

Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania Pretrial Services 2010 Annual Report



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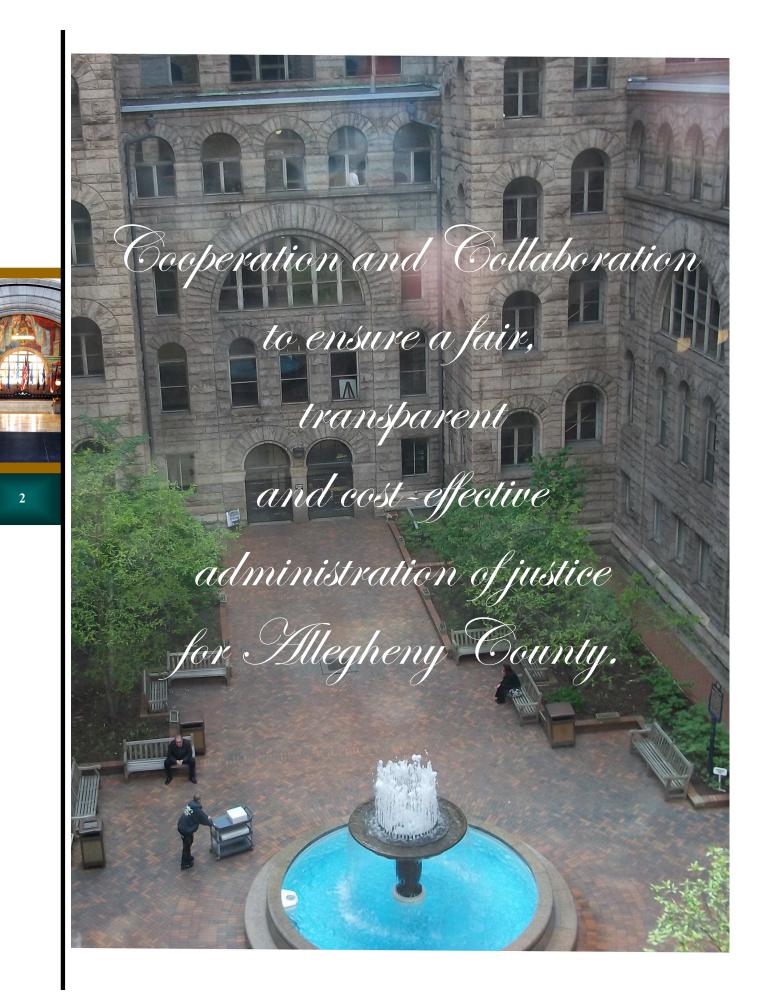
The Allegheny County Pretrial Services' mission is to provide accurate and timely information to assist the Court in making informed decisions regarding bond, competency, and treatment. To supervise and monitor defendants in a respectful manner, utilizing cost-effective measures for the community, and 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

Mission and Values



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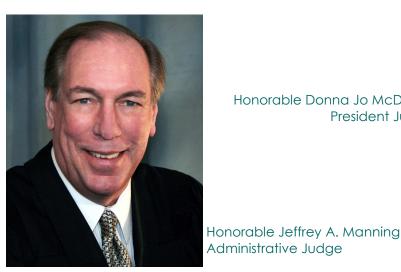
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Honorable Donna Jo McDaniel President Judge



# Administration





District Court Administrator

Helen M. Lynch, Esquire Administrator



# COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION

Janice Radovick Dean Director

If an organization wants to become incrementally better, they compete, if they want to become exponentially better, they cooperate. The Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Court of Common Pleas, epitomizes the spirit of cooperation and collaboration to ensure a fair, transparent and cost-effective administration of justice for Allegheny County.

It is with great pleasure and pride that I present the Allegheny County Pretrial Services 2010 annual report. As you will see throughout this report, we have continued to develop as a department with a highly dedicated and professional staff. As a direct result of this dedication, and with collaboration and support from President Judge Donna Jo McDaniel, Administrative Judge Jeffrey A. Manning, District Court Administrator Raymond L. Billotte, and Criminal Court Administrator Helen N. Lynch, Esquire, we have been able to remain committed to our mission, values and goals. Our annual report not only chronicles the accomplishments of the four units comprising Pretrial Services, but also emphasizes our commitment to cooperation and collaboration with all agencies involved in the criminal justice system, resulting in safer communities throughout Allegheny County.

Allegheny County Pretrial Services has remained in the national spotlight this year, again being recognized as a model pretrial program. Presentations to and participation with groups ranging from the National Association of Counties to a Legislative Affairs Committee in Washington, DC, has spotlighted not only our continuing commitment to pretrial justice but also our dedication to cooperate with all agencies and aspects of our criminal justice system.

It is our goal to continue to develop and enhance our services with the highest professional and ethical standards. We strive every day to ensure that dangerous people are held in custody to keep the streets safe and to eliminate pretrial detention of residents who pose no threat to the community and are likely to appear for court. It is the balancing of these two objectives that keeps us focused on the need for release conditions that protect the public, while protecting the rights of the accused.

