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## IMPRESSIVE AWARDS FOR AWESOME EMPLOYEE ACTIONS

### Valor Awards

On July 16, 2012, Principal Laquita Featherstone (*far right*) and Auto Mechanics Instructor John Fillinger (*at center*) of Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility earned Valor Awards for responding to a serious assault near a local restaurant. They provided medical assistance to the suspected assailant and the victim, while securing a possible crime scene and potential evidence including a knife. They also instructed witnesses to wait



until police arrived so they could give a statement. Both employees intervened in the aftermath of a dangerous incident without hesitation and at potential risk to their own safety. Their actions helped both injured people while assisting law enforcement officers in their duties.

On July 31, 2012, Corrections Officer Bryan Hoover came upon a traffic accident. Inspection of the accident scene found that a man was pinned in his car under the fifth wheel trailer. Hoover and a local shop owner used a crowbar to pry the door away, allowing Hoover to provide first aid. The victim needed his airway cleared and once he regained consciousness, he was combative. Hoover continued with first aid until EMS arrived, then he assisted EMS in removing the victim from the car and moving him to a backboard. Hoover showed great courage and



**From Left:** Regional Prison Administrator Mike Curley and Officer Bryan Hoover.

ingenuity by entering the twisted wreckage so he could remove impediments and provide first aid, saving the man’s life.

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On August 12, 2012, Corrections Transportation Officer George Davis responded to shots fired in an apartment in his building. Davis heard two shots and a woman screaming, "Please don't hurt us." Davis armed himself and headed toward the apartment. Upon approaching, he saw the neighbor's son come out the door with a handgun. He told the boy to put the gun down and back away. He then heard a man yelling, "I'm going to kill you!" He proceeded up the stairs to the apartment. He grabbed the man who was yelling through the door and swung him around by the shirt collar. The man lost his balance and fell down the stairs. Davis followed, restraining the man until police arrived. His quick thinking and ability to effectively and safely control the situation stopped a potentially deadly situation.

## Citizenship Awards

On August 16, 2012, Corrections Transportation Officers Daren Ferden and Ladd Love were traveling down Cooper Street in Jackson when they saw a child step into the road. Ferden and Love stopped their car, and took the three-year-old boy to a nearby store and contacted the police, remaining with the child while police located his family. Their quick actions saved the boy from possible harm.



*L to R: Chief Deputy Director Treacher, CTO Love (mentioned at left), Transportation Manager Dave Fenby, CTO Ferden (mentioned at left), Director Heyns, Deputy Director Finco, CTO Davis (mentioned above) and CFA Operations Administrator Ed Mize.*



Corrections Officer Scott Kemmer (at left with Director Heyns) was driving to work on September 12, 2011, when he saw a woman lying face down on the side of the road. Kemmer stopped and approached the scene, observing that the woman had a cut on her arm and there was a sharp object near her. Suspecting a potential suicide attempt, Kemmer secured the weapon and used effective communication to talk with the woman while keeping her away from the roadway. He continued to maintain her personal safety until law enforcement arrived to assist her. His actions saved her life and averted a situation that could have negatively influenced the lives of others as well.

## Meritorious Service Awards

On May 16, 2012, a prisoner at Woodland Center Correctional Facility attempted a hostage taking and sexual assault of a nurse working in the facility. Correctional Medical Officers (pictured from L to R with Director Heyns) Wayne Cobb, Arthur Hart and John Jefferds re-



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sponded quickly to the incident, restraining the prisoner and removing him from the area; and then providing comfort and necessary care to the victim of the attempted assault. The actions of these three officers stopped a potentially life-threatening assault by the prisoner.

On July 12, 2012, Field Agent Kellie Doerr (pictured at right with Director Heyns) received a voice mail from a parolee stating he was having a medical emergency. She contacted emergency services and met them at the offender's home, but



couldn't gain access to the residence. A check of GPS indicated the offender was still in the home so a neighbor granted access to the home where they found the offender was having a heart attack. The parolee was given medical treatment and transported to a local hospital for advanced treatment and recovery. Agent Doerr's quick actions and diligence in gaining access to the residence saved the offender's life.

