

2011

Annual Report

Progression

Our Current Destination



5th Judicial District of Pennsylvania

PRETRIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT



pro gres sion: prə'ɡresn / **noun**
the act of progressing; forward or on-
ward movement.
the process of developing gradually from
one stage or state to another.





The Mission of the Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania Pretrial Services 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 to administering services
- ◇ Service to the court is performed with the highest professional and ethical standards



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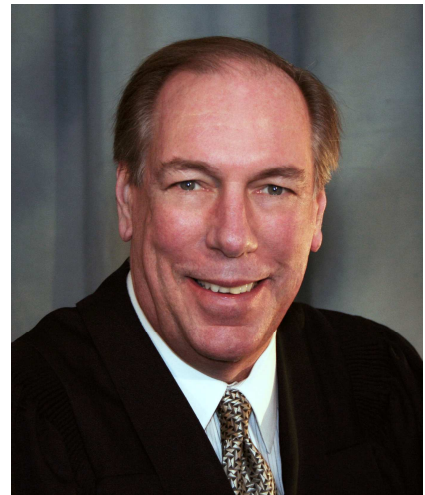
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Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania Criminal Division



Honorable Donna Jo McDaniel
President Judge



Honorable Jeffrey A. Manning
Administrative Judge



Helen M. Lynch, Esquire
Criminal Division Administrator



Raymond L. Billotte
District Court Administrator



Janice Radovick-Dean
Director

As I look back on the progress the Pretrial Department has made over the last three years, I am very proud and astounded at what we were able to accomplish in such a short period of time. We realize that there is much more to do, but celebrating the progress we have made thus far is vital. The culture change amongst pretrial staff, court personnel and criminal justice partners is nothing short of amazing in a system that functioned virtually unchanged since 1972. We continue to count on and appreciate the support from President Judge Donna Jo

McDaniel, Administrative Judge Jeffrey A. Manning, District Court Administrator Raymond L. Billotte, and Criminal Court Administrator Helen M. Lynch, Esquire. Without their ongoing support and guidance, the progress we have made, and continue to make, would have been impossible.



Director's Report

Pretrial Services' four units, Bail, ARD, Behavior Assessment and Alcohol Highway Safety, have continued to develop and enhance services throughout 2011. Pretrial Services continues to be recognized as a model pretrial program both locally and nationally. We are fortunate to have an incredibly strong and talented group of men and women who are dedicated to the mission and goal of the Fifth Judicial District and Pretrial Services.

As we look to move forward, Pretrial Services will build on the current successes by continuing to refine and expand services provided by each of our Units. A special focus for the future will be to expand Bail Investigative Services to municipalities and to enhance our current prevention efforts through the Alcohol Highway Safety Program. In pursuing these objectives, we will continue to collaborate with justice system partners and to prepare staff to respond effectively to the additional demands.

Janice Radovick Dean, Director



Paul D. Larkin
Deputy Director

Moving Up, Moving On
In 2011, Paul D. Larkin was appointed Deputy Director of Pretrial Services. Paul's many years as the senior member of the Court Liaison Unit will benefit the entire agency. Also in 2011, Christopher J. Shanley was promoted to supervisor of the Alcohol Highway Safety Program.

Chris has worked in the DUI field for more than ten years.

Bail Investigators Kelli Terri and Kevin Dell both accepted officer positions with Allegheny County Adult Probation. Pretrial Probation Officer Brian Capello transferred from Pretrial Services to Adult Probation's electronic monitoring unit.

Chris Shanley



Region Four DUI Meeting/Training

On August 18, 2011, Allegheny County Pretrial Services hosted a DUI training for Region IV members of the PA DUI Association. The training began with a presentation by Jean Coyne and Karen Cordaro of Mercy Behavioral Health. The presentation, *Thinking For a Change*, was an exploration into Cognitive Behavioral Thinking (CBT), how DUI offenders are most likely to succeed based on this school of thought. Both Jean and Karen facilitate CBT groups for inmates at the Allegheny County Jail.

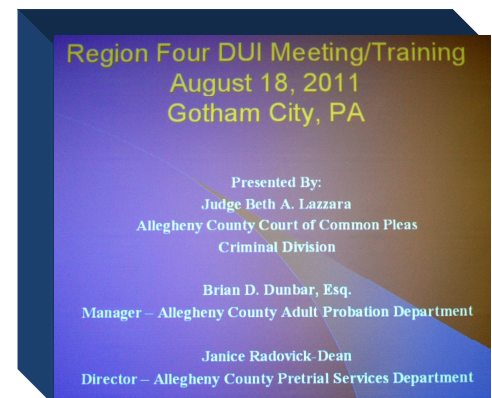


Hon. Beth Lazzara, Janice Dean, and Brian Dunbar discuss the evolution of the Alternative to Jail Program.

Honorable Beth Lazzara, Pretrial Director Janice Dean and Brian Dunbar, a manager from Adult Probation, presented the implementation of the DUI Alternative to Jail. The group collectively gave a presentation about how an idea from Ohio came to fruition in Allegheny County. Judge Lazzara spoke about how she used the DUI Alternative to Jail as a sentencing option.

Carl McKee, Chief Probation Officer in Warren County, gave legislative updates on new DUI laws and pending legislation.

