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211 NEW OFFICERS JOIN THE DEPARTMENT'S RANKS

Friday, January 14, 2011, the Michigan Department of Corrections celebrated the graduation of 211 new officers from Officer Recruit Training. The graduates were part of the Jeff White Class, named after Warden Jeff White of Mound Correctional Facility who died unexpectedly in early 2010. Warden White was highly regarded as one of the best and brightest in the Department. His premature demise was a shock to the corrections family. His popularity and positive attitude were captured in the words of the three speakers during the ceremony. White was described to the graduating class as a larger than life figure who was infectiously positive, always had a smile and commanded attention wherever he was. He embodied the attributes that every new officer should have - fairness, consistency, compassion, and a great attitude for the work.



From Left: Budd Award winner Officer James Baerwolf, Director Richard McKeon, McCallum Award winner Officer Justin Hawley, and Academic Award winner Officer Christopher Smith.

The graduation was attended by family members and friends of the officers, as well as Department training staff and executive staff, administrators and support staff, and Michigan Corrections Organization executive staff. Everyone in attendance shared in the proud successes of the class.

The new officers, who successfully completed 320 hours of classroom and skill-based training, will now complete two months of on-the-job training which will complete their training phase. The continuing training will focus on applying skills and knowledge learned in the academy as well as familiarizing the new officers with their specific prison. Officers will then complete the remainder of their first year in a probationary phase - working with veteran officers and being mentored to continue the learning process.

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The Michigan Department of Corrections is proud these new officers have chosen the Department to start their careers in the field of criminal justice and looks forward to having them in corrections for many years to come.



Clockwise From Bottom Left: Academy Training Staff; Officer of the Year Shawn Minerick and Director Richard McKeon; Officers enjoy lunch; Jeff White Sr.'s daughter Jeralyn and his son Sgt. Jeff White Jr. with Ret. Director Patricia Caruso and ARUS Jimmy Jarrett; ARUS Jarrett delivers the keynote address; Honor Guard member Charles Traylor salutes the U.S. Flag.

GOVERNOR SNYDER UNVEILS MIDASHBOARD

Governor Rick Snyder announced a new tool that measures Michigan's success in his State of the State speech on January 19, 2011. The tool, named MiDashboard, allows people to view Michigan's current status five core areas vital to the successful reinvention in the state. The areas measured include:

- Economic Strength,
- Health and Education,
- Value for Government,
- Quality of Life, and
- Public Safety.

Within each of these areas there are measurable objectives showing where Michigan is now and whether the state is improving in that area, or not.

Additionally, there is an at-a-glance section that allows people to view a scorecard vs. other states and whether our state is improving our national ranking, staying the same, or losing ground to other states.

MiDashboard allows Michigan's citizens to quickly view information on how Michigan is doing without having to be an economist and without wading through hundreds of pages of documents to find results. Instead, the results and the direction Michigan is currently headed are right there in an easily digestible format.

Visit MiDashboard today and see how Michigan is doing! www.michigan.gov/midashboard



AMF STAFF HELP BUILD OUTDOOR RECREATION TRAIL SYSTEM FOR ALL TO ENJOY

There is no doubt that Baraga County in Michigan's Upper Peninsula offers some of the best scenery in the state. However, the area lacks defined recreational trails for area residents and visitors to enjoy.

To remedy this underutilization, Baraga Correctional Facility Sergeant Rich Wickstrom organized a group of community leaders and outdoor enthusiasts. With the Baraga County Tourist and Recreation Center, Wickstrom formed a group called "Baraga County Trails in Motion."

After attending meetings and gaining permission, Baraga County Trails in Motion members began marking and clearing trails in the L'Anse Township Park and Campground. The site is 90 acres and is currently used only as a summer time campground. The trail initiative will enable the community to enjoy the park year round.

The trails will be used primarily for mountain biking and hiking during the summer months, then snowshoe and cross country skiing during the winter. A much needed safe sleigh hill for kids has been developed within the park, as well.

Joe Bouchard, the Baraga Maximum Librarian, worked with Wickstrom and others in this initial phase. "Without question, it is hard work. However, the first time I walked the trail in snow shoes, all of that melted away" said Bouchard. "The beauty and serenity of the new trail is inspiring."



Interest in an all-season recreational trail system is not limited just to individuals. Many groups look forward to the efforts of Trails in Motion. Among them are: the local hospital, two school districts, local elementary gym and science teachers, and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community youth activity programs. The group is now trying to develop a safe trail for area youth to travel to the park from the different neighborhoods. In addition, Baraga County UP Whittails plans to plant the trails with a wildlife mix that will attract area wildlife.