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### COLLABORATION

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### COOPERATION

### **DUI Alternative to Jail**

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Collaboration and Cooperation

conduct the mandatory Pennsylvania Depart- across the country. ment of Transportation Alcohol Highway Safety classes (Track 1) and the Track IV/Intermediate Punishment requirements, an added benefit soon came to the forefront. Research suggests that the intense four days of treatment for this class of offenders should reduce the recidivism rate more than treatment spread out over a six to ten week period. We will track the DUI Alternative to Jail Program defendants and all other first-time DUI offenders to measure program effectiveness.

Only first conviction DUI offenders from Tiers 1, 2 and 3 are eligible for this program with offenders staying at a local hotel from Thursday to Sunday. Offenders who are sentenced to this program in lieu of jail are required to pay a set fee of \$500, which includes the hotel room (double occupancy), food and the Intermediate Punishment group.

Upon successful completion of the program, the offender is issued a certificate of completion and a copy is sent to his probation officer. Offenders who fail to successfully complete the program are brought back in front of either Judges Lazzara or Flaherty for a violation hearing.

A second hotel will be added midyear, and we hope to serve approximately 90 defendants monthly.



**NACo Jail Diversion Forum** 

After months of preparation and of laying the On May 6, 2010, Pretrial Interim Director Janice groundwork for this innovative program, Pretrial Dean participated on a Mental Health Diversion Services and Adult Probation launched the DUI panel for the National Association of Counties. Alternative to Jail Program in October 2010. The This panel focused on Allegheny County's colprogram was started to relieve an overbur-laboration of Court and Department of Human dened electronic monitoring program for first- Services personnel in identifying and diverting time DUI offenders who were serving an average mentally handicapped defendants from the of five days on the bracelet, but using an exorbi- criminal justice system. This intercept model, and tant amount of that valuable resource. After the level of interagency cooperation, was well discussion with the DUI treatment specialists who received and applauded by jurisdictions from

### Law Enforcement Workshop

The Law Enforcement DUI Workshop was held on June 11<sup>th</sup> at the army barracks in Moon Township and was attended by nearly 100 area law enforcement personnel.

The featured speakers at the workshop discussed topics ranging from DUI and Highway Safety, Ignition Interlock, Drug Interdiction for Heavy Trucks, Fatal Crash Reconstruction and Cops in Court. Our presenters were from a variety of traffic safety-related organizations, including the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA), PA DUI Association, PA District Attorney Institute, Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), and the City of Pittsburgh Police Department.

A long-standing partnership between Allegheny County Pretrial Services Department, the Allegheny County Health Department Traffic Safety Education Project, and the PA DUI Association sponsored this workshop at no cost to local law enforcement. This collaborative effort brings knowledgeable presenters to local law enforcement to benefit all.

# BAIL SERVICES UNIT

In 2010, the Pretrial Services Bail Unit conducted duties 19,563 investigations to determine pretrial risk for judge on a permafailure to appear and/or risk to re-offend. This nent number was down about 3 percent from the pre-more vious year. Recommendations for bond on new and arrests were made in 16,717 cases, 653 cases those proceedings. were presented for bond modifications and 3,426 bond forfeiture cases were presented at motions The BCLU also reviews in the Court of Common Pleas.

Providing supervision as a bail condition and to quests received from enforce the non-monetary conditions imposed the offices of the Dison defendants at the pretrial stage reduced the trict Attorney, Public number of failure to appear bench warrant cases Defender and/or pripresented in motions court this year by approxi-vate counsel of remately four percent.

From interviewing and verifying, to meaningful essed within 72 hours. The BCLU and supervisor toward reducing pretrial misconduct.

### **Bail Court Liaison Unit**

creating and distributing to all parties involved court approval, the attorney of record will be nothe various lists of cases that will be presented at tified and a hearing date set. Likewise, upon demotions court on a daily basis. During 2010, Ad- nial, the attorney of record will be notified of the ministrative Judge Jeffrey Manning took over the Court's decision.

Court Liaison Team: R-L, Michael Napolitano, Paul Larkin, Debbie Puc, and Daniel Trbovich

of motions giving basis, consistency continuity to

all bond modification and revocation re-These review cord. requests are proc-



Marilyn Lahood **Supervisor** 

supervision of pretrial defendants, the Pretrial Ser- either approve the hearing request and schedule vices Department continues to make great strides the court action, or disapprove and, pursuant to All.C.R.Crim.P. Rule 529, request that the sending attorney file a formal petition for bail modification through the Department of Court Records. All petitions filed through the Department of Court Records are received by the BCLU and are pre-The Bail Court Liaison Unit (BCLU) is responsible for sented to the motions judge for a decision. Upon

### **Alternative Housing**

Pretrial Services continued to collaborate with the Allegheny County Jail to help control and manage jail population by facilitating the transfer of inmates to alternative housing. If a defendant is unable to make bond and/or is being held on a probation detainer, the jail staff can request court authorization to transfer the defendant to approved alternative housing. Upon the Pretrial Services Bail Unit receiving the petition from the jail asking for court authorization, it is presented to the motions judge for approval. In 2010, the court authorized 82 inmates with outstanding bonds and/or detainers to be transferred to alternative housing.

