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President's Message

It may be April, but it is no joke that MASCA is moving closer and closer to our annual conference scheduled for June 11-14th in Washington D.C. We are proud to announce that we have confirmed several special guest speakers, Adam Gelb from the Pew Charitable Trusts, Issac Fulwood, Chairman of the United States Parole Commission and Carolyn Cross, Deputy Director of the D.C. Department of Corrections. We are excited and working feverishly to confirm other speakers that will enhance and integrate the experiences and collaborative effort in keeping with this year's theme "Integrating Corrections: Sharing the Resources Responsibility and Power."

April is Celebrate Diversity Month, which started in 2004 to recognize and honor the diversity surrounding us all. By celebrating differences and similarities during this month, it is hoped that we get a deeper understanding of each other and learn to work better together in both our personal and professional lives. More often than not we are more alike than we are different.

We hope that those of you who attended the One Day

Hope for Justice Involved Veterans conference in Connecticut held April 3, 2014, enjoyed the program and will continue in the future to support these very successful one day blasts of great information. Now that Spring is here and winter is behind us, we can all get motivated to get things done. We continue to appreciate your interest and membership in MASCA and encourage you to spread the word, join a committee, and submit articles for the newsletter and be a part of helping us grow. If you are not already a MASCA member we encourage you to join for a low membership fee of \$20 a year. As we continue to plan and develop our social media piece please visit and *Like* our Facebook page. Looking forward to seeing you all in June! And remember, *IF EVERYBODY DOES A LITTLE, THEN NOBODY HAS TO DO A LOT!*



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Our membership includes professionals at the state, county, and federal levels, primarily in the seven member jurisdictions, but we

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Connecticut

MASCA's Fourth Veterans Conference Held in Connecticut

by
Henry Alexander

The offices of the Community Renewal Team in Hartford, CT, were the site of the "Partnering Together to Provide Hope and Help for Justice Involved Veterans" conference on April 3, 2014. This is the fourth of these conferences sponsored by MASCA in partnership with the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. There were 120 professionals from the various Connecticut and US correctional agencies and Veterans Administration in attendance.

After the colors were posted by the Connecticut Department of Correction Honor Guard, attendees were welcomed by Chris McCluskey, Community Renewal Team; Henry Alexander, MASCA President Emeritus; Laurie Harkness, from the U.S. Veterans Administration Connecticut Healthcare Systems; and Lena Rodriguez, President and CEO of the Community Renewal Team. The program continued with Tom Stefanko, Director of the Office of Advocacy and Assistance of the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs, describing the general state of vets in the

Connecticut area. He was followed by Connecticut Commissioner of Correction James Dzurenda, who spoke about the state of vets within the correctional system and Court Support Services Division Deputy Director Eduardo Palmieri, who described the state of veterans under court ordered supervision. Between their presentations, the video "Suits" was shown.

John Chiechi from the VA Connecticut Errera Center spoke about the definition of a veteran, eligibility for services, the referral process and where ineligible vets can be referred for services. Preston Maynard, Director of VA Homeless Services, then discussed outreach by the VA and the variety of services available to veterans, especially homeless veterans, in Connecticut. The morning concluded with a panel of four veterans who described their history and how they were helped in dealing with the issues that placed them in the correctional system. The panel was moderated by Laurie Harkness.

Lunch was provided free of charge to conference participants by MASCA, with the catering provided by the Community Renewal Team.

The afternoon session began with a presentation on mental health and suicide prevention. Speakers were

Lou Trevisan, MD, from the VA; Maureen Pasko, VA Suicide Prevention Specialist; and Marla Ackerley, CT DMHAS Veterans Jail Diversion and Trauma Recovery Program. Programs and services from both the Veterans Administration and the CT DMHAS were discussed.

Two breakout sessions focused on re-entry were next. One panel was entitled "Collaboration in Connecticut for Successful Re-entry for Veterans" and featured speakers from Connecticut DOC, CSSD, DVA, and the VA who all described the ways they and their agencies work together to provide veterans the opportunity for success when they return to the community. Special thanks to the following panelists: Tom Maskell, Joy Vouthounes, Mark Pawlich, and Marvin Flores from the DOC; Robert Griffin and Mark Adams from CSSD; Jessica Marshall from the VA; and Maria Cheney and Tom Stefanko from the DVA. This panel was moderated by Susie Gibbs, VA Outreach Specialist.

