

THE ROLL CALL



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On June 7, Commissioner Lynelle Maginley-Liddie presided over a graduation ceremony for 77 new Correction Officers and a promotion ceremony for 50 Captains at Lehman College in The Bronx.

BOLD THOUGHTS

Dear Boldest Family:

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Thank you for your service, Officer Boom. We will continue to mourn your loss but also celebrate your life, your commitment, and your BOLD legacy.



In Memoriam
never forgotten

This is a tragic loss for our entire Boldest family. Correction Officer Robert Boom boldly served our department for almost 13 years, doing a difficult and dangerous job that kept our city safe. Our prayers are with Officer Boom's family and his fellow officers. Heroes work at the Department of Correction, and Officer Boom was without question, one of those noble heroes."

Commissioner
Lynelle Maginley-Liddie

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Heroes Work Here



Officer Ortiz

Officer Phillip

Every day, DOC's correctional professionals utilize their specialized training to help stop dangerous contraband from entering New York City's jails. This month, a job well done goes to Officers Ortiz and Phillip for catching a person in custody attempting to smuggle in drugs.

On May 16, while conducting a search of a person in custody at the North Infirmary Command (NIC), the Officers found a blue latex glove finger filled with 18 pills of crack cocaine. After further investigation, a sheet of paper soaked in K3 was also recovered.

Ortiz and Phillip have boldly served in the Department since 2015. They're assigned to the Department's Separation Unit, which plays a vital role in combatting drug smuggling by persons in custody on Rikers.

This latest incident, they explained, is another day of answering the call of duty to help keep the employees, persons in custody and visitors in DOC safe.

"We work in security here in the unit and we saw the glove finger and we told him immediately to give up the contraband," explained Phillip.

"We proceeded to conduct the search and that's when we found the K3," Ortiz added. "When individuals refuse a search or body scan, they come to this unit and it is our job to recover the contraband. We utilize our training every day to stop contraband from coming into the jails."

TRAINING

Like many other professions, law enforcement has gradually incorporated e-learning to meet the needs of agencies and staff alike. Flexibility in training delivery and high-quality instructional design can create an effective and enjoyable learning experience. Members of service have access to a variety of required and non-compulsory trainings via DOC's Learning Management System. Yet there are other sources of correctional knowledge that are freely available through the National Institute of Corrections (NIC), a federal agency purposed with "advancing public safety by shaping and enhancing correctional policies and practices through leadership, learning, and innovation." The NIC has a large library collection of digital resources, but also boasts a growing number of e-learning courses through its newly redesigned NIC Learn Center. Available e-learning courses cover a broad variety of topics including manipulation, performance measures, leadership competencies, and evidence-based practices. There is even a course on how to be a successful Deputy Warden. No matter what your role is at DOC, there is an NIC course that can help you improve your performance. To access the NIC Learn Center, it is first necessary to apply for an account. As a corrections professional, access will be granted but processing may take up to three (3) business days. Electronic course certificates are available for all NIC e-learning courses which are ideal for sharing on LinkedIn or other social media platforms to highlight your professional growth.



Boldest Spotlight



"MY FATHER WAS A CORRECTION OFFICER FOR 28 YEARS, AND HE WAS DEFINITELY A MOTIVATING FORCE BEHIND ME TAKING THE JOB," said Brown.

Newly promoted **Captain TAISHA BROWN** says teaching new Officers about best correctional practices is one of the most rewarding parts of her job.

Currently a housing area supervisor at EMTC, she's been with the department for over 9 years.

Captain Brown says she's always looking for ways to help the Correction Officers she works with become better Correctional professionals, explaining that a supervisor is only as good as the front-line staff.

"We have a lot of new staff that are coming on the job, and I am able to take the knowledge that I have gained over the years and disseminate it to them," Brown said.

Brown says she encourages Correction Officers to not only know what they are supposed to be doing, but to also understand why, and to read the directives and rules and regulations that comprise department policy.

"Because on this job everything is scrutinized, you have to make sure you are within policy when you take any actions," she said.

Captain Brown credits her father, Vicente Brown, who had a long career as a Correction Officer, with drawing her to the field.

"My father was a Correction Officer for 28 years, and he was definitely a motivating force behind me taking the job," said Brown. "I saw how hard he worked, and he was very passionate about his craft. He kept encouraging me to take the exam...which I eventually did, and it was the best decision that I could ever make."

In addition to her dad, Captain Brown says retired Assistant Deputy Warden (ADW) Randolph Johnson, who was her first tour commander, influenced her career at DOC. She admired his dedication and drive after 30 years at DOC. She also learned a lot from ADW Wayne Prince and retired ADW Michael Nelson Jr., she said.

Captain Brown holds a B.A. from S.U.N.Y. Oswego in Biology and a graduate degree in Criminal Justice from Molloy University.