Finally, C. Stefan Erni, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania DUI Association, traveled to Allegheny County from Harrisburg to conduct the quarterly Region IV meeting. Mr. Erni explained the ramifications of Senate Bill 1184, which is pending legislation requiring first time DUI offenders to have an approved ignition interlock device installed on their vehicle for a period of time.



C. Stefan Erni
Executive Director
PA DUI Association



Reaching out in a new direction

Early in 2011, Pretrial Services' Director Janice Dean and Supervisor Chris Shanley were invited to speak to students at West View Elementary School about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. More than 100 students filled the auditorium to hear about the dangers of early alcohol use and the dangers of drugs. The students asked a wide range of questions about the dangers of smoking, drinking and the causes of addiction. It was informative to the presenters to see how knowledgeable fifth graders were about the subject matter. The presentation was well received and plans to continue it in 2012 are in progress.



Bail Services Unit



Marilyn Lahood, Supervisor

Bail Services, the largest unit within Pretrial Services, consists of investigations, court liaison and supervision. Direct supervision of the unit is shared among two supervisors and a manager. The Developmental Change Committee continued to meet this year to address Bail Unit specific issues and problems. This committee consists of Bail Unit employees who meet to discuss current practices and procedures, and to look for ways to improve and expand current services. This group is an essential step to successfully implement changes made within the department.



Top: Barry Crable, Anthony Riccelli, Timothy Orcharzak Front: Joshua Mollica, Marilyn Lahood. Not pictured: Jody Reola, Kelly Zupich, Steve Orbin and Marcus Englert and Christopher Boyko.

Investigations-Allegheny County Jail

The twelve Bail Investigators assigned to the Allegheny County Jail are an integral part of the processing of defendants entering the jail on new charges and on Common Pleas bench warrants. This unit investigated 19,800 cases in 2011.

16,394 recommendations for bond on new arrest cases, 510 bond modifications and 3,406 bond forfeiture bench warrant cases were completed. Bail Services continued to use the validated risk assessment tool for bail recommendations. The non-monetary condition of supervision ordered by the court had a positive impact on the

number of failure to appear cases the unit presented in Motions Court. The number of bench warrants presented to the court decreased 16.5 percent from 2010.



Lori Koska

This team, providing 24/7, 365 days-a-year coverage, produces quality investigations in a short period of time. 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 for a pretrial interview is time stamped via the computer tracking system, which is done in each step of the pre-arraignment process. The Bail Unit promptly and efficiently processed defendants to the pre-arraignment area. All of the unit's 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 first appearance in the courts of the Fifth Judicial District.



Colleen Sypolt



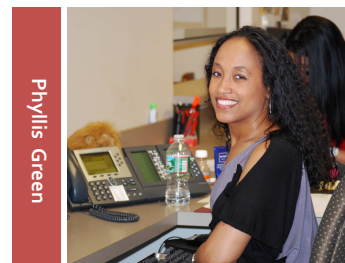
April Houston

Overriding the risk assessment tool is a nationally accepted practice, and an acceptable percentage for overrides is under 15 percent. Overrides can either raise or lower the risk assessment score based on designated criteria approved by the court. Pretrial



Robert Henry

Overrides				
	Domestic Violence Stipulations	Overrides	Total Overrides	Percentage
2011	611	2,314	2,925	11.17%
2010	582	1,896	2,478	9.71%
2009	534	1,973	2,507	9.75%
2008	*	*	2753	12.47%



Phyllis Green



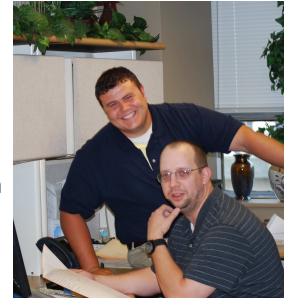
New Arrests

2011	16,394	2% Decrease
2010	16,717	4% Decrease
2009	17,249	3.1% Decrease

Services' bail investigators are required to obtain supervisory approval before any override of the risk assessment score can be submitted to the court.

Victim safety, weighed against the rights of the accused in raising the risk score, is a supervisory decision and is made with information from the affidavit of probable cause, verified criminal history and pro social factors.

Conversely, when requesting supervisory approval to lower the risk score, factors such as the defendant not having been the primary aggressor and/or the self-surrendered of the defendant are considered.



Garrett Larkin, Chris Boyko

Bench Warrants

2011	2,410	18% Decrease
2010	2,846	4.6% Decrease
2009	2,978	22% Decrease

Bail Court Liaison Unit

Staffing for the Court Liaison Unit consists of three full time Bail Investigators, one full time administrative assistant, and the part time use of three Bail Investigators.

The team is responsible for creating the video conferencing list and self surrender list of cases to be presented before the assigned Criminal Court Motions Judge. The lists consists of defendants lodged in the jail or self surrendered to the Pretrial office on bench warrants and bail modifications. Video conferencing from the institution to the courtroom is used for all motions hearings where the



The 2011 Court Liaison Unit (R-L): Dan Trbovich, Lindsay Black, Debbie Puc and Mike Napolitano in 2011.

