



Director Charles L. Ryan

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The 2011 ADC Annual Employee Recognition Awards



Director Ryan gives the opening remarks at the 2011 Employee Recognition Awards held at the Correctional Officer Training Academy in Tucson

The Arizona Department of Corrections honored the dedication and commitment of its officers and staff on Dec. 15 at the annual Employee Recognition Awards ceremony hosted by the Correctional Officers Training Academy in Tucson.

The event honors the character, determination and professionalism that ADC staff

display as they perform a valuable service to the state and the communities in which they live.

The Employee of the Year award was presented in six categories, non-uniform, Correctional Officer, Supervisor, Administrator, Deputy Warden and Warden.

Chaplin I Steve Young, ASPC-Tucson won the Non-Uniformed

Employee award. CO II Don Lackner, ASPC-Safford won the Correctional Officer award. CRS II Jackie Hutchinson, Central Office won the Supervisor award, Community Corrections Manager Nikki Studer won the Administrator award. Deputy Warden Laura Escapule, ASPC-Yuma won the Deputy Warden award and Warden Richard Allen Bock won the Warden

award. Director Charles L. Ryan and Scott Smith, Deputy Chief of Staff in the Governor's Office, presented the Medal of Valor, the Department's highest honor, to eight employees. 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. The Medal of Valor was awarded to Aaron Fachin, Manuel Juvera, Jeffrey Barrier, Aaron Putnan, Colen Young and Angel Ruiz, ASPC-Lewis; Jesus Ramierz, ASPC-Phoenix and Jonathan Clements, ASPC-Winslow, for their heroic actions.

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Lifesaving Medals were awarded for actions that resulted in the saving, or preservation, of a human life in which the rescued person would have died without the employee's direct action. The medals were awarded to 35 Officers and staff from ASPC-Eyman-Florence-Lewis-Safford and Winslow.

Meritorious Service Medals were awarded to employees for performance of their duty that greatly exceeded the normal demands of the Department. There were 25 medals presented to Officers and staff at ASPC-Perryville-Safford-Tucson-Yuma and Central Office.

Community Service Awards were presented to ADC staff in recognition of an off-duty act that preserves another's life, or other significant acts of selflessness in support of community peace and public welfare. These awards were given to

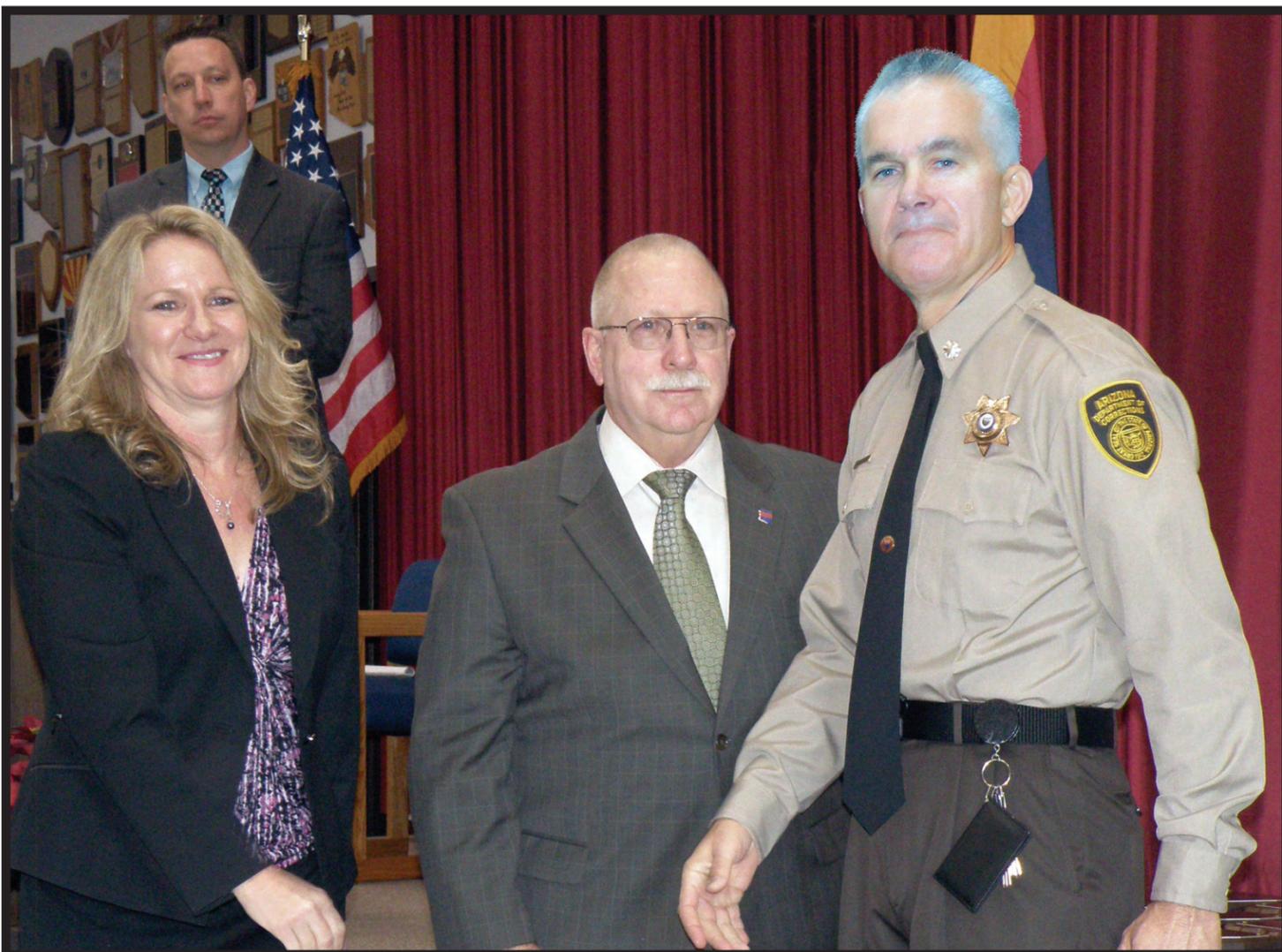
14 Officers and staff from ASPC-Eyman-Florence-Tucson and Yuma.

