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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, and 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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President Judge

Honorable Donna Jo McDaniel



Criminal Division Administrative Judge

Honorable Jeffrey A. Manning

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District Court Administrator

Raymond L. Billotte

Mr. Billotte resigned from the position of District Court Administrator effective September 14, 2012, to accept a position in Arizona.

Claire C. Capristo, Esquire

Mrs. Capristo was appointed to the position of District Court Administrator in mid-September 2012, and the appointment was approved by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in mid—October.





Criminal Court Administrator

Helen M. Lynch, Esquire

Helen Lynch resigned from her position with the Court in 2012 to accept a position with the Board of Viewers effective October 10, 2012.

Thomas M. McCaffrey

Effective December 3, 2012, the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts approved the appointment of Mr. McCaffrey as Administrator of the Criminal Division.





Janice Radovick-Dean Director





Paul D. Larkin Deputy Director

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."

Henry Ford

Progress Report from the Director

It is with extreme pleasure and pride that I present the 2012 Fifth Judicial District Pretrial Services annual report. With continued support from President Judge Donna Jo McDaniel, Administrative Judge Jeffrey A. Manning, District Court Administrators Raymond L. Billotte and Claire C. Capristo, and Criminal Court Administrators Helen M. Lynch and Thomas M. McCaffrey, we have remained committed to our mission and goal of fair and equal pretrial justice. This annual report chronicles our accomplishments and emphasizes our commitment to collaboration resulting in costeffective criminal justice strategies and safer communities throughout Allegheny County.

The four units that comprise Pretrial Services; ARD, Alcohol Highway Safety Program, Bail, and Behavior Assessment, continue to develop and enhance services with the highest professional and ethical standards. We will continue to evaluate our procedures and functions to make evidence-informed decisions on the best ways to utilize our limited resources. In 2012, the Bail Unit had the current risk tool revalidated, and the Alcohol Highway Safety Program underwent a total renovation of its case management system. Both of these massive undertakings could not have been completed without dedicated Pretrial and Court Information Technology staff.

With our Court and the Pretrial Department on a short list nationally for model programs, presentations and participation in focus groups was in full swing this year. Pretrial administration presented at many conferences, from the National Association for Court Management (NACM) conference in Orlando, Florida, to the National Association of Pretrial Service Agencies (NAPSA) Conference in Washington, D.C. Focus group and committee participation of not only Pretrial administration but also line staff began at the county and progressed to the state level. This report lists many graphs, charts, and statistics, but it is impossible to measure by those means the dedication and knowledge of Pretrial employees. Our continued participation at criminal justice forums, both at county and national levels, makes me proud and highlight the professionalism and knowledge of the staff of Pretrial Services.



Pretrial Services and the office of the District Attorney took part in a mock trial and mock car accident at Keystone Oaks Junior Senior High School on May 21, 2012.

The Honorable Jeffrey A. Manning, Administrative Judge of the Criminal Division, presided over the swearing-in ceremony for Adult Probation and Pretrial Services probation officers and bail investigators that took place on August 9, 2012, in his courtroom.





Left to Right: Michael Napolitano, Marcus Englert, Shane Scott, Helen Lynch, Esquire, Steven Orbin, Judge Manning, Joshua Mollica, Janice Dean, Lori Koska, Garrett Larkin, Chris Boyko, and Timothy Ocharzak.



Janice Dean Presents "Pretrial 101" at the conference.



Christopher Shanley, Supervisor of Pretrial Services

Law Enforcement Conference

On April 20, 2012, Pretrial Services partnered with the Allegheny County Health Department, Pennsylvania DUI Association, and PennDOT to host the 2012 Law Enforcement Seminar. Again held at the Army Support Facility in Moon Township, this year's theme, "Eyes on Safety," was presented to over 100 members of local law enforcement, police officers, and probation officers.

Janice Dean, Director of Pretrial Services, presented a portion of the program on the use of bail in Allegheny County. Janice described the components of pretrial supervision and the role of the pretrial probation officers. Frank Baranyai, Specialized Enforcement Instructor from the Institute for Law Enforcement Education, presented case law updates to police officers and probation officers.

