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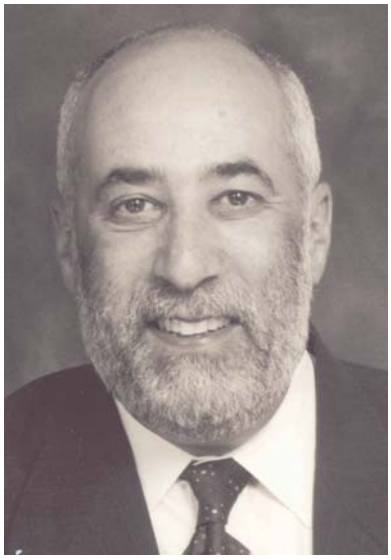
Inmates train puppies to sniff out bombs

Puppies Behind Bars instructor Carl Rothe (leaning forward in center foreground) mingles with Mid-Orange inmates and the dogs they are training to become guides for the blind or even bomb-sniffers for law enforcement.

Department's June events herald rites of summer



Commissioner Goord

Medals ceremony, memorial service during annual employee Olympics

While some say summer officially begins with Memorial Day weekend in May, the Department follows that up in early June with events that annually attract thousands of early summer participants and spectators.

This year is no exception.

As this column is written, nearly 1,800 employees had already signed up to participate in the 19th Annual DOCS Employee Olympics to be held June 3-7 at several venues in the Albany area.

While we add indoor soccer to our repertoire this year, golf and softball remain the major attractions for Olympians. A surprising "hit" in recent years has been the go-cart competition.

No event brings as many of our employees together each year any place in the state than these Capital District events.

In 2000, we moved our annual medals ceremony to coincide with Olympic week.

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We also unveiled the employee memorial in front of the Training Academy.

Since 2000, we have held a combined medals and memorial ceremony at that site during the Olympics.

That ceremony takes place on June 5 at 4 p.m., after the CERT competition but just before the Special Olympics torch is carried to the Academy grounds for a brief ceremony. The annual DOCS Olympic bar-b-que follows.

This year, we will honor two employees with the Department's prestigious Medal of Merit:

- Lakeview Officer James T. Whitehead was riding to work in a van with fellow Officers Larry Eggleston and Christopher Loder when the van was slammed head-on by another vehicle. Despite his injuries, CO Whitehead pulled his two more seriously injured colleagues from the vehicle. Only minutes later, the van erupted in flames.
- Wende Officer Mark A. Pietrzak came to the rescue of his next door neighbor, Noelle Marcucci, helping to rescue her two young children from their burning home. He then donned a breathing unit to re-enter the inferno and save her 15-month-old baby trapped in her crib by smoke and fire.

We will also add a 34th name to the memorial wall located inside the Training Academy.

COs were known as Keepers on Feb. 1, 1877, when an inmate used a shovel to strike Auburn Keeper Harry A. Casler in the head and kill him. Keeper Casler, according to press reports at the time, "is a young man very recently married, and commands the respect of all his fellow officers."

That's the kind of respect our employees receive today from each other – and should receive from the general public for the dedication, vigilance and professionalism that you bring to your jobs each day.

June is the month when we try to bring together as many of our employees as possible, for camaraderie and the friendly inter-facility competition that the Olympic games offer.

It is also the time that we honor the best amongst us – those who have distinguished themselves in the past year as well as those who made the ultimate sacrifice and will remain our heroes forever.

Let's honor each of them as we enter the summer season. Let's remember their efforts and sacrifice year round.

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ON THE COVER: The masthead brings DOCS|TODAY together with its past via "Copper John," the Colonial soldier who has stood watch atop the front gate of Auburn, the state's oldest prison, since 1821. The American flag was affixed to his bayonet in memory of those who lost their lives during the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks upon the United States. The flag itself was taken from a photograph of it flying above Ground Zero.

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New federal law designed to protect privacy of medical information

Protects staff privacy rights on the outside, balancing rights of inmates on the inside

Your rights to expect your medical records to be kept confidential were given a significant boost on April 14 with the implementation of HIPAA – the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

While creating new protections for all Americans, it also created exceptions to balance the rights of staff and the inmates incarcerated across the state.

The purpose of the law – which sets major fines for violators who illegally disclose anyone's medical information – is to give Americans more control over disclosure of their records.

Associate Counsel Nancy Heywood (standing) shows video during a HIPAA class.

"The law is designed to ensure that everyone has the same protections that we want for our own records," Commissioner Goord said, "while recognizing the special needs that require limited exceptions in prisons across the country."

Whether they are employee medical records held on the outside by family doctors or hospitals, or inmate records in DOCS custody, certain new rules apply.

HIPAA generally defines affected health information as:

- Past, present or future physical or mental health conditions;
- Provision of health care, and
- Past, present or future payment for provision of health care.

The law covers paper records, oral and electronic transmissions, or other media such as X-rays, video communications and audiotapes.

Basically, HIPAA stipulates that information cannot be disclosed without the patient's permission except in very limited circumstances.

With the advent of electronic records and communications, the law is designed to say that, just because sharing and release of records has become easier, such disclosures are illegal without the patient's permission.

The law leaves unchanged your right to access your own information, and still allows disclosure to medical personnel treating you.

Exceptions for correctional facilities

Federal officials recognized the unique needs of prisons when they wrote exceptions for them.

Inmate permission is not needed for disclosure during the course of a medical audit, accreditation, professional review of health care providers, development of medical delivery strategies or in response to a court ordered subpoena.

But even in those cases, disclosure is limited to the minimum amount required to accomplish the intended purpose. For example, if a subpoena demands one document, only that document and not the entire medical history would be disclosed.

While the "minimum necessary disclosure" still applies, inmate health information can be disclosed to staff in certain cases, among them:

- To trip Officers, when they need to know the inmate's condition to ensure provision of health care. Officers may need to know, for example, that a diabetic inmate needs to eat during a trip – even though Officers do not need to know the purpose of the medical trip.
- To Officers conducting a cell search, to determine if prescription medications are authorized or contraband.
- To counselors, who may need information in making program assignments or in discharge planning.
- To Grievance staff if an inmate's complaint is medically related.
- If inmates' conduct endangers their health.

In any case, staff is bound by HIPAA not to disclose outside of inmate health care delivery any information they learn concerning an inmate's health history.

HIPAA also requires that non-medical staff working in medical areas keep confidential any inmate medical information they learn in the course of their duties.

This article is not intended to be all-inclusive of what is and is not allowed under HIPAA. For complete details or explanations, staff should contact the HIPAA Privacy Officer in Health Services. The e-mail address is 999HIPAA.

'Puppies Behind Bars' program expands to help protect the public

Bomb-sniffing training now compliments prior mission of aiding the blind, children

The Department's highly successful Puppies Behind Bars program – which since 1997 has been providing trained guide dogs to the blind – is now providing protection to Americans and others in the United States and abroad against terrorist acts.

