

IDOC Holds Fourth Annual Auto Show

Indianapolis, Indiana (November 23, 2009) – For the fourth year in a row, the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) held an auto show and competition for the three facilities with auto body vocational programs.

A few months back, the IDOC declared six vehicles unfit for the parole division fleet and was in the process of authorizing these vehicles to be given back to the State as surplus property. Nevertheless, the vehicles were divided between Pendleton Correctional Facility, Plainfield Correctional Facility, and Westville Correctional, all facilities with auto body vocational programs, and offenders reconditioned the vehicles.

On Friday, November 20, IDOC Commissioner Edwin G. Buss and Governor Mitch Daniels' Chief of Staff Earl Goode judged this year's auto show, which was held between the Indiana Government Center North and South buildings. The winner was a green mini-van reconditioned in the Plainfield Correctional Facility auto body program.



Commissioner Buss (left) and the Governor's Chief of Staff Earl Goode (right) announce the winner of the competition, the green mini-van behind them.



Six vehicles were restored for the auto show.

“In years past, the auto show was more about the artistic abilities of the offenders in the auto body programs. This year, the offenders worked on vehicles for our Parole Division, and now we have six wonderfully reconditioned vehicles for our fleet,” said Commissioner Buss. “I am very proud of the hard work put into these cars and enjoy seeing the results of the vocational program.”

Now that the vehicles have been reconditioned and repaired, they will be returned to the Parole Division for use.

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