### **ACJ Investigative Team**

County Jail are an integral part of the processing the defendant not being the primary aggressor. of defendants entering the jail. This team performed on an outstanding level with 24/7, 365- Domestic violence cases that score an ROR rethe court to accelerate the time from entry to the ridden to a non-monetary bond so that a nodefendants to the pre-arraignment area. The unit of about 15 percent shows that your risk assessraignment times. All the efforts of the investiga- the automatic domestic violence overrides. tive team, jail staff, and arraignment court staff have the common goal of implementing a transparent and accountable process for first appearance in the court.

can be overridden for aggravating factors such as level of danaerousness or flight risk, or overrid-The bail investigators assigned to the Allegheny den to a lower level for mitigating factors such as

day coverage. As part of an overall effort from lease recommendation are automatically overjail until the preliminary arraignment, each defen- contact stipulation can be part of the bail recdant entering the interviewing cell was time ommendation. According to Jim Austin, of JFA stamped in the computer tracking system. The Associates, a leading researcher in the criminal Bail Unit promptly and efficiently processed these justice field, an acceptable override percentage also has become an integral part of the smooth ment is balanced in its recommendations. Below transition to a formal schedule of assigned ar- is the total overrides for 2010, with and without

**Supervision Unit** 



The risk

Robert Henry and Phyllis Green of the Bail Services Unit are among the first faces you will see when you step from the elevator on the 4th Floor of the Manor Building.

The goal of pretrial supervision is to support public In an ongoing effort to ensure the safety of the safety while an offender is released on bail and community and vic- to ensure that the offender appears for all schedtims involved in do- uled court appearances and abides by all bail mestic violence, Pre- conditions. To achieve this, supervision officers trial Services has an routinely address bail condition violations in the override process for Court of Common Pleas motions court. Court the risk assessment. reminder letters and phone calls are made to deassessment fendants under active pretrial supervision a week prior to their scheduled court appearances. The Supervision Unit submitted over 100 bail condition violation petitions to motions court requesting either bond revocation or additional bond conditions to be placed on defendants to support public safety and to ensure appearance.

> The Supervision Unit, comprised of six probation officers and a case manager, supervises all defendants placed under pretrial supervision. Defendants are placed under supervision by Common Pleas Court Judges and Magisterial District Judges based on a recommendation after applying the validated risk assessment.

ACJ Investigative Team Statistics					
Arrests	19,563				
Overides	6,947				
Overides Excluding DVSs	1,896				
Domestic Violence Stipulations	582				
New	16,717				
Bench Warrants	2,846				

Bond Forfeiture Cases Presented in Court for **Clearing of Common Pleas Warrants** 2010 2009 2008 2007

	2010	2009	2000	2007	
Preliminary Hearing	824	736	766	203	
Formal Arraignment	723	876	948	1,276	
Pretrial Conference	461	574	520	575	
Trial	1,092	787	1,009	949	L.C.
Sentencing	1	2	6	18	
ARD	41	59	48	58	•
Modification	653	740	700	615	S
NEI	284	425	412	437	
TOTAL	4,079	4,199	4,409	4,131	-

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**Bail Services Unit** 

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Officers Michael Stephenson, Brian Capello, Monitor Clifton Chapin, Officers Debra Jefferson, Joel Reisz, Keri Stupka, and Christopher Shanley (not pictured) comprised the Supervision Unit in 2010.

In December 2010, the Pretrial Services Supervi- for reconsidsion Unit was actively supervising 4,365 defen- eration to redants, of which 1,801 were on low supervision. duce bond in alignment with the pretrial assess-These offenders were required to report by ment recommendation. phone. There were 2,564 defendants on medium supervision. These offenders were required to re- The PCC also conducted 147 interviews of defenport in person to Pretrial Services. Defendants dants ordered onto pretrial electronic monitoring can be placed under supervision as a bail condi- (PTEM) as a bail condition. Due to many defention from both the Maaisterial District Judge and dants not having suitable residences to comply the Common Pleas levels. Pretrial bail investiga- with the PTEM stipulation, the PCC worked with tors interview, verify and apply the validated risk the Program for Female Offenders, a jailassessment to all defendants processed through approved housing program, to provide housing municipal court. If the recommendation for su- to those defendants granted a PTEM stipulation. pervision is ordered, the Pretrial probation officers The defendants can utilize the program's facilities enforce all ordered conditions. The highest risk and services and satisfy the PTEM bail condition offenders fall into high supervision. High supervi- while having a therapeutic environment where sion provides the most intense level of supervision they can best be served. to those offenders released on bail. These offenders, when released from the Allegheny County In addition to the pretrial population manage-Jail, are placed on electronic monitoring for ment, the PCC is responsible for obtaining Court added community protection. As of December authorization for conditional bonds. These court 31, 2010 there were 149 offenders on pretrial elec- orders allow the ACJ to transfer defendants who

toring eliminated 40,352 days of incarceration.



Developmental Change Committee: Clockwise: Janice Dean, Barry Crable, Debra Jefferson, Joel Reisz, Paul Larkin, Keri Stupka, Jody Reola and Marilyn LaHood.