Motion Results Based on Number of Cases

	Pretrial Hearing	Formal Arraignment	Pretrial Conference	Trial	Sentencing	ARD	MOD	NEI	TOTAL
2007	203	1,276	575	949	18	58	615	437	4,131
2008	766	948	520	1,009	6	48	700	412	4,409
2009	736	876	574	787	2	59	740	425	4,199
2010	824	723	461	1,092	1	41	653	284	4,079
2011	748	619	394	1,038	1	44	510	52	3,406

Walk-In Reinstatement

	Bond Forfeiture	NEI
2011	661	10
2010	715	37
2009	670	44

Allegheny County Jail Video Conferencing

	Bond Forfeiture	NEI	Modification
2011	1,852	94	379
2010	2,240	247	498
2009	2,243	400	525



defendant is lodged in the jail. Representatives of the District Attorney's Office and Public Defender's Office or private counsel are present at the motions hearings daily.

The Court Liaison team receives all Bond Review Requests (BRR) received from any attorney requesting an administrative review of bail by Pretrial Services. Bail review requests are processed within seventy- two hours of receipt of the request. The Court Liaison Team responds by agreeing with the modification request and scheduling a hearing or by disagreeing with the bond modification request pursuant to All.C.R.Crim. P. Rule 529. Upon notification of a denial of a BRR, an attorney files a formal petition for a bail modification in the Criminal Department of Court Records. The Court Liaison team will present the preliminary order to the motions judge. If the judge approves the preliminary order, the Bail Unit will schedule a hearing date after conferring with the attorney of record and the District Attorney's Office.

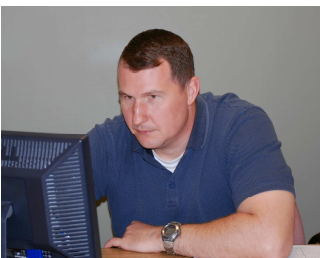
Pretrial Probation Officers



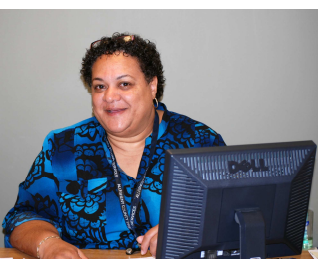
Joel Reisz



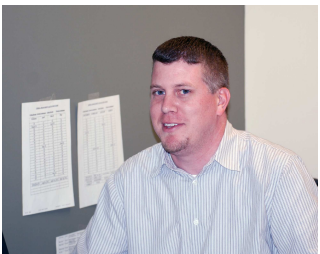
Keri Stupka



Michael Stephenson



Debra Jefferson



Shane Scott

Pretrial Supervision Unit

The need for an alternative to detaining individuals arrested and charged with minor or first-time offenses came to the forefront of attention during the 1960s. It was during this time period that those working in release programs noticed that many offenders who had been arrested, charged, and not initially released continued to recycle through the process. It was the belief that if programs could be developed that specifically addressed the causes of arrest, recidivism could be reduced. The primary functions of Bail Supervision Unit officers are to support public safety and to ensure defendants appear for all scheduled court hearings and abide by all bail conditions. Pretrial supervision conditions ordered by either Magisterial District Judges or Common Pleas Judges are monitored and enforced hoping to address the underlying criminality issues of defendants so they do not return to the criminal justice system. In 2011 the unit supervised 3,659 defendants, of which 1,052 were low supervision and 2,607 were medium supervision. Low supervision offenders phone in to the office, and medium supervision offenders are required to report in person to the Pretrial Services office.

Pretrial Electronic Monitoring

Since 2001, Pretrial Electronic Monitoring has been a viable condition of bail in Allegheny County. High-risk defendants receive the most intense supervision through a coordinated effort between Pretrial Services and Adult Probation. During 2011, the Electronic Monitoring Department for Allegheny County was tasked with reducing the electronic monitoring population. The waiting list for intermediate punishment had reached nearly 900. Pretrial Electronic monitoring was not exempt; it too had a reduction in population. While Pretrial Electronic Monitoring cases tend to be the highest risk bail cases and the highest risk defendants on electronic monitoring, a successful completion rate of 86 percent was maintained.



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lternative Housing

Pretrial Services continued to work with the Allegheny County Jail to assist in the transfer of defendants to alternative housing programs. The procedure applies to defendants unable to post bond or who have active probation detainers. Approval for placement is required from the Allegheny County Jail and Alternative Housing prior to submission for court approval. This collaborative practice assures that the court is aware, and judges agree with, alternative housing placements. This also expedites the placement of defendants into programs to address issues relating to criminality and breaking the cycle of recidivism.



ALTERNATIVE HOUSING ORDERS APPROVED

2009	92
2010	82
2011	181

Marsha Hinton



P

opulation Control Coordinator

As Pretrial Services Population Control Coordinator, Marsha Hinton screens and reviews cases with *bond-holds only* in the Allegheny County Jail. This is a key element for model pretrial programs; to revisit those defendants who remain detained on a pretrial bond only for consideration of bond modification. When appropriate, Ms. Hinton assists with the transfer of defendants to alternate housing or to other facilities to reduce jail population.

In 2011, 255 cases were presented to motions court for reconsideration of bond based on the pretrial assessment recommendation. This was an 18 percent increase over the number of cases submitted last year. Seventy-four (74) referrals to alternative housing were made for eligible defendants, and 13 pretrial electronic monitoring interviews were conducted.

Ms. Hinton continued to expand contacts in the community and to work cooperatively within the court system and with jail staff to aid in the reduction of the pretrial jail population.



