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Annual Awards Luncheon Honors DOC's Best

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The 2012 Department of Corrections' Annual Awards Luncheon was held at the Griffin Gate Marriott in Lexington.

This year's ceremony was held in conjunction with the joint SSCA / KCCD conference. There were approximately 500 attendees from across the state who turned out for the largest DOC event of the year.

Gary Beckstrom, a 33-year veteran of the Department of Corrections, was named "Warden of the Year."

Beckstrom, warden at Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex, was recognized for his outstanding commitment to the department, and to the community, immediately after and in the weeks that followed the March 2 tornado that destroyed West Liberty.

Christie Feldman was named "Probation & Parole Supervisor of the Year." Feldman has served as supervisor of District 7 for the past 10 years. Among the reasons Feldman was selected were her district's community involvement and



Above left: Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex Warden Gary Beckstrom received the "2012 Warden of the Year." Beckstrom is pictured above with Commissioner LaDonna Thompson. Above right: District 7 Supervisor Christie Feldman took home the "2012 Supervisor of the Year" Award.



for a program she developed to recognize staff for their job performance.

The "Rookie of the Year" award was presented to Jason Walker. Walker is a legal secretary in the Division of Parole and Victim Services. Walker was praised for his willingness to take on additional duties and for assisting with the implementation of new processes within the

division.

The agency's top awards, "Commissioner's Awards," were presented to:

Evan Roach, District 17 probation & parole supervisor; Danny McGraw, training coordinator/CERT commander, Little Sandy Correctional Complex (LSCC);

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Rookie of the Year

Jason Walker, Division of Parole and Victim Services, was honored with the Department's "Rookie of the Year" Award for 2012. Nominees for this award must be an employee who has worked for the DOC for 12 months or less. Walker joined the Department in September 2011. He was selected for his positive attitude and many contributions to the Division and Department as a whole. He was praised for his eagerness to assist other areas within the Division, and he is called the "go-to" person for all audio equipment needs for parole board hearings. Walker also served as intern with the Department while he completed his bachelor's degree at Kentucky State University.

Commissioner's Award Recipients

10 Employees Receive Top Honor



Evan Roach



Danny McGraw



Annyette Fleming



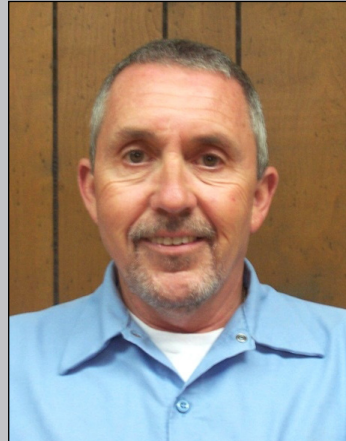
Mark Carpenter



Danny Norris



Cole Morrell



Dave Edwards



Ernie Williams



Doug Crall



Mike Sparks

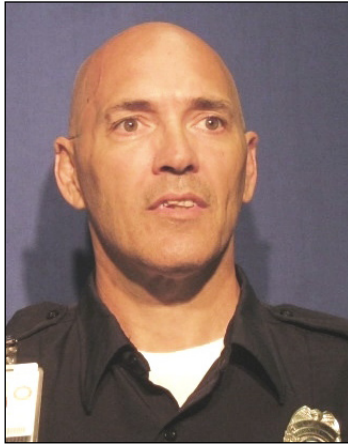


Steve Burnett

DOC Hero Awards



Lawrence Betts



Roger Edwards



Andrew Hayes



Christopher Boggs



Dennis Porter



Jeff Havens



Jeff Martin



Thomas Dusing



Mark Wasson



Rob Storey

Awards

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Annyette Fleming, administrative specialist III, Division of Population Management; Mark Carpenter, construction superintendent I, Capital Construction Branch; Danny Norris, unit administrator II, and Cole Morrell, training coordinator, Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women; Dave Edwards, maintenance branch manager, Northpoint Training Center; Ernie Williams, deputy warden, Kentucky State Penitentiary; Dr. Douglas Crall, clinical director, Health Services Division; Mike Sparks, unit administra-

tor II, EKCC; and Steve Burnett, psychological associate, Division of Mental Health.

Department of Corrections Hero Awards were presented to:

Sgt. Lawrence Betts and Officer Roger Edwards, Blackburn Correctional Complex; Jeff Havens, electronics technician III, EKCC; Jeff Martin and Thomas Dusing, District 17 probation & parole officers; Andrew Hayes and Christopher Boggs, correctional officers, LSCC; Dennis Porter, correctional officer, Western Kentucky Correctional Complex; and Mark Wasson and Rob Storey, District 16 probation & parole officers.

