



Friday
June 10, 2011

The Bureau of Motor Vehicle (BMV) paid a visit to two IDOC facilities to better prepare offenders for their upcoming release and re-entry to the community. In conjunction with the Indiana Women's Prison, BMV staff processed approximately 200 offenders for valid State Identification Cards (ID). The BMV also successfully processed 259 state ID's at the Putnamville Correctional Facility.

Thank you to all IDOC staff who donated to help correctional staff in Alabama during their time of need. Together, the IDOC donated \$4,486.55 to the Alabama Department of Correction (ADOC)! Commissioner Lemmon received a nice letter of thanks from ADOC's Commissioner. Your generosity touched their hearts while helping to meet their need.

Miami Correctional Facility held its annual Mini Relay for Life for more than 200 offender participants. The offenders donated more than \$900 to the American Cancer Society (ACS). To raise more money for ACS, the offenders were also allowed to purchase Relay bracelets to be sent to loved ones. Relay is an annual community service project for the Miami PLUS Unit.

The Correctional Industrial Facility's (CIF) PLUS Unit donated 45 hand made bears to Turnstone Center for Children and Adults with Disabilities. The PLUS bears will be given to Turnstone's preschool graduates.

The Putnamville Correctional Facility hosted a Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program for offenders and their spouses. Coordinated by Rick Hayes, the weekend event provided an opportunity for 15 couples to learn conflict resolution techniques and strategies to enhance marital relationships.

Commissioner Bruce Lemmon introduced Mr. Keith Butts as the new Acting Superintendent of the Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF) during the Commissioner's Executive Staff Meeting that was conducted at PCF. Congratulations Acting Superintendent Butts!

The Westville Correctional Facility (WCC), in cooperation with local mutual aid support services, conducted the facility's 2nd Annual Emergency Disaster Drill. The drill consisted of a predetermined emergency situation and prearranged staff who monitored the facility's response and handling of the emergency. At the completion of the drill, WCC Superintendent Levenhagen hosted a debriefing where participants were given the opportunity to discuss their role and what they witnessed during the drill. Beverages and healthy snacks were provided to staff and support teams during the debriefing.

The Indiana Women's Prison recognized 14 graduates of IWP's PLUS program. Each offender graduate completed 320 hours of community service and a self help curriculum facilitated by 30 mentors and 15 volunteers who donated over 300 hours a month. Speakers at the event included Facility Superintendent McCauley, PLUS volunteer Susan Bennett, Julian Center Director Ann Delaney and IDOC Director of Religious Services and Community Involvement Dr. Stephen Hall. The graduation was attended by the offenders' families and topped off with refreshments and praise for their outstanding accomplishment.

New Castle Correctional Facility (NCCF) held a special Staff Recall to acknowledge Superintendent Don Stine and his service at NCCF. Superintendent Stine has been promoted to Warden at the D. Ray James facility in Folkston, GA, another GEO facility.

A group of Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility residents and staff assisted their Woodruff Place neighbors by picking up trash and cleaning the streets in preparation for the community's annual flea market.

Fifteen students from Logansport Juvenile have earned their GED through the facility's Vantage Pointe Learning Center, with one of those students earning an honors diploma. Vantage Pointe offers regular high school credit classes as well as GED education and testing. So far in 2011, Vantage Pointe has issued 557 high school credits, had 37 students obtain their GED, certified seven students in telecommunications, certified 25 students in the copper based part of the C-tech program, and certified ten students in the fiber optics part of the C-tech program.

Three students from Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility participated in a community service project at the Jefferson County Animal Shelter.

A Memorial Day Service was conducted by the Pendleton Correctional Facility Offender American Legion Post. The event was attended by administrative staff and American Legion representatives from the local community.

Seven students graduated from Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility's PLUS program. A ceremony was held at the facility to celebrate the accomplishments of the students, staff and community mentors.

CIF is proud to announce that 15 Ivy Tech students passed their GED test, and four of the men received honors.

Best Wishes are extended to Charles Terry, Sewage Disposal Foreman, who retired after 20 years of service at the Putnamville Correctional Facility.

The Putnamville Correctional Facility extends congratulations to Mike Rains, promoted to Unit Manager and Harley Crabb promoted to Major.

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