While most of the dogs being trained by inmates at the three facilities that run the program – Bedford Hills, Fishkill and Mid-Orange – are still being targeted for guide dog chores, a few are being groomed to serve as explosive-sniffing dogs for the New York Police Department (NYPD) Bomb Squad and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF).

That doesn't mean that explosive devices are being planted in prisons for the dogs to detect; rather, the training is the same as that for the guide dogs, with added emphasis on making the dogs comfortable around crowds and able to follow commands.

Inmate Jesse Mulligan (left) tends to Power while inmate Heriberto Rivera's attention is focused on Noll.

"We're very pleased that we've been able to enhance our Puppies Behind Bars program to provide for enhanced security in this country and overseas in these uncertain times," said Commissioner Goord. "This Department has always had an excellent working relationship with Puppies Behind Bars, its Director Gloria Gilbert Stoga and her employees. I'm glad that we're able to build on that alliance to help safeguard Americans and others."

As of April, two of the dogs that were enrolled in the Puppies Behind Bars program were sniffing for explosives on behalf of NYPD Bomb Squad officers while 11 others were working for the ATF throughout this country and abroad.

At the same time, four dogs at Mid-Orange and one at Fishkill were being trained for similar duties; another 10 dogs were undergoing training at a New Jersey prison under the auspices of Puppies Behind Bars staff.

"There's such a need out there right now for these types of dogs and I think it's great that we're able to provide that assistance," said Ms. Stoga. "Commissioner Goord has always been a big supporter of Puppies Behind Bars and, thanks to that continued support, we're able to provide more help and security to more people than ever before."

Most dogs enrolled in Puppies Behind Bars typically arrive at a prison at the tender age of eight weeks for training by inmates. During the next 15 or so months, the dogs are evaluated to determine if they're suitable candidates to advance to additional training at a licensed guide dog school.

The dogs targeted to be explosive-sniffing canines arrive at around the same age but, because of the pressing need on the national and international fronts, they undergo only about a year of training before they advance to further training overseen by either NYPD or ATF officers.

Previously, dogs that were deemed unable to advance to professional guide dog school – usually because they were too excitable – were given to families with blind or otherwise disabled children or returned to the donating guide dog school.

Ms. Stoga said some of the dogs returned to the guide dog school were then shipped out for training as explosive-sniffing canines. Sensing the need, Ms. Stoga said she decided to eliminate the middleman and start training the more excitable dogs to be explosive-sniffing dogs from the start of their training.

Ms. Stoga said there's no differences in training for guide or explosive-sniffing dogs: they're taught important traits like obedience and manners. But she added it's imperative that the dogs being trained for explosive-sniffing duties be comfortable in bustling environments – like the streets of New York City and crowded airport terminals – and have an "incredible" response to their handlers.

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On the web ...

Readers with Internet access can obtain information on the world wide web from the offices of both Governor Pataki and Commissioner Goord. Their addresses:

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Gloria Gilbert Stoga (fourth from left), director of Puppies Behind Bars, poses with instructor Carl Rothe (second from right) and inmates who train these puppies to serve as guides or bomb sniffers.

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"Those special qualities are vital," Ms. Stoga said. "People don't plant bombs in desolate areas."

When discussing the possibility of training dogs to be explosive-sniffing dogs with an inmate trainer at Mid-Orange some time ago, Ms. Stoga said she was impressed by his response.

"He said to me, 'we're in prison, but we're still Americans, and whatever we can do to help other Americans, we're all for it,' " she recalled.

That feeling is still evident at Mid-Orange.

"I think what we're doing here is a good thing and very important," said inmate trainer Heriberto Rivera, who is training Noll, a black Labrador, to be an explosive-sniffing canine. "My family flies to Puerto Rico all the time and I don't want to worry about it. I'd be very happy and proud if one day the dog that I trained was able to find a bomb on a plane or in an airport terminal and save some lives."

Inmate Jesse Mulligan – who is training another black Lab, Power, for similar duties – said he's been in the training program a year and has been assigned to Power for two months.

"I absolutely love what I'm doing," he said. "I love the United States. I don't think there's a better country on earth and if I can do something productive to protect Americans I'm all for it. I'm in here because of the mistakes I made on the outside but I'm learning from my mistakes and hopefully I can help prevent people from hurting Americans."

The two Puppies Behind Bars dogs donated to the NYPD Bomb Squad have been assigned to various duties to keep residents and visitors safe. Ms. Stoga said their assignments have included sweeps of the Waldorf Astoria, Kennedy and La-Guardia airports, the United Nations, Madison Square Garden and Shea Stadium.

One Big Apple assignment by one of the dogs – Bowmann, who was trained at Fishkill – particularly impressed Ms. Stoga: the black Lab inspected Mayor Michael Bloomberg's private jet for explosives. It was Bowmann's first assignment.

"When you think about it, it's kind of amazing," said Ms. Stoga. "Here you have a dog that was raised in a prison going on Mayor Bloomberg's private jet."

Ms. Stoga said the bomb squad members have taken quite a liking to Bowmann. To show their appreciation, two members of the unit ventured to Fishkill, a spunky Bowmann and his NYPD identification badge in tow, to personally thank the inmates who helped to train their new four-legged partner.

"Inmates and law enforcement officials are now seeing each other in a different light," said Ms. Stoga.

She added, "Inmates can be helpful to America and law enforcement views them as somewhat of a partner through this arrangement. Whether they're training dogs for guide work or explosives detection, the inmates feel they're making a real contribution to society."

On the ATF side of the ledger, the DOCS-trained dogs are scattered throughout this country and, literally, the world. One dog is assigned to the Los Angeles Fire Department and is trained in arson detection while another is working in North Carolina.

Overseas, they've had assignments in South Africa, Italy, Cyprus, Egypt and Malaysia. Their duties are typically at U.S. embassies and airports where planes are bound for this country.

"We've gotten off to a very productive start and we're just going to grow from here," Ms. Stoga said.

Proud of an identity all its own

Wyoming

Officers staffing Attica's towers are so close that they overlook this medium-security prison in western New York, one of the dozen "cookie cutter" prisons of identical design to be stamped out in the 1980-90's to accommodate a burgeoning prison population. Opened in 1984 with a capacity for 550 inmates, it was repeatedly asked to expand to today's 1,722 inmates in order to meet demand – representing only one of the challenges being met by facility staff.

But while operating in the shadow of arguably what is the state's most infamous prison, Wyoming has carved its own niche in the modern history of New York corrections.

That's despite the fact, as shown from the picture above, the low-profile of the facility is dwarfed by a facility sign and its truck trap as visitors drive a winding road into the complex.

