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OFFICER STOPS ESCAPE ATTEMPT

On July 15 at about 9:10 a.m., three prisoners decided to hijack a semi-truck and attempt a daring prison break at Kinross Correctional Facility. It ended with one prisoner dead and the other two in a segregation unit at Marquette Branch Prison.

The semi-truck and trailer, driven by a Michigan State Industries (MSI) employee from Jackson, was at a food service building loading dock inside the facility when the three prisoners assaulted the driver and stole the vehicle. They



drove it around the inside of the facility and toward the sallyport, but then headed across the facility grounds and crashed it through the east fence line.

Encased in fencing material, the truck came to a stop in a field across from the facility, leaving a 75-yard breach in the fence. All three prisoners scrambled out the passenger side of the truck and ran toward freedom. Their dash was interrupted by a courageous corrections officer who ordered them to stop. When they failed to obey, he fired a shot, killing convicted murderer Seth Privacky. The other two prisoners then made their first good decision of the morning - they laid down and complied with the officer's orders.

A quick response from Kinross and Chippewa correctional facilities, along with Kincheloe Police, Chippewa County Sheriff deputies, and Michigan State Police, helped secure the scene and control prisoners within the facility. Health care staff provided treatment to the MSI driver, who had non-life-threatening injuries, and to Privacky, who was pronounced dead at the scene.

Within 24 hours, the prison had returned to normal operations; and within 48 hours, a new fence was fully installed and the facility's perimeter was fully secure again. The incident remains under investigation, with charges forthcoming against the two prisoners who survived the escape attempt.



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PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS RECOGNIZE “BEST OF THE BEST”

Each year, several Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) employees are recognized with Professional Excellence awards for their outstanding efforts in the workplace. These men and women have contributed to the Department in a positive way while enhancing the professional image of their work unit and/or the Department as a whole.

In addition to Parole/Probation Officer Matt Vanni, who was recently recognized in F.Y.I. for receiving the 2010 Director's Award and a Professional Excellence Award, eleven fellow employees received Professional Excellence awards for their dedicated efforts in the Department:

- Warden Catherine Bauman was recognized for the development and implementation of the Incentives in Segregation program at Alger Correctional Facility. The program helps reduce incidents involving use of force, misconduct violations, and critical incidents within the segregation setting. Both staff and prisoners involved in the program are appreciative of the program citing better communication between prisoners and staff as well as a safer atmosphere.
- Parole Agent Joseph Beaman was recognized for his service to the parolees on his caseload as well as his positive interaction with community partners. Beaman was instrumental in creating a satellite parole office in Albion, bringing services to offenders who would have previously had to travel to Battle Creek for services. Because of these efforts, offenders and the communities where they reside are better served by the Department.
- Health care unit secretary Kathy Flagel re-

ceived her Professional Excellence Award for her efforts to improve the workplace, including health care scheduling and documentation. Her volunteer efforts created a highly efficient system of managing the specialty clinic process and brought kudos from other staff.

- Shanna Howze provides exemplary support to the Outer District Parole Office. She was recognized with a Professional Excellence Award for creating and implementing a “Ring ‘Em Out” program at the office. She uses a cow bell to positively acknowledge parolees who have successfully completed their parole. Staff members respond to the bell and provide the parolee with positive comments and congratulations. This is an outgrowth of the “Sunshine Committee” which recognizes and celebrates significant employee events and accomplishments.
- Acting Assistant Deputy Warden Richard Goldberg received a Professional Excellence Award for developing and implementing operational systems at the Robert Scott, Huron



Richard Goldberg (center) with Warden Tom Bell (left) and Regional Prison Administrator Bruce Curtis.

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Valley, and Woodland Center correctional facilities. Key control, tool control, and various security systems were initiated successfully as a result of Richard's efforts. He also revised the gate manifest system and Classification Manual.

- Ann MacDowell, a Registered Nurse at Chippewa Correctional Facility, received her Professional Excellence Award for her commendable work with specialized health care populations at her facility. Ann's caring demeanor and thoughtful nature allow her to interact with prisoners and help them choose the best outcome as it relates to their health care needs.
- Thomas Mihalic is a Parole Agent who supervises a specialized caseload. His compassion and ability to work with the specialized population make him an asset to the office, where he routinely assists coworkers with issues related to supervision. He also takes an active role in an Oakland County Court juvenile diversion program, mentoring at-risk youth and supporting community service efforts.
- Corrections Officer Gerald Moore of the Newberry Correctional Facility earned a Professional Excellence Award for his management of prisoners with a Security Threat Group (STG) designation. Moore has helped improve safety and security at the facility, while utilizing methods that help save money too. Moore's leadership has a positive impact on prisoners, developing pride and a good work ethic.



