



**Correction Officer Pomales Memorial Ceremony
February 4, 2014**

On Tuesday, January 28, 2014, Acting Commissioner Anthony Annucci, Deputy Commissioner Joseph Bellnier and Assistant Commissioner Patricia Leconey attended a memorial service dedicated to Correction Officer Casimiro “Maxi” Pomales of Eastern Correctional Facility (Ulster County).

It was a cold day, as was that January 28th three years ago, when Correction Officer Pomales was operating a transportation van on an emergency medical run. The van was forced off northbound side of the Thruway by another vehicle and overturned while going down an embankment. Officer Pomales had suffered severe injuries and later died at the Kingston City Hospital.



From l. to r: Superintendent Thomas Griffin, Acting Commissioner Annucci, Deputy Commissioner Joseph Bellnier, Assistant Commissioner Patricia Leconey and Supervising Superintendent Joseph Smith at the memorial service.



Correction Officers John Wenig and Peter Bennett raise a flag at the beginning of the memorial service at Eastern. The official monument that was erected in his memory was unveiled and is seen in the background.