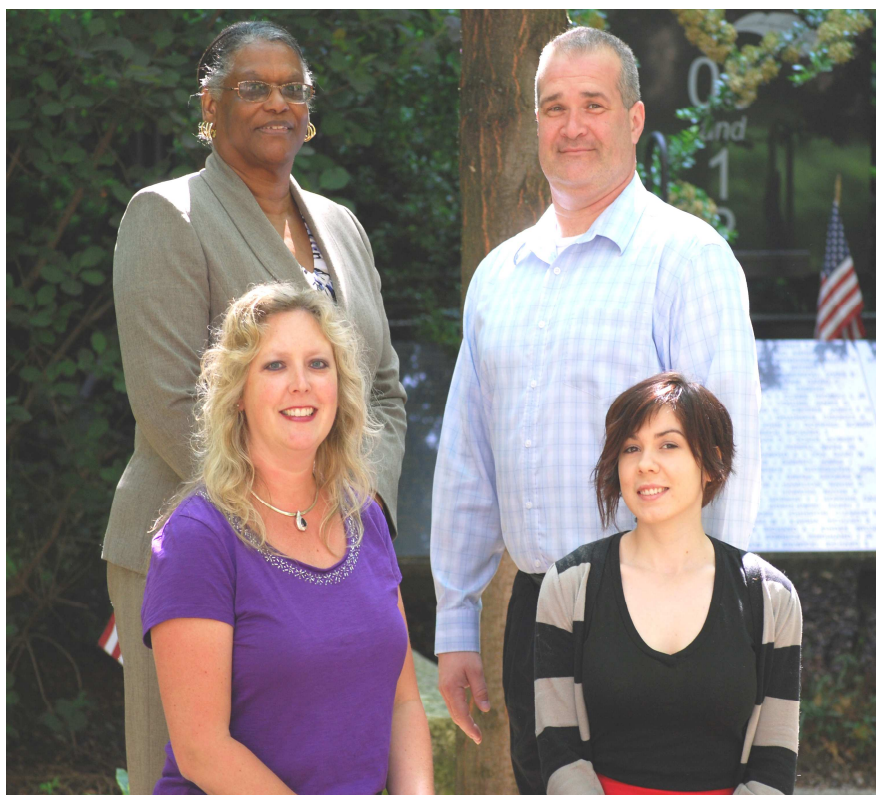
Developmental Change Committee: From Left: Jody Reola, Barry Crable, Keri Stupka, Joel Reisz, Marilyn Lahood (back), Debra Jefferson, Janice Dean



Behavior Assessment Unit

Pretrial Behavior Assess- ment

Unit (BAU) handles an ever expanding population in need of competency evaluations. Under the supervision of Gearldean Young, the BAU currently consists of a professional staff of Chief Psychiatrist, Dr. Christine Martone, M.D., three additional psychiatrists and a fellow from Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic. The BAU also employs a full time social worker and two clerical transcriptionists.



Back L-R: Supervisor Gearldean Young, Richard Painter

Front: L-R: Koraleigh Gritz, Brianna Stauffer

In 2011, the four doctors and one fellow completed 1,300 competency evaluations on defendants in the Allegheny County Jail. An additional 95 competency evaluations were completed on defendants who were released from the Allegheny County Jail on bond. In total, 1,395 evaluations were completed in 2011, 48 more than in 2010. Under the guidelines of the Mental Health Procedures Act of 1976, 125 defendants were committed to Torrance State Hospital.

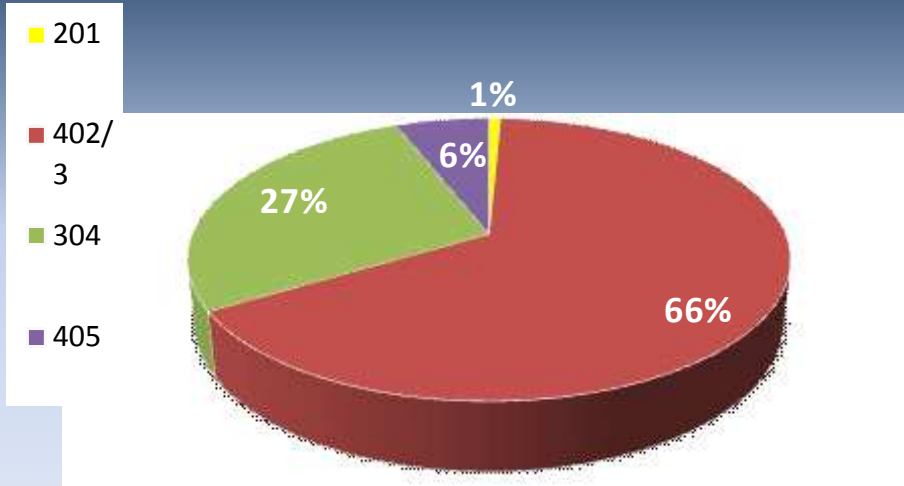
Dr. Martone, Chief Psychiatrist, testifies before the court at all commitment hearings. Dr. Martone also reevaluates defendants awaiting commitment whom she did not originally assess.

In addition to determining competency, the BAU doctors also assist with making recommendations regarding bond conditions. If, during the competency interview, the doctor believes there may be an underlying drug or alcohol problem or mental health issue, they can express that concern to the Bail Court Liaison Unit.

