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ADC Recognition Awards



The ADC presents the Medal of Valor, Lifesaver Medals and Meritorious Service Medals to deserving men and women who proudly serve the Department.

On Feb. 18, the Arizona Department of Corrections honored the dedication and commitment of its officers and staff at a Department-wide awards ceremony in Tucson. As part of the Department's revised recognition policy, which recently went into effect, award ceremonies will be held throughout the year to pay special tribute to the contributions of ADC employees who are making a difference on a professional and personal level.

mony honored the character, determination and professionalism that these honorees share as they performed a valuable service to the state and the communities in which they live and have been an inspiration to their co-workers. Their lives and work act as guideposts for us and remind us all of the tenacity, determination and hard work needed to make a better, more compassionate world.

Director Charles L. Ryan presented the Medal of

Valor, the Department's highest honor, to CO II Matthew Illingworth, ASPC-Eyman. The Medal of Valor is given for an act of heroism that involves a conspicuous risk of life and shall be of such grave nature that performance of the act is clearly above and beyond the call of duty. Officer Illingworth used extraordinary skills and heroism to save his own life and perhaps those of his fellow officers after an inmate who was armed with a sharpened piece of metal attacked him. While

fellow officers responded, and despite suffering lacerations on his face and one puncture wound, Officer Illingworth was able to assist in disarming the inmate and placing him back into custody. For his extraordinary act of bravery under difficult conditions Officer Illingworth's actions reflect on the Department's values and exemplify the spirit of service performed by correctional officers each and every day.

Lifesaving Medals were presented for actions, which resulted in the saving, or preservation of a human life in which the rescued person would have died without the employee's direct action. In the incident involving Officer Illingworth, Officers Phillip Swoope, Kevin Smiley, Michael Moore, Michael Hazen, Ronya Tweet and Chad Allen, ASPC-Eyman, were honored for their actions. Medals were also

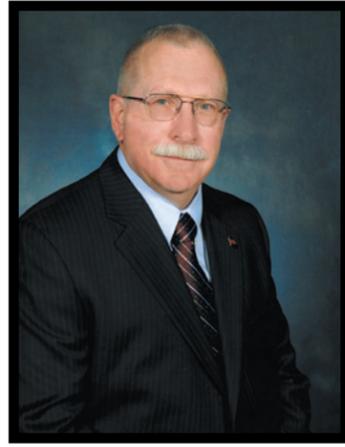
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The Director's Perspective



By Charles L. Ryan

Dear fellow ADC employees:

Every day, the vast majority of you perform outstanding work under difficult conditions while presenting a positive image both at work and in the community. Furthermore, you do this without fanfare in fulfilling our vital public safety role as committed public servants.

However, on occasion, our image becomes tainted. Recently, a Correctional Officer attempted to use his badge to excuse poor judgment at a Phoenix drinking establishment, and unfortunately, this is not the only example of a few ADC employees misusing the badge.

This unacceptable behavior presents an opportunity to remind all of us that the Correctional Officer badge is to only be used in the line of duty. The badge is not a "get out of jail free card" or a prop to flash while exhibiting questionable decision-making. Correctional officers are law enforcement professionals who do not expect the badge to allow them to flaunt laws without consequences.

Similarly, at work, the badge is a symbol of excellence, respect and that you are a trained professional.

Officers work in difficult conditions with people who have shown a propensity to disrespect authority and the rule of law. And inmates sometimes attempt to push your buttons, as one of the few methods they have to manipulate a negative response from our employees.

But remember, officers have near total control over the lives of inmates. An officer responding to an inmate's inappropriate behavior with similar inappropriate behavior runs counter to the badge that you wear.

Rather, extensive training and experience give our officers the thoughtful edge in dealing

with unruly or irritated inmates. Our officers have no need to stoop to the level of an agitated inmate by employing a "heavy badge." Instead, we have the ability to reason or apply dispassionate logic to defuse a situation with an inmate who does not possess those skills.

Displaying the badge is acknowledgement that the state has placed trust in you to protect the public and serve honorably as a Correctional Officer.

Each of us also has a responsibility for, and a dedication to, our colleagues. Too often, officers call off work, leaving others to pick up the extra work left undone by the unexpected absence. Chronic absenteeism impacts an entire institution and our ability to safely and securely operate our institutions. Each officer that fails to show up for a shift creates a burden for those that do.

No employee who is sick should come to work and risk their health or spreading the sickness to coworkers. However, as an important public safety agency, we have a responsibility to secure inmates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. With our limited staffing and increasing workload, everyone needs to pull their load.

We expect staff to come to work on their scheduled days, and fulfill their assigned duties. Chronic absences create an unsafe workplace and are an unprofessional practice. It is not fair to your fellow employees and the other dedicated staff who honor their commitment day in and day out.

We all volunteered to become corrections professionals, understanding the extra demands and responsibilities of the profession. This is not simply a job, but a calling. Please reflect on your Oath and the meaning of the Badge.

I would ask you to help communicate this message throughout ADC. Above all else, I appreciate your continued dedication to public safety every day. Thank you.



