



Promising Partnerships

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“We simply must work together as public safety professionals in collaboration with our community partners. This is the most effective strategy to reduce crime, protect our communities and make our neighborhoods safer places to live, work and raise families.” Pat Bradley, Acting Executive Director, MPCTC

Improved Information Sharing

By Glen Plutschak, Administrator

As we seek ways to improve our ability to work together and share information, I am pleased to announce that a HIDTA Automated Tracking System (HATS) pilot initiative has begun at five selected Heightened Enforcement Accountability and Treatment (HEAT) team sites. These sites include Hillendale, Palmer Park, Harpers Choice, Brooklyn Heights and Hagerstown. HATS is being considered as an alternative to the current information system being utilized by HEAT teams. There are many potential advantages to HATS:

- Internet access for expanded connection capability and an internal e-mail system;
- A network system so that all agencies and offices can share information;
- Centralized service at the Bureau of Governmental Research (BGR) for faster repair services;
- The ability to draw key indicators and outcome reports directly from HATS; and
- The ability to interface with other criminal justice information systems, ending duplicate data entry for juvenile counselors and Parole and Probation agents.

We believe a networked HATS system can be a great step forward in helping HEAT team

members do their jobs more efficiently. We will keep you updated regarding our progress in this initiative.

2004/2005 CSAFE Grants

By John Tewey, Division Chief CSAFE & Homeland Security, GOCCP

The Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) held a grant planning training on December 9th and December 11th for the Collaborative Supervision and Focused Enforcement (CSAFE) areas. Participants were encouraged to collaborate with agency partners as well as community organizations.

John Tewey, Division Chief CSAFE & Homeland Security, encouraged participants to examine the strategy elements that have been funded and to start looking for ways to have these elements incorporated into existing budgets. Institutionalizing elements that have worked over a period of years allows new grant funding to be utilized to access new elements. For example, if your grant has been funding programs to reduce the number of vacant



Glen Plutschak, AST Administrator, thanks Governor Robert Ehrlich for his support of CSAFE immediately following the governor’s remarks at the CSAFE Academy. The Academy was held January 7-9, 2004. A total of 76 people representing 26 agencies attended.

properties in your community while changes in your community and the real estate market have caused a decrease in the number of vacant properties, a new element to consider might be community mobilization. Funding could be used to start a program such as Citizens on Patrol (COP). As teams develop grants for fiscal year 2004/2005 there are some changes to consider:

- A project summary is required. The project summary will be used to describe the CSAFE area and the strategy elements on GOCCP's website and in all other publications.
- A CSAFE area registration form must be completed.
- The Agreement on Operating Standards is part of the application process and must be signed by the top ranking local law enforcement representative at the time the application is submitted.

As teams begin reviewing their overall strategies, it is suggested that they review the menu of strategy elements and consider viable solutions to problems. Working collaboratively to address problem areas has proven to be effective. Continuing these efforts contributes to safer communities daily.

Second T.E.A.M (Teaching, Enlightenment, Achievement, and Mentoring)

By Lt. Lisa Stofor of the St. Michael's Police Department

The St. Michael's Police Department, a member of the Bay Hundred CSAFE team, initiated a new program in January 2003. Second T.E.A.M. is a program designed to help juveniles better themselves with the assistance of their parents, local law enforcement, schools, and other agencies. This program grew from a desire to assist juveniles in the St. Michael's area who have gotten themselves in trouble, are

problematic or may have broken the law. The program provides them with a second chance before or in lieu of being referred to the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS).

The guidelines for acceptance into Second T.E.A.M. are stringent. The client, his/her parents, and the program director meet while the juvenile is being detained by the St. Michael's Police Department for a violation of the law or after the parents have contacted the police for assistance. After agreeing to enter the program, the juvenile is required to attend school and complete community service hours in addition to other components of the program. The juvenile benefits from increased communication between school personnel, his/her parents, and law enforcement.

Upon completion of the program, the program director continues to monitor the juvenile's report cards and maintains contact with DJS. This attention to the progress the client is making continues for a minimum of one year; however, it can resume until the graduate is 18 years. Participants and their parents evaluate the program by writing an assessment of the program six months after completion. Results of this partnership yield a juvenile who does well in school, experiences more positive relationships with his/her parents and avoids future contact with law enforcement.

Continuing a Holiday Tradition

By Kristen Adkins, Public Information Officer, Charles County Sheriff's Office

On December 22, several Charles County Sheriff's Officers visited 50 children and gave them brand new bicycles for the holidays, thanks to a generous donation from Bike Doctor in Waldorf. Ten of the bikes were given to children in CSAFE areas.

[AST is committed to saving trees; therefore, effective immediately, we will email the link for future editions of Promising Partnerships.](#)

This is the fifth year the Sheriff's Office and Bike Doctor have donated bicycles to children who otherwise would not have been able to receive this special holiday gift. As part of the giveaway, the Sheriff's Office raises money and Bike Doctor donates time and effort to order and assemble the bicycles. Both boys and girls received bikes and helmets.



PFC Erik Leukhardt of the Community Policing Services Unit of the Charles County Sheriff's Office helps two youth learn to ride their new bikes.

Community in Need

By Ofc. Derek Johnson, Howard County Police Department

During Fall 2003, senior residents and merchants at the Harpers Choice Village Center in Columbia, MD were growing increasingly concerned with loitering and other nuisance activities in the village center. Ofc. Derek Johnson, the community police officer assigned to the Harpers Choice Heightened Enforcement Accountability and Treatment (HEAT) team heard their concerns.

Ofc. Johnson held a meeting with local merchants and representatives from the senior center. He shared the concerns raised in this meeting with his supervisor, and representatives of the patrol and narcotics divisions. The police department installed video cameras in the village center, increased bicycle patrols, and

encouraged local merchants and patrons to report suspicious activity.

Merchants noticed an almost immediate reduction in loitering and other nuisance activities. Senior citizens reported that they feel safer while waiting for the bus. As of January 2004, merchants continue to report decreases in drug activity, loitering, and disorderly conduct.

Riverview CSAFE Team Partners to Clean Up Housing Complex

By Josh Cohen, Community Specialist, AST

The Riverview CSAFE Team is working with local property management to clean up a known drug market. CSAFE grant funds paid for undercover police surveillance in an effort dubbed "Operation Crackdown." As a result of this surveillance, police served search warrants and made 124 arrests.

CSAFE Officer Bill Rubie of the Baltimore County Police Department compliments the property management for being "willing and ready to help us come in and clean it up." Based on information supplied by police, property management was "willing to use the eviction clause in their lease to evict tenants arrested for drug activity." In addition, management is supplying the police with a list of banned individuals so officers can charge these individuals immediately if observed on the premises.

This partnership between property management and police has effectively removed known drug offenders from the community and enhanced the quality of life. However, the partnership does not end there. The management company is donating the use of its community room for the CSAFE team to hold a resource fair for local

*"The thread that runs through every form of excellence, above all else [is that] we submit ourselves to a high standard of performance and strive to achieve it."
John Gardner, founder Common Cause*

offenders. The team is inviting trade schools, recruiters and local businesses to exhibit at the fair and help offenders take that next step towards self-sufficiency.

Announcements

AST has added new staff members. Three community liaison positions have been filled: **Adam Starr**, with 25 years service with the Baltimore County Police; **Karen Fortune**, a former Maryland State Trooper and Community Organizer with Baltimore City; and, **William Welsh**, a 30 year veteran with the Baltimore County Police Department.

Christopher Streett, with over 20 years service in the Baltimore City Police Department, joins the unit as law enforcement specialist.

Erika Olson, a University of Maryland graduate and former Research Assistant for the Center for Substance Abuse Research and academic advisor at UMD, will add her expertise as research specialist for the unit.

AST has compiled a list of Promising Practices accomplished by HEAT teams across the state. Copies will be distributed as soon as possible.

Are you missing a past copy of Promising Partnerships? Archived copies are available at www.dpscs.state.md.us/pct. Simply access the link for Promising Partnerships.

Training

Continuing Education Classes

MPCTC certified classes are offered throughout the state. The schedule is as follows:

March/April – Public Safety Eye for the Substance Abusing Guy

March 19th – Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury

March 26th – National Guard Armory, Cheltenham

April 14th – Arbutus Library, Baltimore

April 30th – Law Enforcement Complex, Frederick

May/June – Gangs

May 24th – FOP Prince George's County

Mommy's Not Home Right Now:

Understanding the Impact of Incarceration on Children

May 7th – Law Enforcement Complex, Frederick

May 14th – National Guard Armory, Cheltenham

June 11th – WorWic Community College, Salisbury

June 18th – Aberdeen Area

July/August – Think Globally, Act Locally:

An Overview of Homeland Security in Maryland

July 16th – Frostburg Center, Hagerstown

July 22nd – Easton Fire Department

August 6th – Annapolis Area

August 20th – Sykesville Area

Please watch your mail or e-mail for the specific dates, locations, and registration information for upcoming events.

Please Help Us

Do you have a promising practice or notable accomplishment you would like to share with our readers? You may email your comments to Jennifer Beskid, Regional Coordinator, at jabeskid@dpscs.state.md.us.



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