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Striving to be Efficient and Effective

The DOC strives to make the most efficient and effective use of Pennsylvania tax dollars which support the state prison system. In light of this, a cost savings e-mail address was created earlier this year for DOC employees to use to suggest ways for improvement.

Since creating the e-mail address, the DOC has received more than 400 suggestions, all of which will be reviewed. Employees are thinking and offering well-planned and researched ideas. The suggestions are viewed and forwarded to the appropriate DOC bureau/office or facility for discussion/consideration.

While not a new idea, there has been a renewed interest in employee input. Corrections Secretary John Wetzel encourages each staff member to review their procedures being ever mindful of the budgetary concerns of the department.

“Some employees may assume their idea is small or insignificant; however, no savings is viewed as too small,” Wetzel said.

In addition to the new e-mail account for employees, everyone also has been reminded about common sense approaches to savings. Simple efficiencies that can be put into place immediately include: making double sided copies, utilizing e-mail rather than printing, recycling appropriate products, exhausting office supplies prior to restocking, turning off lights when not occupying an office, carpooling to various trainings and institution visits and reporting water leaks for repair. Wetzel encourages employees to continue to be aware of ways to save, as we are all tax paying citizens. In essence, each savings is money in our own pockets.

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Secretary Wetzel Talks About...

The DOC Budget

Governor Tom Corbett recently signed the budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. This budget is the first step in changing the culture of state government spending.

The Department of Corrections' budget amount is \$1.8 billion, essentially the same amount as last year's budget that combined state funds and one-time stimulus funding.

While we appreciate the fact that the General Assembly has funded us to the level that will allow us to continue to provide vital public safety and reentry services, we also realize that this is no time to relax. Economic times continue to be tough. We have a responsibility to be good stewards of taxpayer money and to spend that money in a smarter, more efficient way.

With that said, I want to remind everyone that we still must continue to seek ways to reduce our spending. I urge employees to continue to submit cost-savings ideas. You can anticipate seeing some of the recommendations we currently have initiated in the near future. And as we enter this fiscal year, we also should be looking ahead to future fiscal years.

That is exactly what we have done by working with the legislature to introduce and pass legislation that now would have hospitals charge Medicaid rates for inmate treatment versus regular hospital rates. This change will save taxpayers millions of dollars each year. We are excited about this change, which is effective immediately, and are working with the Department of Public Welfare to create a partnership for automated inpatient/Medicaid billing. This is exactly the kind of cost-savings idea we are looking for to help move us into the future in a fiscally responsible manner.

With our future in mind, we look forward to working with the General Assembly to introduce additional legislation that will help us to better manage our inmate population. We also are excited about future participation in justice reinvestment initiatives and other ways to responsibly reduce prison population, and thus, our spending.

We also anticipate a better utilization of our Community Corrections system, and we look forward to strengthening the connection between the facilities and BCC.

As we begin this new fiscal year with this new budget, I challenge each of you to think "outside of the box" to find economic solutions that not only make sense and provide for public safety, but that also reduce spending. This is our responsibility, and it is part of our mission.



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Corbett Administration Redefines Focus of SCI Graterford Construction Project

A new state prison facility at Graterford, Montgomery County, has been redesigned to reduce costs and better meet the long-term needs of the state prison population, the Department of Corrections announced today.

As a result, the Department of General Services re-bid the project. The expected completion date has been extended approximately six months from July 2014 to later that same year.

"This, by no means, is a failure in design – it's an opportunity for us to improve upon the design," acting Corrections Secretary John Wetzel said. "Before we spend millions of dollars building a new prison, we need to ensure the money is being spent in an appropriate manner and that the prison design is in line with our department's mission.

"SCI Phoenix East and West -- the formal names of the new prisons -- will continue to house up to 4,100 offenders, and the re-bidding gives us the opportunity to fine-tune the design to better fit our population needs and also to help us reduce some operational costs," Wetzel said.

