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## In Remembrance of Officer Larry Stell



**END OF WATCH  
10/11/2012**

On October 11<sup>th</sup>, we lost one of our own. Officer Larry Stell of Telfair State Prison was fatally assaulted by an inmate. The inmate involved has been transferred and faces charges.

Hundreds of condolences have been received by citizens, correctional and law enforcement agencies across the United States and the state of Georgia. All have expressed heartfelt messages to family, friends and coworkers of Officer Stell as well as memorable moments with Officer Stell.

*"I am deeply saddened by the loss of Officer Stell and extend the Department's deepest sympathies to family, friends, and staff during this very difficult time."*

**-Brian Owens**  
Commissioner

To view or add your condolences to the online messages, please visit our Facebook page & the Officer Down Memorial Page at the following addresses:

[facebook.com/georgiacorrections](http://facebook.com/georgiacorrections)

[odmp.org](http://odmp.org)

*"Officer Stell was an honorable and loyal officer who carried out the agency's mission of protecting the citizens of Georgia. He will be greatly missed, but never forgotten."*

**-Randy K. Tillman**  
Director of Facilities Operations

The Employee Assistance Program is providing counseling services for those who wish to speak with someone.

Any GDC employee may call them directly at 1-800-869-0276 and schedule an appointment. In addition, Georgia State Patrol Peer Support Team Administrator Andy Carrier is offering one on one phone counseling with peer support members. Employees can contact the Administrator at 706-836-4410.

### Wardens' Remembrance of Officer Stell

*"In the midst of our despair, we find healing in each new day, strength in unity and peace in celebrating a life well lived."*

**-William Danforth**  
Warden, Telfair State Prison

*"Officer Stell was a loyal and dedicated officer at Wilcox State Prison for over eight years. He transferred to Telfair State Prison on September 16<sup>th</sup>. When asked why he wanted to transfer to Telfair State Prison, he said 'I believe I can make a difference at Telfair, with my years of experience'."*

**-Darrell Hart**  
Warden, Wilcox State Prison



**Did You Know..The Department has implemented a new pilot program, DRC Lite in rural circuits!**

## Meet the Department's Newly Appointed Assistant Commissioner Gregory C. Dozier

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, Gov. Nathan Deal appointed former Commissioner of Driver Services Gregory C. Dozier to Assistant Commissioner, Chief of Staff of the Department of Corrections.

Asst. Commissioner Dozier will oversee the Executive Operations, Administration and Operations Planning & Training divisions for the Department.

Public Relations & Information Specialist Dabney Weems sat down with Asst. Commissioner Dozier and asked questions to get to know our newly appointed leader.

Q: What is your Educational background? *I received a Bachelor's of Science in Criminal Justice and a Master's of Business Administration in Finance from Georgia State University.*

Q: What was your previous position and duration? *Commissioner of the Department of Driver Safety, 7 years*

Q: Why did you want to pursue a career in law enforcement? *I wanted to be a*



Assistant Commissioner Gregory C. Dozier

*public servant. My mom is a teacher and my grandfather served in World War II. I wanted to make a difference.*

Q: What do you find most rewarding about being a leader? *Seeing an idea develop and how it can make a difference on a large number of people.*

Q: What is your proudest accomplishment? *Other than my family, the transformation of DDS.*

Q: What are some of your goals for the

Department? *To support the Commissioner's vision and continue to move the Department forward. This is a great team, and I'm looking forward to being part of it.*

Q: What is one of the major challenges facing the profession of law enforcement? *The overall challenges that society faces.*

Q: What do you look forward to most working for the Department? *Being part of great team that works to create*

*a safer Georgia for our citizens."*

Q: What's your favorite quote? *"The harder I work, the luckier I get."*

Q: Do you have any hobbies? *Golf, coin collection, and my daughter's soccer team.*

Q: What is your favorite movie? *Mission Impossible*

Q: What music is on your iPod? *Christian, 80s, a little bit of everything*

Q: What's your favorite website? *Any news site*

Q: What's your favorite app? *Kindle, Yelp*

Q: What's your favorite book? *"Good to Great" by Jim Collins; anything by John Grisham*

Q: Do you have a celebrity look-a-like? *Jeopardy champion, Ken Jennings*

## Volunteer Appreciation Day at Smith State Prison

Contributed by Ruthie Moody, Secretary to the Deputy Warden of Care & Treatment



Volunteers pose for a picture at Smith State Prison

On September 28<sup>th</sup>, a new event took place at Smith State Prison.

An Appreciation Ceremony was held for the ministering volunteers at the facility.

The event was sponsored by the Harvest Time Faith Center as well as Books, Buttons & More; Project Care, Inc; Fabulous Finds; and Stewart's Meats.

The event was hosted by Chaplain Dr. Bernard Hill. Guest speaker of the event was Chaplaincy Services Director Danny Horne.

Chaplain Horne spoke to the volunteers about their persistent and unwavering service to the men and women who are incarcerated throughout the state of Georgia. He asked them to continue in their quest to reach those in these situations regardless of the opposition they may face upon trying to enter some facilities.

