



HM Prison Service Long Service & Good Conduct Event

Dear His Excellency Governor Phillips, Minister Brooks, colleagues and guests,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to our Prison Long Service and Good Conduct medal and clasp presentation ceremony and recognition evening.

Congratulations on achieving such a significant milestone in your careers. Thank you to his Excellency for agreeing to host us and award our medals this evening.

A real special occasion as we don't often get the opportunity to publically thank prison staff for their hard work and commitment. It takes courage, strength and resilience to be a Prison Officer to name just a few qualities.

A lot of what we do on a daily basis is out of the public eye but nevertheless, an essential public service to help keep the island community safe.

People don't tend to remain with the same company or employer for too long these days but we have a different story to tell. Between the current in-post team of 16 (that's 4 vacancies aside), we have a combined total of 210 years' experience and service. That tells me that there is really something quite special and unique about our prison service, the fulfilling and rewarding work we do to help change lives, prevent victims and reduce reoffending.

This is a particularly challenging time for our service with more prisoners than we have ever seen in our care, operating in an old building and with staff vacancies but the knowledge and commitment each and every one of you have is irreplaceable and clearly contributes to running a safe, decent and secure prison.

Tonight we celebrate:

- Deputy Superintendent Linda Fuller for 30 years' service
- Senior Officer Tania Augustus for 19 years' service
- Prison Officers Winston Henry and Michel Coleman for 18 years' service

Going forward, I ask that you continue to pass on your skills, knowledge and experience to colleagues, especially our new Prison Officer recruits who will look up to you as role models and mentors.

I'm proud of you all and I can see family and friends are too.

Thank you for your years of service, loyalty and dedication to the Crown, Prison Service and government to help make Saint Helena Island safer.

Maybe a toast to another 18 years?

Jay Kendall

Superintendent of Prisons

HM Prison Service – Saint Helena Island

Plantation House, Governor's Residence

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Some photos from the event, courtesy of Johnny Clingham:

