



FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

# PRETRIAL SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT

CRIMINAL DIVISION ALLEGHENY COUNTY







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# PRETRIAL SERVICES MISSION AND VALUES

*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.*

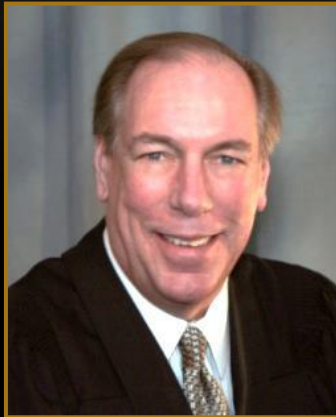
## *Organizational Values*

- *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.*

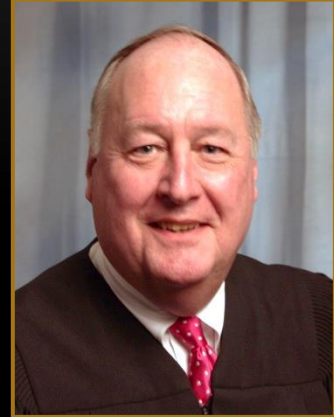
# FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA COURT ADMINISTRATION



**Donna Jo McDaniel**  
President Judge  
January 2009-2013



**Jeffrey A. Manning**  
Administrative Judge Criminal Division  
January 2009 – December 2013  
Sworn in as President Judge  
December 24, 2013



**David J. Cashman**  
Administrative Judge Criminal Division  
Sworn in January 24, 2014



**Claire C. Capristo, Esquire**  
District Court Administrator



**Thomas McCaffrey**  
Administrator  
Criminal Division

# 2013 DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Reflecting over the past seven years, what stands out most to me are the changes, both big and small, in the way the Fifth Judicial District approaches the administration of justice. Early changes made in Pretrial functions have continued, and data analysis is underway as court and county leaders institute evidence-informed policies and procedures system-wide to ensure quality services. This system reform and collaboration is the status quo in Allegheny County where we are fortunate to have court and county leaders willing to evaluate and to make difficult changes that result in cost-effective strategies and safer communities throughout the county.

The success of the department is a result of continued support from President Judge Donna Jo McDaniel, Administrative Judge Jeffrey A. Manning, District Court Administrator Claire C. Capristo, Esquire, and



**Janice Radovick Dean  
Director**



**Paul D. Larkin  
Deputy Director**

Criminal Court Administrator Thomas McCaffrey, all of whom have remained committed to the mission of fair and equal pretrial justice. With administrative support and a staff dedicated to our goals, the Fifth Judicial District's Pretrial Department has again been called upon numerous times throughout 2013 to participate and present at the county, state and federal levels on pretrial practices and functions.

The accomplishments and highlights of Pretrial Services are reflected in this report. The collaboration, dedication and professionalism of the staff in assisting and interacting with offenders and other court and county entities is what makes me proud to lead this dedicated group of employees.

# SWEARING-IN CEREMONY



L-R: Megan McShane, The Honorable Jeffrey A. Manning and Andrew Vercelli

Andrew Vercelli and Megan McShane were sworn in as pretrial bail investigators by the Honorable Jeffrey A. Manning in his courtroom on November 1, 2013.

## WELCOME



Andrew J. Vercelli  
Bail Investigator

Andrew Vercelli began working for Pretrial Services as a pretrial bail investigator on August 12, 2013.

Patrick Knox, an Alcohol Highway Safety Program clerk, began working for Pretrial Services on November 4, 2013.



Patrick Knox  
AHSP Clerk



## CHANGE COMMITTEE

The Pretrial Developmental Change Committee, formed in 2007 to guide the initial department reforms, continues to meet monthly. This committee, comprised of line staff, supervisors and managers, provides invaluable vision and direction when making major changes in both practice and policy. This dedicated committee continues to provide great insight and perspective to the work of Pretrial Services.



Standing L-R: Keri Stupka, Paul Larkin, Joel Reisz, Anthony Riccelli  
Seated L-R: Marilyn Lahood, Janice Dean, Lindsay Black  
Not Pictured: Apryl Houston

## RETIREMENT: BARRY CRABLE



Front Row L-R: Marilyn Lahood, Geardean Young, Barry Crable, Debra Jefferson  
Back Row L-R: Christopher Shanley, Timothy Ocharzak, Anthony Riccelli, Lindsay Black, Thomas McCaffrey, Janice Dean, Andrew Vercelli, Michael Stephenson, Colleen Sypolt, Keri Stupka, Shane Scott

After more than 25 years of service, Barry T. Crable retired from his position as a Bail Investigator. Barry worked in the Pretrial Services Jail Office where, with his calm demeanor, he interviewed countless defendants. On November 27, 2013, friends and coworkers gathered at the Municipal Courts Building to celebrate with him.