"Some of these design changes will be critical for the Department of Corrections and more economical for the commonwealth," Secretary of General Services Sheri Phillips said. "It makes sense to design this prison exactly as we need it to be before we start construction. The Department of General Services will do everything possible to expedite the project."

The prison will be divided into sections, separating medium- and maximum-security inmates. A capital case unit will be added as well as construction of the state's first, self-contained female transitional facility on prison grounds.

Of the total 2,668 female inmates in state prisons, Wetzel said, nearly 800 are from Philadelphia and surrounding counties. The state's two prison facilities for women are located in Crawford and Lycoming counties.

"We will now be able to transition female inmates back into the Philadelphia area through a special, self-contained unit that will be included in this prison's design," Wetzel said. "This self-contained female unit supports our department's re-entry initiative and helps us to reengage these individuals with society through positive community supports."

Female inmates nearing the end of their prison sentences, and who are from the Philadelphia area, will be transferred to the unit six months prior to their release. While at the unit, the inmates will be able to visit with their children and family members.

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"Helping mothers acclimate with their children is an essential part of successful re-entry," Wetzel said. "This will be the first unit of its type in Pennsylvania, and it will be located in an area of the state from which a significant number of our female inmates come."

Additional changes include a 100-bed capital case unit and a number of security and safety features that previously were not part of the prison's original design. At the current SCI Graterford, capital case inmates are housed in the prison's restricted housing unit along with other inmates who are there for administrative or disciplinary reasons. The prison does not have a separate capital case unit, like that at SCI Greene, where a majority of the capital case inmates are housed.

"Presently there are 213 capital case inmates in Pennsylvania," Wetzel said. "Only 45 of those individuals are housed at Graterford, yet more than 100 of the convicted are from Philadelphia County."

Wetzel said this special capital case unit at the new Graterford prison will result in reduced transportation costs associated with these offenders and court hearings.

"Because of the extra security required, it costs 150-percent more to transport a capital case inmate than a general population inmate," Wetzel said. "This housing unit will allow the DOC to house capital case inmates closer to Philadelphia, thus reducing our court-related transportation expenses."

Wetzel said that many individuals from the departments of General Services and Corrections have spent significant time working on this project and its design.



The re-bidding of the construction project allows officials from the Department of General Services and Department of Corrections to make design enhancements and to change the scope of the project. The state has allocated \$400 million for the project.

"We appreciate everyone's efforts," Wetzel said. "We are pleased to have had the opportunity to review and re-examine the scope and mission of this new prison."

Deputy Secretaries Named

Earlier this year, **John Murray** was named deputy secretary for the central region. Prior to coming to the DOC's Central Office, he served as superintendent of SCI Camp Hill.

As regional deputy secretary, Murray, who has more than 30 years of service with the DOC, oversees the operation of the following facilities that are located in the central region: Cresson, Houtzdale, Huntingdon, Muncy, Pine Grove, Quehanna, Rockview and Smithfield.

Murray began his career as a corrections officer in 1980 at SCI Graterford. He then was promoted to sergeant. While working at the prison, he also served as a corrections counselor and a unit manager. In 1997, he was promoted to major for unit management. In 2002, Murray left SCI Graterford to serve as deputy superintendent for facility management at SCI Camp Hill. In 2003, he returned to SCI Graterford as deputy superintendent for facility management. He was named superintendent of SCI Camp Hill in April 2010.



John Murray

Murray is an Army National Guard veteran of more than 21 years. He earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Wilmington College.

Tim Ringler has been named deputy secretary for administration. In this capacity, Ringler oversees a number of offices and bureaus at the Central Office level, such as Correctional Industries, Equal Opportunity, Finance, Health Care and Food Services, Human Resources, Information Technology, Operations and the DOC's Training Academy.

Ringler, who has a master's in public administration and a bachelor's in political science from The Pennsylvania State University, began his corrections career in July 1982 as a budget analyst at the DOC's central office. In January 1984, he was named chief of the fiscal management division. He was promoted to director of the Bureau of Administration in July 2003, a position he has held until his recent appointment to deputy secretary.