Pennsylvania State Trooper Robin Mungo and Kim Bartins of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Driver Licensing spoke about the new Graduated Driver Licensing Law now in effect for Pennsylvania. Retired City of Pittsburgh Police Officer and current safety officer for Transport Investments, Inc., Tom Jacques, lectured on motor carrier safety. Pennsylvania State Trooper and DRE, Trooper Daniel Acklin, presented information regarding DUI cases where the operator is under the influence of a controlled substance and also discussed the designer drugs that are new to Pennsylvania.



Accolades

On November 1, 2012, Pretrial Services Alcohol Highway Safety Program was presented with the Pennsylvania DUI Association's highest award, the "Mary Ann Bowman Award for Prevention." Every year, at their annual conference, the PA DUI Association chooses a program or individual that exemplifies professionalism, ideals, and a commitment to the prevention field that was started over 30 years ago by Mary Ann Bowman.

At the awards ceremony, PA DUI Association Executive Director Stephen Erni conveyed to the audience of more than 200 that the "Allegheny County Pretrial Services Alcohol Highway Safety Program's prevention efforts are not only some of the most comprehensive in the state, but also nationally."

We are very proud to have received this award and will continue on our current path of prevention efforts, always looking for new and more innovative ways to educate the Commonwealth on safe driving and the ultimate goal of saving lives.



Welcome New Employees



Megan McShane joined Pretrial Services in 2012 as a bail investigator in the Bail Unit.



Emily Rickman joined the staff of the DUI Alternative to Jail Program as a part-time monitor.

Bail Services Unit

Marilyn Lahood Supervisor

Bail Services, the largest unit of Pretrial Services, consists of Investigations, Court Liaison and Supervision. Administration of the unit includes two supervisors and the deputy director. The Developmental Change Committee consisting of Bail Unit employees met regularly to discuss current practices and procedures and to consider various ways to improve and expand current services.

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 criminal bench warrants. In 2012, this unit investigated 18,832 cases, made 16,394 recommendations for bond on new arrest cases, and 744 bond modifications, and 3,057 bond forfeiture bench warrant cases were completed using the validated risk assessment tool for all bail recommendations.

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, a time stamp is entered via the computer tracking system as each defendant enters for a pretrial interview and is done at each step of the pre-arraignment process. The Bail Unit promptly and efficiently processes 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.

Overriding the risk assessment tool is a nationally accepted practice, with under 15% being acceptable. Overrides can either raise or lower the risk assessment score based on designated criteria approved by the court. Pretrial Services' bail investigators are required to obtain supervisory approval before any override of the risk assessment score can be submitted. 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 favorable 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 that the defendant self-surrendered are considered. In 2012, there were 1,963 cases out of 16,691 that were overrides, which equates to a 9.62 override percentage, well within acceptable practice.

Domestic violence cases where the defendant scores ROR (release on own recognizance) on the risk assessment are given an automatic override to non-monetary to add a "no contact" stipulation to the bond only since additional conditions on an ROR bail are prohibited by law.

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Bail Investigators: Front Row L-R: Steven Orbin, Supervisor Marilyn Lahood, Meagan McShane. Back Row L-R: Barry Crable, Jody Reola, Anthony Riccelli, Christopher Boyko. Inset: Marcus Englert, Apryl Houston, Garrett Larkin, Joshua Mollica, Tim Ocharzak, Kelly Zupich

Bail Court Liaison Team

Staffing for the Court Liaison Team consists of three full-time Bail Investigators, one full-time administrative assistant, and the service of three bail investigators on a rotation basis.

The team is responsible for creating the video conferencing and self-surrender list of cases to be presented before the assigned Criminal Division Motions Judge. The lists consists of defendants lodged in the jail or defendants who self-surrendered on bench warrants and bail modifications. The majority of the motions hearings are done by video conferencing of inmates to the courtroom from the Jail. Along with a bail unit representative, an assistant district attorney and a public defender or private counsel are present at the daily motions hearings.

