

Promising Partnerships



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FY 2010 requirements. It is also critical that teams submit HEAT Team minutes. AST members can furnish you with a copy of Appendix A, if needed.

Good luck to everyone, and thank you for a great job over this past fiscal year.

Maryland Collaboration Seminar

By Sarah Myers, Research Specialist
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CSAFE-VPI Funded for FY2011

By Adam Starr, Administrator
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In February, the Governors Office of Crime Control and Prevention announced that funding will be available for CSAFE-VPI in fiscal year 2011. By the time you read this article, applicants will have already formulated their strategic plans and submitted their grant applications.

One of the most significant changes is the stipulation that applicants must align their CSAFE-VPI boundaries to track VPI offenders and the violent crimes occurring in their jurisdiction. The grant application specifically refers to CSAFE-VPI "regions" to reinforce this enhancement. As in previous years, the grant application also emphasizes the critical need for addressing the VPI adult and juvenile offender populations. Strategic plans must specify how applicants will work with other public safety officials to assure that VPI offenders in violation are promptly identified and apprehended. Team responsibilities are clearly specified in Appendix A, and have slightly changed from the

The Maryland Collaboration Seminar (formerly CSAFE-VPI Academy) will be held on April 28 – 29, 2010 at the Public Safety Education & Training Center (PSETC). This training is presented by the Advanced and Specialized Training Unit (AST) of the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions (PCTC) and will include relevant modules about the CSAFE-VPI philosophy, stages of team growth, warrant service, crime analysis, offender case staffing, team safety, and other public safety related topics. As in the past, attendance is limited to all new HEAT Team members and supervisors.



Debbie Gonzalez discussing CSAFE-VPI at 2009 Academy.

Law Enforcement Veteran Charles W. Rapp Appointed Executive Director of PCTC

Press release written by the DPSCS Communications Office



Charles W. Rapp, a 22-year veteran of the Baltimore County Police Department, has been appointed Executive Director of the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions. Mr. Rapp began his new role on January 20, 2010.

Secretary Maynard wishes to thank Raymond A. Franklin, Executive Assistant Director, for his service as Acting Executive Director. Mr. Franklin, a 38-year member of the Department, and tireless advocate for PCTC, will retire on May 1, 2010.

Mr. Rapp enters DPSCS service with a great deal of law enforcement accomplishments in his background. He has been a commander at two different Baltimore County Police precincts; served as the captain in their training academy; led the hostage negotiation team; and commanded the criminal investigations unit. He has also served with the Department of Homeland Security as well as an adjunct professor of criminal justice at the University of Baltimore.

Mr. Rapp graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Political Science from the University of Maryland and a Master of Administrative Science in Management from Johns Hopkins University.

DPSCS welcomes Charles Rapp to this very vital unit, which sets the standards of initial selection and training for all governmental law enforcement, correctional, parole and probation, and juvenile justice officers in Maryland.

CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS

*By Jim Hedrick, Treatment Liaison
Advanced and Specialized Training Unit*

As supervision agents and police officers, we have all dealt with people who have a substance abuse history as well as shown signs of other illnesses and disorders. Initially, the probation officer makes a referral to the substance abuse treatment program, but will these other issues be addressed or even recognized? If there is a diagnosis of other disorders, are appropriate treatment programs available, and are we able to make a referral?

Many individuals who have a substance abuse problem have other mental disorders. They also have other primary care issues such as history of brain injuries, HIV, etc. This statement holds true for the general population, but is intensified for persons in the criminal population. Most of us in the field require more information on these complex situations.

During the month of May, 2010, AST will present a three-hour training on co-occurring disorders. Presenters will provide information on concise definitions related to these disorders. They will also explain the relationships between substance abuse as a brain disease and mental illness difficulties. Topics covered will include the relationships of other primary care issues, such as brain trauma; how an individual's clinical symptoms are complicated by the co-occurring issues; what their risk factors are; and what are the barriers to treatment.

Following is a schedule of all classes. Registration is limited to active HEAT Team members, and the final day to register is April 23, 2010.