In 2011, a homicide case study was completed by Chief Psychiatrist Christine Martone and other psychiatrists affiliated with the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, with social worker Koraleigh Gritz assisting the doctors in their research of the individual cases. Dr. Martone will be presenting her findings at a symposium in London, England in March 2012.



Percentage of Commitments by Type



Gearldean Young
Manager

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL
Martone, Christine, MD	29	28	34	31	40	41	44	58	27	43	58	29	462
Beadles, Barbara, MD	26	40	37	62	50	63	31	46	37	39	24	29	484
Reich, Manual, MD	10	13	8	6	24	13	31	16	28	21	8	14	192
Dellone, Cecelia, MD	4	10	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Ligas, Adam	5	24	19	31	25	32	0	0	0	4	0	0	140
Soliman, Laila	0	0	0	0	5	12	0	0	4	2	2	0	25
Savatte, Sal, MD	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Harun, Evicman, MD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	19	20	24	65
TOTAL	84	115	104	130	144	161	106	120	98	128	112	96	1,398





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ccelerated Rehabilitative Disposition

ARD



Girard Hildenbrand
Supervisor

Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD) is a pretrial diversion program for first time, non-violent offenders where the offender can have the criminal charges against them dismissed and their criminal arrest record expunged after successful completion of court ordered stipulations and remaining arrest-free for the probation period. The program is a joint effort between the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office and Pretrial Services. Pretrial Services ARD officers are responsible for supervising, monitoring compliance and submission of violations for defendants in the program. In 2011, 2,946 offenders were placed on ARD Probation, a decrease from 3,446 in 2010. Of all the offenders entering the ARD Program this year, 88 percent were charged with DUI, the other 12 percent consisted of ARD eligible non-DUI offenses.

Successful completion of the ARD program requires each offender to complete all court ordered conditions including payment of all restitution and associated costs. DUI offenders, by statute and as a condition, must complete an Alcohol Highway Safe Driving Program while non-DUI offenders, by condition, typically complete community service. In 2011, offenders completed 38,197 community service hours through various nonprofit organizations.



L-R: Probation Officers Timothy Dugan, Kristen Fesenmyer, Supervisor Girard Hildenbrand, Probation Officers Maureen Buckley, Joseph Volkay, and Matthew Mullen



	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
ARD Entrants	2,946	3,446	3693	3,311	3,178
Successful	3,517	3,502	3,212	3,004	2,783
Revoked	378	374	318	125	92
Success Rate	93%	92.20%	90.30%	96.10%	96.50%
Violation Reports Submitted	1,570	1,525	1,612	1,748	1,853
Interest Closed by the Court	120	120	97	114	376
Warrants Issued	354	311	337	350	490
Death	29	38	27	28	29
Community Service Completed	38,197	30,792	37,471	39,250	37,725
Community Service Assigned by District Attorney	37,450	44,180	40,775		
Early Dismissal	117	43			
Readmitted after Revocation	132	86			
Delayed Revocations	608				
Administrative Revocations	313				

Currently, there are five probation officers assigned to the ARD unit who supervise approximately 4,000 offenders. With the majority of offenders being DUI related, the ARD unit works very closely with the four Regional Alcohol Programs for completion of the Alcohol Highway Safety Program and the Drug and Alcohol stipulations.

The ARD unit continues to work closely with the District Attorney's Office and the court in regard to offenders who are subject to revocation. In 2011, the ARD unit submitted violation reports to the court on 1,570 offenders, many of whom came into compliance prior to their revocation hearing. ARD Probation Officers also verified compliance for offenders seeking early termination of the ARD Program and for offenders seeking to be readmitted to the ARD Program.

Revocations from the ARD Program increased in 2011 and are attributed to the delayed revocation procedure instituted by the court in 2009. This year an analysis was done of the delayed revocation procedure. The court ordered 608 Delayed Revocations terms as a result of non-compliance, which culminated in 313 administrative revocations. Of the 313 administrative revocations, 132 offenders completed their original conditions and were readmitted to the ARD program prior to their case proceeding to trial. Statistically, 70.2 percent of the offenders given a final chance to complete the ARD Program were successful.

The ARD Program gives first-time, non-violent offenders the opportunity to move past their infractions while realizing the significance of their mistakes.



L-R: Chris Shanley, Pam Wahal and Bridget Keenan of the Alcohol Highway Safety Program



Alcohol Highway Safety Program

Law Enforcement Seminar

Pretrial Services sponsored the Law Enforcement Seminar at the Army Support Facility in Moon Township on June 17, 2011. More than 100 police officers and law enforcement personnel attended the conference where a wide variety of topics were presented.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Law Enforcement Liaison John Coyle spoke about how NHTSA looks at crash and traffic flow data to police more effectively and efficiently. Max Little, Esquire, from the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association presented case law updates. Sgt. Daniel Connelly From the Pittsburgh Police Department spoke about fatal crash reconstructions and what is necessary to complete a thorough investigation. George Geisler, a drug recognition expert from the Pennsylvania DUI Association, presented new tactics and theories involving DUI's involving drugs, and about new synthetic drugs that have made their way into Pennsylvania. Captain Pat Gebhart from the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement spoke about liquor control enforcement and the ramifications establishments face when cited.

