



2009

Employee
Recognition Awards

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Congratulations from the Chairwoman



*Andrea W. Evans
Chairwoman & CEO*

As 2009 comes to a close, I would like to thank the entire staff of the Division for their service this year. Despite the fiscal woes that have encumbered some of our goals, as an agency we have stayed true to our mission and have not wavered in our efforts to succeed. Our work has helped keep neighborhoods throughout New York .

I offer my most sincere congratulations to all of this year's Division of Parole Recognition Awards honorees. These awards are an important part of the culture we all share as members of the parole family and something that we look forward to each year.

Being a member of the Parole family for more than 20 years has afforded me many opportunities to witness the extraordinary contributions people make to this agency. There are countless examples of individuals who do more than is expected of them, who go beyond their job descriptions for the betterment of the Division and those we serve.

The individuals who were selected to receive awards this year were chosen by their peers from numerous applications submitted for consideration. I know the committee had many difficult decisions to make from all the worthy applications.

This year, I was honored to select Bryan Dott as the recipient of the Chairwoman's Award. Technology is what helps this agency operate as efficiently as it does and keeps our lines of communication open. In these difficult fiscal times, technology is a tool we can use to do more with less. Bryan Dott recognized all of this and capitalized on those .

2009 Chairwoman's Award

The Chairwoman's Award is given annually to an individual who exemplifies service to the Division.

Bryan F. Dott

Mr. Dott was recognized by the Center for Digital Government at their annual Best of New York Awards. Dott was presented with the Excellence in IT Operations award for his innovative program that has already reduced paper consumption at the Division of Parole by 100,000 copies and is estimated to save the Division \$100,000 each year. Of course, that is just one of many projects with his stamp on it that have made the Division more efficient.

It is not only Dott's exceptional problem-solving skills that make his contributions to the agency so important. It is also his ability to engage others in his infectious quest for improvement, because once you talk to him about what he is working on, you can't help but want to get involved. Dott's can-do attitude means a project is never over, it is just evolving, and getting more effective.

The Division of Parole is extremely fortunate to have a person of Mr. Dott's caliber on staff .





BARRY SUTHERLAND MEMORIAL AWARD FOR PUBLIC PROTECTION

Barry Sutherland came to the Division of Parole in September of 1972. He worked with the Agency for four and one-half years. He had previously worked in the Education field as a teacher of English and Mathematics. His reputation was that of a hard worker. He had what many consider to be the necessary pre-requisites for a good parole officer – integrity, compassion, understanding and perseverance.

Barry Sutherland was killed on December 13, 1976, shot while bravely apprehending a fugitive from parole supervision. He was the first ever Parole Officer killed in the line of duty in New York State. The loss of this young and talented Parole Officer serves as a reminder of the skills and dedication of each of our staff and the dangers of their daily work.

The Barry Sutherland Memorial Award was established in his honor to pay annual recognition to Division Peace Officers who were injured in the line of duty or in the furtherance of public safety.

Darcy Ames

In recognition of your heroic act, during the course of an Office Safety Day, at the Queens Area Office, you noticed a parolee fidgeting with a knapsack as if trying to hide something. You decided to see him first at which point he pulled a knife, grabbed you and began to menace you. While you struggled with the parolee in an attempt to free yourself from his grip as he was ordered to drop the weapon several times. The parolee failed to comply, leaving parole officers no choice but to discharge their weapons. This selfless act is what the Division exemplifies in its mission to protect the citizens of the State of New York.

Barry Davis and Dellree Williams

In recognition of your heroic act, during the course of an Office Safety Day, at the Queens Area Office, you observed PO Darcy Ames taken hostage at knifepoint by a parolee. While PO Ames struggled with the parolee in an attempt to free herself from his grip, you ordered the parolee to drop the weapon several times. The parolee failed to comply, leaving you no choice but to discharge your weapon. This selfless act is what the Division exemplifies in its mission to protect the citizens of the State of New York.





Brian Rooney Memorial Award For Meritorious Service

Brian Rooney began working for the Division of Parole in April 1981. Prior to that, he worked as a probation officer in Nassau and Kings counties. He was a man who dedicated his life to the interests of humanity and public safety and he was an exemplary parole officer who received commendations on several occasions for his fine work.

On October 10, 1985, on a street in Queens, Brian Rooney was shot and killed while performing his duties as a parole officer. He had become the target of a drug-related “contract” as a result of an investigation he was conducting.

