

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA



ALLEGHENY COUNTY PRETRIAL SERVICES 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

Leading by Example



PRETRIAL SERVICES MISSION STATEMENT

The Allegheny County Pretrial Services' mission is to provide accurate and timely information to assist the Court in making informed decisions regarding bond, competency, and treatment.

To supervise and monitor defendants in a respectful manner, utilizing cost-effective measures for the community, and to promote compliance with court orders, court appearances, and to support public safety.



ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES

- The fundamental belief in the presumption of innocence*
- Defendant interaction is fair, flexible and consistent*
- Community accountability and integrity*
- Enhancing Public Safety through conditional release options and supervision*
- Proactive and innovative approach in administering services*
- Service to the Court is performed with the highest professional and ethical standards*
- The belief that people have the ability to become law-abiding citizens*



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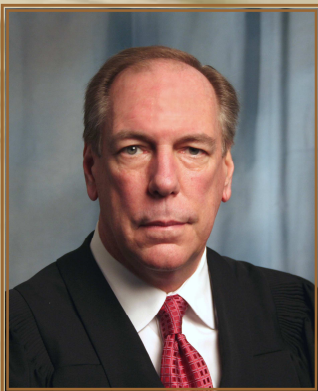


Donna Jo McDaniel
President Judge



Raymond L. Billotte
District Court Administrator

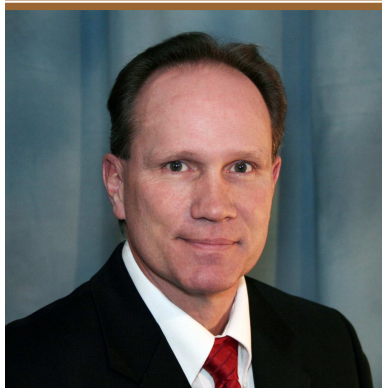
Criminal Division Administration



Jeffrey A. Manning
Administrative Judge



Helen M. Lynch, Esquire
Administrator



Thomas M. McCaffrey
Director



Janice Dean
Deputy Director



I am extremely proud to present the 2009 Pretrial Services Department Annual Report. As you will see in the pages that follow, we have continued to develop as a department with a highly dedicated staff. We remain actively engaged in refining and expanding the services that are provided to the Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas. As a direct result of this dedication, and the collaboration and support from the Court Administration; President Judge Donna Jo McDaniel, Administrative Judge Jeffrey A. Manning, District Court Administrator Raymond L. Billotte, and Criminal Court Administrator Helen Lynch, we have also been able to remain committed to our fundamental principles to ensure fair and informed pretrial release decision making, resulting in safer communities throughout Allegheny County. This report not only chronicles the accomplishments of the four units comprising Pretrial Services, but also highlights our efforts in a leadership role

that we have nurtured in the Pretrial Field on a statewide and national level.

Our commitment to an evidence based approach in the administration of this department has put us on a short list of model programs nationally. This year, the Vera Institute of Justice recognized our Pretrial Services Department as a model for Pretrial programs looking to update their practices. The Vera Institute of Justice is an independent, non-partisan, nonprofit center for justice policy and practice, with offices in New York and Washington D.C. They support judicial reform initiatives and are widely recognized as a national authority with regard to pretrial justice practices. As a result of this recognition, numerous courts from across the country have contacted us requesting guidance with initiating reforms in their pretrial programs.

It is our goal to continue the development and enhancement of our services with the highest professional and ethical standards. We strive every day to ensure that dangerous people are held in custody during the pretrial period to reduce the harm caused to our community and to keep our streets safe. Equally, we strive to eliminate the pretrial detention of our citizens who pose no threat to our community and are likely to appear for their Court appearances. It is the balancing of these two goals that keeps us grounded and focused on the need for release conditions that protect the public while promoting a fair, transparent, and cost effective administration of justice throughout our Court.

Thomas M. McCaffrey

Leading by Example



Mexican Judicial Reform Site Visits

The Pretrial Justice Institute (PJII) from Washington D.C., selected our Pretrial Services Program to participate in a judicial reform initiative supported by the U.S. Aid to Mexico. Pretrial Services hosted a site visit for a delegation of judges, magistrates, state attorneys general, and other dignitaries from several states in Mexico. We were selected as one of two sites in the United States for model practices in pretrial justice where the court has incorporated recognized best practices in the field into the daily operation of its services. The delegation had an opportunity to meet, not only with the Pretrial Services staff, but also with the President Judge, Administrative Judge, Criminal Court Administrator, Allegheny County Jail Warden, as well as representatives from the District Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, Jail administrative staff, Municipal Court staff, and Court Information Systems staff. The visit from the Mexican delegation with our Court on September 2, 2009, was so well received, that a second delegation visited on December 9, 2009.

Mexican Delegation December 9, 2009



Mexican Delegation September 2, 2009



Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh

On June 5, 2009 Deputy Director Janice Dean and Officer Christopher Shanley presented to the staff of the Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh on Pretrial Services and our role in the criminal justice system in Allegheny County.

Women's Center staff learned about the many functions that Pretrial Services performs so that they could educate their clients on procedure and processes in the County's criminal justice system.

Thanks to the Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh for taking such a proactive role in client advocacy.

PPSA Regional Training

On April 29, 2009, Allegheny County Pretrial Services, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Pretrial Services Association, sponsored its first regional training. The Pennsylvania Pretrial Services Association is a statewide organization comprised of pretrial employees from across Pennsylvania striving to educate practitioners and the public about the benefits of pretrial programs.

The regional training, "Mental Health Recognition and Treatment in a Coerced Environment," was held at the Sheraton North and was filled

to capacity. There were pretrial practitioners, county and federal probation officers and treatment counselors who participated in this hands-on training. The training served to educate all in attendance in ways to identify and guide treatment for offenders with mental health issues, and it fosters interagency networking.

The training feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and we hope to continue sponsoring these regional trainings in the upcoming year.

Pennsylvania Community Providers Association

On Wednesday, October 7th, Robert Dulac of the Alcohol Highway Safety Program spoke at the PCPA Conference held this year at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. This conference is the largest gathering of mental health and treatment professionals in the state of Pennsylvania.

Bob addressed the efforts of the criminal justice system's partnership with treatment providers to find new and creative ways to help support one another with such a diverse population. Also discussed was the collaboration in Allegheny County with specialty courts and the unique partnership we have with our local providers for DUI treatment and intervention.



Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh
June 5, 2009



Janice Dean and Christopher Shanley met with representatives from the Women's Shelter and the District Attorney's Office.

Pennsylvania Community Provider Association

Bob Dulac at the PCPA Conference at Seven Springs.





The preparations leading up to the two-day G-20 World Summit held in Pittsburgh on September 24 and 25, 2009, were extensive and encompassing. Pretrial Services was involved in many meetings with numerous agencies, both local and federal, and played a key role in processing those arrested expediently and efficiently. Although the number of arrests was far less than anticipated, about 63 on-view arrests and 130 summonses issued, we were fully staffed at all times and did an exemplary job!

With talk of the G-20 returning to Pittsburgh in 2012, we will have the edge on preparations and the experience to again showcase our city to the world.



G-20 Summit 2009



The photographs appearing on these pages, as well as those on the cover and Table of Contents pages, were taken during the G-20 Summit in Pittsburgh to commemorate this unprecedented event.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 09/24, 25, 26





Marilyn Lahood
Supervisor

Bail Services Unit



Left to Right: Daniel Trbovich, Colleen Sybolt, Phyllis Green, Linda Francis, Debbie Puc, Michael Napolitano and, pictured below, Paul Larkin.



Paul Larkin presenting in Motions Court.

Total arrests down
715 from 2008 (4%)

Bench Warrants down
1,023 from 2008
(22%)



Bail Court Liaison Team: Michael Napolitano, Debbie Puc, Daniel Trbovich and, pictured above, Paul Larkin.

The Bail Services Unit performed **20,227** investigations in 2009, advocated **740** bond modifications, and presented **3,459** bond forfeiture/bail modification hearings in the Court of Common Pleas. Bail Services continued to use the validated risk assessment tool for making recommendations of nonmonetary bond conditions that included supervision. The supervision conditions ordered by the court had a positive impact on the number of failure to appear cases presented in motions court. The number of bench warrant cases presented to the court was down 22 percent.

The Bail Services Unit was asked to demonstrate and share our practices with representatives of Latin American countries in August and December this past year. The representatives' interests were to view the process of defendants entering the Allegheny County Jail, (ACJ) fingerprinting and identification, interview techniques by the bail investigators, arraignment court proceedings by the Magisterial District Justice via video, bail hearings before the motions judge and supervision practices. This was made possible with assistance from Warden Ramon Rustin, Captain David Hungerman from the Allegheny County Jail, as well as

Arraignment Court Administrator, Angharad Stock.

The Developmental Change Committee continued to meet this year to review present bail service practices. The committee is vital for identifying issues and offering solutions for necessary changes to improve the bail operation.

In an effort to improve the bail investigations, bail investigators attended various training sessions: motivational interviewing, cognitive behavioral skills, tactical communications, and pressure points control tactics. They also participated with Alcohol Highway Safety prevention programs.

Bail Court Liaison Team

Staffing for the Court Liaison Team changed in December of this year. This team now consists of three full-time bail investigators, one full-time administrative assistant, and the use of three bail investigators on a rotating basis.

The team is responsible for creating the video conferencing list and self-surrender list of cases that are presented for the assigned motions judge.

Defendants lodged in the jail on bench warrants (Rule 150) must be taken before the Court within 72 hours of incarceration. This is accomplished by video conferencing inmates to the courtroom from the jail. Video conferencing also includes inmates scheduled for bail modification hearings. A representative of the District Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, or private counsel is present at the daily motion court hearings.

The Court Liaison team is responsible for conducting all administrative bond reviews that are received from the attorney for the Commonwealth, the Public Defender's Office, or any private defense counsel of record. Bail review requests are processed promptly, within 72 hours of receiving the review. The Bail Unit will respond by either agreeing with the modification request and schedule a hearing, or will not agree to the bond modification pursuant to All.C.R.Crim. P Rule 529. All formal petitions for bail modification filed in the criminal office of Court Records are processed by presenting the preliminary order to the motions judge. If the judge approves the preliminary order, the Bail Unit will schedule a hearing after conferring with the attorney of record and the District Attorney's Office.

In an effort to help control the population at the Allegheny County Jail and to aide the Court with providing a more efficient method for transferring defendants to alternative housing programs, Pretrial Services worked closely with jail administration

to facilitate a new procedure to transition inmates to alternative housing.

This procedure applies to inmates who have either bonds or probation detainers in effect and whom the Allegheny County Jail and the alternative housing programs have approved for placement. Once the approval is determined, the population control coordinator at the jail forwards the court orders to Pretrial Services, and they are presented to the motions judge for approval. This year there were 92 court orders granted by the motions judge that transferred bonds and detainers to one of the approved jail alternative housing sites. This procedure is one more avenue that Pretrial Services has employed to help control the jail population.

Allegheny County Jail Investigative Team

The bail investigators assigned to the Allegheny County Jail are an integral part of the intake process at the jail. This team performed on an outstanding level with our 24/7, 365-day coverage. As part of an overall effort by the Court to accelerate the time from entry into the jail until the preliminary arraignment, each defendant entering our interviewing cell was time stamped in the Allegheny Standardized Arrest Procedure (ASAP) system. The Bail Unit promptly and efficiently processed these defendants. Also, we became an integral part of the smooth transitioning to a formal schedule of assigned arraignment times.



Jail Investigative Team: L-R: Marilyn LaHood, Barry Crable, Apryl Houston, Kelli Terry, Colleen Sypolt, and Shane Scott.