Defendants turning themselves in to Pretrial Services on bench warrants are taken to to motions court that same day. There was a 25% increase in these defendants largely due to a concerted effort by the court team to contact defendants to instruct them to report to Pretrial Services the next day to address the warrant. Defendants and the criminal justice system both benefit by addressing these warrants in this fashion. The defendant may not have to spend time in jail for the failure to appear (FTA), saving his/her job or school status, and the system does not waste law enforcement and jail resources, saving time and money. The Court Liaison team is also responsible for conducting bond reviews received from the Commonwealth Attorney, the Public Defender's Office, or any private defense counsel of record requesting an administrative review of a defendant's current bail. Bail review requests are processed within 72 hours of receipt. The Bail Liaison Team will respond by either scheduling the modification request hearing, or they will deny the bond modification request pursuant to All.C.R.Crim. P. Rule 529.1. If denied, the requesting attorney will be instructed to file a petition for bail modification with the Department of Court Records. Once the petition is received from the Department of Court Records, it is processed by the Court Liaison Team and presented 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 Services continued to work with Allegheny County Jail administration to aide them in transferring defendants from the jail to alternative housing programs. The procedure applies to defendants unable to post bond or who have probation detainers in effect when the Allegheny County Jail and the alternative housing facility have approved placement.



	NUMBER OF FAILURE TO APPEAR CASES BY HEARING TYPE PRESENTED IN MOTIONS COURT								
	PH	FA	PTC	TRIAL	SENT	ARD	TOTAL	%	
2012	941	642	373	981	1	37	2,975	2.7	Increase
2011	748	619	394	1,038	1	44	2,896	15.5	Decrease
2010	824	723	461	1,092	1	41	3,426	1	Decrease
2009	736	876	574	787	2	59	3,459	6.7	Decrease
2008	766	948	520	1,009	6	48	3,709	5.5	Increase
2007	203	1,276	575	949	18	58	3,516	N/A	

BENCH WARRANT CASES INVESTIGATED AT THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY JAIL

2012	2,153	10.6% Decrease
2011	2,410	18% Decrease
2010	2,846	4.6% Decrease
2009	2,978	

New Arrests Cases investigated at the Allegheny County Jail						
2012	16,691	1.8% Increase				
2011	16,394	2% Decrease				
2010	16,717	3.1% Decrease				
2009	17,249					

SELF SURRENDER/VIDEO LIST: DEFENDANT BASED Walk-In Reinstatement **Allegheny County Jail Video Conferencing** Bond Forfeiture NEI Change Bond Forfeiture NEI Modification Change 2012 895 9 +34.7% 1,817 43 660 +8.4% 2011 661 10 -10.7% 1,852 94 379 -22% 2010 715 37 2,240 247 498

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Pretrial Supervision Unit: L-R Front Row: Probation Officers Keri Stupka, Michael Napolitano, Debra Jefferson Back: Probation Officers Shane Scott, Joel Reisz, Michael Stephenson , and Monitor Robert Henry



Pretrial Bail Supervision Unit

Nationally, 61% of local jail populations are comprised of pretrial detainees. Whether or not detainees are released is often based on their ability to pay bail versus their risk to appear or risk to reoffend. As a result, many defendants who are considered a low flight risk and low risk to commit a new crime are detained in jails because they cannot afford bail. Though the research on effective pretrial programming is not as robust as in some other areas of corrections, evidence points to the benefit of pretrial risk assessment and the implementation of a continuum of pretrial supervision options.

The primary functions of the 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 imposed by the Court are monitored and enforced by six officers in the Pretrial Bail Supervision Unit. The ultimate goal of this supervision is that defendants address the underlying criminality issues and do not return to the criminal justice system. In 2012, this unit supervised 2,626 defendants, of which 1,602 were under low supervision, and 1,024 were under medium supervision. Low supervision offenders ordered to phone into Pretrial were able to dial into AnyTrax in 2012. AnyTrax, an automated system, creates a voice recognition account that allows defendants to call in to report to Pretrial supervision. If defendants do not call in as directed, AnyTrax will place a call to them. Messages may be automatically forwarded to a monitor who can address the questions of the defendants. This system is set up to remind defendants of their future court dates.