The second breakout described the New York model for re-entry.

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hope-help-hartford.html](http://www.masca.us/hope-help-hartford.html)*



Delaware

Corrections commissioner discusses Sussex Boot Camp closure

By Sean Carlson

February 27, 2014



Delaware's Department of Corrections Commissioner Robert Coupe says the future of the Sussex Boot Camp was in question even before

it was shut down this week in the wake of a sex scandal. The boot camp was temporarily shuttered in November when the it came to light a drill instructor has sex with three female inmates. The DOC announced its permanent closure Wednesday. But Coupe says an impending review of DOC facilities may have faced a similar fate anyway under an impending statewide review. "When this incident occurred, it was one of the programs we had already planned on looking at in the assessment, because we knew that nationally a lot of states had basically abandoned the programs," said Coupe. "They didn't perform as far as lowering recidivism rates, things like that." The commissioner adds future use of the facil-

ity is now under review. "We're assessing the bed space at the facility and we're looking at different programs statewide to see if any of those programs would benefit by being consolidated in that one building," said Coupe. "So essentially in a dormitory style, how many bed spaces can we have so we know how many offenders we can house safely, comfortably, and what programs would be appropriate based on that population. Coupe says it is too early to predict what those programs might be. The Sussex Boot Camp opened in 1997.

(Story from: <http://www.wdde.org/57903-corrections-commissioner-discusses-sussex-boot-camp-closure>)

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Former Rensselaer County Re-entry Task Force member Bill Payne and Albany VA Outreach Specialist Jonathan Pollack described re-entry in NY and specific efforts directed toward veterans in that state.

After the breakout sessions, the participants returned to plenary sessions to close the day. Darren Pruslow, Staff Attorney from the Connecticut Veterans Legal Center, spoke about how his agency assists veterans with legal matters, including efforts to change some veteran's discharge status to make them eligible for VA services.

The final session of the day focused on homelessness, housing, and employment. Kyle McEvilly from the National Coal-

ition for Homeless Veterans spoke about these issues nationally. He was followed by John Sullivan and Debra Minzy, VA Site Managers for the HUD VASH Program; and Gabriel Zucker, Deputy Director of the Connecticut Veterans Heroes Project. They described how Connecticut veterans are assisted in dealing with these issues in locally.

Participants from correctional agencies found the day to be filled with information they could use to help veterans in their institutions or caseloads find the services and support they need to be successful and crime free in the community. Conference attendees from the Veterans Administration gained a greater understanding of how veterans are handled in institutional and community supervision settings. MASCA thanks all of the speakers and presenters as well as the members of the conference planning committee for a great day of training and networking.

Conference like this one are provided for the correctional professionals and others who work with veterans who are incarcerated or under community supervision in the MASCA member states. Your support of MASCA through your membership and attendance at our annual training conference help provide the operating funds needed to provide this type of training. If you haven't joined MASCA or registered for the 76th Annual Conference in Washington, DC (June 11 through 14), please consider it. You won't regret it.



MASCA Connection Schedule

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Month of Newsletter	Content Due Date
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April	03/01/14
July	06/01/14
October	09/01/14

District of Columbia



MASCA's 2014 Annual Conference and Training Event

The Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association (MASCA) will hold its annual conference and training event at the Kellogg Conference Center Hotel in Washington, DC, Wednesday, June 11, 2014 through Saturday, June 14, 2014. The theme for our conference is, "Integrating Corrections: Sharing the Resources, Responsibility and Power".

[Securing Permission to Attend the Conference](#)

Please visit our website www.masca.us, to review the revised agenda, de-

tailed workshop descriptions, learning objectives and conference registration. We have several Tours and events planned, please go to the website and reserve your spot. The guaranteed hotel rate of \$169.00 is. The conference registration rate of \$275.00 is guaranteed until May 1, 2014, \$300.00 thereafter.