BOND FORFEITURE CASES PRESENTED IN COURT FOR CLEARING OF COMMON PLEAS WARRANTS

	2009	2008	2007
Preliminary Hearing	736	766	203
Formal Arraignment	876	948	1,276
Pretrial Conference	574	520	575
Trial	787	1,009	949
Sentencing	2	6	18
ARD	59	48	58
Modification	740	700	615
NEI	425	412	437
<i>Total</i>	4,199	4,409	4,131

MOTIONS COURT

VIDEO ARRAIGNMENTS 2009		WALK-IN REINSTATEMENTS
Bond Forfeitures	2,243	670
NEI Warrants	400	44
Modifications	525	N/A

ACJ INVESTIGATIVE TEAM STATISTICS

	Shift			Total
	6 A.M.—2 P.M.	2 P.M.—10 P.M.	10 P.M.—6 A.M.	
Arrests	7,357	6,056	6,814	20,227
Overrides	967	754	786	2,507

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STIPULATION (DVS)

	Shift			Total
	6 A.M.—2 P.M.	2 P.M.—10 P.M.	10 P.M.—6 A.M.	
Overrides (Excluding DVSs)	743	666	564	1,973
Domestic Violence Stipulations	224	88	222	534

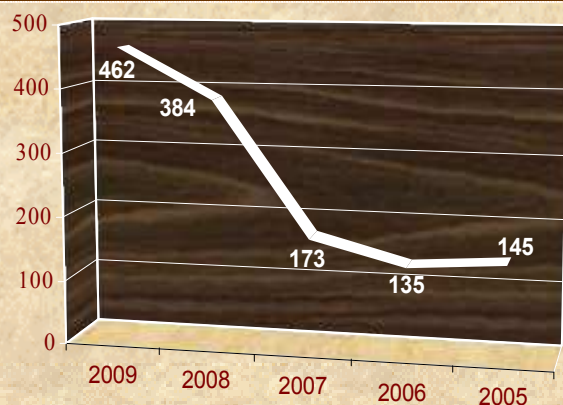
BENCH WARRANTS

	Shift			Total
	6 A.M.—2 P.M.	2 P.M.—10 P.M.	10 P.M.—6 A.M.	
New	6,296	4,902	6,051	17,249
Bench Warrants	1,061	1,154	763	2,978



L-R: Clifton Chapin, Michael Stephenson, Brian Capello, Keri Stupka, Joel Reisz, Debra Jefferson, Chris Shanley and (not pictured) Jared Voight-Cherna comprise the Supervision Team.

DEFENDANTS PLACED ON PRETRIAL ELECTRONIC MONITORING



PRETRIAL ELECTRONIC MONITORING

Calendar Year:	2006	2007	2008	2009
Total Defendants Placed on Electronic Monitoring	135	173	384	462
Number of Successful Completions	86	101	239	326
Unsuccessful Completions	30	46	79	118
(Absconders)	11	24	34	54
(New Arrests during Supervision)	11	9	24	31
(Removed for Rule Violations)	8	13	21	33
Total Completions	116	147	318	444
Jail Days Saved by EM Supervision	23,861	24,969	51,848	65,649
Total Amount Billed to Defendants	\$38,225	\$41,330	\$134,297	\$166,709
Total Amount Paid by Defendants	\$20,893	\$19,635	\$42,214	\$72,297
Outstanding Balance Owed by Defendants	\$17,332	\$21,695	\$92,083	\$94,412
Annual Cost to House Defendants At ACJ	\$1,431,660	\$1,498,140	\$3,110,880	\$4,070,238
Annual Cost to Supervise Defendants on EM	\$322,124	\$337,082	\$699,948	\$886,262
Annual Cost Avoidance for Allegheny County	\$1,130,430	\$1,180,694	\$2,453,146	\$3,256,274

All of our efforts, along with the efforts of the jail staff and arraignment court staff, are for the common goal of implementing a transparent and accountable process for the first appearance in arraignment court.

The Bail Unit has an override process for the risk assessment tool. Overrides can either raise or lower the risk assessment on designated criteria approved by the Court. All overrides require the approval of a supervisor. Overrides to a risk assessment are necessary in limited situations; although no national standard for override percentages exists, the accepted standard is between 10-15%. The Allegheny County Bail Unit total override percentage stands at 12.93%. The domestic violence override for conditions is 2.64% yielding an override total of 9.75%. In Pennsylvania stipulations are not permitted to be placed on a recognizance bond (ROR). Domestic violence cases that score ROR on the risk assessment must be overridden to non-monetary to add a condition of no contact with the victim. This override for conditions only, in addition to verifying a defendant's alternate address to enforce the no-contact stipulation, is an example of ongoing efforts to ensure the safety of

victims involved in domestic violence cases.

Pretrial Services Supervision Unit

The Allegheny County Pretrial Services Supervision Unit is comprised of six probation officers, one of whom coordinates pretrial electronic monitoring, and a case manager. The unit supervises all defendants placed under pretrial supervision as a bail condition by either a magisterial district justice or a Court of Common Pleas judge. Each judicial authority makes a determination for supervision based upon many factors, including the validated risk assessment score and recommendation from the Pretrial Services Bail Unit Investigators.

In December of 2009 the Pretrial Services Supervision Unit was actively supervising 1,745 defendants on low supervision, defendants reporting by phone, and 2,712 defendants on medium supervision, defendants reporting in person. In addition, high supervision, defendants placed on electronic monitoring, provides the most intense case management. High supervision is coordinated with the Adult Probation Electronic Monitoring Unit. In 2009, Pretrial Electronic Monitoring eliminated 65,649 days of incarceration.

The Pretrial Services Supervision Unit has established strong working relationships with many drug and alcohol programs, mental health providers and facilities that administer programs focusing on GED classes and other self-improvement groups. These relationships make the enforcement of the court-ordered bail conditions more productive and successful for both the court and the offender.

The goal for pretrial supervision is to support public safety while an offender is released on bail, and to ensure that the offender appears for all scheduled court appearances and abides by all bail conditions. To this end, supervision officers routinely address bail condition violations in the Court of Common Pleas motions court. Court reminder letters and phone calls are made to defendants under active pretrial supervision a week prior to their scheduled court appearances. In 2009 the Pretrial Supervision Unit submitted 123 bail condition violation petitions to motions court requesting either bond revocation or additional bond conditions be placed on a defendant to support public safety and ensure appearance.

Population Control Coordinator

Pretrial Services Population Control Coordinator, Marsha Hinton began reviewing inmates being held in jail on bonds only this year. This review, in line with national standards for best practices, is fundamental to ensuring that all defendants are being held or released based on a standardized assessment of risk to re-offend and their likelihood for

failure to appear.

There were 69 bond modification requests presented to the motions judge since inception of this screening in April 2009. In addition to bond reviews, the population control coordinator screened 450 defendants for pretrial electronic monitoring, expedited 70 probation detainer transfer orders to alternative housing, and facilitated 34 state parole conditional bonds.