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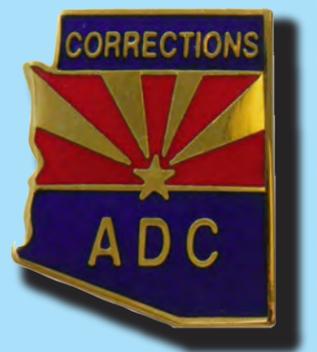
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In the spotlight

Repeal of Concession Agreement



To All ADC Employees:

Please be advised that the law enacted in November 2009, that sought to privatize the operations of up to nine Arizona Department of Corrections complexes through a Concession Agreement has been repealed. House Bill 2006 (Laws 2010, Seventh Special Session), which includes the repeal of the Prison Concession Agreement law, was signed by the Governor on March 18, 2010 and is effective June 15, 2010.

Prior to the passage of the repeal, ADC was successful in working with the legislature to exclude any complex that housed maximum or close custody beds, reducing the number of complexes that could be considered for privatization to two, ASPC-Douglas and ASPC-Safford/Ft. Grant. On February 1, 2010, a Request for Information (RFI) was released to gauge interest from private companies in these two complexes. Based upon the responses to the RFI, ADC concluded that privatization was not feasible and, had the law not been repealed, would have advocated against moving forward with the Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

Thank you for patience, your continued good work and the public safety mission you perform!

Regards, Director Charles L. Ryan

Employees on the move

Effective 4/10/10:

Judy Frigo to Warden ASPC-Perryville

Therese Schroeder to Security Operations Administrator

Greg Lauchner to Inspector General



Effective 4/17/10 & 5/1/10:

Joseph Moses to Deputy Warden San Carlos Unit/Perryville

Betty Barnes to Associate Deputy Warden San Carlos Unit/Perryville

William Ehredt to Deputy Warden Whetstone Unit/Tucson

Angela Basurto to Deputy Warden Catalina Unit/Tucson

Danial Lundberg to Associate Deputy Warden Whetstone Unit/Tucson

Adam Bradley to Deputy Warden Cibola Unit/Yuma

Carla Hacker-Agnew to Deputy Warden La Paz Unit/Yuma

Rose Sanders to Deputy Warden Cocopah Unit/Yuma

Rodreco Kepney to Associate Deputy Warden Cocopah Unit/Yuma

Robert Bayless to Associate Deputy Warden Cibola Unit/Yuma

James Jones to Associate Deputy Warden La Paz Unit/Yuma

Teresa Hetmer to Associate Deputy Warden Mohave Unit/Douglas

Staci Fay to Associate Deputy Warden Rynning Unit/Eyman

Kelly Pierce to Associate Deputy Warden South Unit/Florence

Sandra Lawrence to Associate Deputy Warden Bachman Unit/Lewis

Douglas Schuster to Associate Deputy Warden Buckley Unit/Lewis

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given to Lt. Charles Galvan, CO IV Curtis Smith, CO II Gary Bullock and CO II Olugvenga Tepede of ASPC-Perryville for rescuing a small child from a locked car. LPN Jeffery Williams, ASPC-Tucson, was presented a medal for his actions

in providing life saving first aid treatment to an inmate found unconscious and not breathing. CO II Justin Saunders, ASPC-Lewis, was also presented his medal for providing lifesaving CPR to an inmate who collapsed after suffering convulsions.

Director Ryan presented a Meritorious Service Medal to Sgt. David Michael Farely from ASPC-Douglas, for performance of duty greatly exceeding the normal demands of the Department.

A Unit Citation was

presented to the ASPC-Safford Service Dog Unit, which includes CO II James Bay, CO II David Larson, CO II Don Lackner, CO II Karen Giacobbi and Sgt. William Patton. A Special Recognition Plaque was presented to CO III Wendy Eccles,

ASPC-Eyman and Community Service Plaques were presented to CO II James Sammons and CO II Leila Pascarella, from ASPC-Florence, Sgt. Alejandro Apalategui from ASPC-Tucson and Sgt. Brian Collums from ASPC-Safford.

Medal of Valor Award



ADC Director Charles L. Ryan presents CO II Illingworth the Medal of Valor award.

The Valor Award is presented for an act of heroism that involves a conspicuous risk of life. The act shall be of such grave nature that performance of the act is clearly above and beyond the call of duty.

Last October, CO II **Matthew Illingworth** faced a life-threatening crisis that required him to use extraordinary skills and

heroism to save his own life and perhaps those of his fellow officers. An inmate who was housed at ASPC-Eyman/Browning Unit had breached the structural cell wall and was hiding in the plumbing area that was adjacent to his cell. As Officer Illingworth conducted a security check, the inmate jumped out

and viciously attacked him.

Before staff could arrive to assist, Officer Illingworth valiantly fought for his life as the inmate held a sharpened piece of metal to his neck. Officer Illingworth bravely defended himself against one of Arizona's most dangerous inmates and

his actions allowed responding officers to take appropriate measures to control the inmate. It took several officers to subdue the inmate, who was wrestling with Officer Illingworth after they had fallen to the floor.

For his extraordinary act of bravery under difficult conditions,

Officer Illingworth's actions reflect on the Department's values. The ADC recognizes him individually, but also in a greater sense, honors his actions that exemplify the spirit of service performed by correctional officers each and every day.