The mission of the group is to identify outdoor activity trails already being used and develop new trails. Wickstrom says, "The best part of the whole project is that use of the park is free of charge and will provide the community with a way to enjoy the park during all seasons. The group has already identified a few other areas in Baraga County to develop providing the community with identifiable trails to enjoy what Baraga County has to offer."

For more information on trails throughout Michigan, please visit the Department of Natural Resources Web site at:

http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10365_16839--00.html

Corrections: F.Y.I. identified Michael Alexander as the Acting Regional Administrator for Field Operations - Metro Region. Mike has been appointed as the Regional Administrator on a permanent basis. Congratulations to R.A. Alexander. Also, the Clifford Lake Polar Plunge to support Special Olympics - Michigan is on February 12. Previous information given to F.Y.I. had it listed as being on Feb 3 and 4. The associated festival is February 11-13.



MICHIGAN VIDEOCONFERENCING EFFORTS FEATURED IN TECHNOLOGY MAGAZINE

The Michigan Department of Corrections was recently featured in a *Government Technology* magazine article that touted the use and expansion of videoconferencing throughout the Department.

The MDOC now connects prisoners from inside secure prisons with courtrooms, hearing officers, Michigan's Parole and Commutation Board, community partners, and others who need to communicate with the prisoner.

The technology allows for real-time interactions between the two parties while reducing transportation costs and the inherent security risks involved with removing a prisoner from a secure correctional facility.

The MDOC is now in the process of expanding the system to include all circuit courts in Michigan. The four-year project will securely link all MDOC facilities with the circuit courts in each Michigan county, allowing greater flexibility for judges to hold a variety of court proceedings with the ability to record all of those proceedings for the court record.

Each system costs a little over \$20,000, but will pay for itself in about a year with the reduction in transportation costs.

Department video technology guru Lynette Holloway said technology improvements and enhanced networking capabilities are allowing courts to take advantage of the videoconferencing alternative.



"I know that video arraignments have been going on between courts and jails for a long time," Holloway said. "The problem is that a lot of those connections were coaxial or hardwired and not IP, public-based. As the courts are upgrading their networks, it makes it possible for them to talk with outside agencies."

Michigan is a leader in videoconferencing technology and is proud to share innovative technology solutions that reduce costs and enhance public safety. The expansion of videoconferencing capacity into the court system accomplishes both of those goals.

For the complete article in *Government Technology* magazine, please visit the link below:

<http://www.govtech.com/public-safety/Michigan-Expands-Video-Conferencing-in-Prisons.html>

HONOR GUARD RECOGNIZES UNPARALLELED SERVICE

Assistant Resident Unit Supervisor and retired Honor Guard Member Jodie Stoltenberg was recently awarded with a shadowbox containing her badge and an engraved plate recognizing her accomplishments with the unit. Stoltenberg served ten years on the Honor Guard with impeccable professionalism, grace, and dignity. Her contributions to the unit were many and her quiet leadership will be missed.

Warden Lloyd Rapelje, Jodie Stoltenberg and John Cordell





RECENT DEPARTMENT RETIREMENTS



NOVEMBER 2010

Abdullah, Raheem.....	Charles Egeler Correctional Facility
Alexander, Dale E.	Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
Allen-Freeman, Viola.....	Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Anderson, Janice	Alger Correctional Facility
Anderson, Michelle S.	Field Operations - Metro Region
Aprill, Clayton R.	Alger Correctional Facility
Atkinson, Theron F.....	Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Auge, Robert D.	Newberry Correctional Facility
Banks, Lyle.....	Macomb Correctional Facility
Becker, Karen K.	Oaks Correctional Facility
Besteman, Michael J.....	Central Office
Bonds, Gregory A.....	Central Office
Bos, James A.	Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
Bradley, Daniel R.	Field Operations - Outstate Region
Braman, Joyce A.	Carson City Correctional Facility
Browski, Anthony A.	Saginaw Correctional Facility
Burkhart, Jeffrey	Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Burnham, Allen D.	G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Burton, Demetra L.....	Field Operations - Metro Region
Cacciani, Sergio	Central Office
Cairati, Fred A.	Marquette Branch Prison
Campbell, Terri D.	Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Carpenter, Randy D.	Saginaw Correctional Facility
Chaplin, Valerie A.	Saginaw Correctional Facility
Chappell, Craig M.	Baraga Maximum Correctional Facility
Chudzinski, Joseph J.	Pugsley Correctional Facility
Clark, Jean M.	Central Office
Corrigan, Katherine A.....	Thumb Correctional Facility
Corrigan, Mark A.	Field Operations - Outstate Region
Creed, Carol J.	Michigan State Industries
Cunningham, Tanya.....	Kinross Correctional Facility
Curtis, Philimine	Carson City Correctional Facility
Dababneh, Shaden J.	Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Davis, John G.....	Central Michigan Correctional Facility

