

NMCD E-News

A Newsletter for the New Mexico Corrections Department

September 2011

Message from the Secretary's office

To my fellow co-workers,

I would like to thank you for the warm reception and the willingness to work with Mr. Gregg Marcantel and I during these difficult times. Transition and change in management is always difficult not only to the people in the organization but to the new management team coming in. In the short time we have been at the helm we found that the Corrections Department has many good and talented people in their ranks. Governor Martinez gave us certain mandates that we are quickly working on. One of them was to find a permanent Cabinet Secretary for her consideration. I hope to have names to her in short order. Gregg and I divided several items of importance to look at and come up with a game plan to address these items. I made it a priority to meet with all the Wardens and Region Managers to get their input and suggestions as soon as possible, which I have accomplished. I have listened to their concerns and suggestions and I am in the process of implementing many of them.

We met with Union leaders and found them very willing to work with us, which was very refreshing to me personally. I know that we will not always see eye-to-eye on things but as long as we have open communication, hopefully we can compromise when appropriate.

I have mentioned many times before that in my opinion the employee is the greatest commodity in any organization and it is so true in this organization. So trust me when I say I have always valued employees of any organization that I have had the privilege to manage.

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Education Bureau Graduates Highest Number of Inmates with GED's EVER



302 inmates graduated with their GEDs this year with help from the Education Bureau. This is the highest number of GED graduates NMCD has had in the past ten years.

At least once each school year, ACA and CEA standards require all education departments to conduct graduation ceremonies at all facilities. Those ceremonies have evolved over the last several years to include all graduates from all programs offered by the bureau, which include: GED, vocational, college and cognitive. Depending on the custody level they include family members of the graduates. It is important that we recognize the successes of graduates for it is said that success will breed success once they are released.



Pictured above: Americorps volunteers, Hana Crawford and Fatou Ndao

Pictured below: GED graduates from the PNM graduation ceremony on July 29, 2011

R.I.P. Basco



K-9 Basco with Handler Ed Unis

K-9 Basco, a recently retired K-9 from PNM passed away on August 28, 2011. Basco was 13 years old and had numerous handlers during his career, but was last assigned to handler Ed Unis.

Basco was known for being one of the "hardest biting police canines" in New Mexico in his younger years.

NMCD Recognizes Employees

Probation and Parole Awards

Region I

Daniel Barela

Officer of the Year

Joseph Salazar

Supervisor of the Year

Region II-Standard Supervision

Michael Bednarski

Officer of the Year

Mike Henderson

Supervisor of the Year

Region II-Special Programs

Emanuel Aragon

Officer of the Year

Troy Ruplinger

Supervisor of the Year

Region III

Peter Sanders

Officer of the Year

Katie Lund

Supervisor of the Year

Region IV

Arturo Navarrette

Officer of the Year

Wade Carter

Supervisor of the Year

Penitentiary of New Mexico Awards

Sgt. Juan Gonzales

Custody Employee of the Year

Lt. Manuel Sanchez

Custody Supervisor of the Year

Claudia Rodriguez

Non-Custody Employee of the Year

Donald Vigil

Non-Custody Supervisor of the Year

Central Office Awards

Jerry Brinegar

Employee of the Year

Gabriel Wilson

Employee of the Quarter

Albert Montano

Employee of the Quarter

NMCD Donates \$2100 to the American Red Cross "Dollars for Disaster's Campaign"

Statewide total **\$2146.38**

Central office \$415.58

Prisons \$1644.80

Probation/Parole \$86.00

July 14, the Human Resources Bureau organized fundraising efforts for the American Red Cross "Dollars for Disaster's Campaign". The campaign was a statewide effort, led by Governor Martinez and the American Red Cross to raise much needed money to replenish the American Red Cross after the devastating fires that burned all around New Mexico and the surrounding area.

Correctional Officers from Germany like the NMCD (and wish they had facilities like ours!)



In the photo above: Visiting officers from Germany, Manfred, Shuster, Sibylle Shuster, Oliver Stein, Stephan Orth, Johann Zink, and Michael Höhne

Message continued...

This is my philosophy, "I take care of my employees and they in turn will take care of the organization I manage". With that said, *please don't ever mistake my kindness for weakness.*

For the time I am here I give you my personal commitment that I will do what I can to strengthen this wonderful organization and the leadership that you yearn for. I will not only keep an open door policy but an open mind to listen to all employees and their suggestions.

I lead by example and try and keep myself above reproach and expect that of my managers. I am human and I do make mistakes and I will apologize in advance for any mistakes that I have made since being here or will make in the future.

It is indeed an honor and a privilege to work with you during this time of transition.

Sincerely,

Alfonso (Al) Solis

Six correctional officers from Freistaat Bayern Justiz and Vollzug Justiz, Germany, visited the Penitentiary of New Mexico on September 15 to see how an American prison operates, and came away with an appreciation of the value of a modern facility. One of the officers said that his prison was actually an old abbey, and because it is an historical and cultural building, they would never be allowed to put up a chain link fence with razor ribbon. Their security upgrades are limited to the installation of new cameras. They also had the opportunity to examine an inmate file and were impressed at the level of detailed information included in the file.