DUI Coordinator's Conference

On June 9th and 10th, 2011, the DUI Coordinators Conference was held in State College. Pennsylvania DUI Association Executive Director C. Stefan Erni conducted the two-day meeting, a majority of which was spent updating the coordinators on Senate Bill 1184. If passed, proposed Senate Bill 1184 would order ignition interlock devices on first time DUI offenders' vehicles. Carl McKee, Chief Probation Officer from Warren County presented other upcoming pending legislation.

	Alternatives	Mercy Behavioral Health	Mon Yough	Western Psychiatric Institute & Clinic	Total
Safe Driving Classes	1,728	824	626	1,114	4,292
DUI Treatment Group	262	126	143	139	670
Intermediate Punishment Group Counseling	209	224	204	249	886
Assessments	450	75	1,475	275	2,275
Total	2,649	1,249	2,448	1,777	8,123

Caitlin Calhoun





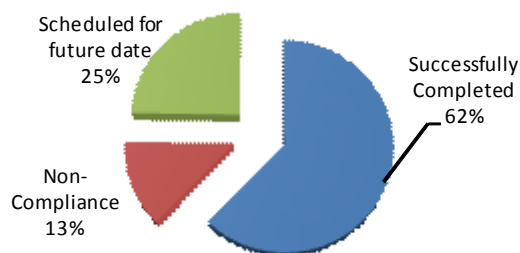
DUI

Alternative
to Jail
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.

2011 marked the first full year of operation for the DUI Alternative to Jail Program. The program was started in 2010 to eliminate the backlog of offenders waiting to be placed on house arrest for a first-offense DUI. In 2011, the Holiday Inn Express in West Mifflin was used for the pilot program. Due to the positive response, in late 2011, Pretrial Services entered into an agreement with the Residence Inn by Marriott in Oakland. Both hotels will be utilized in 2012 based on need. In late 2011, Administrative Judge Jeffrey Manning opened the "hotel" as a sentencing option for all Common Pleas Court judges. Based on the success of the program, Pretrial Services hired a program coordinator, a program monitor, and a part-time monitor.

DUI Alternative to Jail Program



The Alternative to Jail Program Staff Includes Program Coordinator Wendy Feldmeier (center), James Trozzi, full-time program monitor and Kayla Younge, part-time program monitor.



The average house arrest sentence for a first-time DUI offender was five days. Currently, any offender who is sentenced to the DUI Alternative to Jail Program will spend four days at one of the contracted hotels and will be provided with an intense treatment experience. Each offender will complete twelve and one-half hours of Alcohol Highway Safety School and twelve hours of Intermediate Punishment Group during their stay at the hotel. Offenders will receive the benefit of hearing from speakers from Alcoholics Anonymous. Research suggests this type of intense treatment is more beneficial to a first-time offender than conventional treatment, which can last up to ten weeks. Offenders are required to pay \$500 for double occupancy or \$850 for single occupancy. These costs cover rooms, food, materials and instructors. This program is funded entirely by participants, and there are no underlying costs to the county.

In 2011, there were 480 offenders sentenced to the program, with 299 offenders successfully completing, 63 in noncompliance and in the violation process, and 119 scheduled or waiting to be scheduled for a future date.



Michael Anthony



Russell Bayne



Kathy Falkner

CRN

The DUI Offender:

- ◇ 73.1% are male.
- ◇ On average is 35 years of age.
- ◇ More than half—55.4% are single and have never been married.
- ◇ 89.7% were employed at the time of arrest
- ◇ 48% were arrested on a weekend
- ◇ 57% were arrested between 12 midnight and 4 a.m.
- ◇ Average BAC 0.17
- ◇ 17.4% also use marijuana
- ◇ 12.2% also use prescription antidepressants, the most common prescribed medication.



Suzanne Skidmore
Supervisor

Reason Stopped by Police

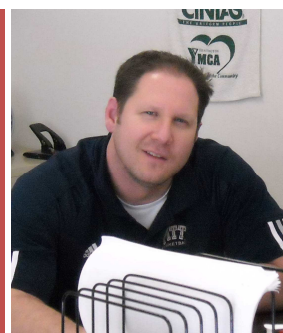
Vehicle Violation	311
Weaving	1,083
Moving Violation	1,344
Crash	1,286
Other	1,277



Ignition Interlock

Ignition Interlock celebrated its tenth year anniversary in 2011. Installations rose to 552, a new high from 542 in 2009, after a drop to 524 in 2010. The State of Pennsylvania Quality Assurance Program again awarded the program with the highest possible rating in 2011.

Robert Ando



The program has one full-time technician, a program coordinator, one full time and one part time probation officer onsite. This comprehensiveness offers the client all the needed services at one location; it is the ability to complete all necessary steps at one location that makes customers routinely give the highest ratings.



Amy Taylor

Ignition interlock brings the offender one step closer to reinstating their unrestricted driving privilege and utilizes behavior modification techniques. It has proven an invaluable tool to both the offender and the state. The state and its residents are all but guaranteed a sober driver on the commonwealth's roads. In the past seven years, not one participant has been arrested for DUI while being involved in the program.