Even Attica has been affected by its relatively new neighbor. In an effort to hold the line on costs and save taxpayer dollars by operating more efficiently, employees in Wyoming's maintenance department are now responsible for the care of the outside grounds and vehicle maintenance for both Wyoming and Attica. Wyoming employees also monitor and maintain the water tanks, sewers and the power plant for both facilities, ensuring the delivery of critical services like water, heat and emergency generating power on a daily basis.

Wyoming staff and inmates are also a leader in recycling to help save local and state taxpayers big bucks. Their professionalism and dedication is a testament to the concept of the family that is corrections.

Empowered with a multi-disciplined mission

Like other prisons throughout the state, Wyoming's main mission is to ensure the safety of staff and inmates and provide the latter with the skills, education, counseling and programming they need to increase their chances of success upon their eventual reintegration into the community.

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The facility offers a full range of academic and vocational programs aimed at achieving that objective. Wyoming, however, has a few more weapons in its arsenal than most other medium-security facilities.

Wyoming is one of just seven facilities in the state prison system to offer CASAT – Comprehensive Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment. This initiative provides a continuum of intensive substance abuse treatment that begins with Phase I in a designated Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment Center (ASATC) facility setting. Phase II follows, a transitional period in a work release community reintegration setting. This program is only available to inmates who meet the restrictive criteria for presumptive work release. A total of 100 ASATC slots are available at Wyoming with an additional 20 slots available for select inmates nearing enrollment in the program.

The program operates under the direction set forth in the Department's CASAT manual, in conjunction with the substance abuse treatment concept of embracing the discipline of a therapeutic community. After six months of successful treatment and preparation during Phase I, program participants are moved into the community reintegration phase. Like Phase I, Phase II typically lasts about six months. It is during this phase that program participants find and obtain employment to support themselves and their families; they also continue individualized treatment and counseling during Phase II.

The goals of the Department's CASAT program are:

- To better prepare chemically addicted inmates for return to their families and communities upon release.
- To focus on the total needs of inmates with histories of alcohol and substance abuse.
- To ensure appropriate aftercare services in the community in which they will live.
- To increase coordination with appropriate state agencies, local agencies, service providers and various community organizations.
- To reduce relapse and recidivism rates.

For inmates to be considered for admission to the program, they must have a documented history of alcohol and/or substance abuse; be within 10-24 months of earliest possible release; have received presumptive work release approval from Central Office and be classified as either minimum- or medium-security.

Wyoming is also one of the facilities that continues to see eligible inmates enrolled in college programs, at no cost to taxpayers. The program, known as the Consortium of the Niagara Frontier, began in 1975 and now serves 49 inmates. Instructors come in from Canisius College, Daemen College, Niagara University and other institutions of higher learning in western New York. Faculty members provide a strong foundation for the inmates through their teaching of a liberal arts curriculum.

CO Kenneth Wainwright (left) supervises an inmate working in Wyoming's recycling facility.

Fourteen inmates have earned bachelor's degrees thus far in the 2002-03 academic year. The goal is to provide inmates with the education they need to acquire good-paying jobs to support themselves and their families.

Wyoming also offers inmates a sex offender treatment program. Intensive group counseling is a major component of this program but it also includes individual counseling and education. Emphasis is placed on developing an awareness of predisposing factors and alternative skills and behaviors in order to avoid deviate sexual activities.

The length of Wyoming's sex offender program is six months. To be considered for admission, an inmate must be incarcerated for a sex-related offense or found guilty at a Tier Hearing for a sexually abusive/assaultive act; be willing to identify and address problems related to their deviate sexual behavior, and be willing to employ alternative thinking and behavior patterns. Inmates must also have a referral from their counselor.

Wyoming also runs an Hispanic Inmate Needs program that serves as a liaison between the Department and Hispanic inmates. Some of the functions of the program are in the areas of research, planning, recruitment, training, transitional services, community networking, materials development and evaluation. The goal is to assist the Department in meeting the needs of its Hispanic inmates when it comes to issues like health services, education, library services, counseling, mental health, pre- and post-release issues and ethnic awareness training.

Providing basic job skills and a work ethic

Besides its various educational and programming offerings, Wyoming offers various vocational and other programs aimed at providing inmates with the skills they need to find a job when they return to society.

Among these programs is the farming program, which for many years was handled by Attica inmates. It was taken over by Wyoming shortly after the facility opened a little less than two decades ago. Local residents, however, continue to refer to the operation as the Attica Prison Farm.

Twenty-four inmates work the farm. Last year, one million quarts of milk were processed and distributed to 11 facilities, resulting in a substantial savings for state taxpayers. The 128 dairy cows produced 48,000 pounds of butter. Each cow produces an average 23,000 pounds of milk per year.

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Wyoming and Green Haven color guards were among the honor units at the 2002 Remembrance Ceremony at the Empire State Plaza to honor the New York City police officers killed in the 9-11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.

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Milk isn't the only focus of this busy farm. There are 118 heifers to be cared for and an average of 20 beef cattle. The beef is processed at Eastern for distribution throughout the system. The farm encompasses 300 acres that provide crops for animal feed; corn is planted on 160 acres and hay on the balance.

Wyoming will soon be involved in the Farm Employment Program, which will only be offered to inmates meeting specific criteria. Inmate candidates from facilities throughout the state will be transferred to the facility to participate in this 100-hour initiative. Training will include the curriculum from the New York State Agriculture Work Force Certification Program. The program will be sponsored by DOCS and the state Department of Agriculture and Markets with cooperation from the state Department of Labor and Division of Parole.

Extensive vocational programming

Wyoming inmates also have the opportunity to receive instruction in the installation of air conditioning and refrigeration units, as well as diagnosis and repair of defective parts. Intensive practice is also provided on soldering, pipe cutting and threading – courses geared to entry-level industry jobs.

Wyoming also offers an auto mechanics course that ranges from training in basic preventative maintenance to accurate diagnosis and repair of complex problems. Training is provided in areas including engine rebuilding, brake and clutch services, performing tune-ups, tire servicing, lubrication and repair of exhaust systems. Actual live work experience is provided wherever possible. The course is geared to provide the inmate with entry level skills as general auto mechanics or auto mechanic helpers with the possibility of specializing in any of the subdivisions in the trade.

Upon completion of the course, inmates receive certificates from the state Department of Labor, the state Department of Motor Vehicles and the Ford Motor Company, asserting that they are qualified to work in the profession.

Several of the other vocational courses available to Wyoming inmates include:

Building maintenance, which provides inmates with the fundamental skills required to make minor repairs in carpentry, masonry, electricity and plumbing.

Computer repair, where inmates learn to build and repair personal computers. They also learn about basic electronics, computer hardware and computer software peripherals. No inmates, however, have any modem or Internet access.

Custodial maintenance, which emphasizes custodial services including floor care, carpet and fabric care, upholstery care, sanitation chemicals, window care, rest room care and the use and operation of power cleaning equipment.