Throughout his corrections career, Ringler has managed and directed budgeting, accounting, procurement and other fiscal activities throughout the entire DOC.

Prior to joining the DOC, Ringler was a Pennsylvania Management Intern from July 1981 to June 1982, where he participated in an intensive one-year management training program involving rotational assignments in selected agencies.

From 1974 to 1976, he served as a physiological training specialist with the U.S. Air Force at Andrews Air Force Base. There, he operated and lectured about decompression chambers and safety equipment and assisted in student training and testing.

Inmates Returned from Michigan DOC

More than 1,000 Pennsylvania state prison inmates, who had been housed in Michigan since February 2010, were returned to Pennsylvania earlier this year.

"Returning these inmates home was important because it eases the burden on inmates' families and also keeps taxpayer money in Pennsylvania rather than spending it elsewhere," Wetzel said. "Ninety percent of our inmates will return home after incarceration and helping them to maintain their family support is vital to their successful return into society."



Over the past several months, Pennsylvania's prison population has continued to level off, making it possible to return the 1,111 inmates back to state facilities. In addition a number of construction projects at several existing facilities has increased capacity, allowing for the return of the inmates.

"While the population decrease is slight, it is enough – when combined with current capacity expansion projects – to allow us to bring our inmates home," Wetzel said.

In 2008, a moratorium was issued on paroling inmates. By 2010, state prison officials moved inmates to Michigan and Virginia as a precautionary measure to avoid serious situations that could arise because of severe overcrowding.

"Today, with a return to near previous parole rates, our prison system has experienced some relief," Wetzel said. "However, if another parole moratorium were to take place, it would have devastating consequences for the DOC that could result in the department having to once again house inmates in other states."

"The transfer and housing of more than 1,000 inmates was a monumental undertaking, which Michigan performed with remarkable skill and competence," Wetzel said. "It has been a sincere pleasure working with Michigan's Department of Corrections. They have demonstrated the highest levels of professionalism and courtesy in dealing with Pennsylvania staff and in providing for the housing of our inmates."

Wetzel said about 1,000 inmates will continue to be housed in Virginia, but that he plans to continue to monitor the population in order to return those inmates to Pennsylvania as soon as feasible.

A Glimps at Expansion Projects

The DOC is expanding capacity with a plethora of capital budget construction projects. The projects range from modular housing units (called "soft mods") to permanent units (called "hard mods") to entire institutions.

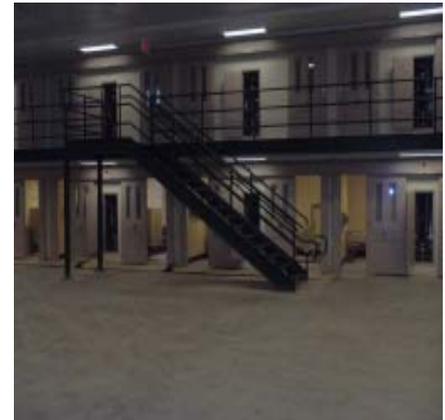
"Soft Mods" Projects

- Cambridge Springs
-150-bed modular housing unit
- Greensburg
-150-bed modular housing unit
- Houtzdale
-150-bed modular housing unit
- Laurel Highlands
-150-bed modular housing unit
- Mahanoy
-150-bed modular housing unit
- Pine Grove
-150-bed modular housing unit
- Rockview
-TWO 150-bed modular housing units



"Hard Mods" Projects

- Cambridge Springs
-230-bed medium-security housing unit
- Coal Township
-230-bed medium-security housing unit
- Forest
-128-bed maximum-security housing unit
- Pine Grove
-230-bed medium-security housing unit



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NEW Facilities

SCI Benner Township

Construction is well under way for this new, 2,000-bed facility that is being built on the grounds of SCI Rockview in Centre County. This facility, due to its ideal central location in the state, also will operate a transportation hub for DOC buses that transport inmates between state prisons. Construction is expected to be complete later in 2012.