Developmental Change Committee

During 2009, the Developmental Change Committee continued to meet and discuss issues relating to computer program enhancements, oversight of bail investigations, and revamping the way criminal histories are recorded and reported. The Developmental Change Committee, comprised of administrators, supervisors, bail investigators, and probation officers was started in 2007 to guide the broad changes that were taking place when Pretrial Services was created. Very quickly, we realized the importance of continuing to meet as a group to keep the lines of communication open between this diverse group and the remaining Pretrial employees, and to guide future changes and improvements in the Pretrial Services Department.

Thanks to the committee for continuing to take time out of their busy schedules to participate in this worthwhile exchange of ideas.



Developmental Change Committee: L-R sitting: Jody Reola, Debra Jefferson, Janice Dean, Keri Stupka, Marilyn LaHood. Standing L-R: Joel Reisz, Thomas McCaffrey, and Kevin Dell.



Marsha Hinton
Population Control
Coordinator



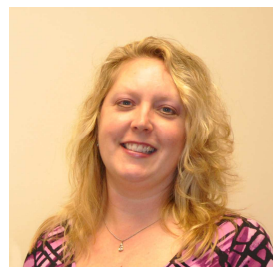


Dr. Christine Martone
Chief Forensic Psychiatrist

Behavior Assessment Unit



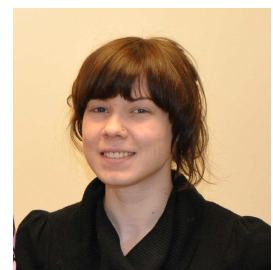
Gearldean Young
Supervisor



Koraleigh Gritz



Richard Painter



Brianna Stauffer

The Behavior Assessment Unit continues to serve as an integral component to the Allegheny County Criminal Court with the primary focus on defendants' competency to attend legal proceedings. Every effort is made to ensure that defendants receive the least restrictive psychiatric treatment necessary for mental health stabilization, as well as the continuity of his/her care. Emphasis is also placed on diverting defendants to community hospitals under certain conditions and circumstances.

Upon completion of the psychological evaluations, recommendations are

submitted to the appropriate requesters, allowing all parties to keep abreast of a defendant's mental health status.

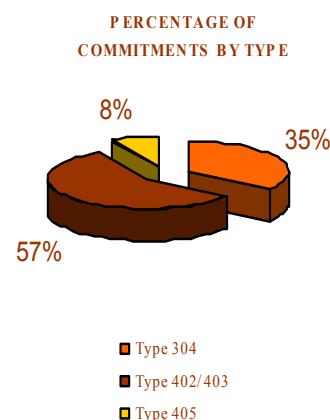
In 2009, Behavior Assessment doctors conducted 1,558 psychiatric evaluations, of which 124 were deemed incompetent, and 116 were committed to Torrance State Hospital under the Mental Health Procedures Act of 1976. The following is a breakdown of the types of commitments granted; forty-three (43) 304's, seventy-one (71) 402/403's and ten (10) 405's. Five commitments were rescinded and three were diverted to community hospitals as the

least restrictive form of treatment. There are four forensic psychiatrists and one "fellow" contracted with the county to ensure that defendants receive psychiatric evaluations when requested.

Not only incarcerated defendants are evaluated, but also those who are out on bond.

The staff of the BAU is offered continuing education through on-site support and training, as well as a variety of statewide training opportunities, which serves to encourage and maximize quality job performance.

EVALUATION STATISTICS													
DOCTOR	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Dellone, Cecilia, M.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	15	17	21	12	23	97
Reich, Manuel, M.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	9	19	8	13	52
Ness, David, M.D.	29	27	29	19	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	148
Martone, Christine, M.D.	33	62	39	39	32	111	59	84	12	38	38	36	583
Singh, Amarpreet, M.D.	30	32	22	33	38	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	178
Beadles, Barbara, M.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	35	29	29	31	24	186
Shugarman, Ryan, M.D.	11	42	20	22	20	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	139
Soliman, Layla, M.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	23	39	14	29	25	151
Digiovanna, Brett, M.D.	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
TOTALS	103	163	110	113	134	168	127	160	106	121	118	121	1544



ARD

Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition



Girard Hildenbrand
Supervisor

ARD Probation has reached yet another milestone in 2009 with an 11.4 percent increase in the number of new cases entering the program. Of the 3,693 first-time offenders entering the ARD Program, 3,347 were charged with DUI while the remaining 346 were charged with Non-DUI related offenses. During the past year, some of the improvements that were implemented in 2008 began to take shape along with a few enhancements

to a probation officer's tools of supervision.

One of the enhancements made to ARD Supervision at the beginning of 2009 was the better use of electronic reporting. Each probation officer receives JNet notifications directly through e-mail. They not only receive notifications on new arrests, but on changes to the Common Pleas docket as well. This allows the probation

officer to track pending charges instantly. In addition, each officer instantly receives address changes to a defendant's Pennsylvania driver's license. The defendant's address has long been the Achilles' heel of ARD Probation and the managing of caseloads that exceed 1200 offenders. This improvement contributed to the 7.7 percent reduction in the number of violation reports submitted and a 3.7 percent reduction in the number of



The Hon. Robert C. Gallo (sitting), with the ARD Unit, L-R: Matthew Mullen, Kristen Fesenmyer, Timothy Dugan, Marlene Buckley, Celeste Robinson and Girard Hildenbrand. Judge Gallo presides over the ARD hearings.

warrants issued for failure to appear at an ARD Probation Violation Hearing.

The first improvement made in 2008 that continues to support ARD supervision is the use of bail investigators assigned to the Allegheny County Jail for prompt identification of any defendant incarcerated on an ARD warrant for failure to appear at an ARD violation proceeding. This improvement continues to result in the timely release of ARD offenders from custody thus saving valuable dollars associated with incarceration.

Due to the delayed revocation procedure initiated in 2008, the number of revocations for ARD violations in 2009 soared by 154.4

percent. The number of ARD cases in which the Court took no action and closed decreased by 14.9 percent with the drastic increase in revocations for continued non-compliance and the re-listing of those cases to the trial docket for prosecution.