Drafting and blueprint reading. This course affords inmates the opportunity to obtain entry-level skills to prepare and interpret mechanical detail, assembly and technical illustrations and blueprints. A wide range of skills is also taught including freehand sketching, orthographic projection, geometric constructions and basic drafting techniques.

Electrical trades, which emphasizes the installation and servicing of all types of residential and commercial wiring systems.

Floor covering, which includes the installation of most floor covering materials including carpeting, floor tiles, sheet goods, wall tile and quarry slate.

Small engine repair, which provides training in the repair and maintenance of lawn and garden equipment, recreational vehicles and motorcycles.

Upholstery, which provides instruction in the identification and stripping of furniture as well as the installation and application of springs, webbing, padding and other materials.

A helpful neighbor who's much appreciated

Like many other facilities throughout the state, Wyoming refuses to operate in a vacuum despite its visibly secured perimeter.

And for that, local residents are grateful.

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Wyoming employees are a vital force in the local communities surrounding the prison. Among other things, they work as volunteer firefighters and sports coaches, serve on school, town and other local community boards and donate their time for the needy in the community. They also host fund-raisers for the needy and perform other tasks to benefit all in the region.

Staff also held a fund-raiser luncheon to benefit the family of a local Boy Scout who was struck by lightning while at camp in 2001 and had been living in a wheelchair at Monroe Community Hospital since then. The family needed the money to build an addition on their home.

And the facility's ongoing assistance to the local community doesn't only involve the efforts of staff.

Mirroring their counterparts at other facilities, staff and inmates at Wyoming are involved in annual Make a Difference Day fund-raisers and other activities to help their less-fortunate neighbors. In 2002, inmates constructed a variety of wooden toys that were distributed to needy local children.

Wyoming is also one of several facilities in the state that offers the Department's highly successful Youth Assistance Program (YAP). Unlike the "Scared Straight" program that's long been a staple in prisons in other states, the Department's youth program is designed to provide positive guidance and direction to at-risk youth who reflect a tendency toward becoming involved with the criminal justice system in a negative manner.

Through the program, inmates relate to youngsters the problems that caused them to wind up in prison. They also help young people by teaching and showing them how to develop positive attitudes that will help them realize that they can make changes in their lifestyles and avoid incarceration. Many teachers, law enforcement personnel and others have been repeat visitors, at-risk youth in tow, to the Wyoming program for many years, a testament to its success.

The efforts of staff and inmates at Wyoming have also drawn kudos from area sports enthusiasts.

In late 2000, at the request of the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the Western New York Sierra Club, Wyoming staff and inmates embarked on a new mission to raise pheasant chicks for release into the wild on public grounds in western New York.

The initial phase entailed construction of a 48-by-80-foot wooden building on the facility grounds, to house the chicks until maturity. In the spring of 2001, and in subsequent springs, some 5,000 pheasants chicks at the ripe age of two or three days old are delivered to the facility by DEC officials.

Inmates under the supervision of staff then raise the chicks until they reach the age of five or six months, at which time they are taken from the facility and released into the wild on public lands.

Wyoming's continued assistance to the community impacts more than just sportsmen. Program assignments include outdoor work assignments in supervised community service crews working for local governments and non-profit groups. Projects include snow and debris removal, church repairs and fighting floods, ice storms and forest fires. If not for DOCS, many of those projects would not otherwise be completed. Since 1995, Wyoming crews have logged more than 110,000 work hours with more than 24,000 hours of security supervision.

Wyoming is considered a friend of the western New York environment as well. The facility is the home of the largest recycling program in the Department. The massive complex is comprised of five buildings situated on 10 acres. The facility services 14 prisons as well as seven communities and two school districts, resulting in a cost savings for state and local taxpayers.

The center processes cardboard, tin cans, plastics, paper, food waste and wood waste. It handles some 5½ million tons of materials each year, one million pounds of which is cardboard. The coordinator of this special unit is responsible for identifying distributors and often works with various brokers to secure contracts throughout the United States and the world.

The recycling center and the facility are developing a program to recycle unusable inmate clothing for the entire state. 🕮

Whether its digging out fire hydrants following a storm of snow in Buffalo or one of ice downing tree limbs in Batavia, supervised Wyoming inmates are on the job.

Facility Highlights

COs intervene to teach children the realities of alcohol abuse, prison life

If you encounter Eastern Correction Officers Michael Countrymen and Peter Laudicina at middle schools throughout the Hudson Valley, they won't be alone.

Accompanied by a life-sized cardboard cutout named "Slim," the Officers have been making the rounds to teach schoolchildren the dangers of drinking and breaking the law while explaining to them the harsh realities of prison.

COs Peter Laudicina (left) and Michael Countrymen go over lesson plans.

Many facilities run a Youth Assistance Program (YAP) to assist at-risk high school-age youths; but COs Countrymen and Laudicina have a different tact. Rather than waiting until kids get into trouble, the Officers are intervening earlier, talking to younger students about the pitfalls of making wrong decisions.

"We felt this would be a good way of getting to the kids before they get into trouble," CO Countrymen said. "The more individuals we're able to keep out of jail, the better."

The Officers' presentation is known as the Delinquency Intervention Program. They talk with the students during three classes over as many days. Their hope is that students will understand that prison is not a place to be and that, hopefully, will serve as a guide in their decision-making process.

At the request of educators at the Ulster County BOCES Alternative School, whose students are considered at-risk, the Officers several years ago devised their program and met with the students. Reviews were glowing, and the two expanded the program, meeting with, among others, students at the Roundout Valley and Highland Central middle schools.

The presentation concerns the true story of a young inmate called Slim, represented by the life-sized cardboard cutout that sits by the two Officers in the classroom. The Officers relay a tragic occurrence in Slim's life at age 16, an age when many feel invincible. It changed Slim's life forever.

Slim had just received his driver's license and was out partying with friends to celebrate. The mix of alcohol and driving proved horrific. Slim got into an accident which killed a friend.

After Slim was convicted of manslaughter and sent to prison, the Officers outline the reception process, which includes a strip frisk, closely-cropped haircut and shower decontamination. Slim is issued standard inmate clothing and a Department Identification Number, which will serve as his sole identity throughout his incarceration.

"We tell the kids that once you go to prison you've lost your identity," CO Laudicina said. "You've just become a number. Slim spent 16 years trying to build an identity and lost it in 15 minutes."

The Officers then detail the restrictiveness of prison life and the violence, showing students some confiscated weapons crafted by inmates. The Officers also show the students what a cell looks like and tell them they could be confined for 23 hours a day if they disobey prison rules or there's a lock down.

"It's an excellent program," said Highland Central Middle School teacher Jodi Notarnicola, whose eighth-grade health class students met with the Officers.

"I think the Officers were very informative," she said. "There were a lot of 'wows.' The students didn't realize what the inside of a prison was really like and what prison life is like.