### **Population Control Coordinator**

The Pretrial Population Control Coordinator (PCC) addresses many situations at the Allegheny County Jail in regards to moving defendants out of custody. First and foremost, and in keeping true to pretrial best practices, the PCC reviews all

defendants lodged in the Allegheny County Jail (ACJ) on bonds only on a daily basis. 2010, 218 In cases were presented to motions court



Marsha Hinton Jail Population Control Coordinator

tronic monitoring. In 2010 pretrial electronic moni- are state parole violators and have new charges to be transferred from County Jail to the Department of Corrections. This conditional bond allows the defendants to satisfy their state sentences while awaiting disposition of new county charges, thus reducing the population of the ACJ. Pretrial Services and the PCC have worked with alternative housing programs and ACJ staff to expedite transfers from the jail to these facilities and to provide information to many other court offices and personnel for a more seamless transition. In the past year, the PCC has worked cooperatively with the Court and jail staff to resolve systemic problems and help reduce the pretrial jail population.



# BEHAVIOR ASSESSMENT UNIT



The Pretrial Behavior Assessment Unit (BAU) consists of a manager, a social worker, two clerical support personnel and five contracted psychiatrists. Throughout the year, 1,237 competency evaluations were completed on defendants lodged in the Allegheny County Jail and 24 competency evaluations on defendants after release from custody. Dr. Christine Martone, Chief Psychiatrist for the BAU, performed an additional 86 competency re-checks for a total of 1,347 evaluations completed throughout the year. As Chief Psychiatrist, Dr. Martone testifies at all commitment hearings and, in preparation for those hearings, she reevaluates all defendants awaiting commitment that she did not originally assess.

If the BAU psychiatrist finds a defendant competent to stand trial but deems there are issues such as drug and alcohol involvement and/or underlying mental health issues, the doctor may recommend that evaluation and treatment be part of the conditions for bond. When such recommendations are made, the Bail Court Liaison Unit will present this to the motions judge asking that said conditions be added to the current bond conditions.

Although defendants may be competent to proceed through the legal system,



Gearldean Young Supervisor

the BAU psychiatrists often look beyond that and help defendants get mental health placements that will improve their overall quality of life.

Out of 1,261 total competency assessments completed in 2010, 106 defendants were



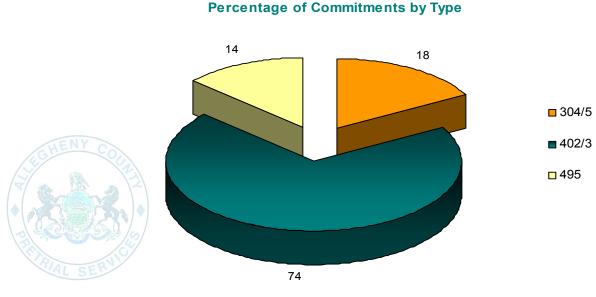
Behavior Assessment Unit Staff: L-R: Koraleigh Gritz, Brianna Stauffer, and Richard Painter

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2010 Statistics							
	Dr. Barbara Beadles	Dr. Cecilia Dellone	Dr. Christine Martone	Dr. Manuel Reich	Dr. Salvatore Savatta	Dr. Gayle Strandberg	Total
January	30	10	30	18	0	0	88
February	16	<b>X</b> 11	23	10	0	13	73
March	31	2/17	33	19	0	29	129
April	18	21	33	9		19	100
May	42	6	31	20	0.00	17	116
June	0	27	30	12	0	17	86
July	36	29	56	25	19	0	165
August	40	14	38	12	9-9-	0	113
September	28	19	25	14	38	0	124
October	17	10	36	12	12	0	87
November	27	16	23	<b>1</b> 4	22	0	92
December	28	11	23	6	20	0	88
Totals	313	191	381	161	120	95	1,261

committed to Torrence State Hospital. Seventyfour defendants were committed on a 402/3 mentally ill but not dangerous petition, 18 defendants on a 304/5, mentally ill and dangerous petition, and 14 defendants were renewed on a 405 yearly petition. These 405 defendants are classified as long-term and may never regain competency. Chief Psychiatrist Dr. Martone is dedicated to issues surrounding long-term placements and this year had three 405 defendants deemed "incompetent and not likely to regain competency" through the Court. Permanent inpatient placements were found for those defendants with assistance from hospital staff and county mental health agencies.

The BAU staff works closely with Torrence State Hospital's social service department, Magisterial District Judges, and Common Pleas Judges to coordinate and facilitate all aspects of commitments and providing mental health placements to those at-risk defendants.



**Behavior Assessment Unit** 

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# Accelerated REHABILITATIVE DISPOSITION

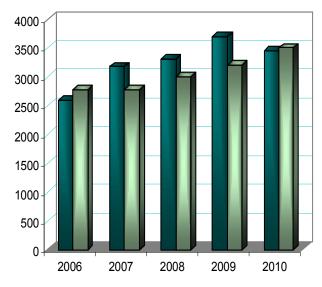


Girard Hildenbrand **Supervisor** 

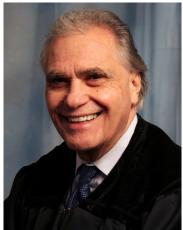
The Rehabilitative successful comple- Non-DUI tion will allow the must complete defendant's crimi- community fice administers the punged. overall program

with Pretrial Services Probation Officers monitor- Currently, there are other 12 percent consisted of ARD eligible non-tions. DUI offenses. To successfully complete the ARD

