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2011 Statewide Trainers' Conference

New Castle, IN (October 5, 2011) – The Indiana Department of Correction's (IDOC) Correctional Training Institute hosted the 2011 Statewide Trainers' Conference on September 20-23. Training staff from the IDOC and GEO attended the conference.

The opening address was delivered by Bruce Lemmon, Commissioner of the IDOC. Commissioner Lemmon applauded training staff for their diligence and professionalism, especially in "developing state of the art leadership training."

Richard L. Curry, Executive Director of Staff Development Emergency Operations, noted that the IDOC continues to face numerous challenges. Director Curry went on to say that "training must be realistic, reliable, and effective" to meet those challenges.



Training Facility of Year: Putnamville Correctional Facility (left to right: Superintendent Stan Knight, Deputy Commissioner Mike Osburn, Ken Kortum, Mike Shouse, Lana Metzger, Executive Director Richard Curry)

The theme of this year's conference was "The Amazing Training Journey." Over 60 trainers and support staff attended the events, interactive teambuilding exercises, and networking opportunities. Trainers explored contemporary and cutting edge "breakout sessions" such as "Emotional Survival in Corrections", "Marketing Training", "Case Management", and "Core Team Dynamics".

Award-winning trainers included:

- Judy Thomas, Correctional Industrial Facility, received the Support Staff of the Year award for her continued support and numerous contributions to training.
- David Dickinson, Edinburgh Correctional Facility, was acknowledged and recognized with Rising Star of the Year.
- Matt Andrick; Staff Development Emergency Operations, Correctional Training Institute; received the Correctional Trainer of the Year award.
- Mike Minthorn, Miami Correctional Facility, received Correctional Supervisor of the Year.
- Putnamville Correctional Facility was recipient of the Training Facility of the Year.
- Chris Tanis, Parole District #8 South Bend, was awarded Parole Trainer of the Year.
- Darren Coy, Correctional Training Institute, received the Staff Development Emergency Operations Director of the Year award for his diligence and excellence in directing “green initiatives” in maintenance operations.



Support Staff of Year: Judy Thomas (left to right: Darrell Fox, Deputy Commissioner Mike Osburn, Judy Thomas, and Executive Director Richard Curry)

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