The message resonated. Here's a sampling of the reactions of several of Ms. Notarnicola's students:

- One decision could determine the course of your life, good or bad. No freedom whatsoever allowed in jail.
- Prison is bad. Your box is small. Prison is hard to get out of.
- The program was fun, they did a great job. Can they come back?
- It was good because it let me know that I don't want to go to jail because the box is very small and you can't do things in jail that you would do when you are free.
- I learned that I would never want to do anything to get into prison. But being an Officer I guess would be cool.
- There is always noise in jail.
- I learned prison isn't glamorous. Prison inmates make weapons. I learned you can go to jail when you are 16.
- The two Officers were very nice and told the truth. From hearing those guys I will be good.

McGregor staff, outside group provide aid for terminally ill employee

Mount McGregor employees displayed the true spirit of "the family that is corrections" earlier this year, when they joined forces with an outside group to enable a terminally ill coworker to spend some quality time with his two teen-age sons.

Civilian Cook Ed "Red" Gates, 45, was diagnosed around the end of 2001 with a form of terminal stomach cancer. Mr. Gates has two sons, Edgar III, 18, and Matt, 15.

Facility employees wanted to provide all three with a special time to treasure forever. After assorted fund-raisers and a big assist from a Chicago-based foundation that grants the wishes of those aged 18 and older who are terminally ill, it was "mission accomplished" in late February: Mr. Gates, his two sons and his brother Ron, a Correction Officer at Sing Sing, were flown to Florida for an eight-day family jaunt at Disneyworld and all the other attractions – at no cost to the family.

"The vacation was wonderful and it's so nice to be around so many wonderful people who care," Mr. Gates said shortly after his return to the Northeast from the warm, sunny south. "I just can't say enough about the employees here at Mount McGregor. They're great."

The effort was spearheaded by Mount McGregor Head Cook Cliff Seguin, Mr. Gates' supervisor and friend.

"One day last year I was talking with him," Mr. Seguin recalled. "I said, 'Red, if you had the chance, what is the one thing you would want to do?' "

A smiling "Red" Gates.

Mr. Gates, who had never been out of New York state before let alone flown on an airplane, told Mr. Seguin that he would like to go on a Florida vacation with his sons.

That set the wheels in motion.

Mount McGregor employees held various events like bake and chili sales, raising $1,865. The outpouring of support, said Mr. Seguin, was phenomenal.

"We were selling a bowl of chili and a hard roll for $2," said Mr. Seguin. "People were giving us $10, $20, even $50. Can you imagine that? Fifty dollars for a bowl of chili and a hard roll?"

Even with the successful fund raisers, Mr. Seguin didn't stop there. He continued working to ensure that his friend's vacation would be top-of-the-line and a memorable one.

Mr. Seguin next searched the web looking for help. He found a match in the Fairygodmother Foundation in Illinois for adults, which is similar to the Make-a-Wish Foundation for children. Fairygodmother grants wishes to adults who are terminally ill and have less than a year to live. After going through an application process, which included a statement from Mr. Gates' physician attesting to his terminal condition, the foundation decided to take on the cause.

"It's amazing what they were able to do for Red and his kids and his brother," said Mr. Seguin. Among the many donations were hotel rooms, meals and passes to Disneyworld, Sea World, MGM Studios and other attractions. Also donated: a rental car, round-trip air fare for all four on United Airlines and limousine service to and from the airport.

But it was the generosity of facility employees that remains paramount on the minds of Mr. Gates and others.

"You've never seen people come together like this before," said Mr. Seguin. "It was effortless to get the support, and the support was greatly appreciated."

"It makes you feel good to be a part of what we were able to do for Red," said Mount McGregor Superintendent Harold McKinney. "The whole facility really helped. Red has a tremendous heart. Any employee who can be as sick as he is and still come in to work is a credit to DOCS."

Throughout his trying ordeal, Mr. Gates has rarely missed work. He receives chemotherapy weekly and shows up for work the next morning.

Dianne Reynolds, a clerk at the prison and a friend of Mr. Gates, helped out with many of the facility events.

"He comes into work no matter what," said Ms. Reynolds. "He's here every day he can make it. It's amazing. The outpouring of help and support from everyone has been tremendous."

Mr. Gates said working every day and continuing his normal routine are ways that help him deal with his disease.

"I try to keep myself busy," Mr. Gates said. "Work keeps my mind busy. I try to deal with it the best I can."

As for the trip itself, Mr. Seguin said it's obvious it was a welcomed tonic.

"He keeps telling everybody how he had a really great time and he keeps thanking everybody," said Mr. Seguin. "He looks better than when he left. I'm glad we were able to provide this tribute to Red."

Mr. Gates said there was little downtime in Florida.

"I only slept about two or three hours a day," said Mr. Gates. "My sons went nuts, they wanted to go everywhere and see everything and it was up and out."

Mr. Gates said he has fond memories of nights sitting and talking by the hotel pool with his sons, long car rides "all over the place," the many attractions, good food and the special bonding.

"This was for them," Mr. Gates said of his sons. "I wanted them to have pictures and memories. It's something they can always remember. It was just so much fun and what the people here did for me was wonderful. I want to do it again someday. I hope!"

Resource pool Officers: the Department's 'Jacks (and Jills) of all trades'

(Editor's note: With this edition, we inaugurate a new monthly feature, describing the jobs performed by individual employees.)

Ulster Correction Officer Robert Roddy considers himself a proverbial jack of all trades, and it's something that he's very comfortable with.

As a Resource Officer at the Hudson Valley medium-security facility, CO Roddy takes it on the fly every day, backing up his fellow Officers.

CO Roddy can work any of the three shifts at the jail, in a variety of duty assignments, on any given day. For some, that uncertainty would cause a degree of angst. CO Roddy isn't in that group.

Ulster CO Robert Roddy checks security radios in the arsenal.

"I really enjoy the variety of the posts each and every day," said CO Roddy. "It's kind of nice coming in to work on the wheel every day, not knowing where I'll be working."

CO Roddy said he believes he would quickly become bored if he came into the same work assignment day in and day out.

"Having to work in a housing unit every single day would get mundane rather quickly," CO Roddy said. "That's not the case when you're a Resource Officer. You don't know where you'll be working until they tell you and then you go out and do the job."

CO Roddy on the resource pool: "You don't know where you'll be working until they tell you and then you go out and do the job."

Since Ulster primarily serves as a reception center, CO Roddy said there's little reason for assignment to escort duty, save for the few cadre inmates that help to ensure the smooth operations of the facility. Occasional assignments at housing units, the mess hall and other posts are more common.

On one April day, CO Roddy was assigned to the facility's arsenal. As he was checking in a weapon and running an inventory of hand-held radio units, he said that was one of the job assignments that he relishes.

"You've got the real professionals in the Department working in here," he said.

CO Roddy said that for the most part, he's assigned to the transportation unit.

"That usually encompasses about 50 percent of my time each week," he said.