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Please join us at the Kellogg Conference Center Hotel for what will be a very unique learning experience in first class conference facilities. Should you have any questions, please contact us at mas-ca.connection@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you in our nations capital.

Our most recent copy of the

MASCA Connection Newsletter is still available, if you have not had an opportunity to read the do so please click this link to [download or view the newsletter](#).

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Sincerely,

Marigold Henderson,
President
Middle Atlantic States
Correctional Association

DC One Fund Campaign Raises Over \$1 Million for Charity

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Mayor Vincent C. Gray joined D.C. Department of Corrections Director and 2013 DC One Fund Vice Chair Tom

Faust, and D.C. Labor Representative and 2013 Co-Vice Chair Anntoinette "Toni" White-Richardson at a ceremony in the Old Council Chambers at the District's One Judiciary Square building to celebrate District government employees who generously gave to the city's annual charitable giving campaign. This year, the DC One Fund exceeded its contribution goal of \$1 million for the

first time since 2007, raising \$1,022,278 from over 3,320 pledges.

(Story from: <http://doc.dc.gov/release/dc-one-fund-campaign-raises-over-1-million-charity-0>)

Maryland

Crime Victims' Right Week:

Making victims the centerpiece, not the forgotten piece

April 21, 2014



(Towson)—Once again this year, DPSCS facilities and staff did a tremendous job focusing on victims for [National Crime Victims' Rights Week](#).

From Oakland to the DC suburbs, and from Hagerstown prisons to the lower shore Community Supervision offices, DPSCS staff and offenders went above and beyond to highlight victims, that their suffering never be minimized or forgotten.

Inmates at MCI-H in Hagerstown heard from victim speakers for five days. They donated thousands of dollars' worth of toiletries for women at domestic violence shelters and

shipped the supplies in tote bags made by MD Correctional Enterprises inmates. Inmates also wrote apology notes to victims, and they and the victim speakers connected the paper chain across an entire auditorium in an emotional ceremony.

Other inmates from RCI in Hagerstown donated artwork, which was auctioned by DPSCS Victim Services to benefit the MD Crime Victims Resource Center.

Community Supervision agents decorated their storefront windows, collected for domestic violence organizations, and held special ceremonies. Agents on the Eastern Shore demonstrated their commitment to victims by having county commissioners read a special Victims' Rights Week proclamation.

In Baltimore, women detainees at the City Detention Center made a healing garden display and wrote poems apologizing for their crimes.

And statewide, DPSCS facilities displayed "Food for Thought" paper plate messages about victimization that were written by both victims and offenders.

DPSCS is proud of the efforts of its staff, inmates, and detainees during National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

(story from: <http://news.maryland.gov/dpssc/2014/04/21/crime-victims-right-week-making-victims-the-centerpiece-not-the-forgotten-piece/>)

More Maryland News:

[Inmates Plant Wildflower and Grass Seeds in Vacant Baltimore Lots](#)

[DWI Awareness Day Provides a Somber Lesson for Teens](#)

[MCTC Becomes the Fourth DPSCS Prison to Welcome America's VetDogs](#)

[MCI-H VetDogs Program Gets Large Donation from Hagerstown Veterans Group](#)



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BJA Funding Opportunities

[National Initiatives: Reaching Criminal Justice Policymakers FY 2014 Competitive Grant Announcement](#)

BJA is seeking applications to provide training and technical assistance to State Administering Agencies, criminal justice policymakers, paroling authorities, and state and local departments of corrections.

[Second Chance Act Two-Phase Adult Reentry Demonstration Program: Planning and Implementation FY 2014 Competitive Grant Announcement](#)

BJA is seeking applications for demonstration projects to promote the safe and successful reintegration into the community of individuals who have been incarcerated or detained.

[Second Chance Act Comprehensive Community-Based Adult Reentry Program Utilizing Mentors FY 2014 Competitive Grant Announcement](#)

BJA is seeking applications for funding under the Second Chance Act for mentoring grants to nonprofit organizations and Indian tribes.

