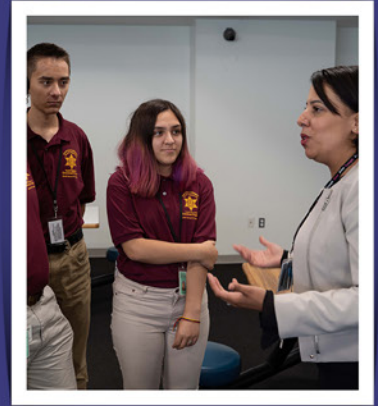
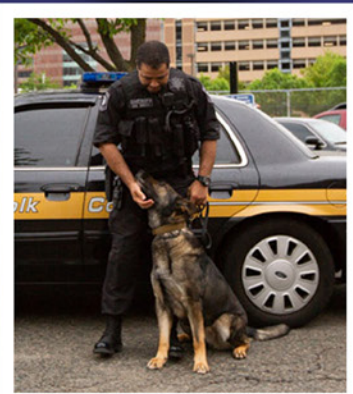




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Sheriff's Statement



As we begin the Year 2019, I'd like to offer my sincere appreciation for the custody and non-custody staff members who demonstrate dedication, commitment and pride for the work they do on a daily basis to ensure that the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department continues to be one of the best law enforcement organizations in the country. Additionally, I'd like to thank all of the

hardworking providers, volunteers and concerned citizens who continue to work with us to maintain services and programming of the highest quality to the people in our care and custody in an effort to help them to become better equipped to provide for themselves and their families upon their return to society. The goals that we've achieved and the new programming that we've introduced this year were made possible by all of the Department staff, practitioners and supporters who joined together in the common cause of rehabilitation, reinvention and reintegration of the men and women remanded to our care and custody. Many thanks to you all for all of your efforts, and I wish you great happiness and prosperity throughout the New Year. As always, I look forward to continuing our critical work together in 2019.

-Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins

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For only the second time, the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department welcomed the Boston City Council into the House of Correction for a hearing on incarceration, recidivism and reentry.



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Earlier this year, the Department opened the O.A.S.I.S. (Opioid and Addiction Services Inside South Bay) Unit to provide intensive substance abuse treatment and discharge planning services to male pretrial detainees.

SCSD Brings DA Forum Inside

In a historical "first," the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department brought the candidates running for Suffolk County District Attorney into the House of Correction to make their case to a group of inmates and detainees.



SHERIFF TOMPKINS JOINED BY MAYOR WALSH, DA ROLLINS FOR OPENING OF NEW P.E.A.C.E. UNIT



This past November, Suffolk County Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins and the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department were joined by a group of partners and supporters for the official unveiling of the Department's newest endeavor designed to reduce recidivism and promote public safety – the P.E.A.C.E. Unit.

Along with Sheriff Tompkins, Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh, newly-elected Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins, Columbia Justice Lab Co-Founder Vincent Schiraldi, members of the Department and participants of the program, the event was attended by Boston Police Commissioner William Gross, State Representative Russell Holmes, former State Senator Linda Dorcea Forry, the City of Boston's Director of the Office of Public Safety Dan Mulhern and Director of the Office of Returning Citizens Kevin Sibley, as well as several other representatives of organizations spanning the county.

With an acronym "P.E.A.C.E." that spells out to: "Positive Energy Always Creates Elevation," this specialized housing unit brings together young men between the ages of 18 and 25 who have been remanded to Department custody and provides them with training and programming that has been intentionally calibrated to the mindset of their age group. "Our P.E.A.C.E. Unit has been geared specifically to be a developmentally appropriate response to young offenders," said Sheriff Tompkins. "As many people working in and around the criminal justice system are already well aware, emerging adults need specialized guidance and strong social networks to support them both behind the walls and in their communities – programming and services that differ from that of older, more mature offenders."

As revealed by numerous reports about emerging adults by such organizations as the Harvard Kennedy School Program in Criminal Justice, MassINC, Roca, the Council of State Governments (CSG) and others, this age cohort typically

possesses a lower level of maturity in judgment and less emotional regulation than older adults. Their reasoning skills and impulse control is still developing, and, so, the goal is to help these young men to learn how to begin making better and more mature decisions. The ultimate purpose of this program is to break the cycle of incarceration by focusing on education, job training and developing skillsets, individual/group counseling, attitudinal changes and conflict resolution. Speaking about the program before directly addressing its participants, Mayor Walsh offered encouragement and shared his personal story of addiction and recovery.