As with his sporadic tours of duty in the arsenal, CO Roddy said he enjoys the transportation detail.

"Every day on transportation is a new day," CO Roddy said. "Each trip is different: you see different things and have different experiences. To me, it would be extremely boring if I had to work behind the walls every day."

A native of the Hudson Valley region, CO Roddy said his ability to be flexible as a Resource Officer enabled him to remain close to home and his family as many other Officers want permanent items, sometimes limiting their geographic options and resulting in their being separated from their families.

"This way, I can work at any one of several facilities in the area and be with my family," said CO Roddy, who previously worked at Fishkill.

A Correction Officer for the past three years, CO Roddy's family has become a fixture in the family that is corrections. His mother is currently a counselor at Shawangunk, having worked up the ranks after starting with the Department as an Officer.

CO Roddy's brother is an Officer at nearby Wallkill. Additionally, CO Roddy works with a nephew who's also an Officer at Ulster while a second nephew is an Officer at Fishkill.

When asked what prompted him to enter the Department, CO Roddy said that was a good question; he paused for a moment to consider his answer.

"I really think it's the security that a Civil Service position provides for myself, my wife and my family," said CO Roddy.

CO Roddy also said the uniformity in the way the Department deals with issues on a daily basis is also a big plus.

"It's a real pleasure working for the Department of Correctional Services," CO Roddy said. "In this Department, there's no gray area, and we're all professionals. All you have to do is to follow the guidelines." 📖

Transitions

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Name	Title	Facility
Promotions		
Laurie Lamay	Clerk 2	Adirondack
Parker C. Bryant	Plant Superintendent C.	Albion
Gene L. Aubrey	Maintenance Supervisor 3	Bare Hill
Goven Segree	Head Cook	Bedford Hills
Byron Schlenker	Plant Utilities Engineer 2	Bedford Hills
Kelly J. Vasile	Laundry Supervisor.	Cayuga
Diane M. Moppert	Principal Clerk Personnel.	Collins
John E. Polick	General Mechanic	Eastern
Valerie Franz	Ed Super (Voc)	Elmira
Mary A. Sharp	Senior Mail & Supply Clerk	Fishkill
Terry Caffery	Production Control Supervisor	Fishkill
Helen L. Rodriguez	Principal Stores Clerk	Fishkill
Constance Persson	Sr Utilization Review Nurse	Fishkill
Brigette Cottrell	Payroll Clerk 3	Five Points
Thomas B. Corcoran	Plant Superintendent C.	Franklin
Duke P. Benson	Calculations Clerk 2	Fulton
Jennifer S. Terriah	Commissary Clerk 3	Gouverneur
Gregg P. Williams	Plant Utilities Engineer 2	Gouverneur
Dean Pelton	Head Cook	Green Haven
Patricia Betts	Principal Clerk Personnel.	Greene
Susan L. Squires	Institution Steward	Groveland
Judy L. Hooper	Calculations Clerk 2	Lakeview
Angele N. Coon	Assoc Computer Prog Analyst	Main Office
Glenn A. Rode	Plant Superintendent B.	Main Office
Deborah Vrba	Calculations Clerk 2	Main Office
Randy P. Solon.	Payroll Clerk 4	Main Office
Daniel Mochrie	Senior Computer Prog Analyst	Main Office
Kathleen Henault	Calculations Clerk 2	Main Office
Anne Marie McGrath	Mg Data Processing Services	Main Office
Ellen C. Turner	Infection Control Nurse	Main Office
James T. Hoffman	Dir Industries & Indus Trng.	Main Office
Bridget J. Barlow	Calculations Clerk 2	Mt. McGregor
Kimberly Sesselman	Secretary 1	Mt. McGregor
Kathleen Lindstrand	Principal Clerk Personnel.	Mt. McGregor
Jacqueline A. Benish	Secretary 2	Mt. McGregor
Marcia Kitchen	Principal Stores Clerk	Oneida
Michael L. Fitch	Tandem Tractor Trailer Op	Oneida
Paul Bellotto	Head Cook	Otisville
Yakov Litvak	Plant Utilities Engineer 2	Queensboro
Deborah Vacca	Ed Super (Gen)	Shawangunk
Eva Bruce	Keyboard Specialist 2	Taconic
Carol A. Cusmano	Nurse Administrator 1	Wende
Wanda Stachowski	Inmate Records Coord 2	Wende
Joseph Heller.	Chaplain	Willard
William R. Reese	Ed Super (Voc)	Woodbourne
Ralph E. Groble	Electrician	Wyoming
Richard Simmons	Correction Lieutenant	Arthur Kill
Edward Liberty	Correction Lieutenant	Bayview
John C. Agati	Correction Lieutenant	Edgecombe
Steven E. Byrne	Correction Lieutenant	Edgecombe
Christopher Barrette	Correction Lieutenant	Edgecombe
Glenn Scarafile	Correction Lieutenant	Lincoln
Glenn Randall	Correction Lieutenant	Queensboro
Gregory Palen	Correction Lieutenant	Shawagunk
Donald Bushey	Correction Lieutenant	Sing Sing
Robert Card	Correction Lieutenant	Sullivan
Richard Long	Correction Lieutenant	Taconic
Michael Janisewski	Correction Sergeant	Arthur Kill
Barry Peryer	Correction Sergeant	Arthur Kill
Brian K. Freeman	Correction Sergeant	Bedford Hills
Charles P. Staves	Correction Sergeant	Downstate
Kevin M. Menard	Correction Sergeant	Edgecombe
Scott M. Libertucci	Correction Sergeant	Green Haven
Lawrence R. Phipps	Correction Sergeant	Sing Sing
Retirements		
John M. Mehrman, III	Correction Counselor	Adirondack
Wendell B. Wells	Vocational Instructor 4	Adirondack
Marvin R. Decker	Ed Super (Voc)	Albion
John J. Servais	Teacher 4	Albion
Mary A. Orchard	Calculations Clerk 2	Altona
Robert F. Atwood	Vocational Instructor 4	Altona
Linda K. Weisman	Teacher 4	Altona
Nettie Evans	Correction Counselor	Arthur Kill
Jane D. Krawczyk	Videotape Monitor	Attica
Virginia M. Hamill	Videotape Monitor	Attica
Karen L. Ellis	Principal Account Clerk	Attica
Thomas Witkowski	Indus Trng Super 2 MPM	Attica
Frances M. Schrader	Teacher 4	Auburn
Richard W. Aldrich	Indus Trng Super 2 WPM	Auburn
Mozella Adams	Calculations Clerk 2	Bayview
Ellen B. Anderle	Social Worker 2	Beacon
John Fusco	General Mechanic	Bedford Hills
Robert V. Abrams	Correction Counselor	Butler
Paul Utter	ASAT Prg. Assistant	Butler
James Roschick	ASAT Counselor	Butler
Gary E. Anthony	Dep Supt Admin 3	Cayuga
Marcia McGinley	ASAT Prg. Asst.	Chateaugay
Richard W. Meyer	Voc Instructor 4	Clinton
Donald H. Miller	Head Cook	Collins
Paul L. Dabolt, Jr.	Plant Utilities Assistant	Collins
Daniel A. Swiatek	Counselor	Collins
Sherwood C. Vankuren	Carpenter	Coxsackie
John Batza	Sr Filter Plant Operator	Coxsackie
John G. Lawrence	Teacher 4	Coxsackie
Thomas J. Fitzpatrick	Voc Instructor 4	Coxsackie
Roy J. Peterson	Sr Counselor	Coxsackie