On September 30, 2012, a person near Kinross Correctional Facility assaulted a Michigan State Police trooper and a Michigan Department of Corrections Officer and then fled the area. Three Corrections Transportation Officers who were ending their shift were called on to respond and assist. Officers Travis Miller, Raymond Golladay, and Michael Mariuzza all responded to the area where the suspect had fled and after a short search, the suspect was



*Above: Deputy Director Finco and Officer Mariuzza.*

apprehended. Their quick and decisive actions during a dangerous situation where the suspect had already assaulted criminal justice professionals are commendable. Their conduct also helped keep citizens in the area safe as well. (At right Officer Golladay and Deputy Director Finco.)



Transportation Supervisor Doug Krause (pictured below with Deputy Director Finco)

keeps himself busy. Over the course of several months, Doug developed a uniform monthly report form that can be used by all wardens. The uniformed reporting allows reviewers of the reports to compare information that is displayed in a similar format. This metric-based reporting has numerous applications and will result in faster and better decision making. Krause's efforts created a system that is efficient, is comparable, is easy to use and helps reduce redundancy.



Absconder Recovery Unit Investigators Kenneth Hatfield and Phillip Smith received Meritorious Service Awards for their efforts on January 23, 2013. On that date, Hatfield and Smith went to a residence to execute an arrest warrant on a parole absconder. Upon making contact and determining the parolee was at the residence, the investigators heard children screaming and entered the residence. Once inside, they found the parole absconder barricaded in a room with the children. Fearing for the safety of the children, the investigators were able to pull the absconder through a partially barricaded door while the man punched and kicked at them. He continued his physical assault on Hatfield and Smith until

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Smith deployed his Taser, subduing the absconder. Though they had injuries requiring medical treatment, Hatfield and Smith remained at the scene, calming the children and providing supervision until family members arrived to care for them. Their actions during this incident demonstrate their dedication and professionalism in carrying out their job duties.



*From Left: Investigators Hatfield and Smith receive their awards from Director Heyns.*

## Lifesaving Awards

David Kihm is a Nurse Supervisor for Newberry Correctional Facility. He was leaving the local wellness center on May 2, 2012, when people began shouting for him to return. He returned and found a man who appeared to be in cardiac arrest. Kihm requested an AED and started CPR. The person was transported a local area hospital where he made a full recovery. Without Kim's efforts, the person would have likely died.



*L to R: RPA Mike Curley, RN David Kihm, Health Unit Manager Blakely and Warden Mitch Perry.*

Officer Joseph Krause was monitoring prisoner movement at the G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility on August 12, 2012 when he saw a prisoner who appeared to be unconscious outside of the health services building. Krause determined the prisoner needed CPR, so he called for assistance and the AED and then began CPR.



*Officer Krause receives his Lifesaving Award from Director Heyns.*

Officers David Pratt and Chad Ellison arrived on the scene and assisted with CPR as well. Officer Robert Marienfeld arrived with the AED and applied one shock to the prisoner. After the shock was applied, the prisoner began breathing on his own and was transported via EMS for advanced care. The four officers earned Lifesaving Awards for their direct actions in providing care for the prisoner.

On September 6, 2011, while working at Ryan Correctional Facility's dining hall, Officer Daryl Minx (pictured here with Director Heyns) observed a prisoner who appeared to be choking on a piece of food. Minx responded immediately and dislodged the food item from the prisoner's airway. Minx's quick and decisive action saved the prisoner's life.



On September 19, 2012, during a transportation run, four Corrections Transportation Officers from the Kinross Transportation hub encountered a single-car rollover accident on M-28. The vehicle was overturned in a ditch near the roadway. The transportation crew immediately reported the situation to their supervisor and requested EMS. While Officer Schlehber supervised the prisoners on the transportation bus, Officers Travis Miller, Roy Golladay and Mark

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Storey responded to the vehicle. Golladay removed the vehicle's rear window to access the driver. The Officers were ultimately able to free the driver's door and extract the driver from the vehicle. They provided first aid until EMS arrived. If not for their observation and determination to assist the crash victim, the situation could have been life-threatening.



**L to R:** CTO Storey, CTO Schlehuber and CTO Golladay (in the picture at right) receive recognition from Deputy Director Finco.