Warden Stanley Williams also spoke to the volunteers on how much he appreciates the work each and every one of them performs at his facility. He mentioned that he has noticed the positive effect they have on the offenders and encouraged them to continue their work.

## Chinese Delegation Visits State Offices South

On October 16<sup>th</sup>, visitors from Hangzhou, China visited State Offices South at Tift College.

The Central Office Human Resources Director and team presented an

overview of their function within a government agency.

The Chinese Delegation was treated to lunch and a tour of the campus after the presentation.



Chinese Delegation pictured in the President's House at State Offices South at Tift College following the HR presentation



**Thursday, November 1**  
Board of Corrections Meeting

**Thursday-Friday  
November 1-2**  
Deputy Warden Care & Treatment Academy

**Monday, November 5**  
Governor's Public Safety Awards at GPSTC

**Friday, November 9**  
Open Enrollment Ends

**Monday, November 12**  
HOLIDAY

**Tuesday-Wednesday,  
November 13-14**  
Senior Leadership Off-Site in Reidsville

**Saturday, November 17**  
3rd Annual GDC Motorcycle Ride for SCCP

**Thursday-Friday  
November 22-23**  
HOLIDAY

**Monday-Friday  
November 26-30**  
Deputy Warden of Care & Treatment Academy

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**Buster King**  
**29 Years of Service**  
Buster King retired from the Department on September 27, 2012. Buster received the Years of Service award, Commissioner's Coin and his badge was retired by the Department in honor of his service.



**Hilton Hall**  
**30 Years of Service**

Hilton Hall retired from the Department on September 25, 2012. Hilton received the Department's Eagle Award for his outstanding service to the agency, Years of Service award, Commissioner's Coin and his badge was retired by the Department.



**Edwinnet Murphy**  
**34 Years of Service**

Edwinnet Murphy retired from the Department on October 23, 2012. Edwinnet was presented with a State Flag which was flown over the Capitol on Oct. 10 and a letter from the Governor. In addition, she received the Years of Service award for her dedicated service.



*"Thank you for your selfless service to the great state of Georgia."*  
-Brian Owens  
Commissioner



**Pamela Rittweger**  
**30 Years of Service**

Pam Rittweger retired from the Department on September 26, 2012. Pam received the Years of Service award for her dedicated service.



**Glen Appling**  
**28 Years of Service**

Glen Appling retired from the Department on October 25, 2012. Glen received the Years of Service award for his dedicated service.

**Retirees of the Quarter**

**≤10 Years of Service**

Julie Frey, Brunswick PC  
Bonnie Hardeman, Phillips SP  
Emmit Johnson, Long SP  
David Maddox, GDCP  
Tosha Parker, Central SP

**≤15 Years of Service**

Lora Burkhalter, Montgomery SP  
Jerry Claxton, Johnson SP  
Sharon Drake, Arrendale SP  
Lee Ellison, Cobb PC  
Llowyan Forde, Smith SP  
Peter Gay, Treutlen PDC  
Charlene Hall, Telfair SP  
Paul Hobbs, Coastal SP  
Marsha Holland, GDCP  
Jimmy Hunter, Johnson SP  
Lee Johnson, Stone Mtn PC  
Kenneth Lee, Macon PC  
Tony Neesmith, Inmate Const.  
Dianne Porter, Purchasing  
Donald Rabitsch, Emanuel PDC  
Patricia Riggs, Piedmont PC  
Robert Roberts, Phillips SP  
Dixie Smith, Appling PRC  
John Wynn, Coastal SP

**≤20 Years of Service**

Lynn Barney, Lee SP

Kenneth Bostick, Southern PC  
Lawrence Bryant, ASMP  
Fred Carter, Hays SP  
Walter Gilbert, GSP  
George Harmon, ASMP  
Matthew Lau, Hays SP  
Michael Lemon, ASMP  
Willie Mathis, Augusta DRC  
Carolyn Maybach, Mountain PC  
Leroy McKennie, Washington SP  
David Roberts, Phillips SP  
Olan Strickland, Smith TC  
Deryl Wood, GSP

**≤25 Years of Service**

Delainie Collins, Rogers SP  
Kay Anderson, Conasauga PC  
Richard Davidson, Hays SP  
James Decarufel, Paulding PDC  
Annette Dotson, GSP  
Ruby Ferrell, ASMP  
ML Fortson, Rutledge SP  
Clarence Greene, Baldwin SP  
Gregory Hall, Hays SP  
Ronald Hopkins, Hays SP  
William Jakes, Phillips SP  
Terry Lucas, Arrendale SP  
Stacy Rinehart, Hays SP  
Richard Sharp, Hays SP  
Joel Smith, Alcovy PC

Judy Thrift, GSP  
Lawrence Tindall, Ware SP  
Jerry Towns, Bleckly PDC  
Kenneth Vaughn, Emanuel PDC  
Chester Welchel, Engineering