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Dominick Orsino	Dep Supt. for Rec & Class 3	Downstate
Jeffrey W. Howarth	Indus Trng Super 2 MPM.	Eastern
Clifford G. Collins	Plant Utilities Engineer 1	Eastern
Sylvester Bernard	Plumber & Steamfitter	Eastern
Martin C. Christon	Plant Utilities Assistant	Eastern
Harry H. Harper	General Mechanic	Edgecombe
Louis C. Adessa	Correction Counselor	Elmira
Janice M. Wysowski	Keyboard Specialist 1	Elmira
Anne Cole	Dep Super Health Fac	Fishkill
Carol Gray	Teacher 4	Fishkill
Jimmie Harris	Dep Supt Programs 3	Fishkill
John Cooper	Voc Instructor 4	Fishkill
Lucy A. Richards	Calculations Clerk 1	Fishkill
L. J. McGimpsey	Calculations Clerk 2	Fishkill
Judith A. Fisher	Calculations Clerk 2	Fishkill
Robert E. Fisher	Head Cook	Fishkill
John Dumont	Head Cook	Franklin
Reginald C. Wylie	Principal Stores Clerk	Franklin
Darlene Moore	Clerk 2	Gouverneur
Orville J. Wilson	Plant Utilities Engineer 1	Gowanda
Richard P. Nordblum	Plumber & Steamfitter	Gowanda
Elizabeth A. Lebar	Keyboard Specialist 1	Gowanda
Catherine D. Goll	Sr Mail & Supply Clerk	Gowanda
Elaine Franze	Calculations Clerk 1	Gowanda
Leonard F. Borden	Principal Stores Clerk	Great Meadow
T. J. Levanduski	Sr Counselor	Green Haven
John T. Perry	Counselor	Green Haven
Joseph Decicco	Voc Instructor 3	Green Haven
Peter L. Cooper	Motor Equip Mechanic	Green Haven
Dorothy B. Rock	Counselor	Greene
Mary M. Bordeau	Clerk 2	Greene
Michael E. Neaton	Ed Counselor	Greene
Marie C. Sulkey	Calculations Clerk 2	Greene
Carol A. Beller	Voc Instructor 4	Greene
Gerald Kotzin	Clinical Physician 2	Greene
Brenda K. Bankston	Calculations Clerk 2	Greene
Alice E. Carter	Head Account Clerk	Groveland
Lauren M. Kreig	Plant Utilities Engineer 1	Hudson
Nestor Cifuentes	Clinical Physician 2	Lakeview
Anthony Borrello	Plumber & Steamfitter	Lakeview
Arnold C. Lewis	Counselor	Lincoln
Marguerite Williams	Keyboard Specialist 1	Lincoln
J. Pettaway	Correction Counselor	Lincoln
David D. Hurd	Teacher 4	Lyon Mountain
Arlene DiBello	Supervising Budget Analyst	Main Office
Martin E. Parchuck	Supervisor Data Processing	Main Office
Joan Irish	Clerk 1	Main Office
Gail G. Tolley	Assist Supv. A/V Trng & Prod	Main Office
John E. Pich	Correction Counselor	Marcy
John Sullivan	Teacher 4	Marcy
Karen A. Smith	Secretary 1	Marcy
Mildred T. Redmond	Mail & Supply Clerk	Marcy
Lorraine Brady	Keyboard Specialist 1	Marcy
Nancy Smith	Inmate Records Coordinator 2	Marcy
Donna LePage	Vocational Instructor 3	Marcy
Ronald M. Rakowski	Teacher 4	Marcy
Alberta Dwyer	Teacher 4	Marcy
Frederick P. Younker	Teacher 4	Mid-Orange
John E. Servatius	Teacher 4	Mid-State
James W. Smith	Voc Instructor 4	Mid-State
Patricia Marvin	Keyboard Specialist 1	Mid-State
Marie A. Mastracco	Teacher 4	Mohawk
Lorraine M. Ellison	Principal Account Clerk	Monterey SICF
Raymond Brzozowski	Teacher 4	Mt. McGregor
Ann C. Salmonson	Library Clerk 2	Mt. McGregor
Robert Vandecar	Plumber & Steamfitter	Mt. McGregor
Sharon A. Scanlon	Keyboard Specialist 1	Mt. McGregor
Robert Lathan	Maintenance Assist Mechanic	NYC
E. Matthews	Assist Dep Supt	NYC
Carol J. Jensen	Clerk 2	Ogdensburg
Patricia Clark	Nurse 2	Ogdensburg
Constance Mills	Counselor	Oneida
Margaret C. Kupiec	Nurse 2	Oneida
Deanna H. Tucker	Counselor	Queensboro
Dennis A. Duncan	Counselor	Queensboro
Dennis J. Damico	Principal Clerk	Queensboro
Keith L. Shaver	Stores Clerk 1	Riverview
David A. Thomas	Voc Instructor 4	Riverview
James U. Wagner	Counselor	Rochester
Georgine B. Gibbons	Nurse 2	Shawangunk
Dennis Manwaring	Ed Supe (Spec Sbjcts)	Sing Sing
Dolores Conklin	Keyboard Specialist 1	Sing Sing
Donald L. Galgano	Sr Counselor	Sing Sing
Paul C. Nardi	Teacher 4	Southport
Patricia Moore	ASAT Prg. Asst.	Taconic
Thomas M. Lloyd	Voc Instructor 4	Washington
Mary D. Bishop	Voc Instructor 3	Washington
Raymond Brzozowski	Teacher 4	Washington
Angel Gutierrez	Clinical Physician 3	Wende
Wayne Boulerice	Correction Captain	Altona
Michael Haubert	Correction Captain	Green Haven
Charles E. Satterfield	Correction Lieutenant	Downstate
Daniel B. Green	Correction Lieutenant	Downstate
Michael Glass	Correction Lieutenant	Downstate
Thomas L. Malnic	Correction Lieutenant	Ulster
Rocky G. Madrid	Correction Sergeant	Albion
John M. Pidlypchak	Correction Sergeant	Auburn
Benjamin Rivera	Correction Sergeant	Downstate
Steven Radomski	Correction Sergeant	Downstate
William Cristofaro	Correction Sergeant	Elmira
William McNamara	Correction Sergeant	Hudson
Ralph O'Conor	Correction Sergeant	Mid-Orange
Daniel H. Reed	Correction Sergeant	Woodbourne
Edward H. Narburgh	Correction Officer	Albion
Donald R. Chenevert	Correction Officer	Altona
Wayne M. Tyler	Correction Officer	Altona
Kevin E. Downs	Correction Officer	Altona

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Employees march to their own (Irish) drummer on St. Patrick's Day

For the third consecutive year, about 150 Department employees from across the state joined thousands of others from all walks of life on March 17 to proudly strut their stuff down the streets of Manhattan before millions during the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. *(See photos on page 16.)*

The parade dates back more than 235 years to colonial times and is by far the granddaddy of all civic parades in the U.S. With participants numbering over 150,000 strong a year, the New York City parade outstrips the hundreds of other parades taking place in cities and towns throughout this country, in Canada, Ireland and elsewhere.

