

INSIDE CORRECTIONS



NJDOC OPERATIONS COMPLETES IP DEVICE ROLLOUT

September marked a major milestone for the New Jersey Department of Corrections with the official completion of the ViaPath secure device rollout across our facilities.

The initiative, referred to as Project Pathways, involved the deployment of 10,823 devices across nine facilities. Secure devices give incarcerated individuals a centralized resource to communicate with family at lower cost, access educational programs and the law library, and request medical and mental health services. They can also submit inquiries and grievances through the platform. Whether addressing questions about programming, property, release dates, commissary, or personal trust accounts, this system creates a clear and efficient line of communication, connecting individuals to the information and support they need.

Reaching full implementation took months of meticulous planning, coordination, and hard work. The CRT staff and the facility administration and custody staff have been instrumental in the successful implementation of the rollout. CRT,

Administration, and Custody have demonstrated exceptional flexibility and adaptability throughout the implementation process. They adapted effectively to ongoing changes, maintained facility order during tablet distribution, and helped ensure a seamless transition while the ViaPath team assisted the IPs with device setup and login.

The Department extends thanks and gratitude to the staff at every facility whose efforts made this monumental transition a success. By seamlessly integrating modern technology with our core mission, Project Pathways continues to build safer facilities and brighter futures.

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WALKING FOR HOPE AND PREVENTION

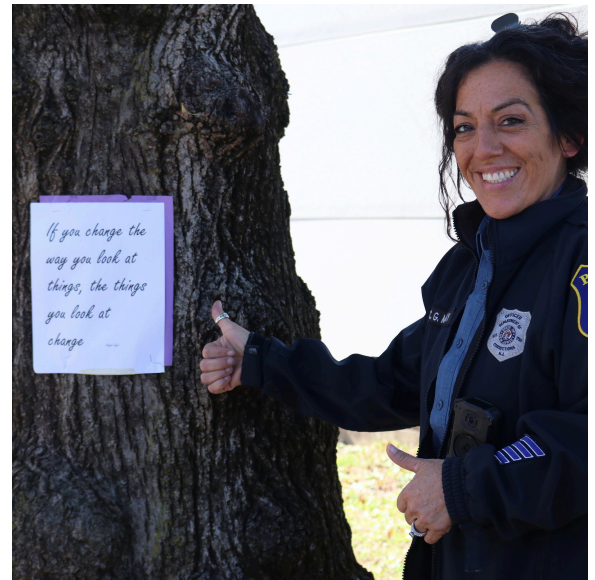
In recognition of September as Suicide Prevention Month, both custody and civilian staff across our facilities stepped out to participate in awareness walks and special events focused on hope, solidarity, and mental wellness.

East Jersey State Prison, Edna Mahan Correctional Facility, and Garden State Correctional Facility held dedicated walks on their grounds to help bring awareness. Along the walking route at EMCF, uplifting messages and reminders of strength lined the path, reinforcing our commitment to looking out for one another.

Thank you to everyone who participated, displayed their purple and teal ribbons, and continues to champion a supportive, compassionate culture across our community.

September is one month, but the commitment to connection, support, and healing is for all year long. Resources are always available:

- 4BlueNJ - <https://4bluenj.com/>
- 988 - <https://988lifeline.org/>
- Cop2Cop NJ - <https://njcop2cop.com/>
- Or visit: [FindTreatment.gov](https://www.findtreatment.gov)



NJDOC PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following NJDOC staff on their well-deserved promotions announced between April and August 2026! We are thrilled to celebrate the hard work and dedication it takes to reach new professional heights. Please join in celebrating these milestones and wishing everyone continued success in their new roles.

APRIL 2026

John Alloway	Correctional Police Lieutenant
Johely Bruno	Secretarial Assistant 3, Non-Stenographic
Blair Byrne	Correctional Police Lieutenant
Niam Camp	Correctional Police Major
Pedro Cappas	Correctional Police Sergeant
Vincenzo D'Amelio	Senior Repairer
Cole Datz	Senior Repairer
Michael Ferise	Correctional Police Sergeant
Anthony Gadecki	Principal Investigator Parole and Secured Services
George Gal	Correctional Police Lieutenant
Timothy Gandy	Correctional Police Sergeant
Al-Khaliq Holmes	Assistant Supervisor Regional Food Service Operation
Tene Irvin	Program Support Specialist 2, Assistance Programs
Brian Kennedy	Correctional Police Sergeant
Anthony Lamanna	Correctional Police Lieutenant
Octavius Mingo	Supervisor of Food Service Operations
Jerry Morgan	Supervisor of Chaplaincy Services
Elena Murillo	Personnel Assistant 3**
Jon Nikischer	Correctional Police Major
Jorge Ortiz	Correctional Police Sergeant
Ryan Pepper	Correctional Police Major
Anne Rudawski	Investigator 1
Katrice Scott-Leonard	Director of Financial Management
Jonah Session	Correctional Police Lieutenant
Jonathan Shealy	Correctional Police Sergeant
Rachel Stott	Investigator 1
Sean Thorward	Correctional Police Sergeant
Anthony Williams	Correctional Police Lieutenant

