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DOC MEDAL DAY HONORS STAFF FOR BRAVERY, PROFESSIONALISM AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The rescue of a family trapped in a van. Coming to the aid of an elderly man menaced by a mentally ill perpetrator in a crowded restaurant. Stopping to help a police officer in the arrest of a dangerous felon. DOC's Medal Day 2011 celebrated these heroic acts and other professional achievements by Correction staff.

The NYC Department of Correction on Nov.15th honored staff for heroic acts on and off the job, as well as for distinguished and exceptional on-the-job performance. Awardees included the staff at the George Motchan Detention Center (photo on home page) which received a Unit Citation for the safe evacuation of hundreds of inmates and staff during a three alarm fire in the jail last July; Capt. Richard Rodriguez, who aided a Port Jervis, NY police officer to subdue a violent perpetrator who had just led police on a high-speed chase; Correction Officer Reggie Wilson, who helped to rescue a family from a fire as part of his volunteer work as an emergency responder; and Officer Wendeline Olmo, singled out for a large number of contraband finds at Anna M.Kross Center. In addition to GMDC, the other Unit Citations went to Robert N. Davoren Center, for the reduction of violence in that facility and to the staff in the Mental Observation Pilot Program at AMKC for the implementation of a new methodology for managing the most acutely mentally ill inmates in the DOC system.



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