**≤30 Years of Service**

Dewey Alverson, Gwinnett PC  
Thomas Barron, GDCP  
Crawford Battle, Compliance & Audits  
William Blackburn, Training  
Terrence Burch, Central SP  
William Chapman, Walker SP  
Bobby Cooper, Baldwin SP  
Patricia Daniel, Dodge SP  
Sandra Diggins, ASMP  
Peggy Elliott, Toombs PC  
Nell English, Middle PC  
Kenneth Goodman, GDCP  
Hilton Hall, Central Office  
Dorothy Haller, Central Office  
Cynthia Hallman, Smith SP  
James Hammock, Arrendale SP  
Nathan Handberry, Baldwin SP  
Patti Hendrix, Blue Ridge PC  
Luke Howard, GSP  
Buster King, Central Office  
Jerry Kitchens, Hancock SP  
James Long, Flint PC

Silas Lucas, Dodge SP  
Michael Murray, Smith SP  
Glenda Riner, Middle PC  
Edgar Rodriguez, Smith TC  
Travis Sanders, GSP  
Dana Smith, GDCP  
Virginia Smith, Central SP  
Montress Walker, ASMP  
Johnny Young, Washington SP

**31+ Years of Service**

Delois Brown, Planning & Analysis  
Tina Cobb, Bell Forsyth PC  
Frank Ellis, Cordele PC  
Linda Heath, Baldwin SP  
Diann Lawrence, Telfair SP  
Deborah Lundy, Rome PC  
Robert Pilgrim, Southern PC  
Audrey Rea, Business Processes  
Pamela Rittweger, Atlanta PC  
Paulette Robbins, Hancock SP  
Marvin Smith, Hancock SP

## DRC Lite Program Opens

Contributed by Betsy Thomas, DRC Lite Program Coordinator



Newly Trained DRC Lite Counselors at State Offices South at Tift College, October 24th

The Department of Corrections announces the roll out of the Day Reporting Center Lite (DRC Lite) program in seven rural circuits around the State on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Department received \$750,000

from Gov. Nathan Deal for this Justice Reinvestment pilot program. The program will assist circuits that cannot support a physical Day Reporting Center within their community to treat offenders who suffer from substance abuse.

This program will provide programming in areas that do not have any or very limited counseling services. Counseling is divided into three Phases.

In the first Phase, offenders are taught Motivation for Change and Re-entry Skills Building. Phase 1 lasts approximately 2 months.

During this phase, offenders will begin to positively change their behavior and examine themselves and their lives. The Reentry Skills Building course is designed to teach offenders life skills, such as organization, work ethics, money management, family and friend relationships as well as ways to successfully live under supervision.

Phase 2 consists of Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT) and Matrix Substance Abuse Counseling and will last 3-6 months. This phase is self-paced and the level of success depends solely on the offender and his or her motivation. Matrix Counseling is designed to help offenders begin the process of substance abuse recovery through cognitive behavioral evidenced based curriculum.

Phase 3 consists of an Aftercare program, a support group for the offender, that lasts 2-6 months.

The Probation division plans to reduce the number of probation revocations due to drug usage and help offenders become drug free law abiding citizens through the implementation of this program.

The seven participating circuits are as follows:

**Alapaha Circuit** - Cook, Berrien, Lanier, Atkinson, Clinch counties

**Appalachian Circuit** - Fannin, Gilmer, Pickens counties  
**Cordele Circuit** - Dooly, Crisp, Wilcox, Ben Hill counties

**Mountain Circuit** - Rabun, Habersham, Stephens counties

**Northern Circuit** - Hart, Franklin, Madison, Oglethorpe, Elbert counties

**Southwestern Circuit** - Macon, Schley, Sumter, Stewart, Webster, Lee counties

**Toombs Circuit** - Wilkes, Lincoln, McDuffie, Warren, Glascock, Taliaferro counties

The eleven counselors are as follows: Shalonda Bell, Kylee Brown, Candra Speir, Ted Pinkard, Vanessa Thompson, Eric Jacobson, Martha Wade, Clay Garrett, Jennifer Brightwell, Shalita Shorty and Windsor Primous.



## Images Across The State



### Pulaski State Prison



On Oct. 18th, staff held a "wear pink" contest in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

### Augusta State Medical Prison



On Oct. 10th, ASMP wore Pink in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

### Hays State Prison



On Oct. 24th, staff supported the fight against breast cancer. The facility's Faith & Character based dorm assisted in providing pink ribbons for all staff to wear.

### Smith State Prison

RAISED \$492 in support of one of their coworkers who was diagnosed with breast cancer earlier this year. The money was raised through a Bake Sale in the month of October.



### Lee Arrendale State Prison

On Oct. 10th, staff held a luminary sale in honor and in memory of family and friends touched by cancer. Proceeds from the purchase of the luminaries were donated to Susan G. Komen in support of Marsha Black, Operations Manager.

### MISSION

The Department of Corrections creates a safer Georgia by effectively managing offenders and providing opportunities for positive change

### VISION

To be recognized as the best corrections organization in the nation.



**BRIAN OWENS**  
*Commissioner*

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