If she wasn't working in Corrections, she'd most likely be a science teacher.

To relax and decompress from the inevitable stresses of the job, Captain Brown likes to travel, go to spas, and get her nails done.

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17-year veteran **TRAMEL CLARKE** says the most rewarding part of the job is hearing another officer say "thank you" when he comes to support them as a member of the Strategic Response Team. He's one of the many staff members who were celebrated at DOC's promotions, appointments, and recruit graduation ceremony on Friday, June 7th at Lehman College in the Bronx.

Clarke was among 50 Correction Officers promoted to the rank of Captain during the event. He says his inspiration comes from his wife: Captain Lisa Clarke, assigned to the Office of Public Information.

"I admire her because of what she instills in me, how she supports me - she pushes me and she motivates me," said Clarke, adding that having a spouse on the job is helpful because they have similar interests and good conversations.

Capt. Clarke has some advice for the new Correction Officers sworn in at the ceremony: Stand on your word.

"If you can do it within the means of your job, then do it. Don't be afraid. There is fear on the job - I have fear every day - but you will overcome that and succeed as long as you stand on your word and do what you have to do," said Clarke.

As one of New York's Boldest, Capt. Clarke says his faith helps him cope with the stress of having the toughest job in law enforcement. He says if he weren't on the job, he would probably be an entrepreneur.

Capt. Clarke graduated from Freeport High School and attended Nassau Community College before becoming a Correction Officer. He

started at GMDC in 2006 and has worked in ESU and NIC. Capt. Clarke has also been a member of the DOC football team.

PROGRAMS



This month, the Division of Programs and Community Partnerships hosted PRIDE events in GRVC and RMSC. With the support from the LGBTQ+ Affairs Unit, the Fine and Performing Arts Team, the Enhanced Recreation Team, Legal Coordinators, and Uniformed staff members, June has been filled with PRIDE. Highlights included informative "know your rights" sessions, a ball led by the inspiring Black Trans Femme Artist Collective, pride sign-making and performances by PICs. For the third year in a row, all pride signs made by PICs will be marched through the NYC Pride Parade by volunteers, letting the voices of those in custody be heard in community. Additionally, our Division organized various events to commemorate the Juneteenth. On the 19th, NIC Program Officers Blackwell and Diaz celebrated the holiday by showing the PICs a documentary, "Juneteenth: Faith and Freedom", exploring the profound historical significance of America's newest Federal holiday. In RMSC, the Programs Team facilitated a Juneteenth Celebration where PICs enjoyed a guided paint hosted by the Fine and Performing Arts Team, read African American poems dedicated to Freedom Day, savored soul food representing African American culinary traditions, and listened to music representing African American culture.

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JoinTheBoldest



During the month of June, DOC members showcased their pride for their heritage by marching with New Yorkers in the Haitian Heritage and Puerto Rican Day parades in Manhattan.



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HR NEWS

DOC HR OUR UNIFORMED MEMBERS!

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If you have questions about timekeeping, please contact us at ctmustaff@doc.nyc.gov.

If you have questions about compensation, please contact us at payroll.management@doc.nyc.gov.

If you need emotional support please reach out to our dedicated Employee Assistance Program at 212-306-7660, or Vanessa.Walton@olr.nyc.gov.

WE LOVE YOU AND WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!



On May 31, 2024, at the first-ever New York City Public Safety Promotion Ceremony, Mayor Eric Adams honored 79 dedicated public safety professionals, including three outstanding members of the Department. Congratulations to Bureau Chief/Chief of Staff Sherrieann Rembert, Assistant Chief Charlton Lemon, and Associate Commissioner Ayinde Williams on their well-deserved promotions.



THE PALEY MUSEUM

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Be Our Guests at



DESPICABLE ME FAMILY DAY

Saturday, June 29, 2024
12:00 – 6:00 pm

Minion Fans! Gather at The Paley Museum for a day filled with fun, laughter, and unforgettable memories as we get ready for the new movie *Despicable Me 4*!

- **RAFFLE PRIZES:** Raffles for a chance for you and to friends to attend a private advance screening of *Despicable Me 4*!
- **GIVEAWAYS:** All who attend receive a special gift (while supplies last).
- **PHOTO OPS WITH MINIONS:** Take pictures with our Minion mascot
- **MINION RED CARPET:** Walk the Minion red carpet and strike a pose like a Minion star.
- **EXCLUSIVE SCREENINGS:** Enjoy screenings of Minion shorts, specially curated for the day.
- **ARTS & CRAFTS:** Unleash your creativity and make your own Minion with our fun arts & crafts activities.

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The Paley Museum | 25 West 52 Street, NYC

EVENTS AND PARTICIPANTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



C.A.R.E.