- Kelly Murphy works in Florence Crane Correctional Facility's food service area. He developed a meal tracking system that involves both food service and custody staff and helps reduce incidents of prisoners doubling back through chow lines for seconds. This self-motivated program was reviewed and will become a statewide model for meal tracking.
- Captain Walter Smith received his Professional Excellence Award for his diligent work and contributions to the Alternate Restraint Workgroup and delivery of training to utilize the restraints. Smith's efforts to develop appropriate methods and to modify restraints to fit the needs of the Department lead to the successful implementation of the restraints in a manner that was embraced by line staff and also created a safe, reliable, and humane approach to controlling disruptive prisoner behavior.
- Acting Deputy Warden Patrick Warren helped open Woodland Center Correctional Facility. His outstanding commitment to the successful transition of staff and prisoners into the facility is a testament to his leadership abilities. As chief architect, lead worker, and engineer, Warren established everything from office space, to shared resources and security protocols. He was able to lead a team that maintained total separation between adult offenders and youthful offenders on the site.





LIFESAVERS EARN AWARDS FOR THEIR COURAGEOUS ACTIONS

While the Michigan Department of Corrections saves lives each day in a variety of different ways, those who directly intervene to help avert or control a life-threatening health condition are recognized with a special award. Individuals who have received Lifesaving Awards in the past several months are recognized here:

- Officer Thomas Hoffman of West Shoreline Correctional Facility was at a local grocery store when he witnessed a mother calling for someone to help her choking child. Hoffman responded and with the help of the child's father and another bystander, dislodged a piece of gum from the child's throat, allowing her to breathe again.
- Toni Narvais-Cooklin and Jonathon Adams of the Tuscola County Parole/ Probation Office were at a restaurant when they observed another patron having difficulty breathing. The patron then passed out and both Adams and Narvais-Cooklin responded to the medical emergency. Adams began CPR and was assisted by a local police officer. Narvais-Cooklin provided medical and prescription information about the person to EMS through 911. Their actions provided basic life support until advanced life support could be delivered by EMS and hospital staff.
- Officer Katoshia Watson of the Michigan Reformatory responded to a prisoner who was in cardiac arrest. She began CPR and continued CPR until oxygen and the AED were in



place. She continued CPR between the administration of several shocks by the AED. The prisoner was transported out of the facility alive and alert thanks to her efforts.

- Corrections Officers Dan Stine, Dennis Cassel, Thomas Ward, Mark VanAmberg, and Christopher Ballinger responded to a prisoner in full cardiac arrest. Officer Stine found the prisoner and called his partner, Officer Ballinger, who notified health care and then assisted Stine with CPR. Officer Ward arrived to control the area and then took over chest compressions as the other officers fatigued. Officer VanAmberg retrieved the AED and rushed to the scene, then attached it to the prisoner, delivering an initial shock. Cassel arrived with health care and delivered another shock to the prisoner who began to breathe on his own. The prisoner recovered from the incident and is now back at the facility.
- Officers Tavish Dickerson and Hugh Goodfellow of Macomb Correctional Facility responded to a prisoner attempting suicide. Dickerson found the prisoner hanging by a sheet from the top bunk of his cell. Upon entering the cell, Dickerson found the prisoner unresponsive. Officer Goodfellow responded to the cell and assisted in cutting the sheet from the prisoner's neck. The prisoner was placed on the floor, where he began coughing and breathing on his own.

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- Officers Brent Winiarski and Kevin May of Thumb Correctional Facility responded to a suicidal prisoner. Winiarski was completing rounds when he encountered a covered cell door window. He knocked and got no response. Winiarski then opened the door and found a prisoner hanging from the top bunk by a sheet. Winiarski was able to lower the prisoner to the bottom bunk but unable to remove the sheet that was tightly fastened around the prisoner's neck. Officer May responded to the emergency and was able to cut the sheet from the prisoner's neck, and the prisoner regained consciousness.



