

Public Employee Recognition Week Awards Program (2005)

The week of May 2 –8, 2005 was Public Employee Recognition Week across the United States. During this week, the department held several recognition programs at every facility, office and in the central office. This one-week program has evolved, under Commissioner Donald's direction, into a year-round program. Under the slogan "One Team!", the program honors individuals and teams for outstanding contributions in customer service, community service and excellent performance. Events such as department award ceremonies and team-building events build camaraderie and emphasize the customer service/public safety mission of the department.

During this national week of recognition, Governor Sonny Perdue presented awards in categories such as Community Service, Customer Service, Heroism, Humanitarian, Innovations and Suggestions, Leadership, Safety and Team. GDC had 64 nominees with one state winner in the category of Safety and three honorable mention winners in the categories of Heroism, Humanitarian and Team.



GCI Corporate Safety Team

The **GCI Corporate Safety Team** was a **State Winner** in the category of **Safety**. This team consisted of **Gerry Barron, Paul Croft, Larry Defloria, Lynda Fink, Dave Hess, Dewayne Howard, Barbara Ray, Steve Spivey, Brian Stanford and Ray Yawn**. As a result of this teams actions, total accidents, incidents and illnesses have been reduced by 40%. This was accomplished by a multifaceted approach in collecting and analyzing data, reviewing work processes, job safety analysis and training.



Larry Brown

Fire Safety Compliance Officer **Larry Brown** of Fire Services received **Honorable Mention** recognition in the category of **Heroism**. Mr. Brown serves the city of Abbeville as Volunteer Fire Chief. During a call, Mr. Brown extricated an unconscious Police Officer from a burning vehicle, thus saving the officer's life.



Mary Ellen Proffitt Barnes

Correctional Officer **Mary Ellen Proffitt Barnes** of Ware State Prison received **Honorable Mention** recognition in the category of **Humanitarian** for her work as a foster parent. She has provided a home for approximately 25 foster persons, both men and women, ranging in age from 17 to 65 since 1986.



GDC Specialized Supervision
Unit Counseling Team

The **GDC Specialized Supervision Unit Counseling Team** received **Honorable Mention** recognition in the category of **Team**. This team consisted of **Temekia Bailey, Debra Crenshaw, Patricia Dague-Creech, Nathaniel Davis, Stacey Grant-Williams and Clinton Miles**. The mission of this team is to help build a safer Georgia through the delivery of research based programming directed toward reducing offender recidivism. In 2004, this teams efforts resulted in over 10,000 treatment hours, 650 counseling sessions and 5,830 related contacts.

The following individuals were nominated in the category of **Community Service**:
Scott Chitwood, Diane Clay-Wilcox, Derris Delk, Stephen Jackson, Frank Mincey, Joseph Shuman and Kim Smith.

The following individuals were nominated in the category of **Customer Service**:
Susan Bishop, Charles Estes, Ken Haines, Donald Lowe, Jr., Cozetta Mullis, Georgia Nance, Eric Sisouanh, Robyn Strickland and Ann Thompson.

The following individuals and team were nominated in the category of **Heroism**:
Cory Beggs, Larry Brown, Central GA Corrections Academy staff, Jimmy Jackson, Geneva Pugh, Gerry Turner, Valdosta SP CERT Team and Whitworth Parole Center.

The following individuals were nominated in the category of **Humanitarian**:
Mary Ellen Proffitt Barnes, Aurelia Brantley, Talithia Bryant, Lisa Johnson and Ivanda Spivey.

The following individuals were nominated in the category of **Innovations and Suggestions**:
Aqua Barber, Jeff Binion, Latorsha Carter, Kay Cook, Arnie Deal, Kenneth Dorsey, Mark Myrick, Gene Quinn and Theresa Stewart.

The following individuals were nominated in the category of **Leadership**:
Clarence Carwise, Greg Chapman, Stephanie Crimley, Freddie Davis, Jr., Arnie DePetro, Nancy Dillard, Roberta Freeman, Tim Housley, Herman Johnson, Bruce Lee, Paul Linder, Lisa Miller, Carol Moon, Greg Mullis, Rick Perry, Sharon Shaver, George Smith and Eugenia Washington.

The following individual and team were nominated in the category of **Safety**:
GCI Corporate Safety Committee and Carolyn Gilbert.

The following individual and teams were nominated in the category of **Team**:
Autry SP CERT Team, Carrolton Specialized Probation Team, GDC SSU Counseling Team – Atlanta, GDC Statewide SPS Committee – Atlanta , Probation Operations Focus Group – Atlanta, Constance Rouse and Ware SP Security and Medical staff.

Congratulations go out to all the Winners and Nominees!