



Essex County Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Kevin F. Coppinger

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE RECEIVES GRANTS TO BOOST RE-ENTRY SERVICES AND COMBAT OPIOID CRISIS

The Department was awarded a \$1.5 million grant over three years from the *U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, (ETA)*, to expand its successful "Essex Tech Training Program" at the Pre-Release Center in Lawrence. This grant will enable the program to implement a one stop career center from the local workforce investment board. It will enhance the Certified Training (C-Tech) program which provides certification classes in fiber optics, copper wiring, telecommunications technologies and residential audio/video systems. These are skills that are in high demand.

The Department was also awarded a \$55,000 Perkins Grant by the MA Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education. This grant will help provide hardscape training for inmates to learn the fundamentals of masonry for construction and landscaping. ECSD partnered with Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School Tile and Masonry instructor Dave Collins will be teaching a curriculum which includes hands-on skills, design and layout techniques and proper use of hardscape materials. Upon completion of the program, the student will receive an industry recognized credential from the *New England Concrete Manufacturers Association* as well as assistance with job placement. Inmates that qualify for the program will meet in groups of 10-15 per session for 8 hours per week for 8 weeks. The program will run four times per year starting in February at the Pre-Release center in Lawrence. This grant program is eligible for renewal for the next three years.

Programs such as these provide inmates with the skills to obtain employment upon release. Re-entry support

outside the walls of the facilities greatly enhances our goal of reducing recidivism.

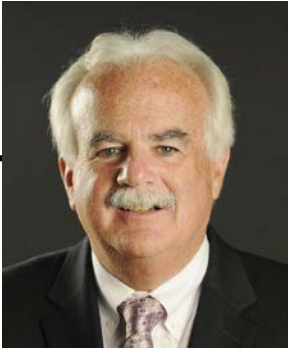
The *Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMSHA)* also awarded the Department a \$1.5 million grant over three years from the Targeted Capacity Expansion: Medication Assisted Treatment-Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction.

This Essex MAT (EMAT) Program will address the growing need to expand and enhance MAT and other recovery supports for incarcerated individuals with an opioid use disorder (OUD) at the Middleton House of Correction, the Pre-Release Center in Lawrence and the Women In Transition unit in Salisbury.

SAMSHA grant funds will provide psychosocial support services and integrated recovery services through a collaborative effort between Volunteers of America and the Police Assisted Addiction Recovery Initiative.



From the Sheriff's Desk...



Correction facilities across the country, along with mental health and substance abuse professionals, grapple with the best way to tackle the massive public health crisis of opioid addiction. The Essex County Sheriff's Department, along with fellow Sheriffs across the Commonwealth, are looking for the best approach to assist inmates fighting their addictions. Clearly this is a complicated issue. We understand the seriousness of this issue and want to do it right.

After carefully considering the options to best address the health and safety concerns of all inmates of Essex County, our department will be working with the U.S. Attorney's office and joining a statewide pilot program to provide medication assisted treatment (MAT) at county correctional facilities in the Commonwealth to determine the best approaches to combat this insidious disease within our correctional institutions.

In addition to administering medication while individuals are incarcerated, the sheriffs' offices will provide behavioral health counseling and work with the inmates to build comprehensive treatment plans for when they are released. Key government stakeholders will work in collaboration with the sheriffs' offices, including the Department of Public Health, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security and the Office of Medicaid.

Our goal remains to provide the best services to those incarcerated while maintaining a safe and secure facility.

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Salisbury OCC helps empower women

Recently the Salisbury Office of Community Corrections and the Women In Transition unit, were the recipients of a 6 week self-esteem enrichment program called "You're Worth It" that was donated by Self Esteem Boston Educational Institute. This strength-based approach empowers women to bridge the gap from transitional programming to real world success.

For 24 years, Self Esteem Boston has been the only agency whose primary purpose is to teach self-esteem skills to the homeless, substance abusers, victims of domestic violence, and individuals transitioning out of the criminal justice system.

In addition to providing specialty workshops, the OCC's in Lynn, Lawrence and Salisbury provide a variety of resources to help participants obtain their GED/HISET, improve their computer skills, find housing, and help with job placement. The participants also attend clinically driven group meetings and individual case management sessions as well as community service.