[Joint Adult Drug Court Solicitation to Enhance Services, Coordination, and Treatment FY 2014 Competitive Grant Announcement](#)

BJA and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) are seeking applications for funding to enhance drug court services, coordination, and substance abuse treatment and recovery support services.

[Justice Information Sharing Training and Technical Assistance \(JIS TTA\) Program FY 2014 Competitive Grant Announcement](#)

This program assists state, local, and tribal jurisdictions in reducing crime and improving the functioning of the criminal justice system through more effective information sharing, multi-agency collaboration, and implementation of data-driven, evidence-based strategies.

[Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant \(JAG\) Program FY 2014 Local Solicitation](#)

The JAG Program assists state, local, and tribal efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence.

[Swift and Certain Sanctions \(SAC\) / Replicating the Concepts Behind Project HOPE FY 2014 Competitive Grant Announcement](#)

BJA is seeking applications from states, localities, and tribes who are interested in implementing or enhancing a Swift and Certain Sanctions (SAC) program model.

[Maximizing the Affordable Care Act: Improving Recidivism and Health Outcomes for the Justice-Involved Population FY 2014 Competitive Grant Announcement](#)

This program will strengthen state and local criminal justice systems' abilities to leverage the opportunities provided by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to improve access to health coverage for the justice-involved population in order to lower recidivism and improve outcomes for this population.



New Jersey

Governor Christie Continues Commitment To Providing Life-Changing Drug Treatment and Addiction Services

Thursday, April 17, 2014

Signs Legislation to Improve Prison Drug Treatment Programs and Help Continue Breaking Cycle of Recidivism

Trenton, NJ – Governor Chris Christie today signed legislation that would allow the licensure of certain drug treatment programs to operate in State correctional facilities and county jails.

“Far too many drug users end up in jail as a result of actions fueled by their addiction,” said Governor Christie. “Today, I am signing a bill to improve drug treatment programs in our State that clarifies our current law and increases opportunities and services available to inmates who are showing a commitment to turn their lives around by graduating from these licensed drug treatment programs prior to release from incarceration. Those opportunities will help these individuals in their recovery and reintegration after incarceration and help reduce the likelihood they fall back into the cycle of addiction and criminality.”

The new statute also addresses a longstanding

issue that prevented just-released prisoners from eligibility for General Assistance. It ensures that incarcerated individuals who participate in and complete drug treatment programs, which meet or substantially meet licensure requirements, are not denied eligibility for general public assistance benefits upon release from incarceration.

Governor Christie has long spoken of his firmly held belief that no life is disposable and everyone deserves a second chance through treatment if they haven't committed a violent crime. Today's bill signing is one of several initiatives the Governor has advocated to support the recovery of individuals battling addiction, continuing his commitment to fundamentally change the conversation and policies toward addiction and treatment.

Last year, Governor Christie followed through on his commitment to take a smarter and more effective approach in how the State treats drug-addicted offenders by signing into law two landmark, bipartisan bills that put in place a statewide, mandatory drug court program and provide legal protection to people trying to help a drug overdose victim.

And most recently, he announced the formal launch of a pilot program in Ocean and Monmouth counties

that will train and equip police officers to administer the antidote Narcan to people experiencing an overdose of heroin or prescription narcotics.

Primary sponsors for A-2295/S-686 included Senators Raymond Lesniak and Nicholas Sacco, and Assemblymembers Vincent Prieto, Angelica Jimenez, Carmelo Garcia, Bonnie Watson-Coleman, and Raj Mukherji.

(Story from: <http://www.state.nj.us/governor/news/news/552014/ap-proved/20140417a.html>)

MORE New Jersey News

[Hudson County to sue state for Obamacare funds for inmate hospital care](#)

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[Editorial: Provide extended benefits for N.J. corrections officers injured in line of duty](#)



Member Publishes Book on Correctional Management by Henry Alexander



William D. (Bill) Burrell

William D. (Bill) Burrell, long time MASCA member and former member of the MASCA Board of Trustees, has authored a new book entitled *Community Corrections Management: Issues and Strategies*. Bill draws on his years of experience in the field of probation, his work as an educator, and his consulting practice to present a thorough examination of both community corrections as a whole and how managers and their agencies can be successful.

