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Corrections Officials Honor SCI Greene Employee for Performance

Harrisburg – Mark Dialesandro, drug and alcohol treatment specialist supervisor at the State Correctional Institution at Greene, was honored at the Department of Corrections' annual employee recognition ceremony on May 4 for his outstanding performance.

"In addition to his superior performance with the assigned positions that he has held at the prison since 2000, Mark has played an integral role in many of SCI Greene's successes over the last nine years," Superintendent Lou Folino said.

Dialesandro has served as an employee mentor, a member of the prison's hostage negotiation team and assisted in the development of the local procedures for the Self Administered Inmate Test.

Dialesandro has also coordinated the prison's State Employees Combined Appeal campaign for the last seven years, served as the PSSU union shop steward, as a certified adjunct instructor, and as the contact person with the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation, which helps personnel and their families in times of need.

"One of Mark's most important accomplishments was his service as the SCI Greene Memorial Committee Chair in May 2006," Folino said. "Mark advanced the concept of the Memorial Wall, consulted with administrative staff, established a committee and garnered the support from employee's associations to fund the project."

A remembrance service is held annually at the Memorial Wall, dedicated to employees who have died.

"This memorial has not only assisted our staff with the loss of co-workers for whom they cared deeply, but also helped the person's family and friends," Folino said.

Folino also credited Dialesandro's work performance, dedication, professionalism and his expertise in the drug and alcohol treatment field. He supervised the implementation of two therapeutic community treatment programs at the prison, during which he was responsible for developing standard operating procedures, training staff, preparing the prison and arranging schedules.

"Mark is energetic, creative and humble concerning his abilities and contributions that he makes daily to SCI Greene's mission," Folino said. "He attributes his success to the prison itself, administrative staff and, most importantly, his drug and alcohol staff."

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