Officer Eric Pierce (pictured below with Director Heyns) of Woodland Center Correctional Facility saw a prisoner who appeared to be choking during the lunch meal on October 5, 2012. Pierce immediately provided abdominal thrusts, dislodging the object and saving the prisoner's life.



On November 1, 2012, Officer Christianna Borst of Lakeland Correctional Facility (Pictured here with Director Heyns) was driving to work when she came across a single-vehicle accident. The vehicle had veered off the roadway and hit a tree. Upon making contact with the occupants, Borst determined that the driver of the vehicle was severely injured and unresponsive. She turned to treating the passenger who had sustained severe injuries but was conscious. Also in the car was a pet dog who was in a frenzied state and was biting at responders trying to help. Although

Borst was able to calm the passenger and provide first aid until EMS arrived, she was bitten by the dog while attempting to remove it from the vehicle. However, getting the dog out of the car was instrumental in EMS provide necessary first aid and extrication of the victims. Officer Borst's compassion for the victims during this stressful and difficult situation is a testament to her personal character and integrity.



On January 6, 2013, a prisoner finishing his lunch indicated he was choking. Officer Richard Brokaw (pictured here with Warden McKee and Director Heyns) of Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility responded and, after determining that the prisoner was choking, performed abdominal thrusts until the prisoner could breathe again. The prisoner was transferred to a local area hospital for further evaluation and treatment. His actions likely saved the prisoner's life.



On the morning of February 8, 2013, Officer Michael Schanick was driving home from work when he saw a vehicle spin out of control and leave the roadway during a heavy snowstorm. He stopped, returned to the scene and found the vehicle upside-down in a drainage ditch and partially submerged. Officer Cowdrey also stopped to assist when he saw his fellow officer's car alongside the road. Because of the narrow ditch, water flooding into the car and the car's

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position, the officers couldn't open any of the doors. An off-duty firefighter arrived on the scene and together, the three were able to remove the driver through a small rear window. She was escorted to the firefighter's vehicle and comforted until an ambulance arrived and transported her to the hospital for further treatment. Had Officer Schanick not actually witnessed the accident, the woman may very well have died at the crash site.



Officer Cowdrey (L) and Officer Schanick receive their awards from Director Heyns.

PEOPLE MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

## IBC TO SPONSOR RELAY FOR LIFE GOLF OUTING

Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility (IBC) will hold their 11<sup>th</sup> Annual IBC Relay for Life Golf Outing on Friday, May 17, 2013 at the Morrison Lake Golf Course in Saranac. The outing is a four-person scramble format with a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$60.00 per player or \$240.00 per foursome. Cost includes: Green fees, cart, lunch, a chance for door prizes, a skins game, mulligans and raffle prizes. Reserve your spot by calling Miffer Griffin at (616) 527-2510, ext. 1102. All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.



## CAMP PELLSTON REUNION SET FOR JULY 13

Retired Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) Officer Dan Boda is organizing a reunion of former Camp Pellston employees. Boda says the reunion will be held on July 13, 2013 at MooseJaw Junction, 966 W. Van Road, in Pellston. It will start at 2:30 p.m.



Boda has compiled a list of about 45 contacts but would like to invite as many former Camp Pellston employees as possible. To contact Dan Boda about the reunion, please call him at (231) 627-5872.

Ret. Officer Boda is the 1991 MDOC Officer of the Year and an Officer Recruit Training class namesake.





## REORGANIZATION AND PERSONNEL MOVES

The Michigan Department of Corrections has reorganized one of its administrations to provide more focus on specific areas. The former Operations Support Administration is now the Budget and Operations Administration (BOA). The following areas remain within BOA:

- The Bureau of Fiscal Management;
- The Bureau of Human Resources;
- Office of Legal Affairs (OLA). The Prisoner Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Unit will now be part of OLA;
- The Office of Research and Planning; and
- The Training Division

The Internal Affairs Division, The Employee Discipline Unit and the Bureau of Health Care Services will continue reporting to Chief Deputy Director Treacher.

The Department's Absconder Recovery Units will report directly to Correctional Facilities Administration (CFA) Deputy Director Finco.

Regional Prison Administrator and Acting Chief Financial Officer Jeri-Ann Sherry has been promoted to Deputy Director of the new Budget and Operations Administration. Acting RPA Michael Curley has been promoted to the Northern Regional Prison Administrator. Deputy Warden Thomas Mackie has been promoted to Warden at Baraga Correctional Facility effective April 14.