The Department's proud and spirited contingent consisted of members of the New York State Corrections Emerald Society, which has chapters at prisons throughout the state. Although dedicated to those employees of Irish heritage, the society gladly welcomes into its fold people of all ethnic backgrounds.

For the second straight year, the Department included a popular item on its parade menu: 16 DOCS bagpipers who trained out of Albany were part of the contingent, accompanying those drummers who have marched for the past three years.

The Emerald Society once again rented a community hall near the end of the long parade route, and hundreds of parade participants, their viewing family members, friends and others joined as one to enjoy food, drink and good company.

Plans are already underway for the Department's return engagement to the 2004 parade.

Unlike other parades, there are no floats or automobiles in the New York City parade. All participants follow a bright green line painted in the middle of the street, up Fifth Avenue, past St. Patrick's Cathedral.

The parade route stretches the two miles from 44th to 86th street. And the annual event is truly a memorable one.

The parade epitomizes a tremendous display of Irish pride and solidarity by a representative cross-section of the Irish-American community. Although its is doubtlessly most interesting to other Irish-Americans, there is always plenty to enjoy for everyone.

The first official parade in New York City was held in 1766 by Irishmen in a military unit recruited to serve in the American colonies. For the first few years of its existence, the parade was organized by military units until after the War of 1812. At that point in time, Irish fraternal and beneficial societies took over the duties of hosting and sponsoring the event.

Originally, Irish societies joined together at their respective meeting places and moved in a procession toward St. Patrick's Old Cathedral, St. James Church or one of the city's other Roman Catholic churches. As the years passed, the size of the parade necessitated coordination under a single grand marshal beginning in 1851, to coordinate the parade's growth.

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David Korytkowski	Correction Officer	Attica
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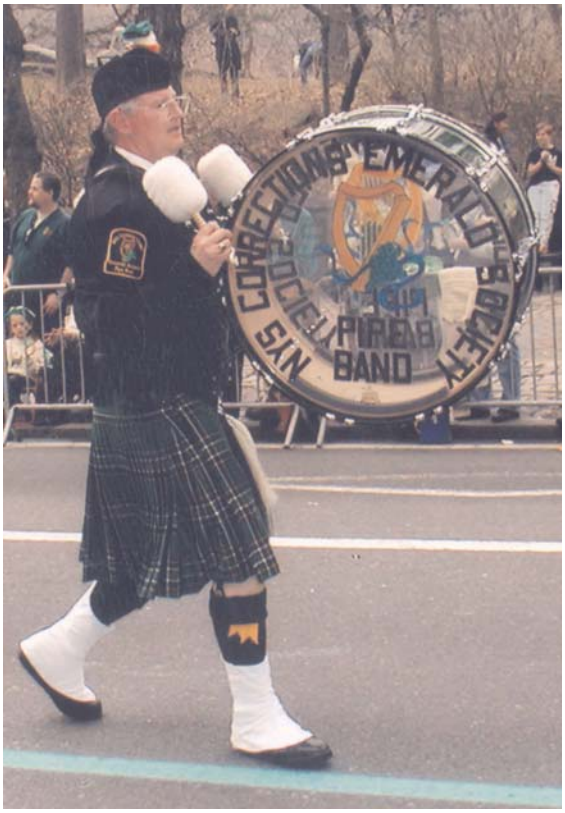
George B. Boulet	Correction Officer	Auburn
Thomas Panek	Correction Officer	Auburn
Bradley R. Kasten	Correction Officer	Bedford Hills
Kenneth D. Wilson	Correction Officer	Butler
William Werner	Correction Officer	Georgetown
Robert C. Westover	Correction Officer	Cayuga
Richard J. Fournia	Correction Officer	Chateaugay
Ronald F. Lafountain	Correction Officer	Clinton
Richard O Lynch	Correction Officer	Clinton
John P. Dessureault	Correction Officer	Clinton
John G. West	Correction Officer	Clinton
Vernon Champagne	Correction Officer	Clinton
David Baker	Correction Officer	Clinton
George Kramer	Correction Officer	Clinton
George W. Weibrecht	Correction Officer	Downstate
Joel E. Fremont	Correction Officer	Downstate
Kingsley D. Genas	Correction Officer	Downstate
Richard J. Countryman	Correction Officer	Eastern
Nicolo A. Marino, Jr.	Correction Officer	Elmira
John Moore	Correction Officer	Elmira
Edwin Figueroa	Correction Officer	Fishkill
M. D. Belden	Correction Officer	Great Meadow
Donald S. Clear	Correction Officer	Green Haven
James Tedeschi	Correction Officer	Green Haven
William T. Wilkinson	Correction Officer	Greene
Timothy W. McChesney	Correction Officer	Groveland
Keith Kruppner	Correction Officer	Groveland
Nathan Guzzardi	Correction Officer	Groveland
Joseph Kraft	Correction Officer	Hudson
Charles Hawver	Correction Officer	Hudson
C. Loder	Correction Officer	Lakeview
Edward DuFour	Correction Officer	Mt. McGregor
J. R. Barber	Correction Officer	Mt. McGregor
R. J. Aiken	Correction Officer	Mt. McGregor
Joseph Cupertino	Correction Officer	Otisville
Jennette Hayes	Correction Officer	Queensboro
Salvatore Esposito	Correction Officer	Queensboro
Ralph Gorton	Correction Officer	Wallkill
J. J. Sitek	Correction Officer	Wende
Larry Lucarelli	Correction Officer	Wende
Thomas L. Reimer	Correction Officer	Wende
Richard W. McLaine	Correction Officer	Willard

Deaths

Amanda S. Smith	Keyboard Specialist 1	Butler

Our Emerald Society leads DOCS paraders in NYC



These random images indicate the flavor of the event as 150 employees traveled to New York City this spring to participate in the world's largest St. Patrick's Day parade through the canyons of Gotham. For smartly-dressed Officers, led by our own Emerald Society, it was an excellent show of fealty and camaraderie. See story on page 15.