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Middlesex Sheriff's Office Hosts 2013 Employee Awards and Recognition Ceremony

Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian recognized members of the Office for outstanding work over the past year during the Employee Recognition and Awards Ceremony held Wednesday in Billerica.

"Each and every day the Corrections Officers and Deputy Sheriffs of the Middlesex Sheriff's Office work to keep us safe. They never seek, and seldom receive, the credit they deserve for the vital role they play in ensuring public safety," said Sheriff Koutoujian.

This ceremony is held each May during National Correctional Officers Week. The first full week in May has been recognized as National Correctional Officers Week since 1984.

This year's Officer of the Year for the Middlesex Jail was presented to Officer Michael Hudd, while the Superior Officer of the Year for the Middlesex Jail was presented to Assistant Deputy Superintendent Paul Spencer and the Superior Officer of the Year for the Middlesex House of Correction was presented to Assistant Deputy Superintendent Kenneth Silva.

Among the other members of the Office recognized were Sergeant Nick Gianino and Officers Joseph Cataldo and Kevin McCarthy who performed life saving CPR on an inmate being transported from one location to another, as well as Officers Richard Jones and Joseph Machado who performed CPR on an unresponsive man in Somerville District Court.

"Thanks to the efforts of these five officers, both men were successfully revived," said Sheriff Koutoujian.

Also honored was Officer Robert Wright, who while visiting a Cambridge park last June, ran towards the sound of gunfire and provided medical aid to two wounded females until being relieved by rescue personnel.

Additionally, members of the Middlesex Sheriff's Office SWAT team, Community Command Center team and Transportation division were recognized for their efforts in the wake of the Boston Marathon bombings and the shooting of MIT Police Officer Sean Collier.

"While we recognized these and other employees Wednesday, this was a truly a celebration of the work of all our Corrections Officers," said Koutoujian. "I hope those of us who know a Correction

Officer will take the time to say thank you to one of these Silent Guardians of Law Enforcement during this National Correctional Officers Week.”

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