Janice Radovick Dean presents Barry Crable with a plaque on the occasion of his retirement.



# BAIL SERVICES UNIT

## *Investigations- Allegheny County Jail*

Bail Investigators assigned to the Allegheny County Jail continue to be an integral part of the processing of defendants entering the jail on new charges and on Common Pleas bench warrants for failure to appear. In 2013 this unit completed **19,512** investigations, submitted **17,248** recommendations for bond on new arrest cases and completed **2,267** bond forfeiture bench warrant case investigations.



Marilyn Lahood, Supervisor of Bail Unit, with  
Thomas McCaffrey, Criminal Court Administrator

### PRETRIAL BAIL/COURT UNIT

New Investigations Completed: (Risk Assessments)	17,248
Bail Modifications Advocated:	990
Walk-in Reinstatements	890

### BENCH WARRANTS

		PERCENTAGE
2013	2,267	-25.8%
2012	3,057	+21.2%
2011	2,410	-18.00%
2010	2,846	

### BOND FORFEITURES PRESENTED IN MOTIONS COURT

	PRELIMINARY HEARING	FORMAL ARRAIGNMENT	PRETRIAL CONFERENCE	TRIAL	SENTENCING	ARD	TOTAL
2013	1,003	701	335	907	0	50	2,996
2012	901	642	373	981	1	37	2,935
2011	748	619	394	1,038	1	44	2,844
2010	824	723	461	1,092	1	41	3,142

The bail investigators conduct pretrial investigations 24/7, 365 days-a-year at the jail, and submit thorough reports to arraigning magistrates in a short period of time. In an effort to expedite cases from entry into the Allegheny County Jail on new charges to preliminary arraignment, the court electronically tracks the case through this front-end processing. The Bail Unit promptly processed defendants to the pre-arraignment area. Pretrial, jail, and arraignment court staff work together toward the common goal of maintaining a transparent and accountable process for first appearances in the Fifth Judicial District.

## Overrides

Overriding the risk assessment tool is a nationally accepted practice with an acceptable percentage for overrides under 15 percent. In 2013, there were 2,389 investigation overrides, or 12.2 percent. Overrides can either raise or lower the risk assessment score based on designated criteria approved by the court, and bail investigators are required to obtain supervisory approval before any override 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-surrender of the defendant are considered.



The 2013 Jail Investigative Team L-R: Barry Crable, Steven Orbin, Jody Reolla, Megan McShane, Anthony Riccelli, and Christopher Boyko  
Not Pictured: Apryl Houston, Garrett Larkin, Joshua Mollica, Timothy Orcharzak, Andrew Vercelli, and Kelly Zupich.

	NEW ARRESTS	PERCENTAGE
2013	17,248	+3.3%
2012	16,691	1.8%
2011	16,394	2.0%
2010	16,717	3.1%

# Bail Court Liaison

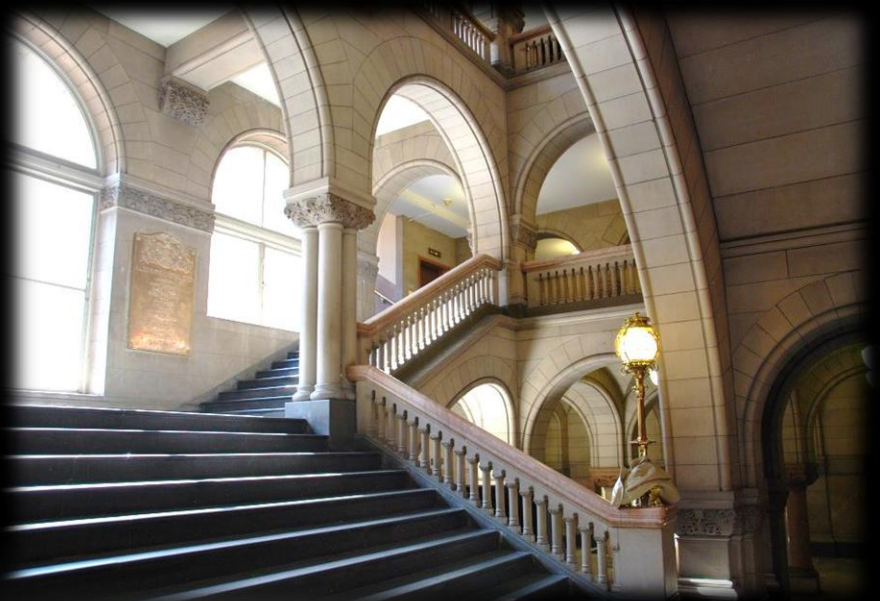
Staffing for the Court Liaison Unit consists of three full-time bail investigators and one full-time administrative assistant. This unit presented 1,954 bench warrant failure to appear cases and 890 self-surrender bench warrant failure to appear cases in Motions Court in 2013.