Brian Rooney worked as a parole officer for only four short years. However, few people in the history of the Division have touched the lives of so many. His death saddens all parole staff, but at the same time it encourages all of us to continue to do the hard work to which he dedicated his own life. The Brian Rooney Memorial Award was established in his honor to annually recognize Division peace officers who have provided continuous exemplary service.

Michael Valente

In recognition of your vigilance in pursuing investigations in the Rochester area. Your efforts resulted in saving a police officers life and bringing a murderer to justice in a case that the District Attorney was prepared for an acquittal. Your actions exemplify the commitment to public safety that is an integral part of the work we conduct as members of the New York State Division of Parole.

Teresa Eisenhauer

In recognition of your steadfast commitment to seeking justice for a crime victim, in this case, a parolee. The victim was shot in the neck and was in critical condition facing the fact that he was going to be a quadriplegic. He was refusing to cooperate with the police until you went to visit him in the hospital. After four hours of discussion he finally agreed to cooperate with the police resulting in the arrest of the perpetrator. Your actions exemplify the commitment to public safety that is an integral part of the work we conduct as members of the New York State Division of Parole.

Kim Mangus

In recognition of your steadfast commitment to assisting whenever and wherever you are needed while the Division is facing staff shortages. Your willingness to perform work functions in an efficient and productive manner at a number of correctional facilities is remarkable. You are a valued member of the staff helping the Division of Parole meet its mission to protect public safety and help those leaving prison successfully complete parole supervision.

Jacqueline Donohue

In recognition of your exemplary work ethic and your ability to take on new initiatives and challenging projects. Your dedication and commitment to bringing facilities into compliance with the DNA test standards is remarkable. You are a valued member of the staff helping the Division of Parole meet its mission to protect public safety and help those leaving prison successfully complete parole supervision.





Linda Mills Memorial Award For Re-Entry Services

Linda Mills first began working in public service in 1981, as a therapist for chemically dependent individuals in a Bronx hospital. She later came to work for the Division and worked as a parole officer for nine years. In 1990, she was appointed to the position of parole revocation specialist. She was considered to be a thorough and conscientious individual who was dedicated to helping others and was well liked by her colleagues and supervisors.

Linda Mills died suddenly in March of 1991. Her loss deeply touched those with whom she worked over the years. As a remembrance of her devotion to this agency and her dedication to helping others, the Linda Mills Memorial Award for Community Service has been created in her honor .

This award is given to those who have performed an act or provided a service which has aided the operations of the Division of Parole or has contributed to the successful reintegration of parolees in the community.

Kevin O'Connor

In recognition of your steadfast commitment to the re-entry process. You have been an instrumental partner in obtaining appropriate housing and adjunct services for very difficult to place individuals. Your integrity and public mindfulness makes you truly one of the unsung re-entry heroes. You have made a very significant difference in many ex-offender's lives enabling them to succeed in the community. You are a valued partner helping the Division of Parole meet its mission to protect public safety and help those leaving prison successfully complete parole supervision.

Quannacut at Eastern Long Island Hospital

In recognition of your steadfast commitment, providing an invaluable service to the Suffolk County Re-Entry Task Force as well as the Division of Parole. Your willingness to accept cases that no other program would even consider and treat them with a higher level of success than any other is remarkable. You are a valued partner helping the Division of Parole meet its mission to protect public safety and help those leaving prison successfully complete parole supervision.

Awards Committee Members

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Administrative Accomplishments Award

This award recognizes the individual or unit, who acted in an outstanding capacity in the creation, implementation, or analysis of important public policy initiatives to support the division.

Brenda Magill

In recognition of your tireless effort and boundless energy going the “extra mile” in every aspect of your duties. Whether you are moving a regional office, renovating an office or searching for furniture for an office, your dedication has enabled the Division to better serve the citizens of the State of New York.

OIS Desktop Support & Network Group

Victor Gallo, Vincent Bonafede, William Johnson, Steven Huck

William Meyer, Doreen Watson, Ricky Thompson,

Kim Kohinke, Coleen Rooney and Cheryl Irvin

In recognition of your tireless efforts making the Facility Rollout and Remote Access Projects a reality. Your work has enabled nearly the entire Division to connect electronically which allows us to work more efficiently and collaboratively. Additionally, your problem solving abilities as part of the Help Desk team have solved a multitude of issues for computer users statewide. Your dedication has enabled the Division to better serve the citizens of the State of New York.

Agency Fellowship Award

This award was established to recognize employees whose extra efforts have contributed to morale or promoted camaraderie, spirit and the feeling of fellowship and goodwill among division staff.