New Entrants Successful Completions



Accelerated program, each defen-Dis- dant must complete all position (ARD) Pro- court-ordered requiregram was created ments and pay all fines for non-violent first- and costs. DUI offendtime offenders and ers must also satisfy Alis a pretrial diversion cohol Highway Safety program that upon School requirements. offenders all service nal record to be hours as ordered. Upon expunged. The Alle- successful completion, gheny County Dis- the defendant's crimitrict Attorneys Of- nal record will be ex- Honorable Robert C. Gallo



Judae Gallo presides over ARD hearings.

ing compliance. In 2010, there were 3,446 defen- five probation officers assigned to the ARD unit. dants placed on ARD probation. This marked a Each ARD officer has approximately 1,000 ofslight decrease in the number of offenders being fenders under supervision. Since the majority of placed on the program, down from 3,693 in ARD defendants are DUI offenders, the ARD unit 2009. Of all offenders entering the ARD program works very closely with the four Regional Alcohol this year, 88 percent were charged with DUI, the Programs for completion of treatment stipula-

> In 2010, the ARD unit began to take a more proactive role in locating ARD offenders who had outstanding warrants for failing to appear at an ARD probation violation hearing. The ARD unit worked closely with the Allegheny County Sheriff's Fugitive Task Force to resolve these warrants. This partnership was not intended to incarcerate the offender, but rather to bring that offender into compliance. Sheriff's deputies and probation officers would physically locate a wanted person, verify the offender's address, give the offender a new hearing date and time and then clear the warrant. The ARD officers also helped reduce the number of warrants by working with Sheriffs deputies to locate out-of-state offenders through the driver's license compact. This partnership has worked well. As of December 31, 2010, there were only 500 ARD warrants as compared to over 800 at the beginning of the year.

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Over the past few revocations vears, from ARD have increased. Seventeen percent more revocations occurred in 2010 than in 2009. This increase can be attributed to the delayed revocation procedure instituted by the Court in 2009. Under the current ARD DUI law, iudaes cannot extend offenders probation past the initial term to allow them time to complete their stipulations.

Calendar Year	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
ARD Entrants	3,446	3,693	3,311	3,178	2,589
Successful	3,502	3,212	3,004	2,783	2,776
Revoked	374	318	125	92	136
Success Rate	92.20%	90.30%	96.10%	96.50%	96%
Violation Reports Submitted	1,525	1,612	1,748	1,853	2,313
Interest Closed by the Court	120	97	114	376	527
Warrants Issued	311	337	350	490	550
Death	38	27	28	29	71
Community Service Completed	30,792	37,471	39,250	37,725	48,075
Community Service Assigned by DA	44,180	40, 775	-	272	15
Early Dismissal	43				67
Readmitted after Revocation	86	(P)			7

The ARD unit is now working more closely with the information. ARD officers collect completion of District Attorney's (DA's) Office in regards to ARD court ordered stipulations and fines and cost payrevocation cases. The DA's office allows offend- ment information, and upon verification, submit ers who have been revoked back into ARD if all the early termination forms to the DA for final requirements have been fulfilled. This gives of- consideration. This procedure enables many defenders a chance to have the criminal record fendants to complete their probationary periods expunded. The probation officer verifies all re- sooner. guirements on the revoked cases, and this information is relayed back to the DA's Office for The ARD Program basic tenet is to give first-time, processing.

The ARD probation officers are also responsible to of their mistake. verify early termination and expungement

non-violent offenders the opportunity to move past this infraction while realizing the significance



The ARD Unit: Seated L-R: Officers Matthew Mullen, Marlene Buckley Standing: Officer Joseph Volkay, Supervisor Gerard Hildenbrand and Officer Timothy Dugan. Not pictured: Officer Kristen Fesenmyer

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### ohol highway safety Program

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.



Alcohol Highway Safety Program

llegheny County Pretrial Services understands the need to help address the criminal aspect of the DUI offender as well as the need to continue to promote safety for others on the roadways. Again this year, Allegheny County was in the forefront of treatment for both. The Alcohol Highway Safety Program (AHSP) works in close collaboration with the four regional alcohol highway safety programs.

The four regional alcohol highway safety programs are; Mercy Behavioral Health, Alternatives Regional Chemical Abuse Program, Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic and Mon Yough Community Services. Each facility offers Alcohol Highway Safety School, outpatient counseling, outpatient treatment, group counseling for Inter-

classes, each facility has licensed staff that per- and treatment. forms full drug and alcohol assessments as required by Act 24.