Recipient of Lucille Hurt Robuck 'Commitment to Corrections' Award

Sister Dorothy Schuette Honored by DOC

This year the department honored Sister Dorothy Schuette, O.S.B., with the 2012 Lucille Hurt Robuck "Commitment to Corrections" Award.

"Sister Dorothy" as she is affectionately known, serves the Northern Kentucky community in a variety of ways. She is a tireless advocate and her years of service are evidence of her commitment to assist offenders, and their families, as they transition from prison or jail to their community.

Sister Dorothy serves as the Pastoral Associate at Our Mother of God Catholic Church in Covington. She also coordinates jail ministry in seven Northern Kentucky counties. This role includes coordinating volunteers that visit offenders in local jails to discuss their challenges, communicate resources, or

just talk about their feelings. This may be the only opportunity for the offender to talk with someone that just listens without passing judgment.

Sister Dorothy also has a role in the Second Chance Act Mentoring Grant awarded to Catholic Charities in Covington. The grant provides offenders returning to the Northern Kentucky area an opportunity to secure a one-on-one mentor to ease their transition to the community.

She has been a very active member of the Northern Kentucky Reentry Team. Her service has propelled the team from planning for increased capacity and services in the area, to providing a comprehensive reentry program for female offenders struggling with mental health and substance abuse issues.

Sister Dorothy also serves on the Governor's Reentry



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Task Force to address the transition needs of offenders returning to their communities.

Most notably, when Sister Dorothy sees a need for something she makes it happen. Offender families needed a community-based support system and Sister Dorothy developed

a monthly family support group for families to gather and discuss their feelings and expectations about the criminal justice process. The support group provides a unique opportunity for families and friends to openly communicate the impact of incarceration on their lives.