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Life Saving Award

ADC Life Saving Awards are presented for actions, which resulted in the saving or preservation of a human life in which the rescued person would have died without the employee's direct action.

These officers are honored for their actions stemming from an inmate attack on CO II Matthew Illingworth last October at the ASPC-Eyman/Browning Unit. When the Incident Command System was initiated, **Officers Phillip Swoope, Kevin Smiley, Michael Moore and Michael Hazen** rushed to assist their fellow officer.

They entered the housing unit and gave directions to the inmate to stop his assault against Officer Illingworth and lay down, which he refused to do. While CO II Illingworth struggled for his



CO II Michael Moore, CO II Phillip Swoope, CO II Michael Hazen and CO II Kevin Smiley are presented their Life Saving Awards.

life, he managed to pull the inmate's hand, which was holding a sharpened piece of metal, away from his neck long enough for CO II Smiley to send a burst of pepper spray to the inmate's face. Immediately, Officers Moore, Hazen and Swoope

interceded, pulling CO II Illingworth to safety. CO II Hazen then wrestled the weapon from the inmate and assisted the other officers in placing handcuffs on the inmate. During the attack, Officer Illingworth suffered lacerations on his

face as well as a puncture wound. Officer Illingworth was transported to a nearby hospital where he was treated and released that day.

Because of the officers' concerted efforts, the inmate did not succeed in

his attempt to end Officer Illingworth's life. They worked together in a cohesive, well-trained manner that complied with Department training, but also demonstrated their own special professional abilities and responsive action.



CO II Gary Bullock, CO II Olugbenga Tepede and LT. Charles Galvan are presented with their Live Saving Awards....not pictured CO IV Curtis Smith.

Last July, Arizona Department of Corrections Officers responded to an urgent request from a female visitor to retrieve a child from a locked vehicle in the ASPC - Perryville parking lot.

Lieutenant Charles Galvan responded along with **Correctional Officers Olugbenga Tepede, Gary Bullock, and CO**

IV Curtis Smith. The officers found the child alert and responsive but were unable to coax the child to unlock the door. After initiating the Incident Command System and requesting the Fire Department to respond, Lt. Galvan, CO II Bullock and CO II Tepede made repeated attempts to break into the vehicle with no

success. They also tried to cool down the vehicle by shading the windows with their shirts and pouring cold ice water over the rooftop. With temperatures hovering well over 100 degrees, the urgency of the situation increased as they observed the child becoming listless and vomiting. After receiving the mother's consent, the

officers broke the windows to gain access to the vehicle. First aid was then immediately rendered to the child.

Some of the staff sustained cuts from the breaking glass, however, they all refused medical attention and later returned to their posts. When paramedics arrived, the child was transported to a

local hospital for observation.

Because of these officers efforts, the child's life was spared. Lt. Galvan, CO IV Smith, CO II Bullock and CO II Tepede demonstrated a professional and immediate response by working together as a team in a crisis situation.

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CO II Justin Saunders is presented his Life Saving award

On Aug. 22 of last year, **CO II Justin Saunders** was assigned to the ASPC-Lewis/Buckley Unit. An Incident Command System was initiated seeking medical assistance and staff response after an inmate was found in his cell apparently having seizures. The inmate was not responsive and no pulse or breath was discernible.

Officer Saunders was the first to arrive and begin life-saving measures

and was assisted by CO II Michael Rodriguez and CO II Michael Parra.

The staff continued rescue breathing and chest compressions until the inmate began breathing on his own. The officers were eventually relieved by Complex Medical who administered intravenous medications. The inmate survived this incident because of the rapid response and selfless efforts of Officer Justin Saunders.



CO II Ronya Tweet and CO II Chad Allen are presented with their Life Saving awards

During January of this year, **Officers Ronya Tweet and Chad Allen** responded to an emergency situation at the ASPC-Eyman Special Management Unit I where they found inmate Salazar hanging from a piece of bed sheet tied around his neck and attached to his cell front. The inmate had dropped down to a sitting position causing the sheet to tighten around his neck. Officer Tweet quickly re-

acted and used her assigned key set to cut the inmate from the cell front instead of taking precious time to retrieve emergency scissors from the assigned control room officer.

Officer Tweet entered the cell and discovered the inmate was unresponsive. She checked his vital signs and determined he was not breathing. Officer Chad Allen immediately stepped in and began performing chest compres-

sions. It took about 15-20 compressions by Officer Allen before inmate Salazar began breathing on his own.

Officers Tweet and Allen put into action the training and life saving skills that was provided to them by the Department and was able to save another human life. They upheld the standard of conduct for the Department serving as a positive example for their peers and supervisors.



LPN Williams was unable to attend the ceremony, so Facilities Health Advisor Gene Greeley and Warden Sandra Walker accepted the award for him.

Last April, an inmate was found unconscious and unresponsive on his cell floor at the ASPC-Tucson Cimarron Unit. **Licensed Practical Nurse Jeffrey Williams** arrived and immediately began an assessment of the inmate's condition.

Nurse Williams quickly made the decision to begin CPR and requested the assistance of

Officer Leslie Fisher, who applied rescue breathing through the use of a breathing bag.