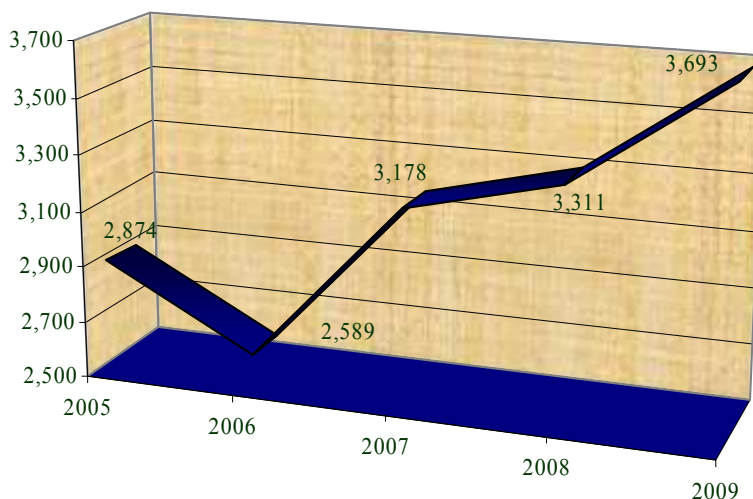
Delayed revocations also had an effect on the ARD successful completion rate for 2009. The success rate for 2008 was 96.1 percent, with the rate dropping to 90.3 percent this year. This was expected due to the correlation between the revocations, and the success rate.

ARD offenders completed a total of 37,471 out of 40,775 hours of community service ordered by the District Attorneys Office in 2009.

This is a 4.5 percent decrease over last years total and reflects the decrease in the number of non-DUI offenders entering the ARD Program. The majority of community service hours ordered on ARD participants are on non-DUI cases.

Five probation officers comprise the Pretrial ARD Unit. These probation officers handle all ARD cases, violations and revocations. They assisted Pretrial Services at the Allegheny County Jail during the G-20 summit, participated in Alcohol Highway Safety prevention programs, attending training sessions and efficiently and judiciously administratively handled over 6,000 ARD cases. toanks for a job well done!

ARD PARTICIPANTS BY YEAR



Calendar Year	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
ARD New Entrants	3,693	3,311	3,178	2,589	2,874
Successful Completions	3,212	3,004	2,783	2,776	4,153
Revoked	318	125	92	136	213
Success Rate	90.30%	96.10%	96.50%	96%	93.50%
Violation Reports Submitted	1,612	1,748	1,853	2,313	N/A
Interest Closed by the Court	97	114	376	527	N/A
Warrants Issued	337	350	490	550	N/A
Death	27	28	29	71	N/A
Community Service Hours Completed	37,471	39,250	37,725	48,075	N/A
Community Service Assigned by DA	40,775				

Alcohol Highway Safety Program



Robert Dulac
Supervisor

To combat the devastating effects of DUI and drug-and-alcohol abuse by actively engaging the community to affect change through prevention programs, public awareness activities, DUI enforcement events, and through the administration of the Pennsylvania Alcohol Highway Safety Program for Allegheny County. Through our efforts we hope to create safer highways, healthier lifestyles, and save lives lost to DUI and drug and alcohol addictions.

Pretrial Services understands the importance to **“lead by example”** when implementing our programs.

Recognizing a need to serve not only the DUI client, but also the citizens of Allegheny County, the comprehensive approach of the Allegheny County Alcohol Highway Safety Program ensures that the programs we embrace play a major role in making our roadways safer. Offering a wide range of programs, our Regional Alcohol Programs had 5,242 DUI offenders pass through their doors, far and away the most of any county in Pennsylvania.

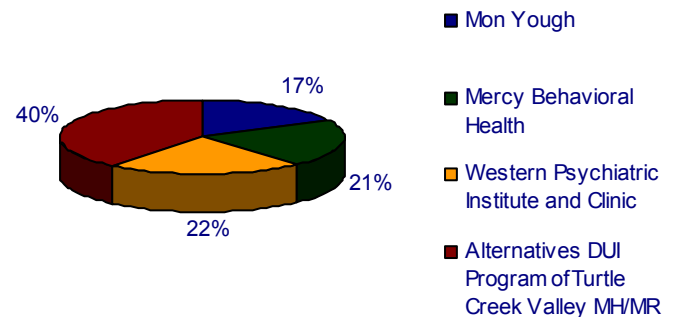
The four (4) programs remain the same as in past years: Mon Yough Community Service, Mercy Behavioral Health, Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, and Alternatives Regional Chemical Abuse Program. Each program is responsible for conducting Alcohol Highway Safety School, outpatient counseling, outpatient treatment, multiple offender programming that includes education and treatment, and Intermediate Punishment treatment, as well as full drug and alcohol assessments required by Act 24 (DUI law).



L-R: Chris France, Caitlin Calhoun, Pam Wahal and Robert Dulac.

	Mon-Yough	Mercy Behavioral Health	WPIC	Alternatives	Totals
Safe Driving Classes	824	923	1,045	1,859	4,651
Outpatient Counseling	278	158	203	416	1,055
Outpatient Treatment	292	242	239	359	1,132
Multiple Offender Treatment	58	37	25	174	294
Inpatient Treatment	196	179	263	241	879
Assessments	480	425	285	975	2,165
Totals	2128	1964	2,060	4,024	10,176

Regional Alcohol Programs





Suzanne Skidmore
Supervisor

Court Reporting Network (CRN)



Kathy Falkner
CRN Evaluator

The Court Reporting Network (CRN) staff is employed through a contract with Great Lakes Behavioral Research Institute. The CRN staff is independent of any of our Regional Alcohol Programs and is responsible to schedule and perform all court-ordered evaluations for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

In 2009, the CRN Department completed 5,728 evaluations, provided PennDOT with the appropriate information, and made all subsequent referrals to our Regional Alcohol Programs. The number of CRN evaluations completed this year represents the largest total for any one county in Pennsylvania. The second highest total belonged to Philadelphia County with 3,840 evaluations.