Overrides							
	DV/STIP	OVERRIDES	TOTAL OVERRIDES	PERCENTAGE			
2012	614	1,963	2,577	9.62%**			
2011	611	2,314	2,925	11.69%**			
2010	582	1,896	2,478	9.12%**			
2009	534	1,973	2,507	9.75%**			
2008	*	*	2,753	12.47%			
	*(Domestic Violence Overrides not counted in 2008)						
	**ASSESSMENTS COMPLETED RESULTING IN OVERRIDES						
	EXCLUDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES						

NUMBER OF BAIL MODIFICATIONS PETITIONS PRESENTED IN MOTIONS COURT

	Modifications	*NEI	% INCREASE/ DECREASE
2012	744	0	45.9% Increase
2011	510	52	21.9% Decrease
2010	653	284	11.8% Decrease
2009	740	425	5.7 % Increase
2008	700	412	13.8% Increase
2007	615	437	

*Beginning in 2012, the NEI cases will be included in the Preliminary Hearing Failure to Appear Numbers due to Rule 543 and NEI warrants no longer being issued.

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Pretrial Electronic Monitoring

The highest level of Pretrial Release Supervision, Pretrial Electronic Monitoring, is designed to supervise high-risk defendants. These defendants have serious charges, and many have failed to appear for court. Unlike a convicted offender whose behavior change is a primary goal, Pretrial Supervision is typically of shorter duration and aims at assuring a defendant's appearance in court while protecting the safety of the community. The average amount of time a defendant spends on Pretrial Electronic Monitoring is 101.1 days. The program operates hand-in-hand with Pretrial Services and Adult Probation. The electronic monitoring officers manage electronic supervision in furtherance of the goals and requirements of pretrial release. For the year 2012, Pretrial Electronic Monitoring had an 81 percent success rate. Pretrial Electronic Monitoring successful clients appeared for all court hearings, did not re-offended, and did not violate their bail conditions while awaiting final disposition of their cases. In addition, the program benefitted Allegheny County with a cost avoidance of \$543,329 including over \$30,000 collected in program fees. Pretrial defendants have been able to work, attend school and be productive while adhering to the rules and restrictions of electronic supervision. Pretrial electronic monitoring has proven to be a viable alternative to pretrial incarceration and detention.





Population Control Coordinator

2012 Population Control Coordinator

With Allegheny County Jail (ACJ) population exceeding 2,600 in 2012, Marsha Hinton, Population Control Coordinator (PCC), continued working with the jail to reduce that number. 263 bonds imposed on defendants charged with minor crimes by the Magisterial District Judges were prepared for reconsideration by the motions judge. 53 Pretrial electronic monitoring interviews were conducted, and court authorization was sought for 12 State Conditional Bonds. These court orders allow defendants who are state parole violators and have new county charges to be transferred from the ACJ to the Department of Corrections, allowing the defendants to satisfy their state sentences while awaiting disposition of new charges and reducing the population of the ACJ.

Behavior Assessment Unit

The Pretrial Behavior Assessment Unit (BAU) handles an ever expanding population in need of competency evaluations as ordered by the court. With dwindling mental health dollars, those in need are not receiving services, and many end up in the criminal justice system.

Under the supervision of Gearldean Young, the BAU currently consists of a 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.

In 2012, the four doctors and one fellow completed 1,796 competency evaluations. Of that total, 1,747 were completed at the Allegheny County Jail and 49 were completed in the BAU office. There were 401 more competency evaluations completed in 2012 than in 2011, a 29% increase.

Under the guidelines of the Mental Health Procedures Act of 1976, 152 defendants were committed to Torrance State Hospital. Dr. Martone, Chief Psychiatrist, testifies before the court at all commitment hearings. The defendant's attorney, the attorney for the Commonwealth and Dr. Martone are all present for the hearings.

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 may express that concern to the Bail Court Liaison Unit. These conditions are then presented to the motions judge for consideration to be added to the bond.



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ACCELERATED REHABILITATIVE DISPOSITION

Girard Hildenbrand Supervisor

Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD) is a pretrial diversion program for first-time, non-violent offenders where the offenders can have the criminal charges against them dismissed and their criminal record expunged after successful completion of court-ordered conditions. The program is administered by 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 2012, 2,753 offenders were placed on ARD Probation, a decrease from 3,946 in 2011. Of the offenders entering the ARD Program in 2012, 90% were charged with DUI, the other 10% of charges consisted of other ARD eligible offenses.

Successful completion of the ARD program requires each offender to complete all court ordered conditions including payment of all restitution and costs. DUI offenders must complete an Alcohol Highway Safe Driving Program, while non-DUI offenders typically complete community service. In 2012, offenders completed 27,285 community services hours through various nonprofit organizations.

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 requirements.

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 2012, the ARD unit submitted violation reports to the court on 1,137 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 2012 and are attributed to the delayed revocation disposition instituted by the Court in 2008. The disposition was developed in direct response to the potential number of ARD revocations brought about by the change in the current DUI statute. Act 24 (DUI law) mandates that all ARD probations being placed into violation status at the conclusion of the probationary period shall be revoked, placing an undue burden on the court docket.



Front Row L-R: Maureen Buckley, Timothy Dugan, Kristne Fesenmyer Back Row L-R: Matthew Mullen, Supervisor Girard Hildenbrand and Joseph Volkay

Now, an offender, at the discretion of the court, can be granted a delayed revocation order that allows the probationer a specific amount of time to come into compliance with the probation. If the offender remains noncompliant, ARD probation is administratively revoked and the case is returned to the court for trial.

This year, an analysis of the delayed revocation procedure was conducted . The Court ordered 638 Delayed Revocations terms as a result of non-compliance, which culminated in 442 administrative revocations. Of the 442 administrative revocations, 162 offenders completed their original conditions and were readmitted to the ARD Program prior to their cases proceeding to trial. Statistically, 56.1 % of the offenders given a final chance to complete the ARD Program were successful.

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
ARD ENTRANTS	2,753	2,946	3,446	3,693	3,311
SUCCESSFUL	2,953	3,517	3,502	3,212	3,004
REVOKED	502	378	374	318	125
SUCCESS RATE	89%	93%	92.20%	90.30%	96.10%
VIOLATION REPORTS SUBMITTED	1,137	1,570	1,525	1,612	1,748
INTEREST CLOSED BY THE COURT	131	120	120	97	114
WARRANTS ISSUED	189	354	311	337	350
DEATH	8	29	38	27	28
COMMUNITY SERVICE COMPLETED	27,285	38,197	30,792	37,471	39,250
COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSIGNED BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY	32,575	37,450	44,180	40,775	
EARLY DISMISSAL	185	117	43		
READMITTED AFTER REVOCATION	162	132			
DELAYED REVOCATIONS	638	608			
ADMINISTRATIVE REVOCATIONS	442	313			

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.

ALCOHOL HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM Through our efforts, we hope to create safer highways, healthier lifestyles, and save lives lost to DUI and drug and alcohol addictions.



Front Row L-R: Bridget Keenan, Supervisor Christopher Shanley. Back Row L-R: Caitlin Calhoun, Kayla Younge, Phyllis Green

> Christopher Shanley Supervisor

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Court Reporting Network

The DUI Offender:

- 72.5% are male
- 19.7% are between the ages of 25 and 29
- 58% are single and have never been married
- 35% have at least a high school education plus some college/trade school
- 71.8% were employed at the time of arrest
- Most were arrested on a Saturday, 25.4%, second only to Sunday, 23.2%
- 57.9% were arrested between Midnight to 4:00 a.m.
- 24.1% had a blood alcohol level between .10 and .15 at time of arrest
- Average reported blood alcohol level was .17



CRN Evaluators:L-R: Russell Bayne, Supervisor Suzanne Skidmore, and Michael Anthony

Reason Stopped By Police

Vehicle Violation	7.3%
Weaving	19%
Moving Violation	27.4%
Crash	24.5%
Other	21.8%

Interlock



Robert Ando



Amy Taylor



Steve Provenzale

New Device Installations				
Month				
January	41			
February	41			
March	46			
April	51			
May	64			
June	55			
July	57			
August	58			
September	50			
October	49			
November	53			
December	41			
Total	606			



Kathy Falkner CRN Evaluator





















Fatal Awareness

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On April 27, 2012, Allegheny County Pretrial Services pre-

sented the 9th Annual Fatal Awareness Conference. This year's conference was again held at Robert Morris University in Moon Township. The Fatal Awareness Conference is an opportunity for local area high school students to learn about the dangers of underage drinking, driving under the influence, and peer pressure. The conference is offered at no cost to the students and is funded through prevention monies collected from DUI offenders. Over 300 students from high schools within Allegheny County attended.