The motions list generated by the Bail Court Liaison Unit consists of bail modifications, bail revocations, self-surrenders and extraditions. With cooperation from court and jail staff, the motions process runs efficiently and provides an avenue for addressing bail issues on a daily basis.

The Court Liaison Unit conducts bond reviews received from the attorney for the Commonwealth, the Public Defender's Office or any private defense counsel of record requesting an administrative review of bail. Bail review requests are processed within 72 hours of receipt, and the unit responds to the requesting party pursuant to Pa.R.Crim.P. 529. Formal petitions for bail modifications filed in the Department of Court Records office are presented to the motions judge for adjudication. The Court Liaison Unit notifies parties of the outcome within two working days.



L-R: Debbie Puc, Lindsay Black, Dan Trbovich and Colleen Sybolt comprise the Bail Court Liaison Team.





# Supervision

Standing L-R: Pretrial Probation Officers Michael Stephenson, Shane Scott, Michael Napolitano, and Joel Reisz. Seated L-R: Supervision Clerk Robert Henry, Pretrial Probation Officers Keri Stupka and Debra Jefferson (Not pictured: Jared Voight-Cherna)



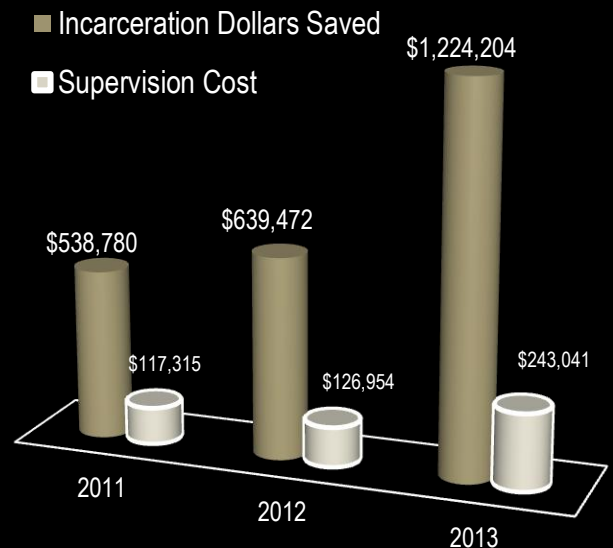
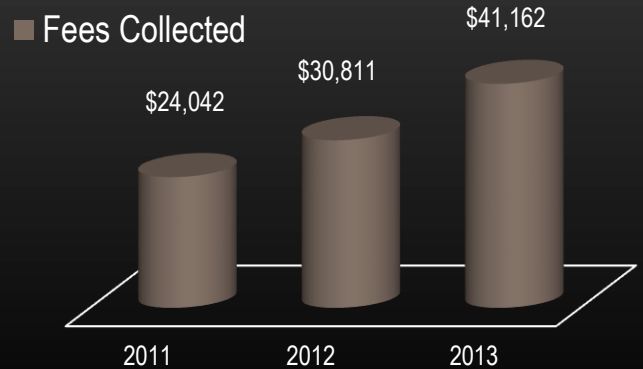
A brief released in November of 2013 from the Laura and John Arnold Foundation summarizes research surrounding pretrial detention, emphasizing a few key points. First, defendants who were detained for the entire pretrial period were over four times more likely to be sentenced to jail and over three times more likely to be sentenced to prison than similarly situated defendants who were released pending trial. Second, pretrial detention is associated with long-term recidivism, particularly for low-risk defendants. Whether or not arrestees are released prior to trial is often based on their ability to pay a monetary amount and not the risk they pose to commit new crimes or fail to appear for court. The Bail Supervision Unit offers the court the ability to place low and moderate risk offenders under pretrial supervision as a non-monetary condition of release. Pretrial supervision conditions imposed by the court range from phone-in to report

in person, drug and alcohol assessments and “stay away” orders to name a few. The philosophy behind supervising offenders at the pretrial stage is that by addressing the criminogenic factors that are precipitating the offender cycling through the criminal justice system, the cycle can be broken. In 2013, the Bail Supervision Unit supervised 4,572 offenders, of which 1,694 were under low supervision and 2,878 were under medium supervision. When offenders violate non-monetary bail conditions, the supervision unit has the ability to address these violations quickly through motions court, with sanctions ranging from a stern warning from the judge, to bail being revoked and the defendant jailed. The Pretrial Supervision Unit’s ultimate goal of offenders successfully completing all bail conditions is weighed against the public safety factor when petitioning the court for a bond modification or revocation hearing.