Special Recognition Awards are presented in acknowledgement of the recipient's exceptional contribution exemplifying service and commitment to the Department. The awards were presented Officers and staff from ASPC-Eyman-Florence-Lewis-Perryville, COTA and Central Office.

Unit Citations were presented in recognition of an outstanding accomplishment and/or achievement of organizational goals and objectives. Receiving the citations were Officers and staff from ASPC-Eyman-Tucson-Winslow, Central Office and Community Corrections. Length of Service pins were also presented to those employees that had achieved 30 or more years service to the state.



The 2011 Annual Employee Recognition Award Ceremony started with the posting of the colors by the ADC Honor Guard and the singing of the National Anthem by Sgt. Katina Murphy



At the beginning of the award ceremony, Director Ryan and Support Services Division Director Laura Krause presented COTA Commander Ivan Bartos with his new rank of Lt. Colonel

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UNIT CITATION

In recognition of an outstanding accomplishment and/or achievement of organizational goals and objectives



ASPC-Eyman/Browning Unit Electronic Door Installation Team: Construction Manager Cherie Randall, ADW Jack Heet, PPS Joe Trent, Lt. John McClaine and Sgt. Gabriel Lagunas



ASPC-Eyman/Behavior Management Unit: Psych Associate II Diane Ortega, Dr. Jason Frizzell, ADW GERALYNN WOODS, Sgt. Kevin McClellan and CO III Brett Garman



ASPC-Eyman/ACI Bakery Transition Team: Eastern Region ACI Manger Al Wesley, CIP Bakery Manager Eddie Gonzales and ADW Teresa Hetmer



ASPC-Eyman/Mail and Property: CO II Sonya Valenzuela, CO II Jose Sanchez, CO II Michelle Schiavo and CO II Amy Landrum



ASPC-Eyman/Rynning Unit: CO II Steven Chos, Capt. Annemarie Smith-Whitson, CO II Rebecca Francisco and CO II Benjamin Banghart



ASPC-Tucson/Special Ceremonies Unit: CO III Michael Hanby, Sgt. David Vallas, Sgt. Katina Murphy, Lt. Chris Rowley



ASPC-Tucson/ Wildlands Fire Crew: Sgt. Daniel Burger, CO II John Carreon and CO II Paul Smith



ASPC-Tucson/ Rincon Unit: CO III David Straub, CO II Silas Lewis, CO II Daniel Yubeta and Dr. Dan McDonnell



ASPC-Tucson/ Minors Unit: CO III Rosemary Schork, CO II Jonathan Lue, DW Elizabeth Oros, and Lt. Moises Rodriguez