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Comedian Craig Tornguist, the keynote speaker, spoke to the audience about how, as a comedian, he was faced with the decision to follow in the foot- about issues resulting from drug abuse, alcohol steps of comedians who were drug and alcohol abusers like John Belushi and Chris Farley, or to follow the more wholesome icons like Bill Cosby and Jerry Seinfeld. Fortunately, Craig decided to "make the right choice," and his clean image and content have made him a success nationwide. He has appeared on network television with Jay Leno and Sinbad. Craig's message included some of the funniest acts ever presented at a conference and qualified Craig one of the most popular presenters ever to speak at Fatal Awareness.

Opposite page top-bottom: Christopher Shanley presents a plaque to Craig Tornquist; Craig educates and entertains with quick costumes; Craig gets the attending students involved; Bottom Center: Grace Majkowski gives her presentation about cyber security. Bottom Right: Everyone gets involved when it's time to hand out prizes.

breakout session about cyber security. Grace showed examples of how easily people can obtain personal information through technology such as Facebook, Twitter, and Myspace. Grace randomly chose audience members, allowed them to log onto the Facebook account, and then pointed out to them how unprotected their information really was. The students in attendance were shocked to see how easily a perfect stranger could gain access to their personal information.

High School Senior, Grace Majkowski, presented a

The second breakout session, entitled "Don't be Haunted by Your Choices" was an impactful program featuring reformed juvenile offenders speaking candidly about their pasts. Juvenile Probation Officers Val Ketter and Lloyd Woodward brought the juvenile offenders; they are not actors, and their program was not rehearsed. They talked dependency, and being put into placement. One presenter spoke about his girlfriend's dying as a result of his drinking and driving, and the impact that incident had on his life. The students easily related to the presenters who were of similar age and backgrounds; some of the offenders even went to the schools with students attending the conference.

Every student who attended was presented with a gift bag and a chance to win one of nearly 30 door prizes donated by our sponsored partners.





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Northgate HS R'

Riverview HS

Steel Valley HS

North Hills HS

Pam Wahal Prevention Coordinator

Safe Driving Competition

The third annual Safe Driving Competition was held on March 27th at Pittsburgh Technical Institute in Oakdale, Pennsylvania. This year there were three participants each from twelve high schools throughout Allegheny County. The participating high-schools were; Avonworth, Bethel Park, Cornell, Moon, North Allegheny, Northgate, Obama, Perry Traditional Academy, Plum, South Park, Steel Valley and Sto-Rox.

The students were divided into three groups, and each group was taken to a separate testing area. The tests consisted of a driving test, a written test and a perceptual test. Each area of the test was scored, and the three students with the highest combined scores won cash prizes. Students with the highest individual scores in each of the three areas were also recognized. There was a cash prize awarded to the school with the highest overall points as a collective group. Jillian Gallatin from South Park High School won 1st place, 2nd place was awarded to Caleb Coradi from Cornell High School, and 3rd place went to Michael Mitchell from Perry Traditional Academy. Cornell High School was awarded the overall prize.



L-R: Michael Stephenson, Christopher Shanley, Bridget Keenan, Pam Wahal, Paul Larkin, Zack Wahal

Students Against Destructive Decisions

On November 14, 2012, Pennsylvania's Western Region SADD Conference was held at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. The theme was "SADD's Got Talent." More than 200 students from South Park, North Allegheny, Pittsburgh Sunnyside, Gateway, Riverview, Chartiers Valley, Steel Valley, Highlands, Northgate and Seton LaSalle attended the conference. In addition to the these 200 students from Allegheny County, there were approximately 200 additional students from the western part of the state.

Back by popular demand, comedian Craig Tornquist was the master of ceremonies. The keynote speaker was Matt Bellace, with his message of "How to Get High Naturally." This dynamic presentation focused on natural highs and on ways to be a healthy leader in school. Matt empowers students to be leaders in their lives and to make positives changes in their environment.

Students had the opportunity to choose which break out sessions they would like to attend. The break out sessions included: "What Do You Consider Lethal?" "Myths, Current Drug Culture and Youth," "Underage Drinking Jeopardy" "Bullying Prevention" "Brain Drain" and a portable driving simulator. After the break out sessions, the conference was concluded with a personal story from Tim Rader titled "Live to Tell" which was designed to address many of the real issues that face young people today.

Students from Sunnyside Elementary School are enthusiastic and appreciative supporters of the SADD Program.





Inexperience is the leading cause of crashes among teen drivers. The PA DUI Association's Safety SIMulator is one way for students to gain experience behind the wheel without being put at risk and to develop an appreciation for safety. The Safety SIMulator provides realistic, hands-on experience that helps students gain confidence in their ability as drivers. It allows the driver to feel first hand how alcohol impairs the ability to both steer and brake. It also shows the dangers faced when other drivers are impaired.

The Safety SIMulator has an authentic dashboard, steering wheel, and driver's seat. The lessons in safe driving and the effects of impairment learned by a teen's experience with the Safety SIMulator will have a positive impact on the participant's future decisions and help prevent risk taking behaviors.

An instructor guides the participants through the experience. The instructor can induce intoxication for both the driver and for the cars in the general vicinity. It forces the student drivers to concentrate not only on their own driving but that of other motorists. The SIMulator is a great teaching tool for both licensed drivers and for students who are getting ready to drive. In 2012 Pretrial Services took the Safety SIMulator to Thomas Jefferson, Penn Hills, Woodland Hills, and Vincentian schools.



Paul Larkin, Michael Stephenson, Debra Jefferson, Pam Wahal, and Christopher Shanley were available to answer callers' driving questions on March 1, 2012.



For the eleventh consecutive year, Allegheny County Pretrial Services has partnered with the PA DUI Association to bring the Safety Bug to high schools within Allegheny County. This year Pretrial Services took the program to South Allegheny, Steel Valley, Montour, Hampton, Keystone Oaks, Thomas Jefferson, and many other high schools within the county.

This program gives teens real life exposure to the perils of impaired driving – without being put at risk. The Safety Bug has been custom engineered to demonstrate the loss of control one would experience if operating a motor vehicle while in an impaired state. The key difference is that it is the car – not the driver – that is "impaired." A PA DUI association instructor accompanies all drivers and controls the "impairment." All drivers must have a valid driver's license to operate the vehicle. Those students who either have a learner's permit or do not have a license or permit are encouraged to ride as passengers in the back seat. Fatal vision goggles are provided to the passengers so they too can see what it would feel like to ride with someone driving impaired. Local police departments are often on site to answer students' questions about the DUI law, underage drinking and to demonstrate field sobriety tests.



Pretrial Services







For the first time Pretrial Services partnered with Road Radio USA in 2012, providing funding to take assemblies to ten Allegheny County schools. Road Radio is a multi-media presentation that uses music, lights, live action, and visual projections, along with teacher and student participation, to "mix the music with the message."

The one-hour program touches on consequences of destructive behaviors and popular teenage misconceptions regarding alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Most importantly, it tells a true story about Jim Mothersbaugh. Jim was involved in a motor vehicle crash in high school that killed two passengers in his car and left him partially paralyzed for years. It is only after the audience hears the voice of Jim's mother speaking about the horrific accident and its consequences that they learn Jim, the man jumping, dancing and running around on stage, was the survivor of that accident.

This valuable program was presented to students at Moon, North Allegheny, Cornell, Bethel Park, South Park, Steel Valley, Elizabeth Forward, and Upper St. Clair school districts and was very well received by the students and administrators who attended. Plans are being made to extend the program in 2013.