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DeHaven, George L.	G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Denny, Bruce L.	Central Office
Dillon, Robert T.	Kinross Correctional Facility
Dove, Veda	Central Office
Ewing, Evelyn K.	Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Fields, Joni S.	Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
Finley, Craig L.	Field Operations - Outstate Region
Fletcher, Kim A.	Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility
Gassman, Nancy J.	Central Office
George, Jack O.	Correctional Facilities - Southern Region
Gillespie, Douglas G.	Ionia Maximum Correctional Facility
Gottschall, William	Oaks Correctional Facility
Greene, Louis E.	Marquette Branch Prison
Grimes, Marjorie A.	Ryan Correctional Facility
Haataja, Leslie M.	Baraga Maximum Correctional Facility
Hamilton, Jody A.	Field Operations - Outstate Region
Henson, Samuel L.	Kinross Correctional Facility
Hernandez, Rosa M.	Field Operations - Outstate Region
Hill, William A.	Marquette Branch Prison
Hladki, Barbara J.	Central Office
Hoag, Teresa A.	Field Operations - Outstate Region
Holm, Linda R.	Carson City Correctional Facility
Hopkins, Mark C.	Field Operations - Outstate Region
Howell, Beth E.	Parnall Correctional Facility
Howell, Brad H.	Field Operations - Outstate Region
Hubbell, Mary	Muskegon Correctional Facility
Huff, Chan	Chippewa Correctional Facility
Hunter, Steven	Parnall Correctional Facility
Hyland, Janet K.	Central Office
Jansen, Richard P.	Lakeland Correctional Facility
Jarvi, Robert R.	Baraga Maximum Correctional Facility
Jipson, Janis L.	Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Johnroe, Sandra M.	Saginaw Correctional Facility
Johnson, Jimmy D.	Kinross Correctional Facility
Jones, Donna	Field Operations - Metro Region
Judkins, Catherine S.	Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Kangas, Randy D.	Marquette Branch Prison

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Krauss, Dawn L.	G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Krupiarz, Chester	Central Office
Kunze, Linda J.	Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility
Lane, George M.	Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Laskowski, Michael J.	Field Operations - Metro Region
Little, Dallas S.	Marquette Branch Prison
Loss, Michael	Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
Macdougall, Kurt L.	Kinross Correctional Facility
Macinness, James	Ionia Maximum Correctional Facility
Maddux, Charles T.	Parnall Correctional Facility
Martinez, Juan M.	Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
Maxwell, Richard	Saginaw Correctional Facility
McCormick, Barbara G.	Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
McKinney, George	Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
McKinney, Jill	Central Office
Messer, Frank	Field Operations - Outstate Region
Miner, Rhonda K.	Florence Crane Correctional Facility
Moore, Gregory A.	Field Operations - Metro Region
Mulvaney, Robert J.	Central Office
Naffziger, Kristin A.	Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Nalette, Richard A.	Newberry Correctional Facility
Niederer, Jodi L.	Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility
Oberlitner, Helen D.	Lakeland Correctional Facility
Odell, Donna L.	Macomb Correctional Facility
Olkowski, Jeffrey J.	Field Operations - Metro Region
Paglia, Sergio	Ryan Correctional Facility
Pelon, Neal A.	Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Pemble, Charles R.	Marquette Branch Prison
Phelps, Brian T.	G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Phillipson, Nancy I.	Alger Correctional Facility
Pike, David A.	Central Office
Plourde, Michael P.	Alger Correctional Facility
Prelesnik, Joy M.	Charles Egeler Correctional Facility
Pscheidl, Pamela M.	Field Operations - Metro Region
Pulfrey, Ward H.	Correctional Facilities - Northern Region
Rairigh, Dallas A.	Michigan State Industries
Reimanis, John A.	Field Operations - Outstate Region

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Ressler, Debra F.	Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
Riker, Shirley A.	Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Riley, Elizabeth A.	Field Operations - Outstate Region
Rushlow, Martha E.	Field Operations - Outstate Region
Rutzen, Clair	Macomb Correctional Facility
Sanocki, Raymond	Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility
Schumacher, Richard L.	Lakeland Correctional Facility
Sciotti, John O.	Field Operations - Outstate Region
Seidell, Robert L.	Alger Correctional Facility
Shaw, Sandy R.	Chippewa Correctional Facility
Simmon, Randal A.	Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Snyder, Susan L.	Florence Crane Correctional Facility
Spiece, Ricky L.	Florence Crane Correctional Facility
Stitt, Leonard E.	Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Stratman, Diane F.	Field Operations - Outstate Region
Taboada, Barry N.	Correctional Facilities - Southern Region
Tallman, Cherri L.	Alger Correctional Facility
Taylor, Robert J.	Newberry Correctional Facility
Thomas, Daniel G.	Marquette Branch Prison
Vansettters, Julie A.	Chippewa Correctional Facility
Velez, Shelley S.	Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Walker, Graham P.	Field Operations - Metro Region
Ward, Edward J.	Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Wiik, David C.	Marquette Branch Prison
Williams, Alfred	Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Wolfe, Ray M.	Central Office
Zakrzewski, Deborah K.	Field Operations - Outstate Region
Zoland, Michael.	Pugsley Correctional Facility