Michael Anthony
CRN Evaluator

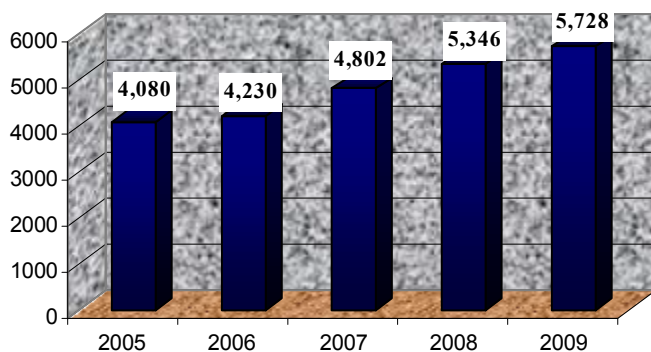


Laila Fitzgerald
CRN Evaluator

2009 CRN STATISTICS

- NEARLY HALF, 46.2, OF DUI ARRESTS ARE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 AND 29
- 25 % ARE FEMALE
- 55% ARE SINGLE/NEVER MARRIED
- 20% HAD A BLOOD ALCOHOL COUNT GREATER THAN .20%
- AVERAGE BAC IS .17%
- 70% ARE 1ST-TIME DUI OFFENDERS
- 17% ARE ALCOHOL HIGHWAY SAFETY SCHOOL ONLY RECOMMENDATIONS.

Total Yearly CRNs



2009 COURT REPORTING NETWORK STATISTICS

		Percentage
Total CRNs	5,728	
Education		
College Graduate	277	4.8
Undergraduate Degree	1,185	20.7
Partial College or Technical Training	2,323	40.6
High School Graduate	1,626	28.4
Partial High School	244	4.3
Junior High School	62	1.1
6 th Grade or Below	11	0.2
Income Level		
Less than \$9,999	430	7.5
\$10,000 to \$19,999	765	13.4
\$20,000 to \$29,999	826	14.4
\$30,000 to \$39,999	674	11.8
\$40,000 to \$49,999	420	7.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	643	11.2
\$100,000 to \$999,999	161	2.8
Unknown	1,809	31.6
Average Reported Income	35,511	
Employed	4,300	75.1
Unemployed	1,428	24.9

Ignition Interlock

In 2009, the Ignition Interlock Program continued its growth pattern, seeing the largest increase with the number of installations from the previous year. Since the inception of the program in 2001, each year has brought more participants! We proudly installed 541 units, up from the 427 for 2008.

We at Pretrial Services believe this increase is directly attributable to the work of the entire agency, where commitment to service and to community protection is a valued standard. Our dedication to

saving lives is second to none across this Commonwealth.

We continue to have the lowest yearly fee than any other provider in the state, and yet we provide the highest level of customer satisfaction as was again reported this year by the Department of Transportation. We were also cited for having the fewest number of equipment failures in 2009. Also, not one participant was arrested for DUI, marking the fifth straight year.

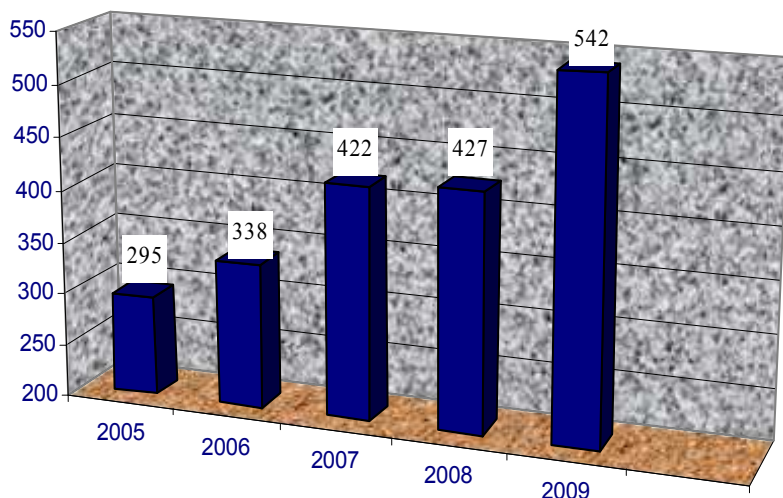


L-R: Kathy Falkner, Bob Ando and Amy Taylor



Steve Provenziale is the technician who has been installing and de-installing interlock devices since 2001.

Ignition Interlock Installations by Year



2009 Installations by Month

Month	Installations
January	36
February	44
March	51
April	50
May	40
June	55
July	44
August	43
September	53
October	44
November	38
December	43

School Prevention/ Education



Officer Spagnoletti presenting Clairton School representatives with a plaque for recognition of participation.



On Friday, April 17th, Pretrial Services hosted our 6th annual Fatal Awareness Conference at the Sewell Center on the campus of the Robert Morris University located in Moon Township.

This year's event followed a very familiar formula for success: A dynamic speaker, powerful workshops, enthusiastic participants, and a staff dedicated to producing one of our best programs.

The 2009 program featured as our guest speaker, Bill Cordes, a noted author and educator. Mr. Cordes has appeared in 47 states, and his message, "*You only get out what you put into it,*" has been the theme of all of his keynote addresses. Bill combined humor and enthusiasm, certainly nice ingredients to get the day started on the right note, but mainly he focused on his own life experiences as a teacher and father to tell students in attendance that they have the power to make good choices and to be leaders among their friends at home and in school.

Mr. Cordes picked up with his breakout workshops where he left off with his keynote speech. The breakout sessions were dedicated to training the students to learn how to



"YOGOWYPI* Factor:



Bill Cordes received an enthusiastic response from students.





Three juvenile offenders eagerly gave time to tell their stories during the Juvenile Probation Workshop



create "great moments" in each other's lives. In other words, to help one another create strategies that will encourage healthy, drug-free lifestyles.

As has become customary with each conference, AAA East Central's Terri Rae-Anthony, along with Allegheny County Police Officer Mike Spagnoletti, presented each participating school with a plaque recognizing their participation. An added facet to this presentation was a raffle drawing for prizes that were graciously donated by Clear Channel and the Steeler Radio Network. Each student was given a ticket for a chance to win a prize.

Also on the breakout agenda for this year were the Drug and Alcohol Unit of Juvenile Probation, and Officer Spagnoletti with his popular rendition of "Survival 101." These two workshops have gained a reputation for being hard-hitting, and are very popular among the students. Juvenile Probation's presentation is about kids in recovery and their real life stories. Officer Spagnoletti talks to the students about how to stay alive behind the wheel of a car, and about how bad choices can turn tragic. Both of these topics bring life to our day, "Fatal Awareness!"



***You Only Get Out What You Put In!**



Left: Officer Spagnoletti conducts his breakout session

Right: Bill Cordes' breakout session.





Above: Pam Wahal, Jordan Geisler, Tim Dugan and Matthew Mullen with the Safety Bug at Cornell School.

