

INSIDE CORRECTIONS



SERVING WITH PRIDE AND HONOR Public Employee Recognition Week

Last month, we marked Public Service Employee Recognition Week, which honors everyone who serves the State of New Jersey with integrity and pride. Our mission of rehabilitation and public safety does not happen by chance. The progress we achieve relies on the work of dedicated civilian and custody staff, teachers, healthcare workers, and administrators.

Throughout the week, many NJDOC facilities hosted appreciation events to honor that commitment and daily sacrifices of our staff. From high-energy breakfasts and staff barbecues to relaxing lunches and special giveaways, leadership and wellness committees came together to ensure all staff felt seen and valued. These events served as a powerful testament to the camaraderie, resilience, and shared legacy of service that define NJDOC.

Thank you for your unwavering professionalism and dedication. This issue of *INSIDE CORRECTIONS* highlights the recognition and celebrations of staff during the month.

Celebrating Our K-9 Partners



We also recognized the contributions of our canine partners such as the specially trained and dedicated SOG K-9s and the comforting therapy dog, Frankie, that offers unconditional love and healing to those in need. These special animals are vital to our mission, providing critical security and essential wellness support that strengthens our entire NJDOC family every day. We are grateful for their service. Thanks to the staff at East Jersey State Prison for collecting donations to Woodbridge Animal Group, a local pet shelter.

UNITY, HONOR, AND PRIDE

Riders representing NJDOC proudly participated in the 2026 Police Unity Tour to honor those who lost their lives in the line of duty. The demanding multi-day bicycle journey started with an opening ceremony at Central Office Headquarters (COHQ), sending our riders off with the full support and gratitude of the NJDOC family.

Our dedicated staff members pedaled side-by-side with fellow law enforcement professionals from across the country as they traveled to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington DC. This show of physical endurance stands as a powerful, living tribute to our fallen heroes.

We extend our profound appreciation to the incredible riders, support crews, Ceremonial Unit, and the COHQ staff that helped make the tour a success. Your dedication, compassion, and unity make us incredibly proud!



Our Mission and Core Values

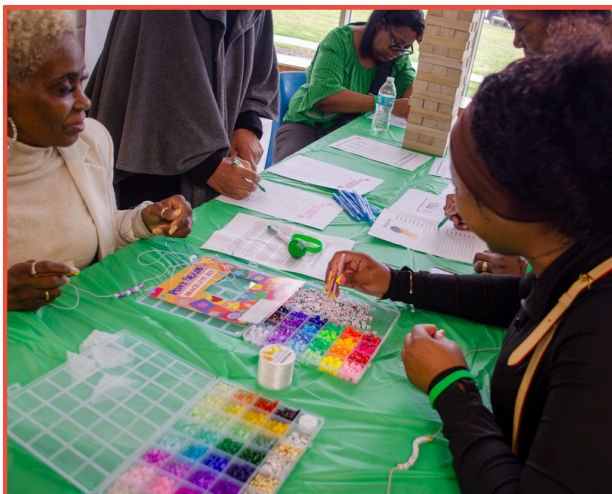


Commissioner Victoria Kuhn, Esq., recently announced a revised Policy Statement, ADM.001.000, detailing updates to the Mission and Values of the NJDOC. The revised policy marks a defining step forward in how we operate, evolve, and continue to serve the state of New Jersey.

The NJDOC's mission is focused on enhancing public safety through rehabilitation, accountability, and reentry. By clearly defining the mission and values, NJDOC reinforces its commitment to modern, humane, and effective practices that enhance the safety of all New Jersey residents. [Read the updated policy on the NJDOC intranet.](#)

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

The field of corrections is uniquely demanding and maintaining your well-being is just as important as our mission. A huge thank you to the wellness teams at each of the facilities for organizing events during May, such as the Mental Health Awareness Fair at Northern State Prison. These are vital opportunities to help break the stigma, raise awareness, offer encouragement, and support the entire NJDOC staff.



NJDOC EXCELLENCE HONORED

Congratulations to NJDOC’s outstanding honorees at the 2026 State Employee Recognition Day! We proudly celebrate Director Anthony Mazzella (Exceptional Service), Senior Investigator Ryan Pettit (Heroism), and Operations Sergeant Sean Caldwell (Professional Achievement). Thank you for your extraordinary leadership, bravery, and unwavering dedication to safety and excellence across New Jersey.

State Employee Recognition Day is observed annually by the Civil Service Commission in partnership with the Office of the Governor, to honor the contributions of public servants across the state.

(Pictured: Director Mazzella and Sergeant Caldwell with Deputy Commissioner Erin Nardelli).

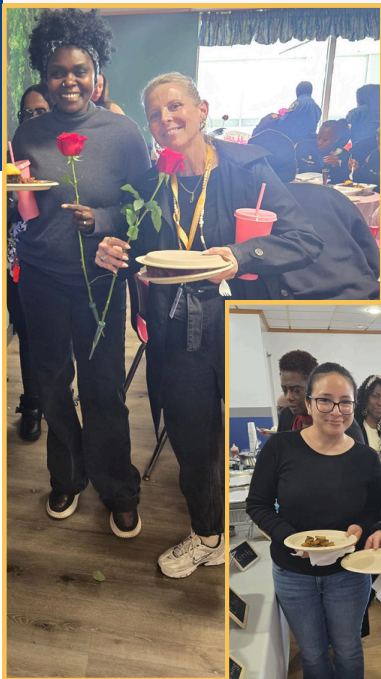


MORE PHOTOS FROM EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION EVENTS



HONORING THE MOTHERS OF NJDOC

The working mothers and mother-figures of NJDOC bring an invaluable blend of leadership, empathy, and resilience to our department every single shift. To show our deep appreciation, many of the facilities hosted special celebrations in recognition of Mother's Day. NSP, EMCF, and ADTC treated their phenomenal staff to Mother's Day brunches, while MSCF kicked off the preceding Friday with morning coffee, muffins, and danishes, and giving beautiful red roses to staff members throughout the day. Thank you to all our mothers for your unmatched dedication!



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