"I want you to know that Sheriff Tompkins cares about you," said Mayor Walsh. "He cares about all of the people who walk through that door. The highest mission of what corrections should be is to rehabilitate, to heal and to provide second chances. You made a mistake. You're here. You're doing your time. And, at some point, when you get released, that opportunity for second chances needs to be there, and so, I'm proud to be here in partnership with the Department for this program."

Echoing Mayor Walsh's sentiment, incoming District Attorney Rollins spoke about the potential of providing that second chance in the form of sentencing.

"I want to talk about the P.E.A.C.E. Unit as a possible sentencing tool," said Rollins. I want to discuss using it in revising and revoking. Sheriff Tompkins is working to not have people [incarcerated] here. Ninety-five percent of the people incarcerated here are coming back to the community. We want them to come back healthy and employable. We don't want them branded with a felony that won't permit them to get housing or a job."

Though operational since the first half of the year, this event marked the official public viewing of P.E.A.C.E. Unit.



SHERIFF TOMPKINS, DEPARTMENT BROUGHT BOSTON CITY COUNCIL'S "WOMEN WHO LEAD" TO RCC

BOSTON'S SIX MINORITY, FEMALE COUNCILORS SHARED PERSPECTIVES, PLANS FOR CHANGE

In April, Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins moderated a forum featuring the women of the Boston City Council who gathered to discuss a host of topics of importance to residents of the City of Boston.

Joining Sheriff Tompkins onstage inside Roxbury Community College's Media Arts Center for "A Conversation With Women Who Lead" were Boston City Council President Andrea Campbell, At-Large City Councilors Michelle Wu, Ayanna Pressley and Annissa Essaibi-George, and District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards and District 7 City Councilor Kim Janey, whose recent additions helped to make history for both the number of women and people of color sitting on the council at one time. Breaking further ground, Councilor Campbell became the first African-American woman elected president of the council, and only the second woman of color to serve in that role after Councilor Wu, who had just completed her term.

Speaking about a multitude of issues affecting the people who live, work and learn in the neighborhoods of Boston and beyond, the panel tackled a diverse array of topics that were both poignant (mass shootings, solitary confinement and racism) and lighthearted (choosing a superpower).

"I don't believe that we should be arming our teachers," said Councilor Essaibi George in response to a recent proposal made in the wake of the most recent mass school shooting. "I have thought about this since the first day I began teaching. I've thought about how happy I am that we haven't had this happen in Boston, and how afraid I am that it, unfortunately, could very easily happen here. But, we should not be arming our teachers."

"Violence, and the trauma that accompanies it, are real detriments to learning," said Councilor Pressley, speaking about the dangers faced by today's students as they attempt

to navigate a world fraught with dangers beyond academic achievement. "We have to begin to address violence, in all of its forms, and deal with the trauma that many of our kids have experienced."

Touching on affordable housing and homeownership, the council's two newest members merged seamlessly with their more tenured colleagues in leadership.

"We need to support homeownership for families, but we also need to make sure we are doing much more to support local businesses," said Councilor Janey. "The housing market is out of control and we know the same is true for commercial real estate. We need to do more on the housing front, but also on the commercial front."

"We can and need to set better standards," said Councilor Edwards. "It's a privilege to build here in the City of Boston and we need standards that serve residents, not developers."

Councilor Wu, speaking about a topic in which she has become deeply immersed, said, "We have to ask ourselves, 'are we getting our money's worth from the MBTA (Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority)?' The most important equity factor for economic mobility is related to commute times."

In discussing the growing list of historic achievements that she and her colleagues continue to write, Councilor Campbell made it clear that this group would be much more than a collection of notable "firsts."

"I have a unique opportunity with these six women to talk about issues through a racial equity lens, a gender equity lens, and how those will help to effect positive change, not only for the women and people of color in our city but for the entire City of Boston."