SCIs Phoenix East & West

The Department of General Services is now accepting proposals for these two prisons which will be built on the grounds of SCI Graterford, Montgomery County. Each facility will house 2,000 offenders.



SCI Benner Township, located on the grounds of SCI Rockview, is slated to open later in 2012.

Clearing the Air



Earlier this year, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Department of Justice announced the entry of a consent decree representing a settlement with the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections (DOC) and the Department of General Services (DGS). The settlement covers alleged Clean Air Act violations at boiler plants generating power, heat and hot water at four state prisons — SCIs Huntingdon, Laurel Highlands, Muncy and Rockview.

The EPA and the DOC negotiated the terms of the consent decree/settlement which included the civil penalty for the violations and agreed upon timeframes for bringing those four prisons into compliance with the Clean Air Act. At the conclusion of those negotiations the DOC regarded the terms as being fair and attainable.

The work began at the institutions in order for the boiler plants to be renovated and upgraded to the standards named in the settlement. The institutions are among the oldest in the prison system.

As a result of the settlement, a bag house to control particulate matter was installed at SCI Rockview. The bag house prevents the solid particles from the burning of coal from entering the atmosphere. Most of the work on this project has been completed.

Three new, gas-fired boilers are being installed at SCI Laurel Highlands. This project is in conjunction with the installation of equipment allowing the institution to utilize methane gas from a nearby landfill for heating and the production of electricity.

At SCI Muncy, officials are underway with a DGS project to renovate the coal plant. The prison currently uses a natural gas system as a back-up heating source.

The boiler plant at SCI Smithfield will be modified to serve as a central plant serving both SCIs Huntingdon and Smithfield. This upgrade is the most extensive and therefore will not be completed until the summer of 2012.

Per the agreement, the DOC will continue to report the progress being made on the stipulated improvement in order to ensure compliance. The DOC is ever mindful of the environment and of the effects the institutions have on the natural surroundings.

Re-entry via County Jails



York County Prison

The DOC currently is partnering on an initiative with York County Prison to enhance the re-entry efforts of the department. The program began on a small scale with a limited number of inmates involved.

However, the plan is to expand the numbers to utilize re-entry services already in place at the county level.

“Many counties have re-entry expertise and connections within their communities,” Corrections Secretary John Wetzel said. “We are partnering with York County Prison to take advantage of the prison’s connections with many civic and business leaders. This allows us to use their important resources to enhance the inmates re-engagement in society.”

The inmates eligible are those who qualify for pre-release as determined by statute and regulations, which includes input by the district attorney as well as the victim of the crime. The inmates were or will be residents of the re-entry county, and they will continue to be classified at either SCI Camp Hill (male) or SCI Muncy (female).

Another target for re-entry through county jails is parolees. Many times parolees are in need of the community support services offered. These individuals, in general, do not have a viable home plan.

The eligible inmates will need to complete treatment programming prior to earning pre-release status. They will then be transported to the county facility.

Upon arrival at the county, they will receive a 30-day work release assessment and evaluation. While at the county, the inmates will increase their social skills with classes pertaining to finances, interpersonal communications, interview methods, employment assistance and housing options. These services may be provided by the prison or by community organizations.

At this point, they will be approved by both the county and the DOC to be accepted into the work release program. The inmates will be simultaneously a county work release and a pre-release DOC inmate.

Goals of this initiative are to return the inmates to their county of residence, release them at their minimum sentence date, provide a transitional living setting and to capitalize on the re-entry expertise of the county jail.

Folino Named Warden of the Year

Louis S. Folino, superintendent at the State Correctional Institution at Greene, has been selected as Warden of the Year by the North American Association of Wardens and Superintendents, the Department of Corrections announced today.

Chosen from among nearly two dozen wardens and superintendents nominated across the nation, Folino is only the second Pennsylvania superintendent to receive this award in 32 years.

Folino will accept the award at the American Correctional Association's Congress of Corrections conference next month.

"If anyone has ever deserved to earn Warden of the Year honors, it is Lou," Corrections Secretary John Wetzel said. "His vast knowledge and professionalism has affected many through his superior leadership abilities."



Lou Folino

Originally from Pittsburgh, Folino has more than 33 years of correctional experience, with 25 years in management and 19 years as a department head, deputy superintendent or superintendent.

"I have enjoyed my years in corrections and would not have done it any other way," Folino said. "This career field is a very satisfying one. I am honored and humbled to have been nominated and selected for this award."

Folino has also served as supervisory superintendent, often serving as a mentor for less experienced superintendents and deputy superintendents. He has provided training for new superintendents and served on many volunteer boards and committees.

In May, Folino was assigned to SCI Pittsburgh to head a new leadership team at the prison.

"Working at SCI Pittsburgh has been a very positive experience for me, but I have been at SCI Greene for more than eight years and consider the institution, and Greene County, to be my home," Folino said.

"I have had the opportunity to work with Lou for many years, and I will also have the honor of presenting this award to him in August," said Executive Deputy Secretary Shirley

New Superintendents Named at SCIs Huntingdon and Waymart

Earlier this year, Secretary John Wetzel named Tabb Bickell superintendent of SCI Huntingdon and Wayne Gavin superintendent of SCI Waymart.

TABB BICKELL

At SCI Huntingdon, Bickell oversees a facility that houses more than 2,100 inmates and employs more than 600 staff. He succeeds Ray Lawler, who retired after 21 years of service.

"Tabb is a dedicated employee with 22 years of experience with the Department of Corrections," Wetzel said. "His security background and progressive advancements are a testament to his desire to succeed."

Bickell began his career in 1988 as a corrections officer at SCI Camp Hill, where he was promoted to sergeant in 1991 and to lieutenant in 1993.

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Moore Smeal. "Lou is an outstanding individual who is worthy of this award based upon his exceptional management and interpersonal skills. Our department, as well as the criminal justice field in general, has benefitted greatly from his dedication and talent."

Folino is recognized as a team player who takes the time to get to know prison employees and their families. A fitness enthusiast and runner, Folino has also participated in the annual Inmate Run-A-Thon for more than 15 years.

"I consider myself to be just one of the many dedicated 700-plus employees of the facility, and we enjoy the camaraderie and teamwork in performing our daily duties," Folino said. "It is evident that the professional performance of SCI Greene's employees has resulted in the positive reputation of this facility, which is shared by everyone who works here."

After serving in the U.S. Marine Corps, Folino began his career as a corrections officer in 1978, working at SCIs Greensburg and Pittsburgh. Over the next 20 years, Folino rose through the organization, earning the rank of major of the guard in 1992. He was named deputy superintendent at SCI Somerset in 1998, and, in 2003, was named superintendent of SCI Greene, a maximum-security prison.

Folino holds undergraduate degrees in administration of justice from the Community College of Allegheny County and the University of Pittsburgh, as well as a master's degree in organizational leadership from Geneva College.

Folino and his wife, Marlene, have two sons.

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Tabb Bickell

He was subsequently assigned to oversee the basic training program at the DOC Training Academy in Elizabethtown.

In 1996, Bickell was promoted to captain at SCI Coal Township and then major of the guard at SCI Mahanoy in 2007. Two years later, also at SCI Mahanoy, Bickell was named deputy superintendent for facility management.

Bickell has participated in and led a number of DOC training courses, completed institutional training audits, vulnerability assessments, security analyses and security inspections. He also was instrumental in the opening of the special management unit at SCI Camp Hill.

Bickell is also a veteran, having served in the U.S. Coast Guard.

WAYNE GAVIN

Gavin, a 29-year corrections veteran, succeeds Joseph P. Nish, who retired after 39 years of service to the state. As superintendent, Gavin oversees the operation of the state prison which houses 1,500 inmates and employs more than 700 workers.

"Wayne understands the unique mission of SCI Waymart," Wetzels said. "He will continue to provide leadership and direction to the staff."