Dorian DeYounge-Brown, Denise Granum, William McCartney and Lorena Cabrera

In recognition of your part in organizing a blood drive for a child of a parole family member whose pressing need for ongoing transfusions was unforeseeable. Your selfless actions went above and beyond the call of duty on behalf of a member of the “Parole Family” in need.

Kathleen Graham

In recognition of your unwavering commitment to provide assistance to those in personal need as well as emotional distress. Your understanding of the demands of the job demonstrate that we are not alone in times of crisis. Your tireless work demonstrates your fortitude and commitment to your co-workers and your chosen profession.





Agency Award For Valor

This award recognizes a single outstanding act of valor performed by a Division of Parole employee.

Anthony Myers

In recognition of your heroic action when you observed an absconder who was a registered sex offender in a desolate area following an unknown female. You immediately called for backup and apprehended the absconder, detaining him until police arrived. Your quick action may have prevented the unknown female from being assaulted.

You are a valued member of the staff helping the Division of Parole meet its mission to protect public safety and help those leaving prison successfully complete parole supervision.

George Roper

In recognition of your outstanding perseverance in a volatile hostage situation during which a parolee threatened to blow up an apartment building in the South Bronx. You provided key information to the hostage negotiators and later went into the apartment building with them. Your efforts helped get the hostages released and subsequently the parolee surrendered without incident. Your actions exemplify the commitment to public safety that is an integral part of the work we conduct as members of the New York State Division of Parole.

Brian Maher and Robert Hodson

In recognition of your heroic action when you observed an armed subject threatening a female with a large knife. You disarmed the subject and placed him under arrest, preventing what could have been serious injury to the intended victim. Your actions exemplify the commitment to public safety that is an integral part of the work we conduct as members of the New York State Division of Parole.

Daniel Miller

In recognition of your heroic act on July 22, 2009. While doing field work you heard on your hand-held radio that an individual had just robbed a bank on Main Street in Binghamton. You subsequently saw someone who fit the description run in front of your car. You exited your vehicle, confronted the subject and then held him until the police took him into custody. Your actions exemplify the commitment to public safety that is an integral part of the work we conduct as members of the New York State Division of Parole.

Parole Board Award

This award was established as a means to acknowledge Division of Parole staff whose work performance has enhanced the ability of the Parole Board to do its job.

Steven Philbrick

In recognition of your unwavering commitment to provide the Board of Parole with sound advice on a variety of subjects enabling them to perform their duties in a fully informed manner. Your tireless work demonstrates your fortitude of your team commitment to your chosen profession.





Vincent Defilippis Award For Law Enforcement

Vincent Defilippis began his career with the NYS Division of Parole in 1963 as a warrant and transfer officer. He moved up through the ranks and in 2003 was placed in charge of the bureau of special services. There his unit worked with the anti-crime fugitive task force and the US Marshals service apprehending fugitives across New York State, neighboring states and other countries. Mr. Defilippis consistently displayed intelligence, resourcefulness and courage and was responsible in large measure for the continued success of the bureau of special services. He was an icon in the law enforcement community during a career that spanned over four decades of service, guidance, wisdom and leadership to both the City and the State of New York.

Mr. Defilippis passed away suddenly in September 2005 leaving an immeasurable void. He was that rare combination of colleague, partner, mentor, friend and gentleman in the truest sense of the words.

This award was designed to acknowledge the work of outside law enforcement agencies and/or outside law enforcement personnel who have performed an act which aided the operations of the Division of Parole or contributed to the Division's community protection function.

Richard Harturian

In recognition of your steadfast commitment during a multi-jurisdictional investigation involving members and associates of a criminal trafficking organization. Your efforts led to led to 18 cases being sentenced.

You played a major role in reducing gang violence and activity within the West Hill area of Albany.

You are a valued partner helping the Division of Parole meet its mission to protect public safety and help those leaving prison successfully complete parole supervision.

Suffolk County Police Department

In recognition of your steadfast commitment to supporting and assisting the Central Long Island and Suffolk Area parole offices during Safety Days and Operation Halloween. Your assistance in the execution of parole warrants, apprehending parole absconders and providing law enforcement back up during high risk Parole operations is greatly appreciated. You are a valued partner helping the Division of Parole meet its mission to protect public safety and help those leaving prison successfully complete parole supervision.





Mary Van de Wal Memorial Award

Mary Van de Wal dedicated her working life to public service and the Division of Parole serving with us for over 50 years in the central office file room operation. She was recognized as one of the most dedicated employees at the Division and was a role model for three generations of employees.