Above: Officer Winiarski (right) with Warden Bergh.
Below: Officer May (left) with Warden Bergh.



- Corrections Officers Jamie Minto, Kevin McDaniel, and William Mitchell all responded to a prisoner in cardiac arrest. Finding no signs of life, the three officers began CPR with Minto giving respirations and Mitchell performing compressions. Officer McDaniel operated the AED, giving shocks to restart the prisoner's heart. Because of their efforts, they were able to revive the prisoner.
- Officer Vernithia Parker of Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility was eating lunch with other employees when she noticed a coworker choking. Officer Parker performed a series of abdominal thrusts, dislodging a piece of food from the coworker's airway. Her quick and decisive actions were instrumental in saving the coworker.
- Officers Michael Sadak and Brad Hill of Alger Correctional Facility both responded to a man who had fallen through the ice on Munising Bay. The victim was struggling to keep his head above water when the officers arrived to help. They pulled him from the water and escorted him to shore. Hill then retrieved his vehicle where he was able to change into warm, dry clothes. Without their quick actions, the man would have likely drowned or succumbed to hypothermia.





MERITORIOUS SERVICE, CITIZENSHIP, AND VALOR AWARDS RECOGNIZE THE HEART, GIVING, AND BRAVERY SHARED BY OUR EMPLOYEES

The men and women in the Michigan Department of Corrections are selfless, brave, giving, and humble. So many of them do things that influence others in a positive way each day and they do it without asking for or expecting recognition. In some instances, their actions rise to a level that merits one of the awards given by the Department. Here are some employees who have earned Citizenship, Meritorious Service, and Valor awards over the past several months.

- Emergency Response Team members Mark Cole, Byron Nelson, John Anderson, and Dean Leece from Marquette Branch Prison were all assigned to find a prisoner who escaped from a work detail near Painesdale. The prisoner walked away from the now closed Camp Kitwen and disappeared into a thick wooded and swampy area. After an initial search of the area, the four members returned to the command post and were re-assigned to a listening/observation post on a logging road about a mile south of the camp. The team prepared for an overnight stay in the rainy and cold woods. After about two hours, the team noticed a small light coming down the road toward their position turning on and off occasionally. The unit waited until the person was about five yards away before they turned on their lights and ordered the person to stop. The prisoner, identified by the photo the team had as well as the coveralls stenciled with



“AMF Prisoner” on the back, began running back down the road with the team in pursuit. Officer Nelson gave another order to stop, illuminated the prisoner with his flashlight, and fired a shot from his pistol. The prisoner tumbled into the ditch along the roadside. Approaching the prisoner, the team members continued giving orders for him to stay down. Upon approach, they realized the prisoner had tripped and was not hit by the bullet. He was handcuffed and taken into custody. Their brave actions and dedication to the Department and their team earned them a Meritorious Service Award.

- Officers Kendra Forrest, Farrah Robinson, and Scott Forrest, along with Food Service Leader Robert Holm from Marquette Branch Prison all responded to a traffic crash on M-28 and U.S. 41. Holm witnessed the crash and immediately positioned his vehicle to protect those involved in the crash. The three officers also helped ensure the scene was safe then all four employees rendered aid to the victims. After EMS and police arrived, the four employees helped make one of the vehicles drivable by changing a tire and test-driving it so uninjured people involved in the crash could follow some of the victims to the hospital. For their efforts in assisting others and being positive role models, the four employees received Citizenship Awards.



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- Resident Unit Manager Denver McBurney of Alger Correctional Facility knew he could help out when he saw a neighbor’s garage on fire. He assisted fire fighters at the scene by moving property adjacent to the blaze away from the fire. While the garage was a total loss, McBurney managed to save several items from being burned, earning him a Citizenship Award.
- Assistant Resident Supervisor Lora Hodges from the Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility earned a Valor Award for her actions while being attacked by a prisoner with a homemade weapon. The assault, told by Hodges in her own words in the April 29, 2010 FYI, involved a prisoner attempting to take Hodges hostage and possibly sexually assault her. Hodges, who was unable to activate her personal protection device (PPD), successfully fought off, then controlled the prisoner. Her training and control of the situation resulted in a positive outcome and a Valor Award for ARUS Hodges.
- Tom Mackey, a Food Service Leader at the Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center, helped local police arrest a teenage purse snatcher. Seeing the teen grab the woman’s purse, he gave chase, and the girl eventually dropped the purse. Mackey returned the purse to the owner and reported what he saw to police,



who arrested the teen later that day. Mackey earned a Citizenship Award for his efforts.

