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Correctional officers Haney, Greer receive CID Valor Award

In October, TDCJ Executive Director Bryan Collier presented correctional officers Kimberly Haney and Paula Greer with the Correctional Institutions Division's Valor Award at a ceremony held at the Telford Unit in New Boston. The officers were honored for their quick and effective response during an attempted hostage situation earlier in the summer.

Late on the afternoon of July 26, Haney and Greer intervened when an offender abruptly entered a medical office and attempted to take a nurse hostage. Medical staff had cleared the offender to return to his cell and, as he walked along the corridor, officers Haney and Greer observed his movement toward the building's exit. When the offender stopped and attempted to speak to a nurse, whose office was just off the hallway, both officers took note. When he abruptly barged into the office and grabbed the nurse in a chokehold, Haney and Greer took immediate action.

Within seconds, Haney pushed the office door open and demanded the offender release the nurse. When he refused, Haney sprayed him with her carry-on-person chem-



Correctional officers Haney (left) and Greer received CID Valor Awards for their swift actions during a hostage situation at the Telford Unit.

ical agent. Almost simultaneously, Officer Greer approached the scene and released her chemical agent. Haney was able to pull the nurse to safety and the offender was quickly restrained.

Owing to their bravery, quick thinking and rapid response, both officers received the CID's Valor Award, which is presented to correctional officers whose actions demonstrate outstanding job performance and personify the agency's core values of perseverance, integrity, courage and commitment.

Telford Unit Warden Joseph Wilson says both Officer Greer and Officer Haney went above and beyond the call of duty with their actions. "They did a great job. I'm extremely

proud of them and they deserve this recognition," he said. "I'm honored to have officers like them on staff. You never know what you're going to do or how you'll react until you're put in that position, and they didn't even blink an eye."

Executive Director Collier commended Haney and Greer, saying, "The actions of both officers exemplify the courage and commitment we see every day from staff throughout TDCJ. It makes me proud to lead an agency with such brave, dedicated professionals."

Officer Greer began working for TDCJ nine years ago and Officer Haney is a 12-year veteran of TDCJ. ●