Steve Provenzale





School Prevention/Education



Safety Bug

For the tenth year, Pretrial Services partnered with the Pennsylvania DUI Association to bring the Safety Bug to Allegheny County's high schools. The program is very well received by both students and the faculty and administration. The Safety Bug has the capability of imitating delayed reaction time in steering and braking to simulate the delayed reaction time that occurs under the influence of alcohol. Any student wishing to drive must show a valid driver's license to operate the vehicle. Students who do not have their licenses are permitted to ride in the back seat and are given the opportunity to wear fatal vision goggles to see what it is like to be impaired in a vehicle. Pretrial Services also works with local law enforcement to bring officers to the location



Safety Bug at Thomas Jefferson High School.



The Bug visits Baldwin/Whitehall High School.

to administer and explain field sobriety tests. Probation officers also may be present to speak to the students about underage drinking and the DUI law. Steel Valley, Deer Lakes, Cornell, North Allegheny, Baldwin/Whitehall, West Jefferson Hills and Highlands are some of the school districts that Pretrial Services brought the Safety Bug to in 2011.



Safety Simulator

The DUI Safety Simulator is located in a trailer and is designed to simulate the front seat of an automobile. Unlike the Safety Bug, the students do not need to have a driver's license to operate the simulator. This is an excellent way to allow students who are getting ready to drive a little hands-on experience. The students begin "driving" on a simulated road in good conditions. The simulator operator then alters the driver's reaction times and forces the driver to make split-second decisions. Students will experience delayed reaction to their braking and steering as if they were under the influence. Many students and administrators believe the Safety Simulator is a valuable learning experience.



The DUI Association's new Simulator pays a visit to Bethel Park Senior High School.

National Character Education Foundation

Pretrial Services again partnered with the National Character Education Foundation (NCEF) for a successful second year to spread the message, "Make the right choice, choose to be drug and alcohol free" to school students throughout Allegheny County. The NCEF provides school assemblies designed to educate, entertain and motivate students to remain drug free by making the right choice.



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AWARENESS

Pretrial Services hosted and sponsored more than 300 students from 15 Allegheny County high schools for the 8th Annual Fatal Awareness Conference held on May 16, 2011 at Robert Morris University. The keynote presentation of the 2011 Fatal Awareness Conference was like nothing done before in the history of the conference. Mobile Cinema Park, a mobile movie theater, showed a three-part presentation, "Addicted to Life." For the first part of the presentation, each student was supplied with 3-D glasses for an interactive, three-dimensional look at the brain and how it reacts under the influence of drugs and alcohol. The second part of the presentation was a look at the illegal drug industry and shed valuable light on just how big an industry illegal drugs are. The final part of the presentation featured an emotional look at how parents feel when they discover their child has overdosed.

Allegheny County Police Officer Mike Spagnoletti presented Survival 101. Survival 101 is designed to inform newer, inexperienced drivers just how dangerous driving is. Officer Spagnoletti not only talks about the dangers, he shows the dangers—through crash pictures that are real life and shocking. Officer Spagnoletti has compiled hundreds of these photos throughout his years of experience as a police officer.

"Don't be Haunted by Your Choices" is a real life breakout session that literally keeps the students in attendance on the edge of their seats. Juvenile Probation Officers Lloyd Woodward and Val Ketter bring "life stories" with them; former juvenile offenders who talk about how addiction, getting into trouble, underage drinking and making bad decisions has affected their lives. Each offender takes pride in the fact they are now drug and alcohol free; they want to share their experiences. They speak honestly about their recoveries and how hard it is.



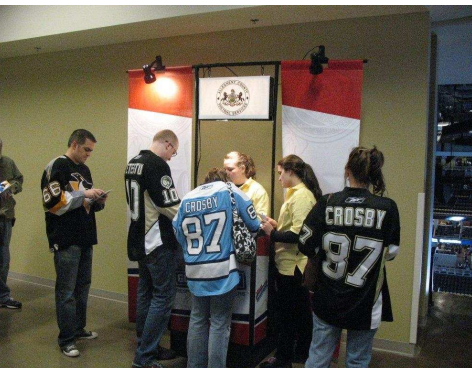
Pittsburgh Penguins

Pretrial Services and the Pittsburgh Penguins again partnered together in 2011 with Pretrial Services sponsoring two Designated Driver Booths for every home Pens game. Along with the Designated Driver booth, Pretrial Services published it's "Make the Right Choice, Choose to be Drug and Alcohol Free" message in every *iceTIME Magazine* and in the Penguins' quarterly *Entertainment Guide*. Finally, the anti-drinking and driving public service announcements were aired during every hockey game and on 105.9, WXDZ.

In 2011, NHL and Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management (TEAM) recognized the Pittsburgh Penguins and the Designated Driver Booth with the presentation of the Second Place Award for a highly successful Designated Driver Booth. Over the course of the 2011-2012 season, 13,726 individuals signed up and took the pledge to be designated drivers, approximately 300 designated drivers each game! Signing up to be a designated driver entitles participants to a free soft drink and to be eligible to receive prizes from the "Pens."

New in 2011, Penguin Defenseman Kris Letang recorded a 30-second public service announcement (PSA) about the dangers of drinking and driving, urging listeners to "Make the Right Choice - Choose to be Drug and Alcohol Free." The PSA ran during every home Penguins game.

In continuing its partnership with the Pittsburgh Penguins, the "Make the Right Choice - Choose to be Drug and Alcohol Free" message was seen by more than three million people.