- Officer Brian Burns of Carson City Correctional Facility gave it his all trying to save a man who went into cardiac arrest. While driving to work, he saw a man collapse while walking with his wife, daughter, and mother. Burns stopped and began administering CPR while the women called EMS. Burns continued CPR even after the arrival of EMS, for a period of about 45 minutes. Unfortunately, the physician pronounced the victim deceased over the phone. Burns’ actions to do all he could while the man’s family looked on earned him a Citizenship Award.
- Officer Marvin Sanders and Assistant Resident Unit Supervisor (ARUS) Amy Best of Saginaw Correctional Facility earned Meritorious Service Awards for their actions in identifying a parole absconder who used to be housed at their prison. Officer Sanders saw the parolee using a computer at a local library. He reported the information to ARUS Best, who found out the parolee was on absconder status. Surveillance was established at the library and the parolee was apprehended without incident.





JUNE 2010 RETIREMENTS



The Michigan Department of Corrections wishes each of our most recent retirees all the best as they transition into retirement. Their service over the years has kept Michigan's citizens safe while helping Michigan maintain its reputation throughout the United States as a leader in correctional policy.

- Allen, Craig M. Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
- Aumiller, Robert E..... Charles Egeler Correctional Facility
- Ayotte, Gary P. Muskegon Correctional Facility
- Bateman, Thomas G..... Jackson Central Region
- Beard, Larry J. Cooper Street Correctional Facility
- Blair, Russell L..... Newberry Correctional Facility
- Bozarth, Sandra M..... Field Operations Region I
- Buzzo, Robert F..... Baraga Maximum Correctional Facility
- Carpenter, Ronald Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
- Cavender, Joseph G..... Charles Egeler Correctional Facility
- Cottle, Richard W..... Chippewa Correctional Facility
- Craven, Donald C. Chippewa Correctional Facility
- Cropsey, Daniel J. Parnall Correctional Facility
- Demaar, Dale E. Ernest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
- Dixon, Charles E..... Michigan State Industries
- Dixon, Marvin L..... Ernest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
- Dorenbush, James L..... Jackson Central Region
- Duncan, Pamela Y..... Central Office
- Fahlstrom, Judy L. Jackson Central Region
- Faunce, Stephen C..... Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
- Fetters, Jeffry..... Kinross Correctional Facility
- Gibson, Raymond L. Parnall Correctional Facility
- Himebaugh, Allan D..... Florence Crane Correctional Facility
- Holman, Roger D. Marquette Branch Prison
- Hovey, Sharron L..... Macomb Correctional Facility

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- Jackson, Linda C. Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
- Janish, Joanna..... Adrian Correctional Facility
- King, John A.Chippewa Correctional Facility
- Knickerbocker, Gerald A..... Jackson Central Region
- Kreiser, Donald W.....Kinross Correctional Facility
- Kruger, Randy L..... Lakeland Correctional Facility
- Luckey, Michael Richard Handlon Correctional Facility
- Mansfield, Jerome A. Macomb Correctional Facility
- Martin, Larry C..... Mid-Michigan Correctional Facility
- Murphy, Theresa A. Florence Crane Correctional Facility
- Oliver, Hattie M. Charles Egeler Correctional Facility
- Parker, James K. Newberry Correctional Facility
- Peckins, Joseph..... Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
- Penson, Milton O. Field Operations Region I
- Prusi, Andrew M. Marquette Branch Prison
- Purrington, Sandra L..... Charles Egeler Correctional Facility
- Robinson, Thomas L..... Brooks Correctional Facility
- Sebrell, Raymond R..... Michigan Reformatory
- Shane, Richard Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
- Smith, Wayne Michigan Reformatory
- Stamper, Charles R. Newberry Correctional Facility
- Stephens, Donald F. Field Operations Region III
- Swanson, Russell R..... Parnall Correctional Facility
- Teachout, Robert E..... Carson City Correctional Facility
- Williams, Charles Jackson Central Region
- Wingart, Elaine S. Cooper Street Correctional Facility
- Witbrodt, Lynda M..... Standish Correctional Facility

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