PRETRIAL SUPERVISION UNIT	
Defendants Supervised	4,572
Defendants Placed on PEM	128

## Pretrial Electronic Monitoring

Pretrial Electronic Monitoring (PEM) continues as a steadfast bail and supervision option for the court and the community. Started in the fall of 2000, Pretrial Electronic Monitoring has planted roots in Allegheny County's Criminal Justice system as a joint venture by Pretrial Services and Adult Probation. PEM is the highest level of community supervision utilizing sophisticated electronic monitoring systems in conjunction with expert field work by PEM Officers. This high-level supervision is designated for high-risk defendants, i.e., those that may have lengthy criminal records, serious criminal charges, violated previous bail conditions or failed to appear for court hearings. Additionally, this type of supervision is designed to enforce compliance with court orders, assure attendance in court, and to protect the safety of the community. After a rebalancing of the overall Electronic Monitoring (EM) Program in the year 2011 due to an over burdened system, Pretrial Electronic Monitoring is resuming a manageable caseload. New cases ordered onto PEM increased by 35 percent from 2012 to 2013. Compared to Adult Probation EM, Pretrial EM Supervision is shorter in duration; the average length of PEM supervision is 128.6 days. Pretrial Electronic Monitoring provides Allegheny County with fiscally sound benefits by keeping defendants out of jail reducing the cost of incarceration. In addition, the program collected over \$40,000 in program fees during 2013.



## Alternative Housing

Pretrial Services continues to work with Allegheny County Jail administration to aide the court in transferring defendants to alternative housing programs. The procedure applies to defendants unable to post bond or probation detainers in effect whom Allegheny County Jail and Alternative Housing have approved for placement.

# BEHAVIOR ASSESSMENT UNIT

The Behavior Assessment Unit (BAU) continued to operate efficiently and expediently in 2013. The BAU psychiatrists completed 1,718 court-ordered competency evaluations and recommended 138 involuntary commitments, of which 133 were committed to Torrance State Hospital. The BAU social worker completed 166 social histories associated with these mental health evaluations. In addition to determining competency, the BAU doctors also assisted 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 convey that information and a recommendation to the Bail Court Liaison Unit. These conditions are then presented to the motions judge for consideration to be added to the bond. With shrinking mental health funding, the mental health population at the jail has increased drastically, adding an additional burden on the BAU staff



L-R: Gearldean Young, Manager, Richard Painter, Koraleigh Gritz and Brianna Stauffer

and the limited mental health service providers. Working in conjunction with the Department of Human Services, Justice Related Services and Corizon Mental Health staff, the three departments have been able to collaborate in structuring the best service plans for mentally ill individuals in the criminal justice system.

To better manage the mental health population, the Department of Court Records spear-headed an e-filing system in 2013 and will include both civil and forensic commitments. This system will be operational in the first quarter of 2014 and will greatly improve communication and paperwork flow for this procedure.

Doctor	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Beadles	15	7	24	30	20	20	46	18	27	13	0	0	220
Evcmien	45	28	36	27	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	164
Gindin	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	41	19	45	27	51	195
Goyal	17	35	25	40	40	0	0	26	19	24	26	27	279
Martone C	59	35	44	25	41	45	66	50	31	35	41	33	505
Martone L	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	24	38	26	33	157
Reich	5	25	23	23	11	18	56	8	0	0	0	0	169
Soliman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4
Totals	141	130	152	145	140	83	180	179	124	155	120	144	1,693



# ACCELERATED REHABILITATIVE DISPOSITION UNIT

Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD) is a pretrial diversion program for first time, non-violent offenders where the offenders are given the opportunity to have their criminal charges dismissed and their criminal arrest record expunged. The program is administered by the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office with probation officers from Pretrial Services monitoring compliance.

In 2013, there were 3,050 offenders placed on ARD probation, an increase of 297 over the previous year. Of offenders entering the ARD Program in 2013, 87 percent were charged with DUI, with 13 percent consisting of non-DUI offenses.

Successful completion of the ARD program requires each offender to complete all court-ordered conditions including payment of all restitution and costs associated with the ARD program. DUI offenders, by statute and as a condition, must complete an Alcohol Highway Safety Program while non-DUI offenders, by condition, typically complete community service. In 2012, 31,880 hours of community service were completed through various nonprofit organizations.



Standing L-R: Timothy Dugan, Matthew Mullen, Jody Reola, Kristen Fesenmyer, Marlene Buckley  
Seated: Supervisor Girard Hildenbrand

Currently, five probation officers assigned to the ARD unit supervised over 5,000 offenders at any one time during 2013. Since the majority of the offenders are DUI related, the ARD unit works closely with the four alcohol programs of the region for completion of the Alcohol Highway Safety Program.