A RECIPE FOR SUCCESS: KITCHEN OFFERS REAL-WORLD TRAINING FOR CULINARY ARTS

Back in February of 2018, students in the Culinary Arts program at the Suffolk County House of Correction received a brand-new space to learn and practice their skills in.

The Department's state-of-the-art teaching kitchen was one of the more recent improvements to vocational programming at the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department. The kitchen, which features new stainless-steel appliances and two flat-screen televisions -- one displays the lesson plan and the other displays the teaching table -- is as much a classroom as it is a cooking space.

"This new kitchen places our Culinary Arts program participants into real-life kitchen scenarios," said Captain David Granese, Director of Vocational Education. "This is the same set-up and equipment that you would find in high-end restaurants as-well-as some 'mom and pop' bistros. Our old kitchen is a space that was less conducive to teaching for logistical reasons. Now, everything our students need is sited in one main area -- the preparation, the cooking and the washing -- just like it is in a real commercial kitchen, and we have the teaching area built-in for a real learning environment."

Three of the Department's chefs -- Executive Chef Michael Hussey, Chef James Bailey and Chef Joe Kilcommons -- take turns teaching the ten-week course, which has about six sessions throughout the year. Men and women in the program use the classroom on alternate days, and classes cover everything from knife skills to basic cooking techniques to food sanitation. And, yes, students get to sample what they cook.

Getting the teaching kitchen up and running was a project two years in the making. The facility opened in late 2016

and welcomed its first class in February of 2017. Prior to the new facility, students had to split their instruction time between the main kitchen and a separate classroom. By the end of the first year, the Culinary Arts program received its pre-apprenticeship certification from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, so the time that students spend in the kitchen counts towards acceptance in official culinary apprenticeships once they're released. Graduates of the program have gone on to find jobs in local kitchens in numerous roles, and thanks to the new certification, men and women graduating the program have an additional tool that can help them in their efforts to become chefs themselves.

"Our Culinary Arts Program is an important part of an overall strategy to provide the kinds of vocational and educational training for inmates in our care and custody that can help to make the difference with respect to employability when they reenter society," said Sheriff Tompkins. "With our educational and behavioral programming, and the vocational training that we offer through our Common Ground Institute like Culinary Arts, our Urban Farming programming, Retail Skills training, tailoring and others, it is our intention to give returning citizens the best chance at a successful, sustainable life when they leave us."





SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HOSTS CITY COUNCIL, FOR COLLABORATION ON REENTRY

In April of this year, members of the Boston City Council were welcomed to the Suffolk County House of Correction by Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins for a discussion about reentry, recidivism and the needs of incarcerated populations, as well as the providers who help them re-acclimate to society.

The Boston City Council Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice held a hearing to conduct a comprehensive review of reentry resources for incarcerated populations in Boston.

Joined by a myriad of representatives from local agencies and community partnerships, the Boston City Council conducted an official hearing - chaired by City Council President Andrea Campbell - that examined topics that included recovery services, workforce development, housing and healthcare access.

"It's crucially important that all of you are here to be part of this discussion, because one of the things that we try to do here at the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department is to provide transparency and receive community input," said Sheriff Tompkins. "We think it's very important that the people we serve, their families, friends and the community at-large know exactly what is going on behind the walls." In addition to Department staff and current and formerly incarcerated individuals, others in attendance included the City of Boston's Office of Returning Citizens; the Mayor's Office of Public Safety; the Boston Police Department; Suffolk County Community Corrections Center; Bowdoin Street Health Center; the Boston Public Health Commission; Community Resources for Justice (CRJ); Brigham and Women's Hospital; Roca, Inc.; Boston University; and numerous other community stakeholders.

"This hearing has a few objectives," said Council President

Campbell. "It's most important for us at the Council level to listen. It's important that there be an opportunity to listen to the providers about the work that they do every single day serving the men and women who are currently incarcerated, and also those who are being released."

"The information that we gather here will help us to explore ways in which we can prevent people from coming back into places like this," Councilor Campbell continued. "It is most important for us to listen to the people who are currently serving time, because every community that each one of us touches as City Councilors is affected by incarceration."

