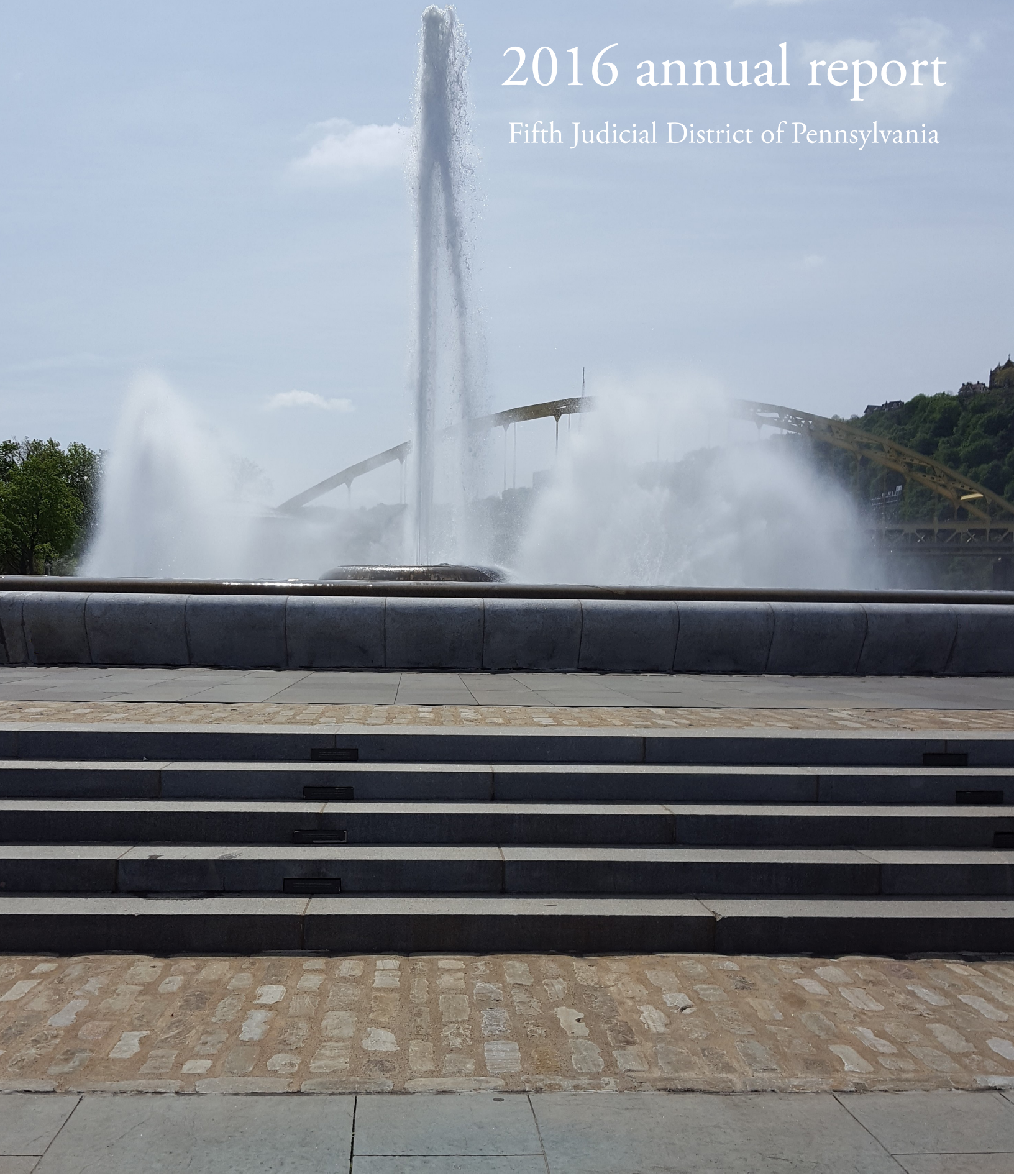


# PRETRIAL SERVICES

2016 annual report

Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania





**T**HE 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 WHILE UTILIZING COST-EFFECTIVE MEASURES FOR THE COMMUNITY, AND TO PROMOTE COMPLIANCE WITH COURT ORDERS, COURT APPEARANCES, AND TO SUPPORT PUBLIC SAFETY. SERVICE TO THE COURT IS PERFORMED WITH THE HIGHEST PROFESSIONAL AND ETHICAL STANDARDS.