Bethel Park

Chartiers Valley

Cornell

Gateway East Allegheny Keystone Oaks

Montour

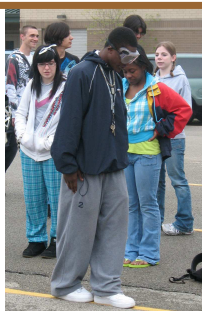
Northgate

Steel Valley

West Mifflin Area

Pine-Richland

Students at Gateway High School walk the line while wearing fatal vision goggles.



DUI Safety Simulator makes an impact on Bethel Park Senior High School Students.



Safety Bug

Entering into its eighth year of appearing at Allegheny County High Schools, **Safety Bug** continues to be the centerpiece for community involvement at each participating school.

Prom season and Homecoming week are events each year that schools use to celebrate success and tradition. During these weeks, Pretrial Services gladly partners with these schools to bring them Safety Bug. A past winner of the National Prevention Program of the Year Award, Safety Bug is a high-visibility, hands-on program that gives licensed students a chance to experience what happens to a driver when they have a delayed reaction of the brain under the influence of alcohol. Driven on a "closed" course with a certified, trained professional, Safety Bug drives home the message that drinking and driving can, and will, result in tragedy.

Always on hand at each school are many of the teachers, school administrators, and, most importantly, the local police and their school resource officer. Not only do the students experience the "bug," but the adults love it as well. This program, more than any other, lets everyone know that we are all in this together.

This all-day event, which is sponsored by the Pennsylvania DUI Association appeared at eleven high schools last year.

DUI Simulator

The **DUI Safety Simulator** continues to be a popular commodity not only at our local high schools, but also with attendees at community events. 2009 featured appearances at ten schools, and for the first time, at the Pittsburgh Auto Show.

Designed to promote highway safety, the simulator gives licensed, as well as non-licensed, participants a chance to "drive" a car under adverse conditions. The program is also consistent with our message that we are committed to the mission of promoting good choices that help save lives!

The Safety Simulator is the perfect vehicle for this message.

An all day event, the Simulator is paid for out of DUI-collected fees, and is sponsored by the Pennsylvania DUI Association.

Sponsorships and Partnerships

KDKA Presentation

This year, Allegheny County Pretrial Services, Alcohol Highway Safety Program, partnered with KDKA on their established program, "Taking the Lead: Ford Driving Skills for Life." This program promotes safe driving for teens through monthly assemblies, forums and advertising. On November 4, 2009 Deputy Director Janice Dean participated on the panel of the Youth Safety Conference at California University. There were over 400 students, representing 13 different schools. The event was well received by both teachers and students. The focus of this conference, along with the "Taking the Lead" program is to promote safe driving and good decision making skills for teens in regards to all aspects of driving.

We look forward to this new partnership helping us to continue our long-standing tradition of getting the message of Highway Safety out to all.



Janice Dean, Deputy Director of Pretrial Services, at the KDKA presentation.

Safe Kids Walk This Way Program

On Wednesday, October 7, 2009, Pretrial Services took part in the Safe Kids, Walk This Way Program at Bellevue Elementary School. Bellevue Elementary School is part of the Northgate School District. This program was created in 2000 to teach safe behavior to motorists and child pedestrians to create safer, more pedestrian-friendly communities. The goal is to prevent pedestrian-related injury to children walking to and from school.

This program has spanned the globe to reach families in hundreds of communities throughout the United States and around the world. Safe Kids Worldwide Coalitions hope to improve conditions for child pedestrians.

Pretrial Services partnered with AAA East Central for this event, which is sponsored by FedEx.



Duquesne University Alcohol Awareness Day

On October 19th, Duquesne University sponsored an alcohol awareness day to help promote the new campaign for underage drinking, "U-Turn. Think Again." Pretrial Services was on hand for the event, as well as the Pa State Police, and the Pa DUI Association.

Pam Wahal and Chris France were in attendance to pass out literature and answer the many questions that students had regarding underage drinking and our driving under the influence programs. □



Safe Kids Walk This Way Program



Duquesne University Alcohol Awareness Day





National Character Education Foundation



School children respond enthusiastically as John Pritikin, who gives motivational performances all over the world to spread his message to never give up and to let people know that they are special, performs at school assemblies through a partnership with the National Character Education Foundations and the AHSP.



National Character Education Foundation

The **National Character Education Foundation (NCEF)**, located in Zelienople, Pennsylvania, is an organization dedicated to recognizing, educating, and promoting good character to students, parents, and communities. These ideals are a perfect fit with the values of Pretrial Services.

A new partnership was formed in 2009 with this Foundation, and it has been a rousing success! The **NCEF** has reached over one million students in seventeen different states. Always a consideration with any partnership is the ability to reach as many citizens and/or students as possible. Again, a really good match!

The **NCEF** has been providing school assemblies in the western Pennsylvania area since 2003. The assemblies are designed to entertain and motivate students, as well as to help them identify the problems that most school students face, including drugs and alcohol. From a renowned author to the world's strongest man, the speakers are as varied as they are interesting. Our partnership resulted in 18 programs being held in 11 different school districts. The best part of our agreement is that the assemblies are not limited to just our high-school students. Every school will be exposed!

To help illustrate the effectiveness of this program is a testimonial from one of our participating schools:

"I was very encouraged to learn of the Allegheny County Pretrial's partnership with NCEF. I have been in education for many years and I can honestly tell you that your support is not only timely, but extremely necessary. I can't think of anything more important than to give our kids hope and clear direction as to how their behavior impacts not only their life, but those around them as well."

Kevin Walsh, Principal
Steel Valley Middle School



Charlie Aeschliman, Nike basketball handler, entertains children while giving them the message that they can overcome obstacles to do anything.



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Above: Bill Sanders from NCEF talks to students from Sto-Rox.

Below: Bob Holmes "stands alone" against an entire volleyball teams to demonstrate individual strength to stand alone against peer pressure.





The PA U Turn Campaign was introduced at the conference.



"Fun with a Purpose" Workshop: promised to give everything needed to get groups working together.



These young ladies participated in Craig Tornquist's Queen of the Big Hair competition.



The closing session featured Craig Tomquist's crowning of Maria Pessolano as Queen of the Big Hair. Craig Tornquist lives by Mr. Borge's tenet: "Laughter is the shortest distance between two people."