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 2013, the ARD unit submitted violation reports to the court on 1,245 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 have increased and are attributed to the delayed revocation procedure instituted by the court in 2009. The court ordered 550 delayed revocation terms as a result of non-compliance, which culminated in 410 administrative revocations. Of the 410 administrative revocations, 210 offenders completed their original conditions and were readmitted to the ARD program before their cases went to trial. Of offenders given a final chance to complete the ARD Program, 51.2 percent were successful.

The ARD program continues to give first-time, non-violent offenders the opportunity to move past their infraction while realizing the significance of their mistakes.

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<b>ARD Entrants</b>	3,693	3,446	2,946	2,753	3,050
<b>Successful</b>	3,212	3,502	3,517	2,953	2,578
<b>Revoked</b>	318	374	378	502	466
<b>Success Rate</b>	90.30%	92.20%	93%	89%	90.70%
<b>Violation Reports Submitted</b>	1,612	1,525	1,570	1,137	1,245
<b>Interest Closed by the Court</b>	114	97	120	131	65
<b>Warrants Issued</b>	337	311	354	189	170
<b>Failure to Appear Rate</b>	22.58%	20.40%	22.55%	16.60%	13.65%
<b>Death</b>	27	38	29	8	15
<b>Community Service Hours Completed</b>	37,471	30,792	38,197	27,285	31,880
<b>Community Service Hours Assigned by District Attorney</b>	40,775	44,180	37,450	32,575	41,245
<b>Early Dismissal</b>	N/A	43	117	185	261
<b>Readmitted after Revocation</b>	N/A	86	132	162	210
<b>Delayed Revocations</b>	N/A	N/A	608	638	550
<b>Administrative Revocations</b>	N/A	N/A	313	442	410

# ALCOHOL 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. To create safer highways, healthier lifestyles, and prevent lives from being lost to DUI and drug and alcohol addictions.*



L-R: Patrick Knox, Caitlin Calhoun, Phyllis Green, Supervisor Christopher Shanley, Bridget Keenan.  
Not Pictured: Pam Wahal

## 2013 DUI STATISTICS:

- There were 5,039 CRN evaluations completed in Allegheny County, more than any other county in Pennsylvania.
- 61% of DUI offenders are single and have never been married.
- 37% have attended some college or a technical school.
- 73% are employed and the average offender makes \$33,270 annually.
- 27% were stopped for a moving violation and 26% were involved in a crash.
- Nearly 60% of offenders were stopped between midnight and 4:00 a.m.
- The average BAC for a DUI offender in Allegheny County is .18.



# COURT REPORTING NETWORK



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

## Police Reason for Stop

Vehicle Violations	6.6%
Careless Driving	20.7%
Moving Violation	26.7%
Crash	26.5%
Other	19.5%

## ALLEGHENY COUNTY CRN FACTS

Total CRN's completed in 2013: 5,039  
 Average age of offender: 35  
 60% offenders are single/never married  
 37% of offenders had partial college or technical training  
 35% of the 5,039 DUI offenders entered the ARD program  
 48% of DUI arrests occurred on Saturday and Sunday  
 59% were between midnight and 4:00 a.m.  
 25% of offenders had a BAC above .20

# IGNITION INTERLOCK

## Ignition Interlock Installations by Month

Month	Installations
January	49
February	30
March	42
April	56
May	48
June	36
July	50
August	50
September	37
October	41
November	37
December	34
Total	510



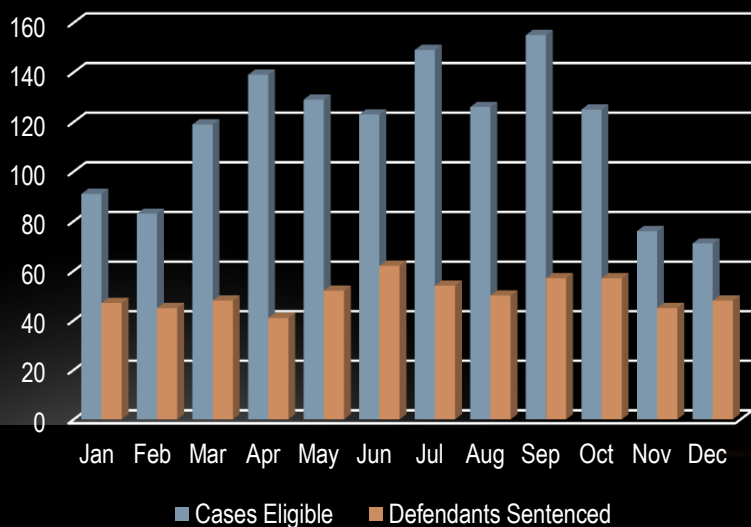
# DUI ALTERNATIVE TO JAIL PROGRAM



L-R: Part-time Monitor Emily Rickman, Monitor James Trozzi and Coordinator Wendy Feldmeier