Santa visits ECSD Christmas Party

A surprise visitor from the North Pole stopped by the Polar Express Pajama Party which was sponsored by ECCOA, IBCOA and NCEU.



ESSEX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT GRADUATES 23 CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS FROM BASIC TRAINING ACADEMY

Sheriff Kevin F. Coppinger administered the oath to 23 new Correctional Officers of the Essex County Sheriff's Department (ECSD) at the Basic Training Academy graduation ceremony held at Northern Essex Community College (NECC) on December 7th. The rigorous, 12-week Basic Training Academy on the campus of NECC is the final phase of the process to become a Correctional Officer. The successful graduates, who come from communities throughout Essex County, have been assigned full-time positions at ECSD run facilities.



"To graduating Class 18-02, my heartfelt congratulations goes out to each and everyone of you! Your hard work, diligence and commitment have brought you to this day and you should be proud. Graduation is a time to celebrate, so enjoy! Tomorrow the work begins. Remember those three words we talked about 12 weeks ago- Honesty, Integrity, and Respect. Live by those words and you will achieve greater success! Welcome to the Essex County Sheriff's Department!" said Sheriff Coppinger.

This ceremony marks the beginning of an honorable career as a Correctional Officer. The hard work of countless push-ups, sit-ups, drills, studying the laws of the Commonwealth and policies and procedures of the Department have prepared them for their career ahead. A memorable moment for each new Corrections Officer was when their hard-earned badge was pinned on their new uniform for the first time by a special person in their life.

The new Correctional Officers are: **Michael Bentley, Colin Bode, Nicholas Bona, Ashley Brunelle, Dennis Castro, Ryan Danahey, Joshua DeBarros, Paul DeCoste, Ryan Gabriel, Tyler Green, Blake Hery, Matthew Higgins, Jr., Joshua Lavoie, Shawn Moniz, Anthony Montes, Jose Murcia, Ryan Smith, Sokhoeun Soun, Bhuc Tu, Bryan Wagner, Yesenia Winters, Antony Yan, Michael Zizzo.**

REMOVING ANTI-SEMITIC GRAFFITI IN SALEM



Sgt. Christopher Goudreault met with Community Liason Erin Cyr to review progress.

At the request of Salem Police Chief Mary Butler, the Anti-Graffiti unit responded within hours to remove spray paint from nearly 300 feet of damaged seawall at the Collins Cove playground. ECSD's crew worked against an incoming tide to return the wall to its original condition. ECSD remains available to assist all communities by removing destructive vandalism such as this.

HONORING THE MIA/POW - NAMES ADDED TO VIETNAM MONUMENT



Honor guard, Drill Instructors and BTA 18-02 Recruits pause for a moment of silence.

Sheriff Kevin F. Coppinger led a service on September 21, 2018 to commemorate National POW/MIA Recognition Day. During this year's ceremony 10 soldiers' names were added to the monument. These soldiers had gone Missing in Action but had their remains returned prior to the monument being unveiled in 1994. "These soldiers gave the ultimate sacrifice and are being honored with their fellow brothers," said Sheriff Coppinger.

ECSD RECEIVES HIGH MARKS FROM THE AMERICAN CORRECTIONAL ASSOCIATION

The Middleton House of Corrections as well as the Women In Transition (WIT) in Salisbury met 100% of the mandatory standards during a re-accreditation audit by the American Correctional Association (ACA). Middleton achieved an overall score of 98.7 while the WIT received a score of 100. These ratings are the highest scores ever achieved since first becoming accredited in January 2000.

Sheriff Coppinger noted during the close-out that the success of the audit was "directly attributed to the hard work and professionalism of the staff of the entire Department. These scores reflect the level of commitment to the persons under our care. We continually strive for a safe and secure facility to accomplish the mission of care, custody and control of the inmates within Essex County."

The ACA is a non-profit, non-governmental trade association and accreditation body for the corrections industry, the oldest and largest such organization in the world. Its commission will review the final report and vote on reaccreditation at the 2019 ACA Winter Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

According to the ACA, "accreditation is intended to improve facility operations through adherence to clear standards relevant to all areas/operations of the facility, including safety, security, order, inmate care, programs, justice and administration."



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