Gavin began his career with the Department of Corrections in 1982 at SCI Dallas as a corrections officer. In 1987, he was promoted sergeant and transferred to SCI Retreat.

In 1989, Gavin was promoted to lieutenant and was instrumental in assisting with the opening of SCI Waymart and, later, the prison's Forensic Treatment Center.



Wayne Gavin

In October 1992, Gavin was promoted to captain. In 2004, he was named major of the guard at SCI Waymart. Gavin was promoted to deputy superintendent for facilities management and then served as interim warden of the Bradford County Correctional Facility for a three-month period during 2008.

During his extensive career, Gavin earned several letters of commendation and was honored as the prison's employee of the month and is a member of the Pennsylvania Prison Wardens Association. He is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Albion CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS
 Camp Hill CHESTER Coal
 Township CRESSON Dallas
 FAYETTE Forest FRACKVILLE
 Graterford GREENE Greensburg
 HOUTZDAL Huntingdon
 LAUREL HIGHLANDS Mahanoy
 MERCER Muncy PINE GROVE
 Pittsburgh QUEHANNA Retreat
 ROCKVIEW Smithfield
 SOMERSET Waymart ACADEMY
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SCI Camp Hill

Students Tour Prison

Red Lion School District students recently toured SCI Camp Hill’s reception center, education building including a variety of vocational classes, library, laundry, a housing unit and commissary. An overview of the operations of the facility was given with the students understanding the analogy of each SCI being like a city.

SCI Coal Township

An inmate organization from SCI Coal Township recently donated \$5,000 to charities across Pennsylvania.

“Throughout the year, inmates are able to participate in facility-approved fundraising events,” said David Varano, superintendent at SCI Coal. “The inmates are very appreciative of such efforts because they allow them to give back to society.”

The TriumphH Organization, created in 1995 to promote social responsibility and community service among inmates, raised funds by selling ice cream, donuts, pies and soda to fellow inmates.

Organizations that benefited from the donations include:

- Animal Resource Center, Bloomsburg
- YMCA, Sunbury
- Northumberland County Children and Youth Services, Sunbury
- Children’s Hospital Foundation of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh
- Manna for the Many, Shamokin
- Hope Prison Ministries, Lansdale
- Prison Law Institution, Philadelphia

Catholic Bishop Visits Prison

Earlier this year, the Most Reverend Joseph P. McFadden, D.D., Bishop of Harrisburg celebrated mass with inmates from SCI Coal Township.



Celebration of Mass and Holy Communion was conducted for approximately 75 inmates. One inmate was confirmed by the bishop during the service.

SCI Fayette

CWP Receives Award

In April, at the conclusion of a community Lenten service, Sister Mary Francis Bassick from the Brownsville Area Ministerial Association presented Unit Manager Tammy Cesarino-Martin with the 2011 Community Service Award. Cesarino-Martin accepted this award on behalf of SCI Fayette's community work program crew.

During the presentation Sister Mary Francis stated how satisfied and appreciative the local churches and organizations are with the work that the inmates completed. She also stated that the inmates and their supervisor conduct themselves in a professional manner whenever they come in contact with members of public. Sister Mary Francis went on to say that everyone deserves a second chance in life and that she was honored to present this award to SCI Fayette's CWP work crew.

SCI Forest

Staff Recognized

DOC staff members are always willing to give back to their local communities, and SCI Forest has been honored for their dedication to sharing. The American Red Cross recently honored staff at the prison with the achievement of the Gold Level. They earned the award based on the employees' donations during 2010.



SCI Greensburg

Helping the Community

The Community Works Program crew from SCI Greensburg performed duties for the Girl Scout Little House Society located in Connellsville, Pa. The house is a non-profit organization that has been used by the Girl Scouts of America for the past 70 years. The three-inmate crew painted walls and steps at the house.

The director of the house was extremely happy with the work. The Girl Scouts meet at the house several nights a week, and the painting completed by the inmates would have taken the parents of the scouts all summer to complete. This project is a good example of how the CWP program makes a positive impact on the community.