After about two minutes of CPR, Nurse Williams determined the inmate had very shallow breathing and a faint pulse. Believing the inmate to be suffering from a drug overdose, Nurse Williams gave him a shot of Narcan to combat the

effects of the drugs.

Soon the inmate was breathing steadily and was able to speak clearly about his condition. By demonstrating the ability to think clearly, appropriately apply his training, and to act when needed, Nurse Williams saved a human life. His actions bring credit to the Department of Corrections, and his fellow employees.

Meritorious Service Award



Sgt. Farley was unable to attend the award ceremony, so Warden Richard Bock and DWOP Antonio Baca accepted the award for him.

The Meritorious Service Award is given to an employee for performance of duty greatly exceeding the normal demands of the Department. The employee's job performance demonstrates an exceptional degree of good judgment, initiative and competence, and the employee's performance is clearly above and beyond the normal requirements of the position.

Sgt. David Michael Farley began his career with the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC) in 1977 and during his career he has proven to be a skilled supervisor, leader and mentor to many less-experienced officers. Sgt. Farley witnessed the progression of the department from a population of

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10,000 to 40,000 inmates. During his exceptional career, a talent for criminal intelligence work became apparent, discovering patterns and methods of contraband introduction and identifying security weaknesses that inmates' would use for negative purposes.

Sgt. Farley is a living history of the rise (and

fall) of Arizona criminal gangs. He walked around with what would become known as his pups, teaching young officers how to conduct searches and what to look for when searching inmates. He always had his nose in some inmate's property.

Additionally Sgt. Farley has exceptional skills in public work uti-

lizing inmate labor crews in cooperative efforts with city, town, and county personnel. He has led inmate labor crews in community betterment activities such as cleaning storm drains, highway cleaning, cemetery clean-ups, and various other assigned projects. In each endeavor PUBLIC SAFETY is his paramount concern and

Sgt. Farley's example has had a positive impact on both staff and inmate's who have worked for and around him. Sgt. Farley is also a trained Wild Land Firefighter and has operated on many state fires in his extensive career.

Recently, Sgt. Farley was recalled into service with the Special Security Unit (SSU),

which specializes in identifying, interviewing, and validating Security Threat Group (STG) members.

Sgt. Farley's vast experience has made him the ADC's Subject Matter Expert in prison gangs and by providing training at the SSU academy, he ensures his valuable knowledge is passed on to new officers.

Community Service Award



CO II Leila Pascarella was unable to attend the award ceremony, so ASPC-Florence Warden Carson McWilliams accepted the award on her behalf

The Community Service Award is presented for an off-duty act that involves heroism in the face of danger, preservation of another's life, or other significant acts of selflessness in support of community peace and public welfare, which reflects positively upon the Department.

CO II Leila Pascarella has been with the Department for a total of seven years. While driving home from work recently, she witnessed a single car accident and turned her car around to offer assistance. Officer Pascarella assisted an off-duty Maricopa County Sheriff Deputy in removing a severely injured woman from her vehicle and took witness infor-

mation at the scene. The woman's injuries were so severe, Officer Pascarella believed she was dead when she was transported by air from the accident site.

Weeks later the husband of the severely injured woman contacted Officer Pascarella to thank her and the Deputy for their efforts, as he believed they saved his wife's life.

When **Sergeant Alejandro Apalategui** (or Sgt. Al as he is fondly called by his ADC co-workers) is not busy working for the Department he, volunteers his time as a Pima County Sheriff's Department Auxiliary Volunteer (SAV). While conducting parks patrol in September, Sgt. Apalategui and fellow SAV member Rick Trevaskis stopped at a restaurant for lunch. Seated at the table beside them was a

male patron eating his lunch. The man began to choke on his food and was visibly in distress, indicating by hand signals that he could not breathe and needed help.

Sgt. Apalategui immediately went to the man and performed the Heimlich Maneuver, dislodging the obstruction and restoring his breathing. Later it was discovered the man who had been choking on his food was a doctor at St.

Mary's Hospital in Tucson.

For Sgt. Al's life-saving action, he was honored with a special award at the Pima County Sheriff's Department Auxiliary Volunteers 25th year anniversary celebration.

The actions of Sgt. Al exemplify the professionalism of our Department. He responded quickly and successfully saved the life of a citizen in need.



Sgt. Alejandro Apalategui is presented with his Community Service Award.



Sergeant Brian Collums is presented his Community Service Award.

Last September, **Sergeant Brian Collums** was standing in front of his house when a movement on the nearby road caught his attention. The sun was low, making it hard to see and it took him a moment to realize a small child was standing alone on that same road. At the same time, he heard a truck coming from the other direction. His only thought was to run to

save the child.

Sgt. Collums ran as fast and hard as he could and managed to grab the child, taking her to safety. The truck never stopped so whether the driver was aware of what happened we will never know. Brian said the little girl, who was about two-years-old, was crying profusely and he thought to himself "Go ahead and cry, that is a good

thing."

When Sgt. Collums returned the child to her parents, they were unaware she was missing and thought she was safely in the back yard, which was fenced and secured with a padlock.

For this act of heroism, Sgt. Brian Collums is presented with the Community Service award.