About 60 percent of inmates they work with are actually Russians who flooded into Germany after the fall of the Berlin wall, presenting a significant challenge to correctional officers.

Staffing Changes

Who's been promoted, who's retired and who's celebrating a monumental anniversary?

June 1-September 28, 2011

Promotions

Jerry Roark	Director Adult Prisons Division	APD	Pete Perez	Quality Assurance Manager	WNMCF
Raphael Torres	Director of Admin. Services Division	ASD	Anthony Lopez	CO Spec/Locksmith	WNMCF
Stephanie Vincenti	Probation Parole Supervisor	PPD	Jason Morin	Financial Specialist-O	WNMCF
Joseph Alaniz	Probation Parole Officer I	PPD	Ben Lujan	Hearing Officer	CNMCF
Amy Adams	Probation Parole Supervisor	PPD	Donald Davis	Lieutenant	CNMCF
Camillia Minitrez	Probation Parole Officer I	PPD	Ralph Fernandez	Lieutenant	CNMCF
Alicia Marsing	Probation Parole Officer II	PPD	Paul H. Martinez	Lieutenant	CNMCF
Ubaldo Hernandez	Correctional Officer I	SCC	Sandy Hathaway	HR Administrator	CNMCF
James Lopez	Warden	PNM	Pauline Gurule-Sers,	HR Associate	CNMCF
Charles Miller	Lieutenant	WNMCF	Desri Worley	Unit Manager	CNMCF
Jody Cordova	HR Supervisor	WNMCF	Orlidia Garcia	Classification Officer	RCC
Linda Lujan	Inmate Records Coordinator	WNMCF	Paula Biamont	Inmate Records Manager	SNMCF

Retirees

Charles Melvin	Probation Parole Supervisor	PPD	William Martinez	Correctional Officer 1	PNM
Joseph Valencia	Business Manager	CNMCF	Joe Gutierrez	Correctional Officer 1	WNMCF
Carl Davis	Lieutenant	CNMCF	Johnny Notah	Correctional Officer 1	WNMCF
Larry Gurule	CO Specialist – K-9	PNM	Denny Martinez	Correctional Officer 1	WNMCF
Donna Avila	Financial Specialist	PNM	Haines Winner	FSSO	RCC
Henry Romero	Correctional Officer 1	PNM	Francis Page	Budget Bureau Chief	ASD
Ronald Shane	Sergeant	PNM	Michael Martinez	Warden	SCC
Denis Maki	Correctional Officer 1	PNM	Jess Hollar	Correctional Officer Specialist	PNM

New Hires

Justin Weigl	Probation Parole Officer I	PPD	William Barney	Correctional Officer 1	WNMCF
Charles Purcell	Probation Parole Supervisor	PPD	Randy Chavez	Correctional Officer 1	WNMCF
Jessica Vigil	Probation Parole Officer I	PPD	Jeremy McCabe	Correctional Officer 1	WNMCF
Raymon Funes	Probation Parole Officer I	PPD	Phillip Mendez	Correctional Officer 1	WNMCF
Angel Almaraz	Probation Parole Officer I	PPD	Stephen Najar-Marez	Correctional Officer 1	WNMCF
Crystal Marin	Probation Parole Officer I	PPD	Dollie Jaramillo	Purchasing Agent	WNMCF
Sonia Zamudio	Probation Parole Officer I	PPD	Gabriel Jaramillo	Mental Health Counselor	WNMCF
David Montano	Probation Parole Officer I	PPD	Ava Plakio	Educator	WNMCF
Rachel Loya	Probation Parole Officer I	PPD	Alen Ernst	Educator	WNMCF
Nicholas Johnson	Probation Parole Officer I	PPD	Joyce Hands	Human Resource Administrator	WNMCF
Jared Haugh	Probation Parole Officer	PPD	Danny Bowen	Physical Plant Manager	RCC
Michelle Burton	Probation Parole Officer	PPD	Nicole H. Frias	HR Supervisor	SNMCF
Dirk Bonsemeyer	Probation Parole Officer I	PPD	Christine Searles	Classification Officer	CNMCF
Barbara Kane	Secretary	PPD	Marie Thomas	Mental Health Counselor	CNMCF
Melanie Romero	Secretary	PPD	Raymond Atchley	Educator	CNMCF
Stephen Fresquez	HR Supervisor	PPD	David Bibeau	Educator	PNM
Yvonne Gonzales	Secretary	PPD	Keith Johnson	Educator	PNM
Charles Baca	Mental Health Counselor	WNMCF	Michelle Gonzales	Financial Specialist	Education
Randy Maestas	Correctional Officer 1	WNMCF	Agnes Ortiz	Business Mgr	Education
Annemarie Perez	Hearing Officer	WNMCF	Monique Escoto	Contract Monitor	NMWC