Civic Research Institute, the publisher of Bill's book, describes it as follows:

"With incarceration rates declining and a flood of inmates (more than 600,000 annually) being released into society, community corrections is regaining the stature it lost in the "get tough" era, and playing an increasingly important role in public safety and justice policy. From one of the field's most thoughtful leaders, this important new book

provides a rich source of ideas, principles, practices, and strategies for meeting the challenges of bigger caseloads, expanding scope and sophistication, and higher public expectations.

What works and what doesn't work—in case management, risk assessment, reentry, and supervision

What changes to practices and policies are likely to yield the greatest gains in efficiency, accountability, and lower recidivism

How to advance your agency's standing in the criminal justice system and in the community
Real-world strategies for building an effective staff, implementing change, honing leadership skills, and developing your career"

Community Corrections Management: Issues and Strategies is part history text, part owner's manual, and part roadmap. It describes the evolution of community supervision over the past 40 years in great detail, pointing out what worked and what didn't. It gives managers the tools they can use to make their unit, office, or entire agency more successful and outcome oriented. It does a fine job of showing where the community corrections has been, how we got to where we are today, and where we may want to head toward in the future. There are discussions of leadership styles that can be used to facilitate change and maximize performance of the manager's team. Each chapter is broken into short, easily understood, sections. There are numerous references and a bibliography for each chapter for readers who may want to do more research on a particular topic or study which has been cited by Bill.

To get more insight from the author, the **MASCA Connection** (MC) asked Bill a series of questions about *Community Corrections Management: Issues and Strategies*.

MC: How many other books have you written?

Bill: One other book, "Offender Assessment: The Presentence Investigation and Report" co-authored with Todd Clear and his father, Val Clear. It was published in 1988.

MC: Why write this book now?

Bill: I think community corrections is in an important phase right now. States are recognizing that mass incarceration is unsustainable and are naturally turning to community corrections. National initiatives like Justice Reinvestment are pointing to the need to beef up probation and parole to handle offenders who might have gone to prison in the past.

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MASCA Member Publishes Book on Correctional Management

by
Henry Alexander

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This poses significant challenges for community corrections, particularly those in leadership and management positions. I wanted share my experiences and what I have learned.

MC: Who should read it (who is the target audience)?

Bill: The book was written from the perspective of a community corrections manager, so that is the primary audience. I think all community corrections staff would find it informative. Judges and other policy-makers will find it helpful as they grapple with the issues facing probation and parole. Lastly, academics and students will find it a unique glimpse into the issues facing the field.

MC: How did you get your material (review of research, observation of programs in different jurisdictions, interviews)?

Bill: I drew on my experience as a probation executive in NJ, as well as discussions and interactions with professional colleagues in APPA, MASCA and other professional organizations. I am an inveterate reader of research, so that also informed my writing. I have always been interested in bridging the gap between the practitioner and the research community. We need to know what works – our work is too important to waste time on ineffective strategies or programs.

MC: What are the key things you would want MASCA members to know about the book? Or different key points for different levels in an organization?

Bill: I think the key message is in the second part of the book's title: "Issues and Strategies". For executives and managers, these are issues you are likely to face and I have addressed each issue with strategies based on experience (my own and that of others) and research. I hope that the "issues" prepare managers for what may be coming and the "strategies" equip them with tools and techniques that will help them respond effectively.

I think that line officers and others that aspire to positions in management and leadership will benefit from reading about the real life challenges they will face should they move up. Policy-makers and judges will gain some insight into the issues and challenges facing the field. At the recent APPA Winter Training Institute in Houston, I spoke with a judge from Texas who was reading the book. He said he was learning a great deal about probation and the challenges facing his probation director.

MC: What are you working on now?

Bill: Right now I am busy with a number of consulting projects in probation and parole, a number of which demand writing. I am hoping to be able to devote more time to writing outside of my consulting work. I've got lots of ideas and they may end up in another book.

MC: Anything else you want potential readers of the book to know?