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Adkins, Rita K.	Lakeland Men’s Facility
Allen, Barbara P.	Cooper Street Facility
Anderson, Gerald T.	Alger Correctional Facility
Austin, Barbara V.	Field Operations - Metro Region
Bailey, Kevin	Field Operations - Outstate Region
Bell, John M.	Field Operations - Outstate Region
Bowhuis, Maryann	Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility

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Brown, Terri R.	Cooper Street Facility
Burzynski, Shasta L.	Kinross Correctional Facility
Carlson, Marc F.	Correctional Facilities - Southern Region
Chaffee, Curtis A.	Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
Chapman, Linda J.	Field Operations - Outstate Region
Chase, Candice M.	Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility
Chatman, McKinley D.	Correctional Facilities - Southern Region
Cole, Henry D.	Field Operations - Outstate Region
Coley, Susan J.	Central Office
Copeland, Gail P.	Field Operations - Metro Region
Cory, James D.	Carson City Correctional Facility
Crockford, Robert L.	Michigan State Industries
Culberson, Willie	Parnall Correctional Facility
Curran, Dawn L.	Field Operations - Outstate Region
Dalglish, Constance A.	Chippewa Correctional Facility
Davis-Godwin, Willie M.	Ryan Correctional Facility
Decamp, Robert S.	Field Operations - Outstate Region
Dixon, Cheryl L.	Field Operations - Metro Region
Finch, Robert R.	Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Freeman, Frederick W.	Pugsley Correctional Facility
Fulgencio, Rosa	Field Operations - Metro Region
Gedert, Rita	Thumb Correctional Facility
Gottlieb, Dennis C.	Field Operations - Outstate Region
Grant-McLendon, Karen.	Field Operations - Metro Region
Griggs, Beverly M.	Lakeland Men's Correctional Facility
Jackson, Desi S.	G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Jennings, Bruce E.	Field Operations - Outstate Region
Johnson, Gary A.	G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Kennedy, Bonnie L.	G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Kerr-Poikey, Sheryl R.	Field Operations - Metro Region
King, Diane P.	Baraga Maximum Correctional Facility
Kinney, Brian P.	Kinross Correctional Facility
Kirsch, David M.	Florence Crane Correctional Facility
Kukec, Rosemary L.	Correctional Facilities - Northern Region
Lalonde, Leo R.	Central Office
Lange, Nancy L.	Lakeland Correctional Facility
Lovelace, Carol D.	Field Operations - Outstate Region

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Mason, Douglas A.....	Alger Correctional Facility
Mccarthy, Charles K.....	Marquette Branch Prison
McLemore, Verlene.....	Field Operations - Outstate Region
McMurtrie, Darrel E.....	Parnall Correctional Facility
McPherson, Henry L.	Ojibway Correctional Facility
Nitz, Ruth A.	Central Office
Nord, John M.....	Alger Correctional Facility
Norris, Clara B.....	Field Operations - Metro Region
Odell, Edwin K.....	Chippewa Correctional Facility
Olden, Christopher.....	Central Office
Pace, Colleen.....	Field Operations - Metro Region
Pfost, Janis K.	Lakeland Correctional Facility
Poole, Benny R.	Correctional Facilities - Southern Region
Ramos, Trinidad.....	Field Operations - Outstate Region
Reeves, Nancy.....	Ionia Maximum Correctional Facility
Rennie, Joan M.	Field Operations - Metro Region
Samaroo, Roland P.....	Ryan Correctional Facility
Sloan, Anthony M.....	Parnall Correctional Facility
Smith, Debra L.	Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
Smith, Edward L.....	Alger Correctional Facility
Stone, Lilbern.....	Parnall Correctional Facility
Strong, Pamela J.....	Field Operations - Metro Region
Tangen, Sherman B.....	Baraga Maximum Correctional Facility
Teunis, Melody A.	Oaks Correctional Facility
Thielen, Kathleen G.	Correctional Facilities - Southern Region
Voegtline, Meynell S.	Marquette Branch Prison
Williams, Jodie M.	Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Williams, Larry F.	Michigan State Industries
Young, Cathy J.....	Newberry Correctional Facility
Zaborny, John S.....	Charles Egeler Correctional Facility
Zak, Michael S.	Saginaw Correctional Facility

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