



5-K Challenge Run Returns to Rikers Island



Two hundred and twelve runners took part in a revival of the annual 5-K Challenge Run on Rikers Island on October 8. The race, which was last held in 2008, will become an annual event. The race which started on the Queens side of the Rikers Island Bridge (Francis R. Buono Memorial Bridge) and circled the Rikers complex, was open to all DOC employees, their family members and friends.

Commissioner Joseph Ponte started the race and handed out medals to the winners. "I am so pleased by the turnout for this event, including the children of staff members. It serves as a reminder that, although they do one of the City's toughest jobs, the men and women of the Department of Correction are a family," Ponte said.