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# Court Administration



Honorable Jeffrey A. Manning  
President Judge



Honorable David R. Cashman  
Administrative Judge



Linda Kelly, Esq.  
District Court Administrator



Thomas M. McCaffrey  
Criminal Division Administrator



# From the Director

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Janice Radovick-Dean  
Director  
Pretrial Services

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I am proud to present the Allegheny County Pretrial Services Department 2016 annual report. This report demonstrates that we continue to be recognized both locally and nationally as a forward thinking, state-of-the-art program. Our commitment to an evidence informed approach to administering this department has put us on a short list of model programs in the country. Throughout the year, Pretrial Services has assisted with and has taken the lead on many initiatives within the court, the county, and nationally, to promote practices to improve the criminal justice system. Pretrial Services hosted criminal justice groups from several states including Ohio, New Jersey, and Arkansas, and numerous jurisdictions within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The success of the department and our ability to continue stepping up is a result of the continued support from President Judge Jeffrey A. Manning, Administrative Judge David R. Cashman, District Court Administrator Linda Kelly, and Criminal Division Administrator Thomas M. McCaffrey, and of the support and dedication of Pretrial Services employees.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janice Radovick-Dean". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



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RELEASE OPTIONS AND  
SUPERVISION



Christopher J. Shanley  
Deputy Director

Christopher J. Shanley was appointed as Pretrial Services Deputy Director on January 7, 2017. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Shanley served as Pretrial Manager, and Supervisor for the Alcohol Highway Safety Program.



David Delio  
Manager, BAU



Girard Hildenbrand  
Supervisor, ARD



Joel Reisz  
Supervisor, AHSP



Colleen Sypolt  
Supervisor, Bail



# Stepping Up Initiative



L-R: Denise Macerelli and Pat Valentine from the Department of Human Services, County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, Warden Orlando Harper, and Director of Pretrial Services Janice Radovick-Dean.

Allegheny County was one of only 50 counties whose teams were chosen from 37 states to attend the National Stepping Up Initiative in Washington, D.C., from April 17th through the 19th. The purpose of the initiative is to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails. It is estimated that two million people with severe mental illnesses are admitted to U.S. jails every year, many of them with drug and alcohol use problems, costing taxpayers millions of dollars annually.

It is an honor for Allegheny County to be recognized and for Director Janice Dean to be a member of the team that included County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, Allegheny County Jail Warden Orlando Harper, Deputy Director of Human Services Pat Valentine, and Denise Macerelli from the Department of Human Services. (<https://stepuptogether.org>)



L-R: Bruce Morgan, Michael Napolitano, Brianna Ratay, Erin Spicuzza, Lindsay Black, Shane Scott, Pam Wahal, Daniel Trbovich, and Girard Hildenbrand.

## Law Enforcement Conference

The 2016 Law Enforcement Seminar for Allegheny, Beaver, and Lawrence Counties was held on June 10, 2016, at the Collier Township Community Center in Oakdale, Pennsylvania. The Conference is sponsored by Pretrial Services along with the Allegheny County Health Department, PA DUI Association, PennDot, Pennsylvania Traffic Injury Prevention Projects and the East Central AAA.

Drug Issues Facing Law Enforcement, Case Law and Traffic Incident Management were the topics covered by speakers including Mount Lebanon Police Lt. Duane Fisher, and PDAA Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor James Guffey. This seminar is offered free of charge to law enforcement personnel.

## Welcome



David Weigel  
Bail Investigator



Briana Ratay  
DUI Program



# Bail Unit

## Taking the Oath



The Honorable David R. Cashman swearing in Pretrial Services and Adult Probation employees.

Two new probation officers and two new bail investigators were sworn in at a ceremony presided over by the Honorable David R. Cashman, Administrative Judge of the Criminal Division on November 3, 2016. The newly sworn bail investigators are David Weigel and Andrea Ricchio. Deborah Mosely and Andrew Riccelli are pre-trial probation officers.