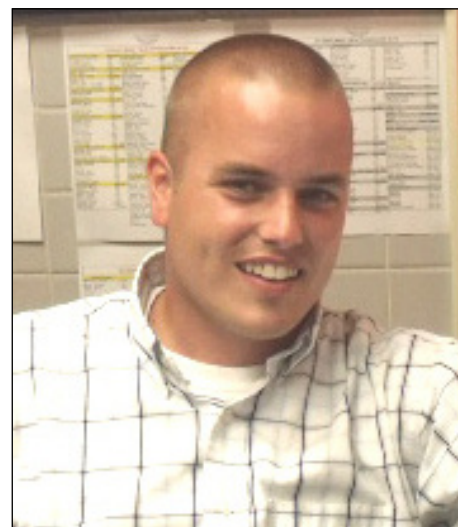
Deputy Commissioner's Award Winners



Deborah Moyers - Support Services



Brenda Beehler - Adult Institutions



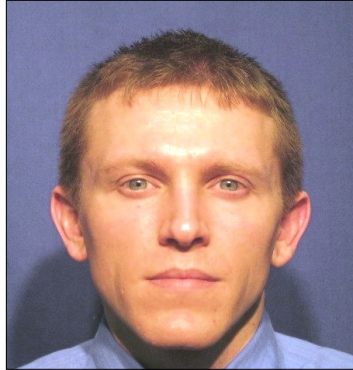
Steve Turner - Community Services

2012 Achievement Awards

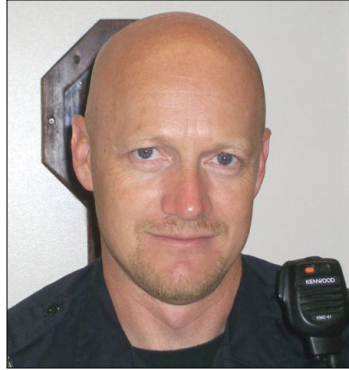
Adult Institutions



Joe Maguire - BCFC



Brandon Lynch - BCC



Brian Hillman - EKCC



Rosemary Manning - EKCC



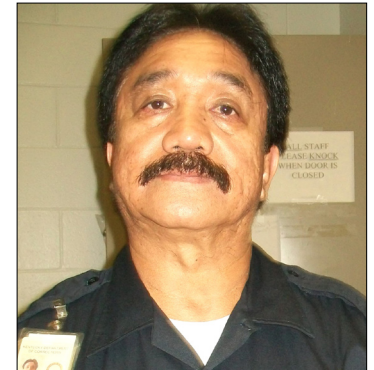
Steven Gee - GRCC



Eddie Coats - GRCC



Bob Lee - KCIW



Peter Bongayon - KCIW



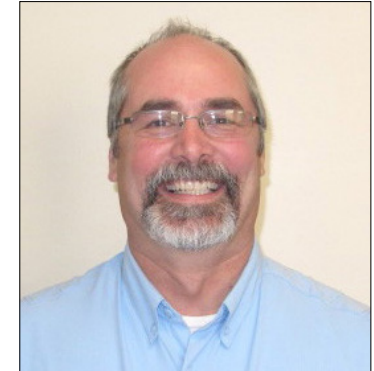
Teresa Peters - KSP



Heather Losser - KSP



Mike Williams - KSR



Art Turner - KSR



Timmy Dennis - LSCC



Taunya Carpenter - LSCC



Nick Daily - LLCC



Jeffrey Pridemore - LLCC

2012 Achievement Awards

Adult Institutions



Cecelia Bunch - MAC



Thomas Long - NTC



Randall Thomas - NTC



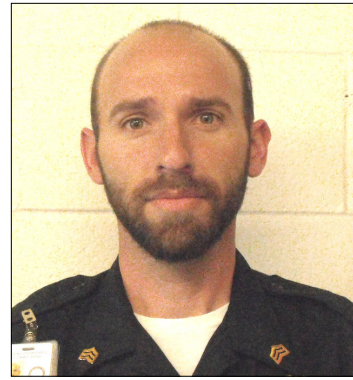
Sandy Wilkins - RCC



Ben Ray - RCC



David Kennedy - WKCC



John Tangerose - KCIW

2012 Achievement Awards

Division of Probation & Parole



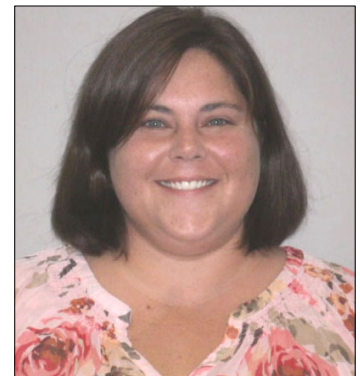
Todd Goselin - District 1



Shannon Clarke - District 2



Deanna Grider - District 3



Tera Vincent - District 4

2012 Achievement Awards

Division of Probation & Parole



Crystal Fulks - District 5



Tammy Kimbler - District 6



Cathy Partin - District 7



Jeff West - District 8



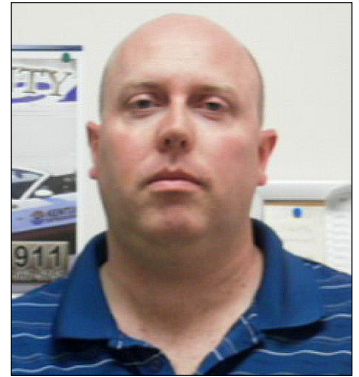
RoseMary Bailey - District 9



Matthew Armstong - District 10



Gary Compton - District 11



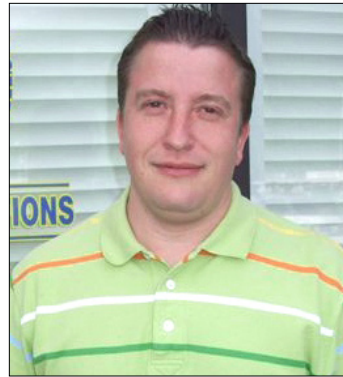
Gary Marshall - District 12



Greg Marshall - District 13



Andrea Singleton - District 14



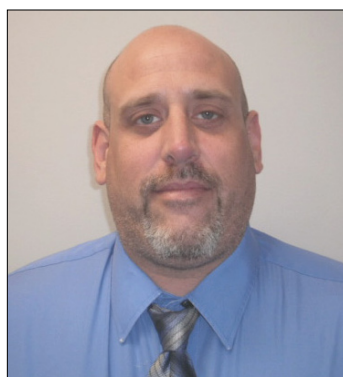
Kevin Watts - District 15



Hannah Hurley - District 16



Chris Gumm - District 17



Christopher Mull - District 18



Glen Hahn - District 19



Lorie Frost - District 20

A message to all employees from
Commissioner LaDonna H. Thompson:

“Thank you your hard
work each and every day
and for your
commitment to the
Kentucky Department
of Corrections.
You have always been,
and always will be, our
greatest asset!”