The DUI Alternative to Jail Program was designed as a sentencing option for first-time, non-ARD eligible, DUI offenders with a Blood Alcohol Count (BAC) of .10 or higher. In 2012, there was a decline in the number of individuals sentenced to the DUI Alternative to Jail Program, but more offenders actually attended than in 2012. In 2013, 623 offenders completed the DUI Alternative to Jail Program. Any offender sentenced to the program spends four days at a contracted hotel and is provided with an intense treatment experience. Each offender completes 12 and 1/2 hours of Alcohol Highway Safety School and 12 hours of Intermediate Punishment Group during their stay at the hotel, as well as presentations from Alcoholics Anonymous speakers. Research suggests this type of intense treatment is more beneficial to a first-time offender than conventional treatment lasting up to ten weeks. Offenders are required to pay \$500 for double occupancy or \$850 for single occupancy. This cost covers rooms, food, materials and instructors. This program is funded entirely by participants with no underlying costs to the county.

	2012	2013
<b>Total Completed Program</b>	546	623
<b>Total Sentenced to Program</b>	779	613
<b>Total Number of Eligible Cases</b>	1,180	1,283
<b>Jail/Electronic Monitoring Days Saved</b>	2,134	2,472
<b>Program Fees Collected</b>	\$275,450	\$230,050



# Fatal Awareness



**Dare to  
be  
different!**

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Pretrial Services hosted the annual Fatal Awareness Conference. Every year, the Alcohol Highway Safety Program strives to educate area high school students about the dangers of drug and alcohol use and the resulting consequences. More than 300 students from 14 different school districts attended the event at the Ross Township Community Center. Previously held at Robert Morris Moon Township Campus, the change in venue allowed the entire program to be presented to the attending students at one time instead of separating them into groups for the breakout sessions, making better use of available time.

The conference featured two guest speakers. Joyce Ellis, Executive Director of the LeMoyne Community Center, spoke of the importance to **"keep going"** through adversity and how to **"dare to be different."** She spoke to the students about peer pressure and how to make a difference with the choices they make. The second guest speaker, George Geisler, Eastern Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Director with the PA DUI Association and Drug Recognition Expert with the Pennsylvania State Police, spoke about new drugs that are "out there" and the dangers associated with those drugs.







Lloyd Woodward and Valerie Ketter of the Allegheny County Juvenile Probation Department bring juvenile offenders to speak to the students, peer-to-peer, about their individual experiences and about how abusing drugs and alcohol has affected their lives. This portion of the conference is always a student favorite that makes a big impact; as one student said "it really makes you stop and think about how just one bad decision can affect the rest of your life."

Terri Rae Anthony from AAA East Central and Allegheny County Police Officer Mike Spagnoletti presented a plaque to each school with students attending to recognize participation.

The conference included lunch, and door-prize drawings were held for items donated by the Pittsburgh Penguins, Pittsburgh Pirates, Steeler Clear Channel Network and the University of Pittsburgh.



STEEL VALLEY, GATEWAY, DEER LAKES,  
CORNELL, HIGHLANDS, THOMAS JEFFERSON,  
PLUM, MOON, AND KEYSTONE OAKS

## PARTNERSHIPS



### SAFETY BUG

The Safety Bug program, now in its twelfth year of appearances in Allegheny County still remains a popular prevention tool. The “Bug” is brought to county high schools twice a year, during Homecoming and Prom seasons to allow students with valid driver’s licenses to experience the danger of driving a car while impaired. Non-licensed drivers ride along in the backseat, wearing fatal vision goggles to experience what it would be like to ride with someone who is impaired while driving. An all-day event, the Safety Bug appeared at ten different high schools throughout Allegheny County.

### SAFETY SIMULATOR

The Safety Simulator continues to be a very well received program that was brought to ten schools in Allegheny County in 2013. Unlike the Safety Bug, students do not need to have a driver’s license to participate in this program, and it is especially appreciated by soon-to-be drivers. In addition to visiting high schools in 2013, Pretrial Services featured the Simulator for two of the University of Pittsburgh’s football games, offering this unique experience to a wider range of students and the public.

The Simulator offers the opportunity to drive in safety while experiencing the dangers of drinking and driving, along with other dangers that affect driving such as weather conditions and confusing road scenarios. The Simulator is a powerful tool used to spread the message that making the right choice can save lives.



STEEL VALLEY, SOUTH ALLEGHENY,  
CHARTIERS VALLEY, BRASHEAR,  
GATEWAY, BETHEL PARK,  
THOMAS JEFFERSON, NORTH  
ALLEGHENY INTERMEDIATE, PENN  
HILLS AND NORTHGATE



# TEEN SAFE DRIVING PROGRAM

In 2013, after a one-year hiatus, Pretrial Services partnered for the fourth time with KDKA, Westfield Insurance, and Ford Driving Skills to sponsor the Teen Safe Driving Program. This program promotes safe driving for teens through school assemblies and public service announcements.