Bill: I owe a great debt of gratitude to my many colleagues in probation and parole, and academia across the country and in Canada. So much of the book is drawn from conversations and experiences with other professionals that ground the work in the reality of managing a community corrections organization. My academic colleagues were unfailingly generous in sharing their research with me and directing me to others who could be helpful. So in one sense, this is a book with hundreds of contributors and I thank them all.

MC: Congratulations, Bill, and thanks for providing all of us in the correctional field with this important book. Although the target audience is those in the parole and probation field, everyone in corrections field can benefit from your discussion of the challenges of community corrections and benefit from the discussion of various management approaches and leadership in general.



New York

The Next Juvenile Justice Reform

By
[THE EDITORIAL BOARD](#)

APRIL 20, 2014

Research has long shown that locking up young people puts them at greater risk of dropping out of school, joining the unemployment line and becoming permanently entangled in the criminal justice system. States and municipalities have thus been sending fewer young offenders to juvenile institutions and more of them to community-based programs that keep them connected to their families and reduce the risk that they will engage in further crime. The number of children held in custody plummeted from about 107,000 in 1995 to less than 71,000 in 2010 and is still falling. This is all to the good. But the authorities could bring even more juveniles into the mainstream if they did a significantly better job of educating them. That means paying more attention to the learning disabilities, emotional problems and substance abuse issues with which these youngsters are disproportionately afflicted and which often helped land them in trouble in the first place.

It is a mistake to assume that all children held in juvenile facilities represent “hard cases” beyond redemption. Indeed, a new study, by the Southern Education Foundation, a non-profit group based in Atlanta, shows that nearly two-thirds of the young people who were confined in 2010 were confined for nonviolent offenses. Moreover, disproportionate numbers of these young people have special needs. Federal data from 2010 show that 30 percent had learning disabilities, 45 percent had problems paying attention and 30 percent had experienced physical or sexual abuse. It should come as no surprise that most of the young people entering juvenile residential institutions are behind in reading and math. These children do not get the attention in school that they need to succeed and get even less of it in juvenile justice facilities. A federal study showed that in 2009, fewer than half of students in state juvenile justice programs earned even one course credit and that fewer than one in 10 earned a high school diploma or a G.E.D. This makes it unlikely that most of them will succeed at school once they are released and more likely that they will get in trouble again.

The good news is that it is possible to create strong schools inside juvenile facilities that actually help the most troubled children. This can be done by improving coordination between the public schools and the juvenile justice system. States can also seek to emulate models like the one used at the Maya Angelou Academy in a juvenile facility in the District of Columbia, which hires talented teachers with high expectations, uses individualized instruction to meet particular student needs and weaves special education services throughout its lessons. Most important, however, the states need to redefine the mission of their juvenile justice systems. That means refocusing from warehousing and punishing juveniles to a much more positive mission: educating troubled youths who typically suffer from an array of psychological and educational challenges.

(Story from: <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/21/opinion/the-next-juvenile-justice-reform.html>)

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MASCA 2014 Annual Conference

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Pennsylvania

Corrections Secretary Appoints New SCI Dallas Superintendent

(April 28) -- Lawrence Mahally, a 28-year corrections veteran, has been appointed superintendent at the State Correctional Institution at Dallas, Luzerne County, Secretary of Corrections John E. Wetzel announced today.

"Having served a number of positions at a variety of state prisons, Larry's knowledge of prison operations will serve him well as he returns home to SCI Dallas as its leader," Wetzel said.

Mahally's appointment became effective April 3, 2014.

Mahally began his corrections career as a corrections officer at SCI Dallas in 1985. He transferred to SCI Mahanoy and was promoted to sergeant in 1993 and then was named lieutenant in 1997.

Larry transitioned to SCI Forest in 2005 as a unit manager. He promoted to captain at SCI Retreat in 2006 and then to SCI Dallas as major of the guard the following year. In 2009, he was appointed to deputy superintendent for centralized services at SCI Dallas. In 2010, he was named deputy for facility management. Larry was interim deputy superintendent for facility management at SCI Retreat in 2013.

He returned to SCI Dallas

as deputy superintendent for facility management in 2014.

Mahally is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and a graduate of James M. Coughlin High School, Wilkes-Barre.

(Story from: http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/_correctional_newsfront_/21433)

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