In an effort to understand some of the issues that are faced by incarcerated individuals prior to and after release, a group of men and women who are currently in the care and custody of the Department provided testimony detailing some of their concerns and experiences.

One woman explained, "When I do leave the House of Correction, I have a lot of factors working against me. I'm now a convicted felon, I'm in recovery, I'll have been out of work for 28 months, and I have no source of income upon release. I've also been waiting for placement in a half-way house for about two-and-a-half to three months. It's been a waiting game, honestly, and at times has been very frustrating. It's really imperative for women to have access to more pre-release programming."

In addition to testimony delivered by inmates, members of the Boston City Council heard from community partners and agencies about the many medical, mental health and educational needs of the currently and formerly incarcerated. For more information on the hearing, please visit www.cityofboston.com/citycouncil.



SHERIFF TOMPKINS, DEPARTMENT OPEN “O.A.S.I.S.” DRUG TREATMENT UNIT

Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins was joined at the Suffolk County House of Correction (HOC) by Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, Suffolk County District Attorney Dan Conley, Chief Justice of the Trial Court Paula Carey, Superintendent of the HOC Yolanda Smith, AdCare Substance Abuse Counselor Janine Bellitti and a room full of addiction recovery representatives, elected officials and Department staff to announce the opening of the O.A.S.I.S. Unit.

The O.A.S.I.S. (Opioid and Addiction Services Inside South Bay) Unit, the Department’s opioid and substance abuse treatment unit at the Suffolk County House of Correction, provides intensive substance abuse treatment and discharge planning services to male pretrial detainees. The Department has partnered with experienced addiction treatment provider AdCare to provide men in the unit with robust treatment schedules and round-the-clock support.

“Our mission, as many of you have heard me say many times over, is to return people in our care and custody back to our communities with greater ability to support themselves and their families,” said Sheriff Tompkins. “The O.A.S.I.S. Unit is going to be an important tool in our fight against addiction and our battle against recidivism, which – in turn – will bolster our efforts to make our neighborhoods safer, healthier and more vibrant for everyone.”

O.A.S.I.S. programming is made up of peer-led recovery groups, mental and physical health education, programming and referrals for Vivitrol and other medication-assisted treatment as well as Alcoholics Anonymous/Narcotics Anonymous commitments and support groups. A total community effort, the Department has also enlisted Suffolk County drug and specialty courts to increase communication and provide

drug court participants thoughtful and individualized reentry plans, and a collaboration that includes the Justices, Probation Department, District Attorney’s Office, the Defense Bar, drug court staffing teams and community partners to enable the Department to better support both pretrial and sentenced populations.

Speaking about the potential impact of the O.A.S.I.S. Unit across the City of Boston and his administration’s ongoing collaborative efforts with Sheriff Tompkins and the Department, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh said, “I’m proud to help you officially open the O.A.S.I.S. Unit. This is an example of national leadership in criminal justice reform and national leadership on the opioid crisis. It’s easy to talk about solutions, but it’s harder to meet people in the rough spots, where they need you the most, and stick with them. Relationships with providers and law enforcement are key, and that is why Oasis will be so successful.”

At the opening of the unit, Sheriff Tompkins shared praise for those in attendance offering their support.

“Each of the people here today cares deeply about what is happening out in our streets and behind these walls with respect to the opioid crisis and people struggling with addiction,” said Sheriff Tompkins. “From Mayor Walsh, who just absolutely gets it, to District Attorney Conley, Chief Justice Carey, Superintendent Smith and our staff, to Ms. Bellitti and AdCare, and the two gentlemen participants in OASIS that you heard from earlier – we and our agency partners are all committed to changing lives and transforming communities through addiction treatment and recovery programming.”



SHERIFF TOMPKINS, DEPARTMENT CELEBRATED CORRECTIONAL EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR CHARLES

This Summer, Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins and the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department celebrated Captain Mark Charles for his honor in being awarded the Medal of Valor for actions taken above and beyond the call of duty.

During the 21st Annual Correctional Employee of the Year Awards ceremony, held at the Massachusetts State House, Sheriff Tompkins and members of the Department joined Governor Charlie Baker, Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito, Secretary of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Daniel Bennett, other County Sheriffs, elected officials and corrections professionals in recognizing the exemplary corrections professionals chosen to receive these prestigious awards.