Students Against Destructive Decisions Conference Seven Springs

The annual Western Region SADD Conference was held on November 17th at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort. The theme of this year's conference was "U-Turn. Think Again." The message presented to the attendees was to change the way they think about drinking and possibly driving.

The guest speaker this year was Mike Donahue. Using video, music, and drama, Mr. Donahue drove home the message that all students have a story to tell and want to be heard. So listen to one another!

Pretrial Services was a major sponsor of the event, along with the Pennsylvania DUI Association, and Pennsylvanians Against Underage Drinking. Pretrial Services paid the registration fee for 200 SADD students from ten school districts.

*Laughter is the shortest
distance between two
people.*

Victor Borge

Mike Donahue, "R5 Productions," conducted the Opening Session.



*Mike spends most of his
time helping youth unlock
the doors and tear down the
walls of their hearts.*



"Team Building" Workshop: Strangers just a short time ago, now a cooperating, problem-solving team.



Twin brothers Max and Spencer Ernst founded the rock band, Trustfall. In addition to performing all over the country, they reach out to young teenagers with a message against destructive decisions.

Media/Communication



Visitors collect information from the **Designated Driver Booths** at the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Pavilion (above) and Station Square Amphitheater (below).



Comcast Spotlight



Natalie and Grace Dean, Zack Wahal, Dylan Soller, and Brian Miller pose while making a commercial in partnership with AHSP and Comcast.

Designated Driver Booth

Summertime, being outdoors with friends and family, good music... These are certainly ingredients that bring people together. But when people get together and consume alcohol, adults are capable of making bad choices too!

Entering into our eighth year, Pretrial Services was proud to sponsor the Designated Driver Booth at the Post Gazette Pavilion, and the Station Square Amphitheater. Funded from DUI collected fees, the Designated Driver Booth is designed to encourage concert attendees not only to drink responsibly, but to reward a sober driver. The slogan, **"We'll Supply the Pop, If You'll Supply the Ride,"** is driven home by providing the designated driver with free soft drinks and with literature about the current DUI law and the consequences of being arrested.

Featured acts this summer were Jimmy Buffet, John Mayer, and the Clarks.

DUI Coordinators' Workshop Presentation

Supervisor Bob Dulac of the Alcohol Highway Safety Program (AHSP) was asked to do a presentation for the DUI Coordinators from across the state of Pennsylvania at the yearly workshop held in State College on May 28th.

The topic of the presentation was **"Prevention, Intervention, and Education Initiatives in Allegheny County's Alcohol Highway Safety Program."**

The staff at Pretrial Services is very proud of the variety, and quality of the programming that is done each year through the AHSP. We have been recognized and honored as a leader in the field of DUI. Bob drove that point

home with the help of a PowerPoint picture collage that was prepared to provide a visual image of the programming we do.

Feedback from the workshop was very positive, with most comments saying that the Coordinators came away impressed with our efforts in Allegheny County.



Pretrial Services is always looking for new ways to spread our message about saving lives on the highways. 2009 saw our first appearance at the Pittsburgh Auto Show held on February 12, 13, 14, and 15 at the David Lawrence Convention Center. Partnering with Comcast and their Kid's Corner Display, the Alcohol Highway Safety Program was on hand each day to pass out literature and to answer a variety of questions about who we are. The Safety Simulator was on site each day and served as the backdrop for our display.

The Auto Show attracts hundreds of thousands each year, and this was the perfect opportunity to partner with a national giant, Comcast, which willingly helped us deliver our message that saving lives is important to everyone in the community. We are looking forward to our continued involvement with this local event.

Comcast Spotlight

A new vendor for 2009, Comcast Spotlight, contracted with Pretrial Services to enter into a new market for us-TV! A very popular segment that has run on selected cable channels at Comcast is the "Our Kids, Their Voices" spot.

Filmed in June, local children deliv-

ered anti-alcohol and drug messages aimed at their peers through the power of television. This message was aired for three months on selected channels, chosen through demographic data by Comcast, and approved by Pretrial. Two of the channels chosen were Nickelodeon and MTV.

This new project was paid for from fees collected from DUI offenders.

- Max Little, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor-PennDOT, presented case law updates.
- Scott Shenk, PennDOT, addressed issues involving driver's licensing.
- Jim Guffey, Buckle Up PA, reviewed and updated the latest Pennsylvania crash data.

Also in attendance were staff from both Pretrial Services, and the Adult Probation Office.



L-R: Kerry Sparks and Kathy Tress from the PA DUI Association, Bob Dulac, Stacey Randolph, Terri Rae, and Pamela Wahal

Law Enforcement Conference

The 4th annual Law Enforcement Conference was held on November 19th at the Cranberry Marriot. The theme for this year's seminar was, **"Enforce and Educate Along the Way, Drive Safe PA!"** Pretrial Services continues to be a major co-sponsor of this event, along with the team from Safe Driving Communities of western Pa, Allegheny County Department of Health, AAA East Central, and the Pa DUI Association.

The purpose of this seminar has been, and continues to be a great opportunity for highway safety professionals to come together and be a part of a great learning experience for our local police departments. In all, 32 police departments attended the day's training.

On the agenda was:

- Cathy Tress, Pa. DUI Association, outlined the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's strategic planning initiative for 2010. This involved grant monies for sobriety checkpoints. She also ended the seminar with a power-point presentation on underage DUI's.
- Mike Marcantino, Pa. DUI Association, gave an update on enforcing motorcycle laws.

Clear Channel Radio

Following last year's run to the Super Bowl, 2009 was sure to bring a large listening audience to the airwaves of the Steeler Radio Network. Broadcast on WDVE and Fox 970, Steeler games were heard all over Allegheny County and Western Pennsylvania.

The Clear Channel Project continues to be a rousing success, in that it reaches the largest number of citizens and delivers a "clear" message that drinking and driving is a destructive choice that can take lives, not save them.

In addition to the Steeler broadcasts, Clear Channel ran the "Fatal Holiday" messages. These are designed to heighten awareness during the many holiday seasons where statistics show an increase in alcohol consumption that correlates to an increase in alcohol related fatalities.


Lastly, Clear Channel donated prizes that were used as giveaways for our Fatal Awareness Program.

Law Enforcement Conference November 19, 2009



"Enforce and Educate
Along the Way,
Drive Safe PA!"





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