Session I
Frederick
May 5, 2010
9:00 am

Session II
Glen Burnie
May 12, 2010
9:00 am

Session III
Essex
May 17, 2010
9:00 am

Session IV
Essex
May 17, 2010
1:00 pm

Session V
Cambridge
May 19, 2010
9:00 am

Please note that registration will be open at 8:30 AM for morning sessions and at 12:30 PM for the afternoon session.

FREDERICK'S MOST WANTED

By Julie Tucker, DJS Liaison

Advanced and Specialized Training Unit

Who doesn't dream of being noticed for their actions? Well, offenders on probation in the Frederick office of the Division of Parole and Probation may want just the opposite. Since March, 2009, in a collaborative effort between the Frederick Police Department, the Division of Parole and Probation, and the Frederick News Post, "Frederick's Most Wanted" has netted over 40 arrests and/or captures of offenders with open warrants.

Each Sunday, the Frederick News Post identifies offenders with open warrants. Offenders' pictures appear in the Frederick News Post with identifying information, along with what they are wanted for. Even though no monetary reward is offered for information on these offenders, captures have been predicated upon information received by law enforcement personnel or DPP agents from friends, family, or sometimes the offenders themselves.

Community members have reached out to public safety agency personnel to help identify and locate these wanted offenders. Parents have been known to contact police or DPP personnel upon seeing a relative identified in the paper. One offender turned himself in when his parent told him his picture was in the paper!

The Frederick HEAT Team has long enjoyed a collaborative partnership, and communication among team members extends beyond the regularly scheduled HEAT Team meetings and joint home contacts. Because the DPP agent is also the VPI agent for Frederick, information on the most dangerous offenders is shared almost all the time, along with updated information, whenever received. Right now the HEAT Team is reaching out to other jurisdictions in an effort to capture two of its "most wanted" individuals believed to be residing in New York where one's parents own a barbecue ribs restaurant. Working with New York police agencies, probation officers, the US Marshall's Office, CSEP, DPP and Frederick Police hope to bring these two offenders home very soon.

The Frederick News Post will devote a full page article to Frederick's Most Wanted once the benchmark of 50 captures is made. To see just how the page is set up, follow the link below:

http://www.fredericknewspost.com/sections/local/most_wanted/

Fourth Annual Martin Luther Jr. Basketball Classic Bigger and Better!

By Corey Pack, Field Supervisor I

Maryland Division of Parole and Probation

How can you possibly top last year's Martin Luther King Jr. Classic with the performance of a complete marching band on their way to play at the inaugural of the first African American President of the United States? Simple, you bring in nearly 300 middle school basketball players from across the Tri-County area, three outstanding essays on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and a host of community

outreach and resource representatives; include free H1-N1 shots and you have a success!

The 2010 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Basketball Classic featured thirteen games spread over two venues, Easton Middle School and YMCA. Players from Caroline, Dorchester and Talbot County came together to not only enjoy a friendly game of basketball, but more importantly, to understand more about community service, fairness and civic pride, all of the things that Dr. King lived and indeed died for. “I am pleased at the response that we got this year from the surrounding counties and the corporate partnerships. Even in this down economy, this goes to show how much we can accomplish by working together” stated Corey W. Pack, Parole and Probation Supervisor.

The day was punctuated by the reading of winning essays of the “How was Dr. King a Hero to the Nation?” contest. Madeline Palmer from Easton Middle School, Casey Freeman from Lockerman Middle School and Nevin Ward from Mace’s Lane Middle School, each received a framed certificate, \$50 gift card from Target or Wal-Mart and dinner for two from Chick-Fil-A.



Cambridge CSAFE Officer Chan'tay Nelson congratulates Mace's Lane essay winner Nevin Ward and family as he receives his award.

CSAFE On the Job Training & Key Indicator/Warrant Tracking Training

The above training will be held on the following dates at the Public Safety Education & Training Center (PSETC) in Sykesville, Maryland:

April 23, June 11, 2010

- Warrant Tracking & Key Indicator Training: 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- On the Job Training: 12:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Call 877-411-7547 for more information.

(In the event of inclement weather, any decision to reschedule a class will be made by 6:00 a.m. on the day of the class. Updated information is available by calling (410) 875-3783.)

Please Help Us

Do you have a promising practice or notable accomplishment that you would like to share? Please email this information to Peggy Jennings at mmjennings@dpscs.state.md.us

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