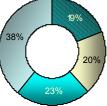


Caitlin Calhoun and Pam Wahal of the Alcohol Highway Safety Program. Not Pictured Chris France.

mediate Punishment and Underage Drinking In 2010, 5,572 clients were referred to one of the Classes. In addition to offering a wide variety of four regional alcohol programs for DUI education

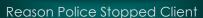
	Mon/ Yough	Mercy Behavioral Health	WPIC/ St. Francis	Alternatives	Totals	
Safe Driving Classes	669	941	1,209	1,967	4,786	REG
Outpatient Counseling	107	101	217	192	617	/
Outpatient Treatment	427	254	182	454	1,317	389
Multiple Offender						
Treatment	26	49	34	154	263	
Inpatient Treatment						
neumeni	165	171	263	224	823	
Assessments	735	705	674	1,409	3,523	
Totals	2,129	2,221	2,579	4,400	11,329	

**JONAL ALCOHOL PROGRAMS** 



Mon/Yough Mercv WP IC Alternatives

# COURT REPORTING Network



Vehicle Violation	337	6.0%
Crash	1,083	19.4%
Moving Violation	1,299	23.3%
Other	1,398	25.1%
Weaving / Careless Driving	1,455	26.1%



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 Alchol Programs and is responsible to schedule and perform all courtordered evaluations for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT).

Suzanne Skidmore Supervisor

In 2010, the CRN Department completed 5,572 evaluations, provided PennDOT with the appropriate information, and made all subsequent referrals to regional alcohol programs.

2010 Court Reporting Network Statistics					
Total CRN's	5,572				
Education					
College Graduate	244	4.4%			
Undergraduate Degree	1,113	20%			
Partial College or Technical Training	2,142	38%			
High School Graduate	1,753	31.5%			
Partial High School	241	4.3%			
Junior High School	78	1.4%			
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade or Below	5311				
Income Level					
Less than \$9,999	550	9.9%			
\$10,000 to \$19,999	848	15.2%			
\$20,000 to \$29,999	751	13.5%			
\$30,000 to \$39,999	610	10.9%			
\$40,000 to 49,999	379	6.8%			
\$50,000 to \$99,999	638	11.5%			
\$100,000 to \$999,999	136	2.4%			
Unknown	1,658	29.8%			
Average Reported Income	33,780				
Employed	3,996	71.7%			
Unemployed	1,576	28.3%			

- 57.5% of DUI arrests occur ٠ between Midnight and 4:00 a.m.
- 49% of DUI arrests occurred on the weekend
- 21.2% of DUI offenders had a ٠ blood alcohol count greater than .20
- Average BAC is .17 ٠
- 73.8% of those arrested for DUI ٠ were male
- 52.8% of those arrested were single/never married
- 69.2% were first-time offenders



Michael Anthony, CRN Evaluator



Russell Bayne **CRN Evaluator** 



# AHSP/CRN

# **IGNITION INTERLOCK**





L-R: Steve Provenzale, Amy Taylor, and Bob Ando

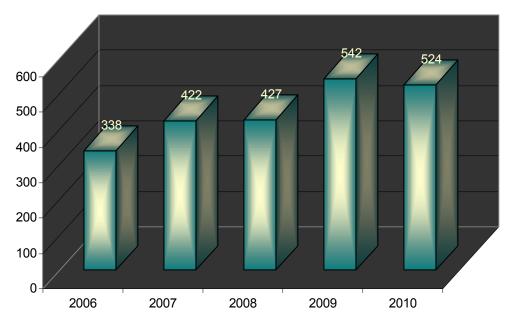
Since its inception in 2001, the Allegheny County Ignition Interlock Program has become a model program, earning the highest quality assurance rating from the State of Pennsylvania in 2010. The year brought a slight dip in installation numbers; 524 new units, down from the 542 installed in 2009. Even at this lower number of new installations, Allegheny County Ignition Interlock is the largest sole provider in the state.

Allegheny County Ignition Interlock has an onsight technician, office manager and probation officer, which allows offenders required to get an interlock installed to have all their provisional licensing requirements met in one place.

Ignition Interlock has proven to be an invaluable tool to both offenders and to the state. Offenders are able to legally drive and reap the benefits of behavior modification principles associated with ignition interlock, and they get one step closer to reinstating their unrestricted driving privileges. The state and its residents are all but guaranteed a sober driver on Commonwealth roads because there has not been one participant in Allegheny County arrested for DUI while involved in the ignition interlock program in the past six years.

Kathy Falkner is a Pretrial CRN Evaluator who works out of the Interlock Office





### **Total Interlock Installations**

AHSP/Ignition Interlock

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# SCHOOL PREVENTION/ **EDUCATION**



### Safety Bug

For the ninth year, Alcohol Highway Safety Program partnered with the Pennsylvania DUI Association to bring the Safety Bug to schools within 👔 Allegheny County. The Safety Bug continued to be a very popular learning experience for the



Pretrial Probation Officer Michael Stephenson sets up cones for the Safety Bug course. It is a task he performed many times that day.

students. The vehicle has been engineered to simulate driving under the influence by giving the from fees collected from DUI offenses. students a delayed reaction in their steering and braking, similar to what they would experience if they were actually driving under the influence. Baldwin-Whitehall, Pine Richland, Plum, North Allegheny, Penn Hills, Elizabeth-Forward, Moon, Gateway, Chartiers Valley, Steel Valley, Woodland Hills, South Allegheny and Hampton are among the schools that participated in the program during 2010.





**DUI Safety Simulator** 

The Safety Simulator at Gateway School District.

The DUI Safety Simulator is designed to promote highway safety. Like the Safety Bug, the simulator gives those who are licensed the opportunity to experience what it is like to drive a car under adverse conditions. Unlike the Safety Bug, the simulator also offers this opportunity to those who do not have drivers licenses, offering a valuable learning experience.