Clear Channel Radio

2012 was another enjoyable year of partnership between Allegheny Pretrial Services and Clear Channel Radio. Pretrial Services' "Make the Right Choice" message could be heard several times a week across various Clear Channel radio stations. Clear Channel remained the sole provider for the Pittsburgh Steelers, with public service messages that aired during each Steeler game being heard by over 500,000 people. In addition to the Steeler games, the "Make the Right Choice" message was aired on ESPN 970, The Black and Gold Insider show, Countdown to Kickoff, The Insider View and on 102.5 WDVE's Chalk Talk.

In addition, Pretrial Services partnered with Clear Channel to run the "Make the Right Choice—Don't Drink and Drive" message for the five major holidays that have historically seen the most DUI arrests. Statistics show that St. Patrick's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Halloween and Thanksgiving are the holidays that comprise that list.

Students against Destructive Decisions

The annual Western Region SADD Conference was held on October 31, 2011, at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort. The theme this year was "SADD Super Heroes." There were more than 400 students who attended the conference, 200 of whom came from schools in Allegheny County and whose registration fee was paid for by Pretrial Services.

Comedian Craig Tornquist was the emcee for the event and the keynote speaker was Harriet Turk. The theme of Harriet's speech was "Deal with It." Her dynamic program, combined with humor and a thought-provoking message, demonstrated that everyone can achieve their dream. Harriett did not give participants the unrealistic hope that just because "we dream it," we automatically achieve it, however. By reinforcing the concept that we all possess personal power, participants learned that they are in charge of their choices, but they don't always get to choose their consequences. Harriet led participants in a "Get real and go for it" journey. Believing in themselves, developing character and living a balanced life are very important concepts. This "take charge" program provided inspiration and energy to all who attended.

In addition to the keynote speaker, the students also had an opportunity to attend smaller breakout sessions. The breakout sessions ranged in topics from: Your Toolkit for National Youth Traffic Safety, Who Wants to be a Safe Driver, and the Pennsylvania National Guard offered a team-building and leadership exercise. The conference ended with a personal story of a father who lost his son due to DUI.

Comcast

For the third consecutive year, Pretrial Services and Comcast partnered to reach over 860,000 homes throughout Allegheny County. Public service announcements urging viewers to "Make the Right Choice, Choose to be Drug and Alcohol Free," were run on Comcast TV stations targeting the appropriate age groups, i.e., MTV, VH1, Nickelodeon, Family Channel, Cartoon Network, Spike TV and Animal Planet. The segments were taped in local parks and featured young volunteer "actors" spreading the "make the right choice" message. This project was solely funded by fees collected from DUI offenders.

Team Building Activities teach students who don't know each other how to work together.





KDKA Safe Driving Skills for Life

For a third consecutive year, Allegheny County Pretrial Services partnered with KDKA, Ford Motor Company, Westfield Insurance and the Governor's Highway Safety program with the "Taking the Lead Safe Driving Skills for Life" program. Local area high schools were able to go online to register their school to have a "Driving Skills for Life" assembly. Once a month the assembly is brought to a different local



Jim Lokay from KDKA emcees the program at Seton LaSalle High School .

school to bring awareness of the many dangers of driving. The program is emceed by one of the KDKA TV personalities and each person on the panel speaks to the students about different issues involving their specific areas of expertise. Prevention Coordinator Pam Wahal attends on behalf of Pretrial Services and talks to the students about the importance of sobriety and the dangers of drinking and driving. Pennsylvania State Trooper Robin Mungo and John Schuldts from Ford Motor Company attend regularly. Afterwards, the students watch a video explaining necessary driving skills, and the last part of the assembly is a question/answer segment where any student can address a question to any member of the panel. Each year, the "Driving Skills for Life" assembly is brought to nine local schools with more than 2,700 students attending in 2011. Upon conclusion of the assemblies, the students are asked to log onto the Safe Driving website, answer a few questions about the assembly and to register their school. The



L-R: John Schuldts, George Loeffelbein, Pam Wahal and State Trooper Robin Mungo



Safe Driving Competition

school with the most entries, in 2011 this was Seneca Valley High School, wins \$3,000.

In addition to the assemblies, on February 1, 2011, Pretrial Services and our partners took part in the KDKA "Ask the Expert Day," which aired on KDKA TV from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Viewers were asked to call in and ask questions regarding issues related to driving. Chris Shanley, supervisor of Alcohol Highway Safety Program, Pretrial Probation Officers Michael Stevenson and Debra Jefferson and Prevention Coordinator Pam Wahal took part in this program.



Station Square Designated Driver Booth

Station Square Amphitheater

Pretrial Services hosted the designated driver booth for a third year at the Station Square Amphitheater. Several nationally known artists, such as Peter Frampton, Elvis Costello, Meatloaf, and Michael McDonald, performed at the Amphitheatre in 2011. The designated driver booth promotes Pretrial Services anti-drug and alcohol message. The purpose of the booth is to endorse and promote the concept of designated drivers by rewarding the sober driver with a free soft drink or water for the evening. Literature regarding DUI laws and penalties was made available to those who attended the concerts.



Volunteers

Our thanks to all who offered their time to assist in Alcohol Highway Safety Program's continuous effort to educate the public about the dangers of drinking and driving and to promote healthy choices.

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