As part of this partnership, students who attend an assembly are asked to log onto the safe driving website to answer a few questions about the assembly. At the end of the school year, the numbers are totaled with the number of students who attended the assembly per school and the number of students who logged on for each school. The school with the largest percentage of entries is awarded a \$3,000 scholarship provided by Westfield Insurance. The scholarship check was awarded to Lawrence County Career and Technical Center Principal Regina Hiler live on the Pittsburgh Today Show.



L- R.: Pennsylvania State Police Trooper Robin Mungo, Pretrial Services' Prevention Coordinator Pamela Wahal, Erica Weagley from Ford Motor Company, Regina Hiler, Principal of Lawrence County Career and Technical Center, George Loeffelbein from Westfield Insurance and Kristine Sorenson from KDKA on the set of Pittsburgh Today Live show.



## 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SAFE DRIVING COMPETITION



Students from twelve Allegheny County high schools participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> annual “Safe Driving Competition” held at the Pittsburgh Technical Institute on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Three students from each participating school took part in a driving course, a perceptual test, and a written test. Those with the highest scores were awarded cash prizes and an opportunity to compete at the state level in Harrisburg. First place was awarded to a Cornell student, second place to a student from Moon, and third place to a student from North Allegheny. Shaler Area High School achieved the highest overall score.



## SADD CONFERENCE

On November 13<sup>th</sup> the annual SADD Conference was held at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort, and for the first time the conference ran in conjunction with the DUI Conference. Two hundred students from Allegheny County and surrounding area high schools in the Western Region of Pennsylvania attended the conference. Information regarding this year's theme, “Peer to Peer Change,” was presented through leadership workshops and provided attending students with valuable tools to promote new ideas within their schools.

Craig Tornquist, who served as Master of Ceremonies, is widely popular with students due to his enthusiasm, great message and style for encouraging group participation. Harriet Turk served as keynote speaker and urged students to give serious consideration when making life choices.

# ROAD RADIO USA



For the second year, Pretrial Services partnered with Road Radio USA, a program that mixes current, upbeat music along with a very powerful message regarding drinking and driving. The program was presented to ten middle schools within Allegheny County in 2013. This one-hour long assembly, conducted by Jim Mothersbaugh and a gentleman known only as "Big Andy," demonstrates to students the consequences of making destructive decisions regarding drugs and alcohol. The very potent message delivery leaves students thinking about how one bad decision can affect the rest of their lives. Road Radio has been extremely well received by students and faculty and is already being requested for next year.





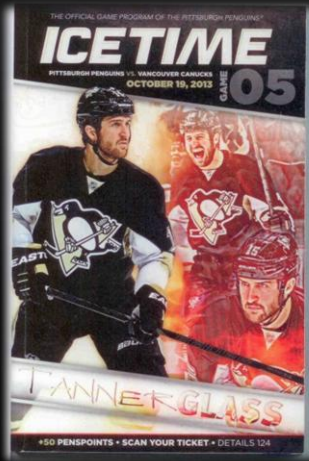
Back Row, L=R: Christopher Shanley, Janice Dean and Pamela Wahal  
Front Row: "Big Al," Marsha Hinton, Gearldean Young and Jim Mothersbaugh

This program is a powerful tool being utilized toward the goal of educating students so they will "make the right choice" when faced with difficult life decisions.





# PITTSBURGH PENGUINS

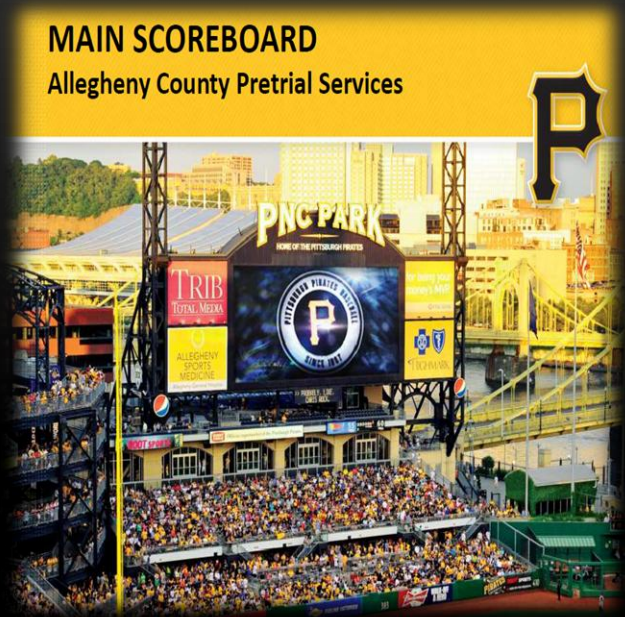


In 2013, Pretrial Services and the Pittsburgh Penguins enjoyed a full hockey season partnership, sharing the message, “Make the Right Choice, Don’t Drink and Drive” to area hockey fans. Pretrial Services shared sponsorship of the Designated Driver Booth and sponsored a one-half page public service announcement in every ICETIME Magazine and in the quarterly entertainment guide. Pretrial’s public service announcements were broadcast during the games on the Penguins Radio Network, WDX-FM, during every regular season game.