ASPC-Tucson/ Winchester Unit: Capt. Vince Neil, CO II Amelia Jimenez, CO II Brenda Lawrence and CO III Shawn Sanders



**ASPC-Winslow/ Canteen Correctional Services:
Canteen District Manager Dave Thuma**



**Central Office/Exchange E-mail Migration:
Senior Field Operations/Infrastructure
Systems Manager Joe Nicoletti, Network
Team ITS III Curt Czarsty, Network
Support Manager John Ryan**



**Central Office/Employment and Classification Unit:
Personnel Analyst III Frank Morin, Recruiting Tech
Desiree Alaffa, Recruiting Analyst Sharein Lopez,
Administrator Martha Sesmas and Health Services HR
Liaison Cathy Fonseca**



**Central Office/Recruitment Manager Vincent Dolce, AA II Cathy Hernandez,
AA II Olga Clark, and Sergeant Deborah Riccobono (recently promoted to
Programs and PS II in Human Resource Operations Unit)**



**Central Office/Staff Development and Training: Training Officer I Gretchen
Wirges, Training Officer II Joel Kosanke, Training Administrator Vivian
Baltierra, Training Officer III Molly Waters, Training Officer III Rachel Anita
Jung, Education Development Coordinator Linda Tani,
Training Officer III Cyndi Spafford and Training Officer III Mary O'Connor**



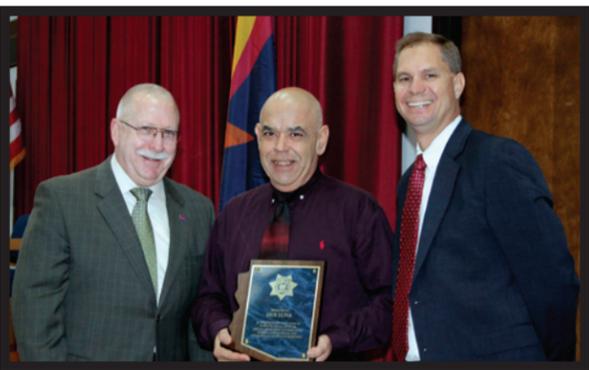
**Northern Regional Parole Office: Community Corrections Manager
Northern Region Nuby Courtney, Community Corrections Parole
Supervisor Armando Gonzalez, Community Corrections Senior PO Everett
Hull, Community Corrections Senior PO Albert Barrera, Community
Corrections Senior PO David MacNab, Community Corrections Senior PO
Lance Delmore and Community Corrections PO Hedda Fay**



**Central Office/Counseling & Treatment: Psychologist III Dr. Greg Waugh,
CTS Administrator Karen Hellman, CSAC Colleen Fitzpatrick-Rodgers,
CSAC Denice Suzanne Smith, CSAC Carla Alexoff and CSAC Norm Green**

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

For exceptional contributions exemplifying service and commitment to the Department



Southern Regional Manager Gus Luna, COTA



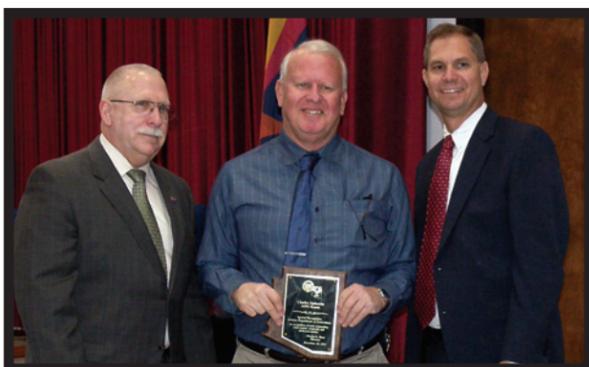
COII Peter Crosby and CO II Alfred Martinez, COTA



PPD Peter Mueller-Martin, COTA



Facility Coordinator Christina Leon-Benitez, COTA



CO III Charles Lipkowitz, ASPC-Eyman



CO II Rolanda Ned, ASPC-Eyman



Sgt. Richard Zambrano, ASPC-Florence



ASO II Kristian Sears, ASPC-Florence



Rio Salado Construction Class Instructor Eric Richardson and CO II Nelson Fink, ASPC-Lewis



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Central Office**



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Network Team - ITS III Curt Czarsty and Network Support Manager John Ryan, Central Office