This annual ceremony is hosted by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS), the Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC) and the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (MSA) for DOC employees and County Sheriff Departments.

This year, Captain Mark Charles of the Suffolk County Jail was chosen to receive the Medal of Valor Award. The Medal of Valor is the highest award given during the ceremony, and it is given to the correctional employee who demonstrates actions above and beyond the call of duty, in the face of certain and imminent danger to life and limb. Captain Charles earned the honor for actions taken on Revere Beach Parkway on the afternoon of December 31, 2017. While off duty and in his personal vehicle, Captain Charles observed a uniformed Everett Police Officer who was involved in a foot chase with a male suspect in the City of Everett. Captain Charles secured and exited his vehicle to join the pursuit, apprehending the fleeing suspect who had allegedly committed larceny over \$250 at a local supermarket.



INMATES QUESTION PROSPECTIVE PROSECUTORS IN JAILHOUSE CAMPAIGN DEBATE



The following is an article that was featured in the New York Times and written by Katharine Q. Seelye back in June 26, 2018.

Photos courtesy of Suffolk County Sheriff's Department.

BOSTON — District attorneys are usually the ones asking the questions of those who run afoul of the law: Where were you on this night? Why did you do it? Do you feel remorse?

But the tables were turned on Tuesday at a rather unusual candidate debate for six people campaigning to become Boston's chief prosecutor. The scene was a county jail and the interrogators were inmates in prison garb — soft cotton scrubs, some blue, some brown, some orange, depending on the status of their cases.

Their questions for the prospective prosecutors showed insider knowledge of the criminal justice system: Why is there so much pressure on inmates to take plea bargains rather than go to trial? Should undocumented women be deported if they are convicted of nonviolent crimes? With the rise in geriatric inmates, do you support

medical marijuana in jail? Sitting just a few feet from the candidates, relieved of handcuffs or other restraints, the inmates listened intently as candidates sought to portray themselves as fair-minded. And when it was over, those on the inside were thrilled to have participated in this ritual of democracy.

"I hope our voices are heard," said Eric Miller, 46, who is accused of possession of a firearm. He asked the candidates about justice and said afterward that misfortune was to blame for many of the charges the inmates faced.

Ashley McSween, 32, who is being held on larceny charges, asked about how best to help women inmates who are addicted to opioids re-enter society. "Getting the answers straight from them was A-plus," she said.

The debate, held at the Suffolk

County House of Correction, was organized by the American Civil Liberties Union and the local sheriff's department. It was billed as the first political debate in the country to take place inside a jail. On the receiving end of the grilling were five Democrats and one independent seeking to become the next district attorney for Suffolk County, which covers Boston and three surrounding communities.

For the A.C.L.U., the event was designed to shine a light on the job of district attorney, one frequently in national headlines because of police shootings, an exploding drug crisis and the swelling activism of groups like Black Lives Matter.

"This forum happening in a city jail in front of people who are incarcerated represents the growing focus nationwide on holding prosecutors accountable," said Udi Ofer, a lawyer and deputy national political director of the A.C.L.U.

The A.C.L.U. is advocating criminal justice reforms in district attorney races in 15 states. It was hosting another debate on Tuesday in St. Louis County, Mo., the jurisdiction of Ferguson, where Michael Brown was fatally shot by a white police officer in 2014. Prosecutors declined to file charges against the officer.

"Prosecutors are the most powerful, unaccountable and least transparent actors in the criminal justice system," Mr. Ofer said. "They exercise tremendous discretion and have enormous power — they decide who to charge, what kind of charges to bring, what plea deals to offer."

As with many political races around the country this year, this one has drawn a surprisingly crowded field. The current district attorney, Daniel F. Conley, who is not seeking re-election, was first elected in 2002 and then re-elected without opposition for three more terms.

In the last 20 years, more than three-fourths of the district attorney races in Massachusetts have been uncontested.

Many of this year's district attorney candidates, here and elsewhere, have a liberal agenda. Some were inspired by the landslide election last year in Philadelphia of a longtime civil rights lawyer, Lawrence Krasner, who had no background as a prosecutor and promised a total overhaul of the system.