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CO II James Samons was on his way to work last February when he stopped for gas at a convenience market near the freeway. As he exited his vehicle, he observed a male subject running from the store carrying a pack of beer and a store employee chasing after him yelling that they had been robbed. Officer Samons began chasing the suspect, who threw the beer at the Officer. The

suspect lost his footing and fell, got back up and ran to an occupied vehicle, yelling at the driver to let him in. The driver of the vehicle who had a young child with her was clearly frightened.

Officer Samons directed the suspect to get away from the car while moving toward him. He then noticed the suspect move his right hand to the front of his waistband area as if he were reaching for a

weapon. With no regard for his personal safety, Officer Samons drew his personal weapon and pointed it at the suspect, ordering him to the ground. The suspect complied and Officer Samons detained the suspect until the Eloy Police Department arrived and arrested the suspect.

Officer James Samons should be commended for his quick and fearless actions that benefited the community.



CO II James Samons is presented his Community Service Award.

Special Recognition Award



CO III Wendy Eccles receives her Special Recognition Award

The Special Recognition award is presented to Department employees or non-Department employees who have made an exceptional contribution exemplifying their service and commitment to the Department.

CO III Wendy Eccles has been with the Department of Corrections for 14 years beginning her career as a Correctional Officer II. After four years she was promoted to Correctional Officer III and is currently assigned to the Meadows Unit.

As part of her assigned duties, CO III Eccles is the Victim Services Liaison for the Eymann Complex, where she works closely with volunteers and victims of crimes ensuring they receive a high degree of professional treatment at all times.

CO III Eccles also lends her support to many outside agencies, volunteering her time and talent to Community Alliance Against Family Abuse, Pinal Counsel for CASA Incorporated, Someone Worth Accepting Now Organization, and Eve's Place – a domestic vio-

lence shelter.

As a board member of Community Alliance Against Family Abuse, CO III Eccles works tirelessly in addressing the public's need for education and resources during this difficult economic time. She is also a volunteer with Pinal Counsel for CASA, which works with our juveniles who are displaced and in the foster care network.

CO III Eccles' contributions to the public reflect positively on the Arizona Department of Corrections. Her commitment to ADC and the community is truly worth recognition.

Unit Citation Award

A Unit Citation is given to a Departmental unit or group of employees in recognition of an outstanding accomplishment and/or for facilitating the achievement of organizational goals and objectives.

The Arizona Department of Corrections has employed trailing hounds since the early 1940s. In addition to their primary function of tracking escapees, law enforcement agencies throughout the state frequently call on our Service Dog Units for search and rescue missions.

It is one such mission that merits recogni-

tion. Last December, Graham County Search and Rescue Commander Sgt. Jerry Nelson contacted ASPC-Safford and requested assistance in locating lost hikers in the Klondyke area. Officers James Bay, David Larson, Don Lackner, along with support from COII Karen Giacobbi and Sgt. William Patton and tracking hounds Anna, Beausephus and Penny were dispatched to assist. After several hours of traversing rough and dangerous mountain terrain, the teams finally reached the hiker's camp. The teams immediately went to work and within 90 minutes they success-



CO II Karen Giacobbi, CO II Don Lackner, CO II James Bay, CO II David Larson, Sgt. William Patton accept their Unit Citation.

fully located the missing hikers. The hikers were relieved and in good health with only seven hours of exposure to the elements.

This is just one of many of ASPC-Safford's Service Dog Unit's success

stories, which are the result of peak physical condition, rigorous training and exceptional teamwork. Each trailing team trains weekly by setting and running six to eight miles of trail each week. The teams par-

ticipate in monthly Chase team exercises involving escape simulations and subsequent chase activities. In addition, the National Police Canine Association must certify teams annually.

ADC CO Wins \$10,000



Lt. Carol Pinson holds up her fingers for the number 6, the number CO II Pamela Pero was given when for the award drawing. Both Pinson and ADW Yolanda Elliot drove up with Pero to show her their support and it must have worked. Pero won \$10,000 in the SECC Grand Prize drawing. During the drawing, Pat McMahan told the crowd that he didn't need a teleprompter because Lt. Pinson was doing a great job holding up the number he needed to call out.

An Arizona Department of Corrections Correctional Officer may not have driven home in a new car, but her wallet was a lot fuller after winning \$10,000 in the 2009 State Employees Charitable Campaign (SECC) prize drawing.

CO II Pamela Pero, ASPC-Florence/East Unit won 10 grand when Phoenix radio and television personality Pat McMahan picked her number from nine other contestants. A total of 10 state employees, who had donated at least \$26 to the SECC, were chosen at random to be part of the grand prize event, where one lucky winner would start the engine of their new car.

The top three prizes were made possible by the Salazar dealership that donated the grand prize, a new Kia Rio and Canyon State Credit Union, which provided the two cash prizes.

On Jan. 13, CO II Pero,

along with ASPC-Safford employees OHN Bill Tillman and CO II Richard Dutt, joined seven other state employees at the Salazar Kia dealership in Avondale to try their luck at winning a new car. The event began with the posting of the colors by the ADC Color Guard and a stirring rendition of the National Anthem sung by Sgt. Katina Murphy, ASPC-Tucson. Angela Fischer, Department of Administration and Executive Director with SECC then accepted a \$33,488 check from Lenore Froehlich, Vice President of Marketing with the Canyon State Credit Union for the one-percent Visa Affinity Card Contributions.

