less lethal, distraction devices, and 40mm certifications with a simulated emergency situation at the end for entire team response. Joint CERT Annual Training was held Sept. 18-19 and Corrections Emergency Response Team Members and 54 Hostage Negotiation Team Members from all the prisons across the Commonwealth attended. During the two-day exercise HNT Members trained on hostage negotiating functions and put all the members through intense scenarios. The CERT members were trained on Enhanced Defensive Techniques, Cell Entry, Restraint Chair, Searches, Hospital Restraints, Edged Weapons Defense and Weapons overview. On day two they were put to the test to put everything they'd learned into action in a series of timed events. In the bottom right photo, Commissioner LaDonna Thompson fired a prototype flashbang out of a 40mm launchable weapon for Simunitions. "She is the first commissioner to ever come out and join us," said State-wide CERT Commander Greg Howard. "They are still talking about it... about her supporting us and actually being part of a demonstration." In the two photos center left (L-R) Sgt. Jessica Johnson, Officers Brandi Aston, Deanna Monroe and Stacy Snowden from KCIW take part in the TASER demonstration and are pictured before and after the demonstration. KCIW CTO Jeremy Davis applied the TASER.



LSCC Honor Guard Presented Colors at College Football Game



On Sept. 28, the LSCC Color guard presented colors for the Kentucky Christian College homecoming game against Georgetown College. Members of the LSCC Color Guard are Sergeants Michael Cepeda, Brian Dickerson and David Garris along with Correctional Officers Jason Howard, Brayden Brickey, and John Stamper. In the photo above, LSCC Warden Joseph Meko reviewed the Honor Guard before the game. *(Photos courtesy of KCU student photographer Lauren McGinnis)*



A Thank You - From Oklahoma DOC

KCCD received a thank you letter (below) from the Oklahoma Department of Corrections for the organization's donation to the ODOC Employee Fund tornado relief effort. The letter also stated that ODOC Interim Director Ed Evans was going to give KCCD an Award of Appreciation. At left: KCCD President James Sweatt (left) presented the donation to Evans.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

September 30, 2013

Ray Canterberry, President
Kentucky Council on Crime and Delinquency
2605 W. Highway 146
LaGrange, Kentucky 40031

Dear Mr. Canterberry:

The employees of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections (ODOC) would like to express their heartfelt gratitude for the charitable donation made by the Kentucky Council on Crime and Delinquency to the ODOC Employee Fund tornado relief efforts. On behalf of the employees of ODOC, Mr. Ed Evans, Interim Director, would like to present to you an Award of Appreciation in recognition of the generosity and support shown by your organization, at the Fall Officers Meeting on October 12 and 13th in Savannah, Georgia.

If this is not convenient for you, we will make other arrangements to make the presentation. Please call or email Lori Smith at (405) 425-2511 or lori.smith@doc.state.ok.us so that we can confirm your attendance or make alternative arrangements.

Sincerely,
Tina Hicks
Tina Hicks, Chief
Administrative Services

CC: LaDonna H. Thompson, Commissioner