Public Awareness Campaign



Comcast SPOTLIGHT

Comcast Spotlight

For the fourth consecutive year, Pretrial Services and Comcast partnered to reach almost one million homes throughout Allegheny County and the surrounding areas. Public service announcements warning about the dangers of drinking and driving were broadcast on television stations including Cartoon Network, MTV, VH1, Family Channel, Nickelodeon, Spike TV, and Animal Planet. Students from Allegheny County schools volunteered their time to participate and film four commercials spreading the message to "make the right choice, choose to be drug and alcohol free."

City Paper

In 2012, for the first time, Pretrial Services took the "make the right choice, don't drink and drive" message to print media by partnering with the *City Paper*, the second most read publication in Allegheny County, getting the message to over 362,000 readers annually. The *City Paper* is Allegheny County's preeminent arts and entertainment paper offering Pittsburgh's perspective on local art, music, news, and politics—the perfect media outlet for Pretrial Services' anti-drinking and driving campaign.

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Pittsburgh Penguins

In 2012, the Pittsburgh Penguins again joined Allegheny County Pretrial Services to get the "Make the Right Choice, Don't Drink and Drive" message to area hockey fans. However, the National Hockey League (NHL) experienced one of the longest work stoppages in history in 2012. Pretrial Services and the Penguins were set to once again sponsor the designated driver booth at every home game. Additionally, Pretrial Services' "Make the Right Choice, Don't Drink and Drive" message was printed in every iceTime Magazine and in the Penguins quarterly "Entertainment Guide." Area listeners could once again hear the voice of Pretrial Services Director Janice Dean talking about the dangers of drinking and driving during public service announcements that aired on Penguins radio, WXDX, 105.9.

For a second year, the Penguins aired a pregame public service announcement about the dangers of drinking and driving recorded by Penguins' defenseman Kris Letang.



In 2012, Allegheny County Pretrial Services began a new partnership with the Pittsburgh Pirates. A thirty-second public service announcement featuring Pirate Pitcher Jason Grilli ran before all 82 home games warning fans of the dangers of drinking and driving. Pretrial's anti drinking and driving message was also randomly displayed on over 600 televisions throughout PNC Park and in the Pirates publication of "First Pitch" handed out to every fan attending. In 2012, the Pittsburgh Pirates had a fan attendance of close to 2 million, and Pretrial Services' anti-drinking and driving campaign reached all of them.





Pretrial Services supported Teen Driving Skills for life. *Left*: Robin Mungo of the State Police and Chris Shanley answered questions and distributed literature at the Pittsburgh Car Show on February 17, 2012. *Right*: Paul Larkin, Michael Stephenson, Debra Jefferson, Pam Wahal and Chris Shanley manned the phones and answered questions at KDKA's "Ask the Expert."

DUI Offender Intervention and Alternative to Jail Program



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The DUI Offender Intervention and Alternative to Jail Program, begun in 2010 to eliminate the backlog of offenders waiting to be placed on electronic monitoring for a first offense DUI, is an intense four-day program held at one of two local hotels, earning it the nickname, DUI Hotel. During their four-day stay offenders complete twelve and a half hours of Alcohol Highway Safety School and twelve hours of Intermediate Punishment group

In 2012, the DUI Alternative to Jail Program saw an increase in the number of offenders sentenced to the program and to the number of offenders who successfully completed the program. In early 2012, the DUI Alternative to Jail Program was expanded to make this sentencing option available to all of the judges of the Fifth Judicial District. The DUI Alternative to Jail was designed as a sentencing option for first-time DUI offenders in tiers two or three based on their blood alcohol concentration (BAC). In 2012, 779 out of a possible 1,180 eligible offenders were sentenced to the DUI Alternative to Jail program with 546 offenders successfully completing it.

The benefit of the DUI Alternative to Jail program is two fold. First, the offender completes all court ordered DUI stipulations in only four days. Secondly, since the cost of the program is paid by the offender, there is no cost to the County or to the Court to facilitate the program. The Court's utilization of this sentencing option has dramatically reduced the number of offenders waiting to be placed on electronic monitoring, and 2,134 jail and/or electronic monitoring days were saved in 2012.



At the Pirates Game!

Team-building activities were conducted on employees' personal time and not during working hours.

And the River's Club!





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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