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Criminal Justice Dashboard Wins Council of State Government's 2011 Innovations Award

TOWSON, MD (August 10, 2011) – Developed and maintained by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services' (DPSCS) Information Technology and Communications Division, the Criminal Justice Dashboard is a valuable tool for Maryland's criminal justice professionals. Under the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention's (GOCCP) Maryland Security Integration Initiative, Dashboard was selected as this year's winner of the Council of State Government's (CSG) Innovations Award.

Since 2008, the Dashboard, a web-based application consolidating 100 databases from 22 agencies into a single platform, has become the clearinghouse of state criminal justice data and tools. The Dashboard works with the Maryland Offender Management System, which gives locations of state supervised offenders in local communities.

"This award is an honor, highlighting the work of our staff and the State of Maryland, while also showcasing the doors technology can open for collaboration between agencies," remarked Gary D. Maynard, Secretary for DPSCS.

Kristen Mahoney, Executive Director of GOCCP, also added, "Dashboard is an extremely valuable tool in the hands of our police officers. It gives them immediate access to information they need when responding to an incident or investigating a crime. As a result they can be safer and more effective on the job protecting our communities."

Ron Brothers, Chief Information Officer for DPSCS, and Virginia Geckler, Policy Analyst for GOCCP, were on hand at the CSG's 51st Annual Meeting of the Council of State Governments/Eastern Regional Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where they were notified of Dashboard's selection as the Innovations Award winner.

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CSG began presenting Innovations Awards in 1986 to bring greater visibility to exemplary state programs and to facilitate the transfer of those successful experiences to other states. The selection committee took into consideration creativity, effectiveness, transferability and significance to the region.

Dashboard is one of the many inventive [technological advancements](#) DPSCS has developed and implemented under the current Administration. Other innovations include [Livescan](#) technology and [supervision kiosks](#) at Parole and Probation offices, the addition of [domestic violence indicators](#) on Rap Sheets and a new [Offender Case Management System](#) that will streamline offender records for the Department.

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