The Mary Van de Wal memorial award was created in her honor in recognition of her years of dedicated service.

Suzanne Beardsley

In recognition of your steadfast commitment to the Parole Violation Unit by traveling to various offices when staff assistance was needed. Your positive outlook makes the difference when getting tasks done and making things move.

You lead by example and impress everyone around you with your dedication and pleasant professionalism. Your responsiveness is what the Division exemplifies in its mission to protect public safety and help those leaving prison successfully complete parole supervision.

Cathy Barretta

In recognition of your unwavering commitment to perform duties above and beyond your responsibilities without complaint providing the Utica Area Office with better working conditions. Your level of professionalism is what the Division exemplifies in its mission to protect public safety and help those leaving prison successfully complete parole supervision.

Williemae Martin

In recognition of your unwavering commitment to be a supportive and accommodating employee. You have regularly gone above and beyond the call of duty and always with a kind word and a smile. Your fellow workers enjoy coming to work knowing that you will always be there to assist in any way possible. Your level of professionalism is what the Division exemplifies in its mission to protect public safety and help those leaving prison successfully complete parole supervision.

Award For Contributions To The Violation Process

This award was created to recognize the employee whose work performance has contributed most to improving or facilitating the effectiveness, efficiency and/or management of the parole violation process.

Shari Bugg

In recognition of your exemplary work ethic and your ability to enhance the violation process by assuring the Division's standards are met so that other agencies and the general public view the Parole Violation Unit in a positive manner.

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Length of Service Recipients

45 Years of Service

Tulino, James

40 Years of Service

Murcia, Raymond
Sherry Robert

35 Years of Service

Amico, Anthony
Burke, Thomas
Florenz, Cynthia
Hamburgm, Ilana
Hotaling, Mary
Lima, Joseph
Lowrey, John
Marlenga, Frank
McBride, Moultrine
Washington, Sarah
Wilson-Cross, Lynette

30 Years of Service

Adams, Joan
Alvarado, Luis
Aylesworth, Cheryl
Bugg, Sabrina
Campagna, Gerard
Campbell, Marva
Carroll, James
Cooke, William
D'Ambrosio, Joseph
Degroff, Harnetha
Diaz, Marilyn
Flynn, Rita
Fortune, Connie
Fries, Donald
Hinsch, Cathy
Ike, Connie
James-Johnson, Barbara
Johnson, Louise
Liberty, Darlene
Murphy, Donna
Murray, James
Nesich, Jeffrey
Nicotra, Maria
Overfield, Philip
Smith, Carol
Swift, Gail
VanDorn, Robert
Weinheimer, Susan
Welch, Cheryl
White-Hall, Elsa
Wilson, Albert





25 Years Of Service

Alger, Roberta
James Anderson
Batchelor, Monte
Bender, Bonnie
Biondo, Rosa Arena
Bordas, Maria
Bour, Charles
Carroll, Joseph
Coplen, Kara
Corrado, Richard
Dameron, Artis
Daum, Linda
Demosthene, Caryne
DiMaggio, Peter
Fraley, Edward
Frassa, Richard
Gibbons, James
Greenier, Nona
Gregoruous, Deborah
Grundstrom, Josephine
Henderson, William
Holmes, Ava
Horne, Florence
Hussey, Lisa
Jabaut, James
Jackson, Robin
Jolma, Lana
Jones, Claudette
Kirkwood, Phyllis
Kocsis, James
Lattimer, John
Lourdiane, Katrina
Mahunik, Karen
Marcus, Stephen
Martinez, Wanda
Mason, Joan

Matteson, Janine
McNamara, James
Miller, Mark
Nieves, Nelson
O'Brien, Timothy
Owen, Kathleen
Piccirillo, Earl
Prince, Mainert
Reedy, Linda
Richards, Kay
Rivera, Mildred
Roche, John
Rogers, Beverlyn
Ruppert, Michael
Sanacore, Michael
Prince, Mainert
Reedy, Linda
Richards, Kay
Rivera, Mildred
Roche, John
Rogers, Beverlyn
Ruppert, Michael
Sanacore, Michael
Shah, Rekha
Skinner, Peter
Snyder, Donald
Spaulding, Rita
Stevens, Arlene
Teeling, Douglas
Tompkins, Kay
Tremmel, Lorraine
Valentine, Grant
VanDyk, Bruce
VanValkenburgh, Lisa
Willis, Edna



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