Finally the time came for the main event. Each contestant was given a key to a new Kia Rio and was given the chance to see if their key would start the car. One by one, each state employee tried his or her key without suc-



The ADC Color Guard, from left: CO II Robert Powell, ASPC-Tucson/Rincon Unit; Sgt. Katina Murphy, ASPC-Tucson; CO II David Vallas, ASPC-Tucson Complex and CO II Kenneth Turner, ASPC-Tucson/Winchester Unit. Officers Powell, Vallas and Turner posted the colors to begin the event, while Sgt. Murphy opened the ceremony with a stirring rendition of the National Anthem.

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cess until the 10th person, Denise McConaghy, with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), used her key to turn the ignition on her brand new car.

After the car was given away, Pat McMahon drew the winning numbers for the \$10,000 and \$5,000 prizes. CO II Pero collected her check for \$10,000 and Monica Phillips, with ADEQ, won \$5,000. The contestants, who didn't win the car or money were presented with gift bags filled with donated coupons and gift cards.

In 2009, ADC staff contributed over \$291,000 in payroll deductions and one-time contributions to the SECC.

The success of the ADC contribution to the 2009 campaign can be credited to the efforts of Agency Coordinator Virginia

Strankman and her local area coordinators, including Laurie Berg, Kenneth Bradshaw, Merry Burwell, Paula Callahan, Margaret Deskins, Jeanne Dodd, Sherri Donoho, Vanessa English, Danielle Halahan, Rusty Heaps, Karen Hess, Natalie Iniguez, Gana La Paglia, Alfred Martinez, Robert Miller, Heather Milstead, Rick Morales, Shannon Price, Christal Saucedo, Judi Book-Schultz, Cheryl Tavolletti, Christina Valenzuela, Amber Wiley and Jeffrey Van Winkle.

Last year, nearly 12,000 state employees pledged over \$1.5 million to charitable organizations through the SECC, impacting thousands of lives with their tremendous display of generosity. In the past 16 years, state employees have raised over \$20 million dollars to support charities across the State, nation and throughout the world.

Clockwise from the top: CO II Richard Dutt from ASPC-Safford tries his luck at starting the car. OHN Bill Tillman from ASPC-Safford wasn't able to start the car. CO II Pamela Pero from ASPC-Florence/East Unit tried but was unable to get her key to work. Denise McConaghy, with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, used her key to turn the ignition on her brand new car. Angela Fischer presents Monica Phillips, with ADEQ was picked to win the \$5,000 prize. Angela Fischer presents CO II Pamela Pero with her \$10,000 prize.



ADC staff takes the plunge to help LETR



From left: CO III Wendy Eccles from Eyman joined AA III Danielle Hallahan, Sgt. Kevin Luckenbill, Sgt. Douglas Abelowitz and CO II Maggie Sammons, all from Tucson, arrived at the Patio Pools and Spas in Sierra Vista dressed as their super hero alter-ego and joined 40 other volunteers to help raise money for the LETR and Arizona Special Olympics.

Despite our mild winters, January is not pool weather in Arizona...unless you're going for an icy dip to help raise money and awareness for the Law Enforcement Torch Run and Arizona Special Olympics.

This year's first ever Polar Plunge in Sierra Vista was organized by Sierra Vista Police Department Community Resource Officer Tracy Grady. When the call came out for volunteers to dive in and help, five brave staff members from ASPC-Tucson and Eyman responded.

On Jan. 16, CO III Wendy Eccles from Eyman and AA III Danielle Hallahan, Sgt. Kevin Luckenbill, Sgt. Douglas Abelowitz and CO II Maggie Sammons, all from Tucson, arrived at the Patio Pools and Spas in Sierra Vista dressed as their super hero alter-ego and joined 40 other volunteers to pay for the privilege of diving into the frigid, ice filled waters.

Officer Grady says the event in Sierra Vista is expected to raise over \$5,000 by the time all the donations are in.



Pajama Sam (aka CO III Wendy Eccles, ASPC Eyman/Meadows Unit) took the first plunge for the ADC.



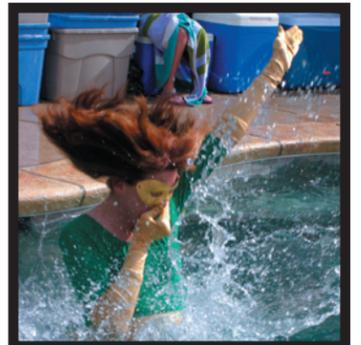
The LOVE Fairy (aka AA III Danielle Hallahan, ASPC-Tucson/Rincon Unit-Warden's Office) hovers over the water before dropping in.



The Princess (aka Sgt. Kevin Luckenbill, ASPC-Tucson Complex/Manzanita Unit) stepping out.



The Misses (aka Sgt. Douglas Abelowitz, ASPC-Tucson/Manzanita Unit) made a big splash.



The Phoenix Jean Grey (aka CO II Maggie Sammons, ASPC-Tucson/Manzanita Unit) hit the water with her hair flying!