**Nursing Program Manager Kathy Campbell,
Central Office**



LETR Complex Liaisons: Front Row – CO IV Wendy Eccles, DW Yolanda Elliot, AA II Rosemary Cordova, AS I Cynthia Geesey. Back Row – ESA Erin Reese, AA II Danielle Hallahan, CO II John Risch, DW Heather Pruett, Sgt. Krystal Hutchinson, CO IV Susan Hill



Visitation Application Team: Front row - Legislative Liaison Jennifer Bowser, Debra Lang, Data Manager Nishith Dave, DC Program System Administrator Diana Harrison, ADW Yolanda Elliot, and Linda Wade. Back Row – Information Technology Specialist IV Prisca Iheduru, Chief Information Officer Stephen Welsh, DC Program System Administrator Chuck Manning, Network Support Manager John Ryan

COMMUNITY SERVICE

For an off-duty act that preserves another's life, or other significant acts of selflessness, in support of community peace and public welfare



CO II Michael Cruz, ASPC-Eyman



CO II Donald Parker, ASPC-Florence



CO II Elfrida Hubbard, ASPC-Florence



CO II Tisher Canty, CO II Jennifer Gradillias and CO II Corey Edwards, ASPC-Tucson



CO II Frank Matus and CO II Abrham Sandoval, ASPC-Yuma

MERITORIOUS SERVICE

For performance of duty greatly exceeding the normal demands of the Department



Facility Health Administrator John Kinton, ASPC-Perryville



CO II Toni Zoll, ASPC-Perryville



Chaplin I Jeff Lind, ASPC-Safford



CO II Daniel Bailey, CO II Kim Angst, CO II Elisa Espinoza and CO II Jason Abbott, ASPC-Tucson



Sgt. Manuel Romero and son and CO II Lucas Colvert, ASPC-Tucson



CO II Veronica Ballesteros, ASPC-Tucson



DW Adam Bradley, ASPC-Yuma



Lt. Thomas Carroll, ASPC-Yuma



Training Officer Dave Truax, ASPC-Yuma



Legislative Liaison Jennifer Bowser, Central Office



Patricia Smarik, Central Office



CTS Administrator Karen Hellman, Central Office



NROD Carson McWilliams, Central Office



Budget Manager Jacob Gable, Central Office



HR Manager Camille Lawrence, Central Office



ACI General Manager Bill Branson, Central Office, Ret.



PSP Administrator Dona Marie Markley, Central Office, Ret.



Facility Health Care Administrator Jim Taylor, Central Office



Media Relations Dir. Bill Lamoreaux, Central Office

LIFESAVING
For an on-duty act that results in the saving or preservation of a human life



CO II James Petty, ASPC-Eyman



CO II Manuel Moreno, ASPC-Eyman



CO II Lepoldo Romero, ASPC-Eyman



CO II Michael Snyder, ASPC-Eyman



CO II Kolten Wood, Sgt. Frank Alvarez, LT. Alejandro Sanchez, ASPC-Eyman



CO II Earl Stephens; CO II Patrick Ashlin; Sgt. Paul Swaney and CO II Guillermo Manriquez, ASPC-Eyman



Sarah Wright and CO II Devon Winters, ASPC-Florence



CO II Jeffrey Celaya and CO II Raul Liorente, ASPC-Florence



CO II Juan Alva, CO II Hector Hernandez, CO II Barry Schwiesow and CO II Raul Salas, ASPC-Lewis



CO II Cody Watts and
CO II Brian Gambell, ASPC-Lewis



CO II Joseph Cates, ASPC-Safford



CO II Edward Cooper and
CO II Deanne Underwood, ASPC-Tucson



CO II Robert Porter, CRN Tammy Porter, CRN Donna Anderson and CO II Randy Grijalva, ASPC-Tucson



CO II Benjamin Hibbard, ASPC-Safford

VALOR

For an on or off-duty act of heroism that involves the risk of life



CO II Colen Young, CO II Angel Ruiz, Sgt. Aaron Fachin, Lt. Aaron Putnam, CO IV Jeffrey Barrier (not present was Sgt. Manuel Juvera, who also received this award

On March 1, 2011 Officers Young and Ruiz were quickly enveloped in a fight with several inmates. Despite certain risk of injury, several staff responded quickly and without hesitation to prevent critical injuries to fellow officers and help gain control of the incident. Everyone's quick actions prevented further injuries and significant incidents from occurring.