Deaths

Joseph Salazar	Probation Officer II	PPD	Tamara Romero	Secretary	CNMCF
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Anniversaries

Adam Balderrama	5	SNMCF	Marianna Vigil	5	PPD	Sergio Luna	15	SNMCF
Jimmy Griego	5	SNMCF	Patricia Fordyce-Montanari	5	PPD	Johnny McCants	15	SNMCF
Eddie Leion	5	SNMCF	Concha Nevarez	5	PPD	George Gloria	15	SNMCF
Octavio Medina	5	SNMCF	Arturo Navarrete	5	PPD	Estevan Flores	15	SNMCF
Daniel Mendoza	5	SNMCF	Janelle Johnson	5	PPD	Ronald Cardon	15	SNMCF
Salvador Perez	5	SNMCF	Ivan Holguin	10	SNMCF	Christopher Barela	15	SNMCF
Lorena Camarilla	5	SNMCF	Michael Lopez	10	SNMCF	Sinfronio Alcachupas	15	SNMCF
Ebeth Cruz-Martinez	5	SNMCF	Gloria Beltran	10	SNMCF	Stacey Godfrey	15	PNM
Martin Clark	5	SNMCF	Richard Gamboa	10	SNMCF	Sheila Varela	15	PNM
Louie Delgado	5	SNMCF	Theodore Murillo	10	SNMCF	Steve Martinez	15	PNM
Mark Lancaster	5	SNMCF	John Tirre	10	SNMCF	Alisha Lucero	15	PNM
Carlos Terrazas	5	SNMCF	Gabriel Holguin	10	SNMCF	Victor Rodriguez	15	PNM
Larry Spears	5	SNMCF	Christopher Sandoval	10	PNM	Arturo Suazo	15	PNM
Anthony Romero	5	PNM	Jeremy Lucrecio	10	PNM	Christopher Montoya	15	PNM
Robert Martinez	5	PNM	Patricia Gonzales	10	PNM	Julie Apodaca	15	PNM
Jonathan Varela	5	PNM	Wendy Perez	10	PNM	Ted Reynolds	15	PNM
Bobbie Lesley	5	PNM	Carmen Martinez	10	PNM	Piro, Matthew	15	CNMCF
Chris Cupit	5	PNM	Daniel Salazar	10	PNM	Steve Abeyta	15	WNMCF
John Rich	5	PNM	Vanessa Rios	10	PNM	Christopher Weber	15	ED/PNM
Dominic Dominguez	5	PNM	Pete Martinez	10	PNM	Rosemarie Montoya	15	ED/CNMCF
Annabella Chavez	5	PNM	Bobby Marsh	10	PNM	Joe E. Chavez	20	SNMCF
Brian Wells	5	PNM	Gary Maciel	10	PNM	Lee Spooner	20	SNMCF
Edward Urtiaga	5	PNM	Adrian Hidalgo	10	PNM	Brian Johnson	20	SNMCF
Evelyn Abeyta	5	PNM	John Gurule	10	PNM	Steve Richards	20	SNMCF
Leona Lucero	5	PNM	Andrea Fitzgerald	10	PNM	Paula Biamont	20	SNMCF
Henry, Sergio	5	CNMCF	Franklin Morris	10	PNM	Robin Ormsbee	20	PNM
Maestas, Matthew	5	CNMCF	Robert Sanchez	10	PNM	Carleton Espinosa	20	PNM
Molina, Sergio	5	CNMCF	Marcus Pacheco	10	PNM	Ivan Montoya	20	PNM
Trujillo, Nancy	5	CNMCF	Luis Archuleta	10	PNM	Merle Mitchell	20	PNM
Baca, Matthew	5	CNMCF	Maguadalupe Sanchez	10	PNM	Morris Hayes	20	WNMCF
Cordova, Josh	5	CNMCF	Daniel Palomino	10	PNM	Linda Barela	20	PPD
Dale, Justin	5	CNMCF	Paul Jaramillo	10	PNM	Alfonso Padilla	20	CI
Grant, Daniel	5	CNMCF	Martinez, Paul J.	10	CNMCF	Elona Cruz	20	ASD
Gutierrez, Steven	5	CNMCF	Chilelli, Richard	10	CNMCF	Anthony, Tafoya	20	CI
Hernandez, Abner	5	CNMCF	Lopez, Cory	10	CNMCF	Melvin Lujan	25	PNM
Martinez, Paul H.	5	CNMCF	Frances Bazan	10	PPD	Raymond Samaniego	25	PNM
Sandra Vigil	5	WNMCF	Bernadette Deats	10	PPD	Deanna Hoisington	25	WNMCF
Elsie Evans	5	WNMCF	Leon Shook	10	PPD	Elizabeth Queener	25	PPD
Denise Moore	5	WNMCF	Tammy Daniele	10	PPD	Marcella Lucero	25	CI
Lia Archuleta	5	WNMCF	Arnold Luna	15	SNMCF	Filemon Sandoval	30	PNM
Jackie De La Garza	5	PPD	Manuel Luna	15	SNMCF			

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