Steven Tompkins, the Suffolk County sheriff, said Tuesday's debate was an extension of his efforts to engage the inmates in civic discourse. Of

the 1,000 inmates in the house of correction, he said as the debate opened, 42 percent have some form of mental illness and 70 percent have an alcohol or drug problem. "These are folks who should be somewhere else," he said. If inmates were committing crimes to feed the illness of addiction, he added, the system needed to reconsider how it treated them.

The inmates who attended the debate volunteered to do so. The men and women were separated, with 14 men on one side of an ordinary, low-ceilinged meeting room with fluorescent lights, and 11 women on the other. All are registered to vote. Most of the candidates sought to relate their life experiences to those of the inmates — not the sort of candidate response one would hear if such a debate were held at the chamber of commerce.

"I look out at all of you and understand the dilemmas you face," said Linda Champion, a lawyer, who described herself as a formerly homeless teenager who struggled through life with an immigrant mother who had been abused by her father.

Rachael Rollins, a lawyer, said that she was the oldest of five and that three of her siblings had been in prison. "I don't look at you as defendants, like some up here," she said, adding that she had received a call that morning telling her that a cousin had died of an overdose.

Evandro Carvalho, a state representative, said he was arrested at age 17 and had a criminal record. He thanked God for helping him find his way and concluded by asking the inmates, "When will you have another opportunity to elect someone that has these experiences?"





SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT LAUNCHED FIFTH ANNUAL SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

This past July, Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins and the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department welcomed 20 high school students from Boston, Chelsea, Winthrop and Revere as participants in the Department's Fifth Annual Summer Enrichment Program.

The Summer Enrichment Program is one of several innovative programs that the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department provides for teens in Suffolk County. The program gives young individuals entering their junior and senior year of high school the opportunity to learn alongside law enforcement professionals while fostering positive relationships.

Participants joined the Department three days a week for seven weeks during which time, they learned about the inner workings of law enforcement through job shadowing, weekly presentations by members of law enforcement, roundtable discussions, law enforcement-related field trips, and educational tours. During each week of the internship, members participated in "meet and greets" with members of the law enforcement community, and embarked upon field trips on Friday's to several law enforcement facilities including Boston Police Headquarters, the Massachusetts State Police barracks, the offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), and several state and city agencies, including Boston City Hall where they met Mayor Marty Walsh, and the Massachusetts State House where they met Governor Charlie Baker. Members of the SEP also toured college campuses and received visits from representatives of several other agencies, including Sheriff Tompkins and other members of the Department.

Launched in the summer of 2014, the Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) was created to provide summer employment for Suffolk County teens interested in pursuing future careers in law enforcement while creating the added benefit of bringing together uniformed officers and young people for positive interactions. These two critical elements provide participants the unique experience of understanding the career journeys of criminal justice professionals, as well as prepare them for the challenges and responsibilities of work in this sector. All participants have expressed interest in learning about the criminal justice system with a focus on law enforcement, the court system, social work and several other related fields of employment.



THE DEPARTMENT INTRODUCED NEW MENTORING PANELS FOR RETURNING CITIZENS



This year, the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department launched its new Mentoring Panel series, which has been designed to provide enhanced assistance to incarcerated men and women as they prepare for re-entry to society.

The Mentoring Panel series focuses on empowering currently incarcerated men and women to take control of their lives upon release by providing them with living examples of people who have previously “walked in their shoes” and who have been able to achieve success, post-incarceration. The first Mentoring Panel was held for incarcerated men, which kicked off in August, and the women's panel completed the second phase of implementation shortly thereafter.

Spearheaded by Director of Reentry and Workforce Development Karla Acevedo, the program was conceived as a means of addressing a particular deficit that a large number of the men and women remanded to the care and custody of the Department arrive with.

“When I first got to the Department, I immediately began to think about what incarcerated men and women need,” said Acevedo. “I began to have conversations with them and quickly realized that most of them didn't have positive examples and role models to envision while preparing for release. If you don't have someone who can show you a different way, how can you aspire to be more? The Mentoring Panels are an opportunity to provide a meaningful example to this population.”

Speaking about the panels, Ruccio revealed that the benefits are not only reserved for the audience.