Jesus Ramirez, ASPC-Phoenix

On July 1, 2011 Officer Ramirez disregarded his own personal safety while rescuing a driver from an overturned tanker truck. Ramirez broke the back window to the truck and cut the driver's seatbelt, allowing the driver to be pulled out and away from the accident and approximately 140 gallons of spilt fuel.

Jonathan Clements, ASPC-Winslow

On February 28, 2011 Officer Clements responded to a cry for help at Flagstaff Medical Center while on a medical escort. Clements quickly ran to assist. Clements intervened and controlled an aggravated suspect. Despite being assaulted, Clements was able to place the suspect on the floor and in handcuffs before hospital security arrived. His quick and decisive action brought a successful resolution to a dangerous felony in progress and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the law enforcement profession.



COMPLEX EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR
Non-Uniformed Employees of the Year



Non-uniformed Employees Of The Year: Fiscal Service Tech I Gloria Moreno, ASPC-Douglas/Complex; CO III Toni Bowman, ASPC-Eyman/Cook Unit; CRN Steve Grabowski, ASPC-Florence/Central Unit; CO III Kevin Mendoza, ASPC-Lewis/Stiner Unit; CO III Deana Morris, ASPC-Perryville/Lumley Unit; ESA Vanessa English, ASPC-Phoenix/Complex; CO III Misty Briggs, ASPC-Safford/Complex; Chaplain I Steven Young, ASPC-Tucson/Rincon Unit; RN Lisa Baker, ASPC-Winslow/Medical; CO III John Scala, ASPC-Yuma/Cheyenne Unit

COMPLEX EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR
Uniformed Employees of the Year



Uniformed Employees Of The Year: CO II Alejandro R. Magana, ASPC-Douglas/Gila Unit; CO II Jackson, ASPC-Eyman/Ryning Unit; CO II Christopher Knight, ASPC-Florence/Central Unit; CO II William Harred, ASPC-Lewis/Buckley Unit; CO II Manfred Zavala, ASPC-Perryville/Piestewa Unit; CO II Julie Harris, ASPC-Phoenix/Complex; CO II Don Lackner, ASPC-Safford/Ft. Grant Unit; CO II Deborah Martyn, ASPC-Tucson/Complex; CO II Jonathon Clements, ASPC-Winslow/Kaibab Unit; CO II Jose Isla, ASPC-Yuma/Dakota Unit

COMPLEX EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR
Supervisors of the Year



Supervisors Of The Year: Physical Plant Director Francisco J. Zavala, ASPC-Douglas/Complex; Fiscal Services Specialist III Christine Amos, ASPC-Eyman/Complex; Lt. J.M. Louthier, ASPC-Florence/East Unit; Lt. Donald Renault, ASPC-Lewis/Barchey Unit; Lt. Maria Domenico, ASPC-Perryville/Piestewa Unit; Lt. Richard Deepe, ASPC-Phoenix/Aspen Unit; Sgt. Michael Ellis, ASPC-Safford/Ft. Grant Unit; Lt. Linda Polanco, ASPC-Tucson/Rincon Unit; Lt. Russell Belew, ASPC-Winslow/Coronado Unit; Sgt. David Birtcher, ASPC-Yuma/Complex

COMPLEX EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR
Deputy Wardens of the Year



Deputy Wardens Of The Year: Linda Forester, ASPC-Douglas/Eggers Unit; Antonio Barrios, ASPC-Eyman/Browning Unit; Ron Credio, ASPC-Florence/Operations; Chris Moody, ASPC-Lewis/Barchey Unit; Kimberly Currier, ASPC-Perryville/Santa Maria Unit; Jeffrey Van Winkle, ASPC-Phoenix/Aspen Unit; Roxanne Hill, ASPC-Safford/Ft. Grant Unit; Angela Basurto, ASPC-Tucson/Rincon Unit; Heather Prueett, ASPC-Winslow/Kaibab Unit; Laura Escapule, ASPC-Yuma Operations

ADC EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR



**ADC Non Uniformed Employee of the Year:
Chaplain I Steven Young, ASPC-Tucson**



**ADC Correctional Officer of the Year:
CO II Don Lackner, ASPC-Safford**



**ADC Supervisor of the Year:
CRS II Jackie Hutchinson, Central Office**



**ADC Administrator of the Year:
Community Corrections Manager Nikki Studer**



**ADC Deputy Warden of the Year:
Laura Escapule, ASPC-Yuma**



**ADC Warden of the Year:
Richard Allen Bock, ASPC-Yuma**