The Simulator program is sponsored by the Pennsylvania DUI Association and is paid for



Students from Sunnyside Elementary School express their thanks to Pam Wahal for her efforts.



# Fatal

# AWARENESS



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Ed Gerety interacts with students while addressing bullying, cyber bullying, and peer pressure.

On Wednesday, April 21, 2010, Allegheny County Pretrial Services hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fatal Awareness Conference at Robert Morris University in Moon Township. More than 300 students from area high schools were in attendance.



Hi Mom! I'm up on stage at Robert Morris University at a Fatal Awareness Conference, and I'm calling to say I **Iove you.** 

The 2010 conference keynote speaker was Ed Gerety. At age 22, Ed started and established his own business dedicated to helping others develop as leaders. Since that time, he has shared his powerful message in all 50 states, Canada and Europe. He is also the author and co-author of five books on the topics of leadership and personal development.

Officer Spagnoletti presenting a Teen Leadership award to Brashear High School.

Felicity Debacco-Erni from the Pennsylvania DUI Association, Officer Mike Spagnoletti from the Allegheny County Police Department, as well as Val Ketter and Lloyd



Woodward from Allegheny County Juvenile Probation, were presenters of the breakout sessions.

Officer Spagnoletti presented high-impact, informative Survival 101. Survival 101 is truly an eye opener to the students, showing real life examples of the dangers of distracted driving in addition to DUI.



Students watch Officer Spagnoletti's presentation, Survival 101.



# April 21, 2010

The Pennsylvania DUI Association presented their "U-Turn Campaign." Felicity Debacco-Erni spoke about the Commonwealth's attempts to reduce underage drinking and the issues that arise from underage drinking.



Student volunteers participate in a "aame show" as part of the DUI Association's U-Turn Campaian.

Officers Ketter and Woodward from Juvenile similar age. Probation presented "Don't be Haunted by your Choices." Volunteer juvenile offenders Each student in attendance was given a gift spoke candidly with the students about their own personal stories and how poor choices Steeler Radio Network, Club Zoo and several



Students relax and enjoy boxed lunches during a break.

have affected their lives and the lives of others around them. Each year, this presentation is our most requested because audience members relate better with the speakers of

Juvenile offenders wait to tell their stories. The young man related that he has no memories from his senior year of high school, which he told the attendees should have been one of the high points of his life.

bag with educational literature. This year the local businesses donated items that were used for door prizes and raffle winners.



"You're probably here today because you thought it would be an easy way to get out of class-to have a field trip. I got out of bed to come here because I care, because I don't want you to make the same mistakes I did."

# Sponsorships and PARTNERSHIPS



### **Students Against Destructive Decisions**



The annual Western Region SADD Conference was held on November 4. 2010 at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort. The theme this year was "Share the Message, Share the Future." There



Keynote Speaker Kara Filler

were over 400 students who attended the conference with 200 students coming from schools

life-changing presentation focused on dealing with peer pressure and avoiding negative risks such as drugs and alcohol. Her message of being "You-nique" touched many of the attendees. More than half of the 16-20 year-olds killed in crashes were not wearing seatbelts and 8 in 10 teens say that if a friend told them their driving behavior made them feel uncomfortable, they would listen.

#### **KDKA Driving Skills for Life**

L-R: Jim Lokay from KDKA, George Loeffelbein from Westfield Insurance, Pam Wahal and State Trooper Robin Mungo



Allegheny County Pretrial Services again partnered with KDKA for "Taking the Lead Ford Safe Driving Skills for Life" program. This program makes monthly visits to local schools for assemblies to make the students in attendance aware of the many dangers while driving a vehicle. Pretrial Services was represented by Pam Wahal who attended the assemblies and spoke with the ing and driving.

the event, and the keynote speaker for the con-participate in the program. Throughout the ference was Kara Filler. Kara spoke about the school year, nine schools and approximately



Students participate in "team building" exercises.

throughout Allegheny County. Allegheny County Pretrial Services paid the registration fee for the students about sobriety and the dangers of drink-200 Allegheny County students.

Comedian, Craig Tornguist, was the emcee for Students may register online to have their school immense personal tragedy in her own life; her 2,700 students took part in the assemblies. twin sister was tragically killed in a motor vehicle accident the day after they turned 18. Kara's

### **Safe Driving Competition**

On April 6, 2010, the First Annual Allegheny County Safe Driving Competition was held at the Pittsburah Technical Institute in Oakdale. Students from nine area high schools competed.

Three students from each school competed as a team and as individuals. The competition was designed to test three separate skills, driving skills, perceptual skills and knowledge of traffic safety.

Driving skills were demonstrated and tested in a controlled environment. The driving course was dangers of alcohol abuse and advised them set up in the parking lot at the Pittsburgh Technical Institute. The other two aspects of the tests Prevention Department supplied a variety of litwere administered in two separate classrooms.

The team representing Bethel Park High School won the team safe driving competition. Ross Bauer of Shaler placed first in the individual competition. Kaitlyn Conley of Bethel Park took second place and Ryah Gadson of McKeesport placed third.