# PITTSBURGH PIRATES

For the second consecutive year, Pretrial Services partnered with the Pittsburgh Pirates, and pitcher Jason Grilli recorded a 30-second pre-game public service announcement (PSA) warning of the dangers of drinking and driving. The PSA ran prior to the first pitch at all 82 home games and all home playoff games. Pretrial Services' "Make the Right Choice" ad was also published in every "First Pitch" handout, which was given to every fan who attended. The "Make the Right Choice" slogan was displayed randomly during the games on more than 600 closed circuit televisions in PNC Park.



**LISTEN LIVE**

## CLEAR CHANNEL RADIO - STEELERS

2013 proved to be another great 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 is the sole provider of radio coverage for the Pittsburgh Steelers. The public service announcements that aired before and during each Steeler game were heard by over 500,000 people throughout the season. In addition to the Steeler games, the "Make the Right Choice" message was aired on ESPN 970, The Black & Gold Insider show, Countdown to Kickoff, and The Insider View, as well as on 102.5 WDVE's Chalk Talk.



# PITT FOOTBALL

Having had a successful season with University of Pittsburgh's Basketball in 2012, Allegheny County Pretrial Services teamed up with Pitt Football in 2013. Pretrial Services sponsored 30-second anti-drinking and driving public service radio announcements narrated by Director of Pretrial Services and Pitt alum Janice Radovick Dean during every game. Pretrial Services urged fans to "Make the Right Choice" via a half-page ad in every Pitt game-day program as well as a tag on Pitt's web sight.

Pretrial Services took the PA DUI Association's Safety Simulator to two Pitt football games as part of the "Worlds Largest Family Tailgate." Pitt prides itself in having the "Worlds Largest Family Tailgate" where the focus is not on traditional tailgating but rather on a family friendly atmosphere.



# Fox 53

A new partnership was formed between Pretrial Services and Fox 53/WPGH in 2013. Fox 53 produced a 15-second public safety announcement (PSA) warning of the risks of drinking and driving. The PSA ran during prom season, the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, and from Thanksgiving through the end of the year during age-appropriate shows including *The Big Bang Theory*, *Two and a Half Men* and *Family Guy*. This partnership with Fox 53 was designed to target an age group from 18 to 34, and more than 250,000 individuals in that age group saw at least one 15-second announcement per day.

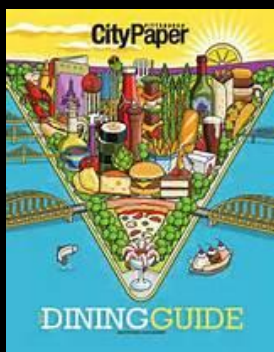




## COMCAST

For the fifth consecutive year, Allegheny County Pretrial Services and Comcast partnered to reach over 383,000 homes throughout Allegheny County. Through public service announcements, Pretrial Services and Comcast urged viewers to "Make the Right Choice, choose to be drug and alcohol free."

Public Service Announcements were broadcast by Comcast TV and targeted the appropriate age groups, i.e., MTV, VH1, Nickelodeon, Family Channel, Cartoon Network, Spike TV and Animal Planet. The segments featured young volunteer "actors" spreading the "Make the Right Choice" message. This partnership, as with all Pretrial Services' educational efforts, was funded by fees collected from DUI offenders.



## CITY PAPER

What better place to promote the "Make the Right Choice" message than the second most widely distributed newspaper in the region with over 370,000 copies distributed annually. For the second consecutive year, Pretrial Services partnered with the *City Paper*, widely known for its perspectives on arts and entertainment. This became the perfect media outlet for Pretrial Service's message.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE

Pretrial Services was once again a proud co-sponsor of the Law Enforcement Seminar along with members from Allegheny County Health Department Traffic Safety, PA DUI Association and PA Department of Transportation District 11. The event was held at the 99<sup>th</sup> Army Facility in Moon Township on June 7, 2013, with approximately 100 probation officers, police officers and others from the law enforcement field in attendance for the presentations.

The theme was "Zero In on Zero Crashes," and topics included *Case Law Updates, Motorcycle Enforcement and DUI Detection, Mastering the Preliminary Hearing, Information on Writing Grants, Seven Drug Categories and the Impairment Issues They Cause*. Also, Corporal Dan Hahn spoke about his recovery from a job injury.

Special thanks to those 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.