Sometimes we need fresh air to refresh ourselves. Just taking a deep breath outside gives us new energy. Unfortunately, we cannot step away from our post while we are on duty. A simple stretch and self hand massage may help reduce tension and anxiety.

1. Make a fist, then open hands. Stretch your fingers as if you are pushing something with your palm.
2. With your thumb and index finger, pinch the base of the fingers of your other hand. Slide your finger from the base to the fingertips and release.
3. With your thumb and index finger, stimulate the sides of your fingers. Press in three places: base, middle, and tip.
4. Grasp the finger firmly with five fingers and pull it toward your palm.
5. Gently massage between your fingers by pressing firmly with your thumb and forefinger.
6. Repeat the same process for the other side.

If you have any questions, concerns or need additional information, please contact your C.A.R.E. Unit at (718)546-5000.



IN MEMORIAM
Correction Officer
ROBERT BOOM



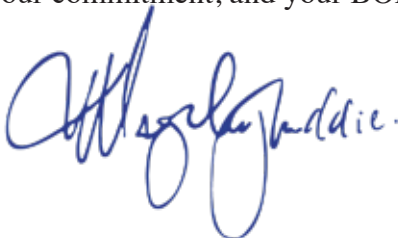
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Lynelle Maginley-Liddie, Commissioner



“Officer Boom worked with us at AMKC right out of the Academy and we took him in and helped him learn about this job. He was a pleasure to work with every tour. He was very respectful, he followed instructions and he was always ready to help people whenever you needed him. He always brought positive energy to the job and was eager to learn. He worked Intake, a few housing areas and then he worked as one of our yard Officers at AMKC.


I will never forget that he was a really tall guy who always had this big smile on his face. He was a happy go lucky type of guy. The joke was once he smiled, it was a big smile, the one where you could almost see all of his teeth, and we would say ‘Boom, there’s Boom with that smile.’ He was a great young man and great Officer.”

– Retired Captain Rathour

“He was such an amazing person. And he had that big smile. Every time I saw him, I said BOOM! He would stop whatever he was doing to help out. I could never forget how helpful he was to me personally. I’m going to miss him a lot.”

– Officer Marrero, OBCC.





“I’ve been on this job 19 years and I worked with Officer Boom for many years. He was a great dude. He was an Officer’s Officer. You could always count on him because he was a good guy. He was a stand-up guy who always had a smile on his face. He was a hard-working guy and if you ever needed help, he was there for you.”

– Officer Bussey, OBCC

“I worked with Officer Boom his whole career. When he came on the job in 2011, I became a Captain at AMKC that same year. It was an honor to work with him all these years and see him grow in this career. Officer Boom was always humble and he took pride in being a great partner. He was a selfless person. He went to his post with no issues and he was always ready to help this Department. He was a true Officer. He would come to work, sign-in and get to work with a smile on his face. He was always smiling. We will never forget his smile.”

– Captain Williams, OBCC

“I first met Officer Boom about five and a half years ago when we worked at AMKC together. Officer Boom was always uplifting and polite. He would always greet you with a smile and say: ‘Have a great tour or have a great day.’ He was always in good spirits and he was a great person to be around. He was a really a nice guy.”

– Officer Lewis, OBCC

“I worked with Officer Boom for eight years and he was the Officer’s Officer.”

– Officer Vovchik, OBCC

“Officer Boom was a good brother. He never had any bad vibes or negative energy. He would always greet you with a smile. He was hard-working and he was a great Officer. This is really a big loss for us.”

– Officer Harris, OBCC

“I’ve worked with Officer Boom since 2017 when we were both at AMKC and when you work with him, you know he’s going to get the job done and that he has your back. He was always ready to help. He was a great Officer.”

– Officer Chan, OBCC

“I worked with Officer Boom for 12 years and he was a good guy. He was very upfront and he stuck up for everybody. We worked in the yard together at AMKC for many years and he was a great Officer.”

– Officer Happ, OBCC

“Officer Boom was an exceptional Officer. I’ve worked with him for about six years and he was definitely an Officer’s Officer. He was respected by everyone. He was a very kind person and personable and he always had your back.”

– Officer Simms, OBCC

“Officer Boom was very family-oriented and he always showed that he cared about the staff. He never complained, he kept showing up to work to help and I’m proud to have work with an Officer like him. He was a great guy.”

– Officer Barney, OBCC

Funeral Services for Officer Robert Boom are as follows:

Viewing:

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

1530 - 1930 hours

J. Foster Phillips Funeral Home

179-24 Linden Boulevard • Jamaica, New York 11434

Viewing:

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

0900 hours

Funeral immediately following at 1000 hours

J. Foster Phillips Funeral Home

179-24 Linden Boulevard • Jamaica, New York 11434

To be Laid to Rest at:

Woodlawn Cemetery

4199 Webster Ave

Bronx, NY 10470