SCI Houtzdale

Celebration!

In February 2011, the prison's Empowering Our Future Committee and the Employee's Association held a Super Bowl Party for employees. The party was paid for by employee purchases of pizza, black and yellow cupcakes and other tasty treats. All employees were invited to participate in the event, and some took the opportunity to show their favorite colors.

SCI Huntingdon

Prison, Employees Honored

Two captains from SCI Huntingdon were honored earlier this year by the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. The awards are given to employers who practice leadership and policies that support participation in America's National Guard and Reserve Force.

Captains William Altmanshofer and Kevin Walters, each of whom has more than 25 years of service in corrections, were recognized for their efforts.

"It is quite an honor to receive this award for the institution," said Superintendent Tabb Bickell. "We are proud to support the men and women who are members of the Guard and Reserves."

The captains and the prison were nominated by SCI Huntingdon staff members who are members of the Guard and Reserves. This is the first time a local employer and its staff have been chosen to receive this award.

Dottie Wible and Helen Piyzowski, both of CareerLink, and Charles Miranda, an ESGR committee member for Huntingdon County, made the plaque presentations to the two captains and prison officials, Deputy Superintendent James Eckard and Major Chad Wakefield.



Major Chad Wakefield and Deputy Superintendent James Eckard

SCI MAHANAY

Memorial Day Ceremony

SCI Mahanoy held its second Memorial Day ceremony on institution grounds in May to pay tribute to fallen soldiers and the deceased. The ceremony included participation by high school students from Pottsville Area High School, North Schuylkill High School, Blue Mountain High School and SCI Mahanoy staff. The facility's Honor Guard provided a 21-gun salute and flag ceremony.

During the ceremony, General Logan's Memorial Day Order, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and the poem "In Flanders Field" were read by high school students Gabrielle Hopkins, Christian Zamudio and Rachael Smith. High School student Hutten Moyer played the bagpipes.

SCI Waymart

College Tours

University of Scranton nursing students and instructors toured SCI Waymart in April to learn about career opportunities in the Department of Corrections. Corrections Health Care Administrator Debra Andidora responded to clinical questions while the tour group observed operations on the personal care unit. This was the second of three scheduled nursing tours to be conducted this year.

Also in April, Marywood University criminal justice students toured the institution. Deputy Superintendent Paul DeRosso instructs this group of students at Marywood University.

Central Office

Supporting the Troops

Recently, a donation was made to the Headquarters Company of the 28th Battalion of Lewisburg, PA. The 28th Battalion was 'adopted' by Department of Corrections staff members. The donations included Girl Scout cookies, as well as personal care items. The packages were provided to each soldier from the 28th Battalion who is detached to the Middle East. In the fall of 2010, gift cards were collected and given to assist a soldier who had lost a hand while detached in Iraq.

Educating Graduate Students

Earlier this year, Kathy Gnall (director of Planning, Research & Statistics) and Brett Bucklen (title) made a presentation to criminal justice graduate students at the University of Penn during the university's "Criminology in Practice" course. Gnall and Bucklen provided information on sentencing, parole, re-entry, recidivism and provided answers to a multitude of questions.

Community Works Program

Community Work Program inmates engage in work projects that benefit non-profit organizations, local communities, PENNDOT, state correctional institutions and other state agencies.

From July 1995 through June 2010, DOC inmates have worked in excess of a million hours removing litter from Pennsylvania highways.

The table below enumerates the hours of work performed by the CWP crews to the benefit of many citizens.