“One of the unintended consequences of this event on our inmates is that it gave our inmates hope, but it also provided our staff here at the Sheriff's Department with a deeper sense of purpose,” Ruccio explained. “It served as a dual purpose and the employees are also more invigorated as a result. In my fourteen years as a Director, I can say with confidence that reentry programming extends well beyond the classroom and an example of that is the Mentoring Panel.”



DEPARTMENT HOSTED MONTHLY RECOVERY PANELS



Throughout 2018, the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department continued to host its monthly Recovery Panels at the Suffolk County Jail and House of Correction. At each panel, service providers from across Suffolk County are invited to speak with currently incarcerated individuals who are battling addiction, bringing resources, information and encouragement. This collaborative program occurs on a monthly basis at both Department facilities to support addiction recovery services for inmates and detainees through their incarceration and beyond.



SUFFOLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WELCOMED 68 NEW OFFICERS FROM TWO CLASSES INTO THE DEPARTMENT



Suffolk County Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins and the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department welcomed the addition of 68 new officers to the ranks with the completion of two Correction Officer Training Academy (COTA) classes this year. The 36 members of COTA Class 18-01 featured award recipients: Tevin Stowers, Academic Award; Vanessa Tavares, Defensive Tactics Award; Adena Joseph, Drill Instructors Award; and Kyle McCabe and Parris Massey, Unit Citation Award, along with Darimilson Andrade, Cyre Barbour, Trinece Benson, Israel Bracho, Flint Davenport, Darryl Davis, Isaias Espinal, Brian Forbes, Gino Gallo, Jeremy Glawson, Alecea Gunn, Richard Guzowski, Nicholas Jimenez, Nelson Kadey, Christine Lopez, Evan Lorfils, Mark Loud, Soriya Mai, Andrew Mellor, Jessica Milord, Christopher Nye, Marissa O'Brien, Eric Pham, Sheri Philbrook, Isaac Phillips, Stephony Reeves, Daequan Rogers, Hector Ruiz, Johan Taborda, Samuel Watson, Anna Wong and Trevor Wright..

COTA Class 18-02 featured award winners Anthony Rosati and Willem Scheele, Academic Award; Tessa Dern, Defensive Tactics Award; Johan Bedoya, Drill Instructors Award; Gary Washington, Top Gun; Quang Pham, Physical Fitness; and Kevin Taylor, Unit Citation Award, in addition to Javier Agosto, Ruth Barbosa, David Jr. Claudio, Joshua Clement, Nevin Cruz, Mark DuBree, Lauren Fiola, Jason Francis, Laurence Grant, Jared Hall, Ibrahim Kamara, Ashleigh Keith, Rubens Lauture, Eliza Lopes, Jimple Mathew, Wilson Mejia, Nicholas Palmieri, Celina Pena, Jose Figueroa-Ramirez, Markus Reynolds, Garry Tsang, Carlos Arevalo-Vega, Gary Washington, Marquel Wilson, Victor Wong, and Kenny Yi.

All 68 officers went online to serve at the Suffolk County House of Correction.



AROUND SUFFOLK COUNTY

Supt. Smith Speaks At Fisher College

Suffolk County House of Correction Superintendent Yolanda Smith visited Fisher College in Boston to speak to the students of Professor Efthimios G. “Tim” Bousios’ Criminal Justice course. Fisher College is a four-year school located in Boston’s historic Back Bay with locations in Brockton, New Bedford, and North Attleboro.



Department Participated In Annual “Shop With A Cop: Heroes & Helpers” Event

Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department House of Correction Superintendent Yolanda Smith and members of the Department joined with other members of law enforcement to bring holiday cheer to hundreds of area youths and create a powerful sense of community spirit and collaboration. Participants of the Annual “Police Athletic League (PAL) Shop With A Cop, Heroes & Helpers” event for the past two years, the Department’s officers from AFSCME, Council 93, Local 3967 of the House of Correction and Jail Officers & Employees’ Association of Suffolk County (JOEASC) joined with Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, the Boston Police Department, Massachusetts State Police, MBTA Transit Police, Boston Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and other organizations working with the elves from Target Boston South Bay to give each participating child a \$100 shopping spree.





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