**Promotion effective February 2026

NJDOC PROMOTIONS

MAY 2026

Lauren Alvarado	Personnel Assistant 3**
Kimberly Brotzman	Personnel Assistant 2
Brianna Chrzan	Program Support Specialist 2, Assistance Programs
Derek Clay	Correctional Police Sergeant
Christine Cope	Secretarial Assistant 3, Non Stenographic
Stephen Ferraro	Assistant Engineer in Charge Maintenance 1
Timothy Fowler	Correctional Police Sergeant
Heather Green	Classification Officer 1
Dominic Gullo	Locksmith
Taleb Hassan	Correctional Police Sergeant
Bettina Hills	Classification Officer 1
John Kamara	Accountant 2
Leticia Loeser	Personnel Assistant 3
Tahri Marshall	Correctional Police Sergeant
Sharell McLaughlin	Correctional Police Sergeant
Blessing Njoku	Correctional Police Sergeant
Robert Page III	Institutional Trade Instructor 2, Cooking
Carlos Pineda	Correctional Police Sergeant
Kevan Preston	Correctional Police Sergeant
Michelle Renaud	Executive Assistant 3
Briana Riggins	Technical Assistant Classification
Kevin Ritz	Correctional Police Sergeant
Atif Sattar	Network Administrator 1
Scott Skeens	Carpenter
Danetta Smith	Personnel Trainee
Robert Smith	Manager 1, Human Resources
Daniel Sperrazza	Chief of Staff
Vincenzo Spinelli	Correctional Police Sergeant
Giuseppe Tubito	Correctional Police Sergeant
Andrea Watson	Communications Operator
Sara Zadorozny	Senior Clerk Typist

**Promotion effective March 2026

NJDOC PROMOTIONS

JUNE 2026

Michael Burns	Correctional Police Sergeant
Megan Cardinale	Manager 2, Human Resources
Michael Cross	Correctional Police Lieutenant
Alysa Engelbrecht	Technical Assistant Personnel
Leticia Gardner	Correctional Police Lieutenant
Delmar Glanton	Correctional Police Lieutenant
Laquana Holman	Technical Assistant Personnel
Justin Jimenez	Correctional Police Sergeant
Brianna Jones	Program Support Specialist 3, Assistance Programs
Michael Livett	Correctional Police Sergeant
Edward Marrero	Correctional Police Lieutenant
Angelica Martinez	Purchasing Assistant
Matthew Moretti	Correctional Police Sergeant
Pedro Paini	Correctional Police Sergeant
Beverly Pflaumer	Personnel Assistant 1
Derek Prol	Correctional Police Sergeant
Timothy Ramos	Correctional Police Lieutenant
Joseph Riotto	Correctional Police Major
Charles Schemelia	Correctional Police Lieutenant
Amy Sirwasky	Technical Assistant Personnel
Shaletta Smalls	Secretarial Assistant 3
Ernesto Smith	Correctional Police Lieutenant
Douglas Stark	Administrator
John Stark	Correctional Police Sergeant

JULY 2026

Kevin Bezek	Correctional Police Lieutenant
Joseph Castro	Correctional Police Sergeant
Christopher Connelly	Supervisor Regional Food Service
Nichole Crews	Technical Assistant Personnel
William Cunningham	Assistant Food Service Supervisor 2
Vincenzo D'Amelio	Locksmith
Rashaad Daniel	Correctional Police Sergeant
Keisha Durham	Correctional Police Lieutenant
Frank Fish	Correctional Police Sergeant

NJDOC PROMOTIONS

JULY 2026 CONTINUED

Angel George	Correctional Police Lieutenant
Keith Goff	Correctional Police Sergeant
Rashaun Green	Correctional Police Lieutenant
Rejauhn Harclerode	Correctional Police Sergeant
Bernie Knaupp	Senior Repairer
Leslie Lydon	Technical Assistant 3
Robert Merritt	ITI 2, Food Processing
Chrystal Morton	Supervisor of Identification
Johanna Ortiz	Correctional Police Sergeant
Myles Pena	Program Support Specialist 1, Assistance Programs
Sylvia Raymond	Institutional Trade Instructor 2, Cooking
Stephen Rice	Correctional Police Sergeant
Victor Rivera	Correctional Police Sergeant
Paul Schlett	Supervisor of Identification

AUGUST 2026

Robert Barsony	Correctional Police Lieutenant
David Bejarano	Correctional Police Sergeant**
Rondilyn Bowman	Senior Payroll Clerk
Vincent Carnevale	Food Service Supervisor 2
Carlos Comitini	Correctional Police Lieutenant
Zakiyyah Ennals	Technical Assistant 2
Alex Garcia	Program Support Specialist 3, Assistance Programs
Shantel Horn	Program Support Specialist 2, Assistance Programs
Joshua Jackson	Correctional Police Sergeant**
Richard Koshak	Storekeeper 2
Adrianne Lynn	Assistant Superintendent 1
Marvin Martinez	Correctional Police Lieutenant
Brian McWilliams	Crew Supervisor Electrician
Willie Menoken	Program Support Specialist 2, Assistance Programs
Flauny Noel	Program Support Specialist 2, Assistance Programs
Jay Parmar	Correctional Police Lieutenant
Jason Pursell	Crew Supervisor Plumbers & Steamfitters
Freddy Ramirez-Huertas	Correctional Police Lieutenant
Michael Ray	Personnel Aide 1

**Promotions effective July 2026

NJDOC PROMOTIONS

AUGUST 2026 CONTINUED

Heath Shulas	Correctional Police Lieutenant
Naomi Smith	Program Support Specialist 2, Assistance Programs
Tammy Trout	Technical Assistant 2
Lasha Wharton	Program Support Specialist 2, Assistance Programs
Robert Wilke	Investigator 2
Waymouth Wyche	Correctional Police Major

RECOGNITION SPOTLIGHT: SCPO JOSEPH LEWIS (NSP)

Senior Correctional Police Officer Joseph Lewis has been honored this month for his exceptional vigilance and unwavering commitment to safety at Northern State Prison. While on duty, SCPO Lewis demonstrated remarkable attention to detail and decisive action, effectively mitigating a potentially dangerous situation and preventing the introduction of contraband onto the compound.

In acknowledgment of his exemplary service, Officer Lewis received a formal letter of commendation from the Northern State Prison administration. We extend our gratitude to him for his dedication to keeping NSP and our community safe.



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