## TERRY SHERMAN CLASS GRADUATES

The Terry Sherman Officer Recruit Training Class graduated on March 1. The class was named after retired Warden Terry Sherman, who retired in 2005 after 35 years serving in various positions within the Department.

The class of 126 officer recruits will complete two-months of on-the-job training where they will work with a field training officer daily, learning prison operations an officer needs to know. Once they complete this training, they will remain on probation with frequent supervisory reviews for the remainder of their first year of employment.

Award recipients for the class were: Josephine B. McCallum Award - Jeremy Parker (*At left with Director Heyns*) for excellence and leadership; Jack Budd Award - Eunice Bryant for striving to do her absolute best and for overcoming obstacles in training; and the Academic Excellence Award - Jennifer Olney for the highest overall academic score in the class.



## OFFICER OF THE YEAR BANQUET IS MAY 8

The Officer of the Year banquet is Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing, Michigan. This is a great chance to support the officers who have been recognized by their peers and their facility for their outstanding work. To RSVP for the event, please contact Jai Deagan [deaganj@michigan.gov](mailto:deaganj@michigan.gov) or 517-373-0864. The deadline to RSVP is April 26.



## MDOC, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES RUN DRILL

On December 19, 2012, Pugsley Correctional Facility collaborated with the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office and members of the Northwestern Michigan Mutual Aid Emergency Response Team in a series of simulated exercises to test response readiness. Representatives from 21 agencies participated in the event, which included a simulated hostage-taking, an escape, and facility familiarization and joint command center operation. Exercise participants were divided into three teams with each team completing all three of the simulations.

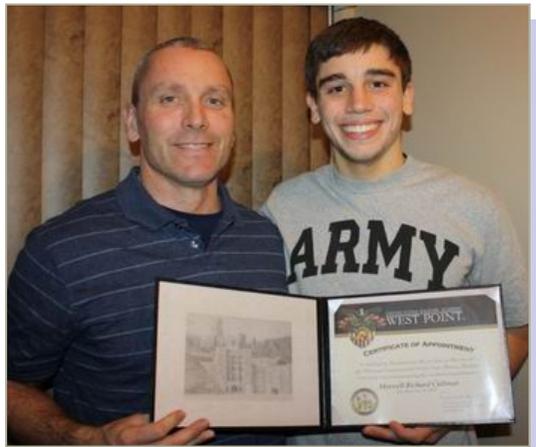


The exercise was a very positive experience and it enhanced the response readiness of the participating agencies. It also gave team members the opportunity to train jointly with a wide array of tools at their disposal.

This was the fourth joint exercise that Pugsley Correctional Facility has participated in with area law enforcement and first responders. Each event has strengthened the collaborative response, commitment and teamwork of all involved agencies in their goal to keep the surrounding communities safe.

## PERSONAL PORTRAIT: HEADED TO WEST POINT

Maxwell Cullinan, son of Michigan Department of Corrections Lt. Michael Cullinan of St. Louis Correctional Facility (SLF), was recently appointed to the United States Military Academy in West Point, NY. Maxwell is a senior at Ithaca High School and will graduate in May in the top ten of his class. He has been active as a leader in his church youth group, Campus Life, Junior Rotarian, Model U.N. and Gratiot County Youth Leaders. He also volunteers with the Gratiot County DHS, the local Food Pantry and Library. He has attended leadership camps with Youth for Christ and the Rotary Club. Maxwell is also a decorated center fielder and pitcher in baseball.



Admission to West Point is highly selective based on academics, demonstrated leadership and physical fitness. Candidates for admission must compete for a congressional or vice presidential nomination and be qualified academically, physically and medically. Each year approximately 15,000 apply, 4,500 are nominated, 2,500 are qualified and 1,200 are appointed. West Point is a four-year military college and graduates must serve a minimum of five years active duty upon graduation.

**Correction:** In the previous F.Y.I., we inadvertently left the Absconder Recovery Unit out of an article regarding the use of E.R.T. during fugitive sweeps. ARU was assisting as well and we appreciate their efforts every day! Be safe out there.