Projects in 2009-10	Hours Worked	Net Savings
DCNR	14,992	\$ 159,215
Federal Government	4,331	\$ 22,521
Local Government	79,076	\$ 411,195
Non-Profit Organizations	294,875	\$1,042,753
PENNDOT	81,022	\$1,042,753
SCI's	44,024	\$ 228,924
<u>Other State Agencies</u>	<u>19,687</u>	<u>\$ 102,372</u>
TOTAL	538,007	\$3,500,331



Pennsylvania Correctional Industries

Pennsylvania Correctional Industries (PCI) is a bureau within the Department of Corrections that is self-sustaining through the manufacture and sale of inmate-made items and goods to state funded and non-profit entities in Pennsylvania. It performs a vital role in the DOC by providing the inmates with vocational training and work experience. In 2010, PCI employed 1,553 inmates.

Currently, PCI is expanding its laundry operations and workforce at SCI Frackville. Future sites also will be included in the construction projects at SCIs Benner Township and Phoenix East and West. These sites will have regional and large scale laundries. By increasing laundry services, additional inmates will be employed, which will also provide a cost savings to the DOC through increased and improved laundry operations. The inmates employed will earn valuable work experience coupled with the opportunity to obtain certifications through the National Association of Linen Management.

A third commissary distribution center opened in November 2010 at SCI Albion. The Albion distribution center allows PCI to have a complete disaster plan in the event that one of the regional distribution centers is placed off line for any reason. With three distribution centers, a reduction in delivery time to the prisons will be achieved. At this third site, an addition of 75 new inmate jobs was created. SCI Albion has not had a correctional industry for nearly five years.

SCI Rockview's wood shop has received a new, state-of-the-art computer numerical controlled router. The new equipment allows for an expansion of the product line, higher quality product and improved efficiency. The CNC router provides real world training and experience for inmate workers that is equal to that found in the private sector.

An additional warehouse has been added at SCI Fayette's metal shop. The new space will allow PCI's ability to process and store higher volume orders and storage of materials.

PCI also has made the following additions to its product line:

- Corrections Officer winter coat
- Khaki BDU uniforms
- Modular cell furniture
- "Big House" shampoo and body wash
- Armed Services Honorable Discharge License Plates
- Mission Furniture Line
- Cottages
- Work Boot
- Corrections Officer rain coat
- Expansion of specialty license plates which now include 223 organizations



PCI manufactures all of the state's license plates.



Keeping You Notified of State Prison Emergencies

Several years ago the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections began using an automated telephone dialing system to notify citizens of an emergency at any of its state prisons.

The currently used system – called RapidNotify – is instructed by DOC officials to call listed phone numbers within a one to two mile radius of a state prison and play a message regarding a variety of prison emergencies. This system can literally dial and deliver messages to thousands of phone numbers in a matter of minutes.

NOTE: Individuals who have unlisted phone numbers and who want to receive the emergency notification can have their phone number added to the system by contacting their closest state prison.

AlertPA - The New System ... Your Action is Required

In late 2009, the DOC began using a second, additional system to notify citizens. This second system is called AlertPA. AlertPA quickly sends emergency messages via text messages to cell phones, pagers and e-mail addresses. Voice notification also is an option.

Individuals can register for AlertPA by going to www.pa.gov and clicking on Alerts & Advisories or by clicking on the link at the top of this page. Users can choose the method of notification and select what type of information they would like to receive. The Web site also contains a Frequently Asked Questions page, and citizens should understand that standard texting rates may apply. To receive text alerts from this system, you **MUST** allow e-mail messaging to your phone.

Individuals are encouraged to sign up for the AlertPA system, because the DOC plans to end its contract with RapidNotify in the future. However, before ending the contract, DOC officials want to ensure that everyone who wants to be notified will be notified.

Therefore, since you have to opt into this system, we need you to register, which a majority of people can do via the Internet.

The only concern DOC officials have is for those citizens who do not have access to the Internet. Internet access is required to sign up with AlertPA.

Therefore, citizens who do not have Internet access should contact the Critical Incident Manager at the nearest state prison. The Critical Incident Manager will take their information and then enter it into the AlertPA system for them.

Officials want to ensure that citizens are utilizing the AlertPA system before ending its contract with RapidNotify. So, we need you to sign up.

Please sign up with AlertPA to ensure you receive notifications about state prison emergencies.