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From left, Green Girl (aka Gabi Gonzales), The Lucky Leprechaun, (aka AA III Danielle Hallahan ASPC-Tucson/Rincon Unit & Warden's Office), Surfer Boy, Farmer Girl (aka CCO Lisbet Jones, Tucson Parole Office), Superman (aka CO III Benjamin Brookhart, ASPC Tucson/Rincon Unit), Military Man (aka CO IV Steve Utter, ASPC-Tucson/Minors Unit), Polar Plunge Mascot Bear, The Phoenix (CO II Maggie Sammons, ASPC-Tucson/Manzanita Unit), Batgirl, Spiderman (aka Northwest Tucson Athlete Matt Shields) and CO III Wendy Eccles, ASPC Eyman/Meadows Unit.

It was a brisk Feb. 27 when Arizona Special Olympics athletes, families, friends and fans met at Breakers Water Park in Marana to take the daring plunge into the freezing cold water, all to support Special Olympics Arizona! Nearly 100 plungers took part in the event, raising over \$26,000.

ADC staff from ASPC-Tucson who participated in the Marana Polar Plunge included AA III Danielle Hallahan, CO III Benjamin Brookhart, CO IV Steve Utter, CO II Maggie Sammons and Community Corrections Officer Lisbet Jones from the Tucson Parole Office. They were joined by family and friends, along with CO III Wendy Eccles from ASPC-Eyman who was unable to participate but still showed up to offer her support.

Proceeds from the Polar Plunge support year-round sports training and competition for over 11,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities throughout our state.



Superman (aka CO III Benjamin Brookhart, ASPC-Tucson/Rincon) was the top ADC fundraiser, collecting \$419 for his icy swim



ADC Superheroes start their plunge into the pool where over 1,000 pounds of ice had dropped the temperature to a chilly 60 degrees.....



...quickly followed by the rest of the group, except Military Man... **who finally dives in while everyone else beats a hasty retreat from the frigid waters.**

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LETR MAN (aka CO II John Risch, ASPC-Florence/Complex Mail Room) and the Polar Plunge mascot



THE SUPER TEAPOT (aka Lt. Patricia M. Cruz, ASPC-Safford/Tonto Unit)

On Mar. 6 Special Olympics Arizona and the Arizona Law Enforcement Torch Run hosted the Phoenix Polar Plunge Superhero Challenge at Golfland Sunsplash in Mesa.

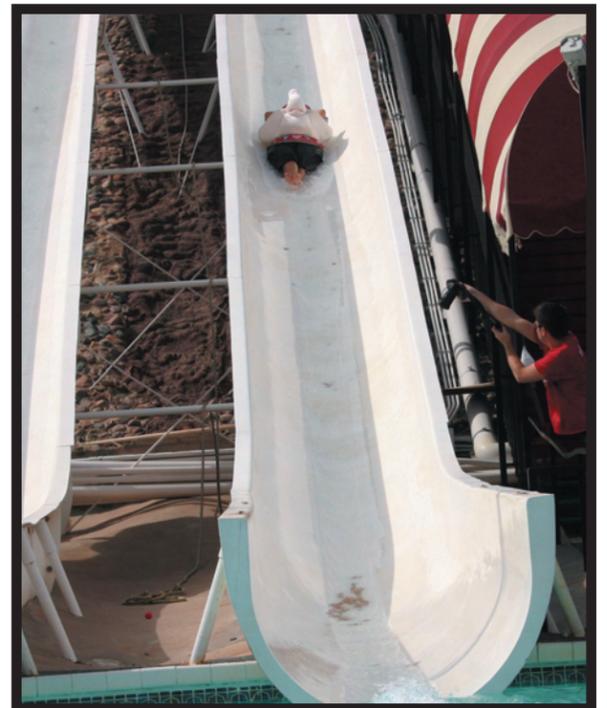
Superheroes from all walks of life, including Special Olympics athletes, ADC staff, law enforcement officers, families, friends and fans) plunged down the “Bonzi Speed Slides” into an ice filled pool to support Special Olympics Arizona!

Representing the ADC was LETR Man (Aka CO II John Risch, ASPC-Florence/Complex Mail Room and The Super Teapot (aka Lt. Patricia M. Cruz, ASPC-Safford/Tonto Unit). So far, the Phoenix Polar Plunge has raised around \$8,000 and more donations are still be added up.

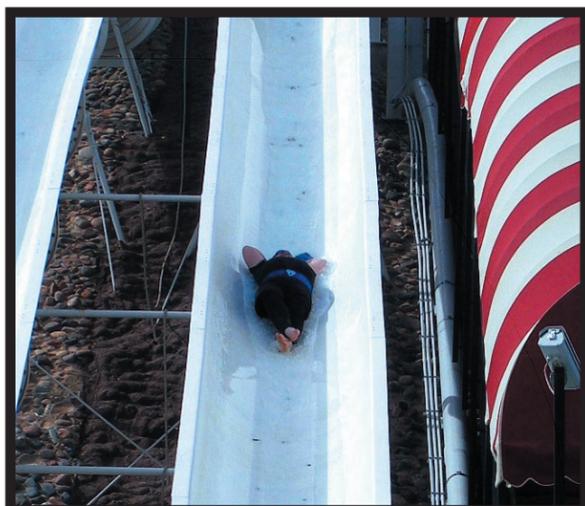
The total raised from all Polar Plunge events is still being tallied, but according to officials with Special Olympics Arizona, the events in Sierra Vista, Tucson, Flagstaff and Phoenix have raised over \$46,000 statewide.