Safe-Driving Competition Winners: Ryah Gadon (3rd), Kaitlyn Conley (2nd) and Ross Bauer (1st)

The competition was sponsored by Allegheny County Pretrial Services Department, Allegheny County Health Department, the PA DUI Associa- alcohol free" to schools. The NCEF provides tion and several other members comprising the school assemblies designed to entertain and Allegheny County Safe Driving Committee.

### Duquesne University Alcohol Awareness Day

On October 26, 2010, Prevention Coordinator Pam Wahal represented Pretrial Services for Duquesne University's Student Awareness Day. The event was hosted by Duquesne University and took place in the student union. The program was designed to bring in professionals from different institutions throughout Allegheny County to talk to students about alcohol awareness on college campuses. Pam spoke to students about the



Students visit the Pretrial Services table at Duquesne's Student Awareness Day.

about the penalties of underage drinking. The erature about the dangers of excessive drinking on college campuses.



National Character Education Foundation

After a successful first year, Pretrial Services again partnered with the National Character Education Foundation (NCEF) to promote the message, "Make the right choice, choose to be drug and

**Bob Holmes** demonstrates individual strength by standing alone against a volleyball team...or a school!



motivate students.



John Pritikin's message is to "never give up!"





### Pittsburgh Penguins/Consol Energy Center



2010 marked Pretrial Services' first-time partnership with the Pittsburgh Penguins. This partnership includes two designated driving booths at the newly built Consol Energy Center, home of the Penguins. Also included with this partnership is the Penguins poster series, advertisements in *iceTIME* magazine, quarterly publications and drug and alcohol public service announcements on the Penguins Radio Network.

A poster featuring Pittsburgh

Penguin Kris Letang on the ice, promotes AHSP's slogan, "Make the Right Choice, Choose to be Drug and Alcohol Free." Additionally, the poster invites participants to send a text for an opportunity to receive merchandise autographed by Letang. Ten thousand posters were printed and distributed to schools throughout Allegheny County.

The designated driving booths advance the slogan, "Make the right choice to be drug and alcohol free." Participants sign up at the



Fans line up at the Designated Driver Booth at the Consol Energy Center.

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booths agreeing to be the designated driver for the evening by not drinking alcohol. Individuals are given a bracelet that entitles the designated driver to one free soft drink for the evening. In addition each participant is entered into a drawing held at the end of the evening for a chance to win a bag filled with free items from the Penguin organization and drug and alcohol related literature.

This partnership enables Pretrial Services to reach a wide and diverse audience. In the first year, there were approximately 35,000 participants at the Consol Energy Center designated driver booths.

### **Clear Channel Radio**



With a great 2010 season and yet another trip to the Super Bowl, the Pittsburgh Steeler nation was an enormous target for Pretrial Services. Pretrial Services and Clear Channel Radio, the sole provider for the Steelers, once again had a very successful partnership. Steeler games can be heard on WDVE and on Fox Sports 970 a.m.

Pretrial Services Director Janice Dean was the voice behind the commercials that ran during all preseason, regular season and playoff games. The anti drinking and driving message was heard by over 500,000 people each game.

In addition to the Steelers Network, Pretrial Services ran prevention messages leading up to the five major DUI holidays. Statistics have shown that each year the five major DUI holidays are St. Patrick's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Halloween.

### **Designated Driving Booths**

### **Comcast Spotlight**



Pretrial Services hosted the designated driving booths this year at both the First Niagara Pavilion and at the Station Square Amphitheater. This was the ninth year for sponsoring the booth at the First Niagara Pavilion and the second year for the Station Square Amphitheater. Booths at these locations endorse and promote the concept of designated drivers. The sober driver is rewarded with a free soft drink or water for the evening. Literature regarding DUI Laws and other information relating to DUI's is provided at the booths.

Featured acts included Tim McGraw, Maroon Five, Jimmy Buffet, Brad Paisley, KISS, the Jonas Brothers, Bret Michaels, the Clarks, Heart and the Bamboozle road show. This is the second year Allegheny County Pretrial Services and Comcast collaborated to broadcast the anti alcohol and drug message by use of television.

The segment aired locally and was very popular. "Our Kids, Our Voices" featured the slogan "Make the Right Choice, Choose to be Drug and Alcohol Free," and was created with young, volunteer "actors" and filmed at a local park.

Comcast Spotlight ran the segment locally on stations that target the appropriate age groups, i.e., MTV, VH1, Nickelodeon, Family Channel, Cartoon Network, Spike TV and Animal Planet. The anti drug and alcohol message was delivered to over 860,000 homes throughout Allegheny County. This project was funded solely by fees collected from DUI offenders



Tyra Hinton, Natalie Dean, Zack Wahal, Grace Dean and Brian Miller volunteered their time to film the Comcast segments.









The Alcohol Highway Safety Program strives each year to reach as many people as possible with our message about the risks of drinking and Pretrial Services has created a new driving. partnership with the Pittsburgh Penguins and continues to look for new and effective ways of getting the anti drug and alcohol message to the citizens of Allegheny County in the most cost effective manner. Prevention campaigns are entirely funded by fees collected from DUI offenders and are provided at no cost to residents of Allegheny County.



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