



Commissioner Cynthia Brann
Remarks at Correction Officer's for Christ First Annual Awards Brunch
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- Good afternoon everyone.
- It is an honor to be here with you today on the occasion of your first annual awards brunch.
- Congratulations to all of the award recipients. Your individual and collective contributions are noticed and much appreciated.
- We are all acutely aware that corrections is a difficult, stressful and often thankless job.
- And yet, here we all are having chosen or been "called" to do this work despite the challenges.
- People have asked me, "Why do you do what you do?"
- And I have wondered where the strength comes from that keeps each of us coming back day after day.
- I'm sure there are hundreds of reasons unique to each person, but I have found a common thread.
- Corrections staff quietly go about the business of ensuring public safety - out of the public eye, committed to these things:
- That we are doing noble work, God's work.
- That we support each other on and off the job.
- That we give back to our communities in service and fellowship.
- And that we make the world a better and safer place by changing lives.
- As members of this fraternal organization, you draw added strength from your faith.

- You nourish souls and provide support and guidance to staff, regardless of position or location, through the good and bad days.
- You enrich our department through your deep seated faith based commitment to our mission and to each other.
- I thank you all for the very important role you play in the lives of your colleagues and for keeping each of us in your thoughts and prayers on a daily basis.
- So, on the heels of celebrating National Corrections Employee Week and National Police Week, I leave you with this verse from Matthew, Chapter 5.
- Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the Children of God.