WONDER WOMAN (aka Kevin Albert, Paradise Valley PD Motor Officer and AZ LETR State Director) and SUPERGIRL (aka Ruth G. Sanchez, Director of LETR Program, Special Olympics Arizona) present Lt. Patricia Cruz with a 2nd place award for “Individual Fundraiser”, raising \$691 for her dip in the chilly waters.



Lt. Cruz makes her way down the Bonzi Speed Slide for her Polar Plunge.



CO II Risch takes his ride on the Bonzi Speed slide on his way to making a big splash at the finish.



WONDER WOMAN and SUPERGIRL present CO II John Risch the first place award for his Superhero costume, LETR MAN.



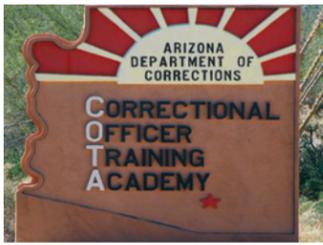
On Feb. 8, Mary Walker received her 25-Year Service pin from Director Charles L. Ryan

The Arizona Department of Corrections is saddened by the death of one of our long standing staff. Mary Louise Walker, who was born on July 30, 1949 in Parkersburg, West Virginia, passed away unexpectedly on March 17, 2010.

Mary Walker joined the Department of Corrections in January of 1985. She started her career with us in the word processing Unit at Central Office and then moved to the Staff Development and Training Bureau, followed by Inmate Education. She later transferred to the Phoenix Complex where she was an Administrative Secretary in the Wardens Office. Mary was recently brought back to Central Office to help the Fleet Management Unit.

Mary worked for the department for the past two and a half decades and on Feb. 8, she was presented her 25-Year Service Pin by Director Charles L. Ryan, who thanked her for her long and dedicated service.

Mary's awesome presence touched the lives of many people and she will be missed by all. She is survived by her husband, four sons, three beloved granddaughters and her sister.



COTA CORNER

The Arizona Department of Corrections congratulates the recent graduates of the Correctional Officer Training Academy. COTA is located on 40 acres in the foothills west of Tucson, with additional classes held at ASPC-Perryville and other locations as necessary and twice a year COTA also hosts a K-9 Academy. COTA provides training for ADC cadets and tenured staff and for county jails and other detention centers around the state. The curriculum encompasses 360 contact hours and the graduating cadets receive 21 Community College credits, which they can then use towards higher-level education degrees. Cadets are trained and assessed in six different areas including academics, physical fitness, firearm qualification, self defense, professional behavior and ethical standards. Following nine weeks of training, graduates are sworn in as Correctional Officers.

COTA Class 855



Class Lt.: Lisa Oberle
Class Sgt.: Alfred Martine

Advisor: CO II Kelly Hileman
Advisor: CO II Virgine Gureski

CLASS ROSTER

Kary A. Andrejol, James M. Babiar, Tyler W. Baldwin, Jeremy L. Bonner, Pedro Carranco-Preciado, Noreberto Carrasco Leon, Antonio R. Chacon Jr., Kalob S. Clonts, Rene Dorame, Shermaine N. Fort, Nicholas Gulko, Kurtis E. Jones, Ashley M. Kilmer, Caren M. Mah, Jesus R. Majalca, Russell C. Marshman, Mardell R. Phillips, Maribel Ramos, Brent J. Richards, Jeffrey R. Rollins, John L. Rosenblum, Michael B. Schaub, Deborah K. Stribling, Andrew W. Whiting.

CLASS AWARDS

Professionalism:

Kalob S. Clonts
Maribel Ramos

Academic Achievers:

Caren M. Mah - 97.42%
Russell C. Marshman - 95.94%
Brent J. Richards - 95.20%

Firearms Expert:

Noreberto Carrasco Leon - 241
Tyler W. Baldwin - 240

COTA Class 856



Class Lt.: Fernando Dicochea
Class Sgt.: Norma Rubio

Advisor: CO II Denisse I. Ochoa
Advisor: CO II Heath Berryhill

CLASS ROSTER

Stephen L. Bell, John T. Cave Iii, Albert V. Garcia, Elizabeth A. Hurtado, Eric J. Lesueur, Mabel M. Leyva, Natalie B. Limbrick, Francisca Y. Lopez, Rafael Lopez, Adrian C. Magallanes, Alexandra A. Martinez, Joanne H. Morris, Julio Olivares, Robert W. Porter, Michelle L. Rippey, Aaron M. Schafer, Charissa N. Serna, Jason Smith, Angela M. Snipes.

CLASS AWARDS

Professionalism:

Mabel M. Leyva
Adrian C. Magallanes

Academic Achievers:

Mabel M. Leyva - 94.83%
Eric J. Lesueur - 94.83%
Natalie B. Limbrick - 94.28%
Michelle L. Rippey - 94.28%