L-R: Joel Reisz, Janice Radovick-Dean, David Weigel, Andrea Ricchio, Deborah Mosely, Andrew Vercelli, David Delio, Christopher Shanley



Arnold Foundation Investigators L-R: Megan McShane and Tara Waldo



Phyllis Green, left, and Sarah Meredith, right, provide clerical support for the Pretrial Bail Unit.



Jail Investigative Unit L-R: Anthony Riccelli, Leroy Broadus, Andrea Ricchio, Amanda Strausbaugh, and Shannon Zilavy. Not Pictured: Apryl Houston, Joshua Mollica, Timothy Ocharzak, Steve Orbin, Reginald Robinson, David Weigel, and Kelly Zupich.

## Jail Investigative Unit

The Pretrial Bail Unit, located in the Allegheny County Jail, continued to maintain its reputation for comprehensive and efficient services, performing 18,630 new investigations in 2016, a 2.5% increase over the number of investigations completed in 2015. Inmate interviews are conducted with every defendant brought in on new charges or bench warrants. The Bail Investigator verifies all information gathered from the investigation. This accurate, factual information is received by the arraigning authority, giving them the ability to make a more informed pretrial release decision. All investigations are conducted face-to-face using the Pretrial Service's case management system and validated risk-assessment tool. In 2016 we updated our case management system, including the re-validated Allegheny Pretrial risk assessment tool. This tool is not only more accurate than the original in assessing pretrial misconduct, it now gives separate scores for appearance rate and re-arrest rate. This bifurcated scoring further allows the arraigning authority to make better

informed decisions on bail by the type of pretrial misconduct predicted.

Expansion of a risk assessment to the outlying district judges began in 2016 using the Laura and John Arnold Foundation's nationally validated pretrial risk assessment tool, the PSA-Court. Eight district courts were given the ability to have a pretrial risk assessment completed prior to arraignment in their district offices. The training and transition went smoothly, and the remaining 28 magisterial district judges will be added throughout 2017.





## Court Liaison Unit

In 2016, the Pretrial Services Bail Court Unit, advocated for 2,139 bond modifications, a 31% increase over the 1,628 presented in 2015, and presented 2,287 bond forfeiture cases in the Court of Common Pleas. The Pretrial Safe Surrender Program allows defendants with active failure to appear bench warrants to turn themselves in to Pretrial Services to appear that day in motions court for a bond reinstatement hearing. In 2016, 745 bench warrants for failure to appear were cleared through this program.



Court Liaison Unit L-R: Erin Spicuzza, Arlene Oliver, Lindsay Black, and Garrett Larkin.

The American Bar Association and the National Association of Pretrial Service Agencies, per their standards, advocate for programs to monitor the jail population and revisit recommendations if defendants remain detained and/or if there is a change in circumstances. The Bail Court Unit reviews defendants in the jail on unpaid bond only. In 2016, the bail unit advocated for bond modifications on 655 cases after the preliminary hearing when bond was not posted. This is a 35% increase over the 487 cases advocated for in 2015.

## Bail Supervision Unit

Non-monetary conditions of bail, report by phone, report in person, or electronic monitoring, are supervised by the Pretrial Bail Supervision Unit. On December 31, 2016, we were actively supervising 540 defendants on phone-in supervision, 1,149 defendants on report-in person supervision and 91 defendants on pretrial electronic monitoring. These conditional release supervision options all promote the pretrial goals of appearance and community safety during the pretrial phase.

The court reminder system continued in 2016, with defendants receiving message reminders for all hearings. Messages are sent via email, text or landline, following internal business rules. In 2016, 11,623 court reminders were sent for formal arraignment, 8,919 court reminders for preliminary hearing, 7,653 court reminders for pretrial conference, and 7,680 court reminders for trial were sent.

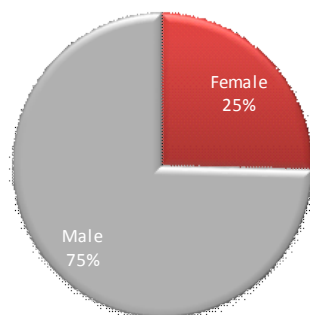


Pretrial Supervision Unit: Standing L-R: Probation Officers Shane Scott, Michael Napolitano, Debra Jefferson, Andrew Vercelli, Michael Stephenson. Seated L-R: Deborah Mosley, Matearia Prince, Keri Stupka and ProTracks case manager Donna Nolte

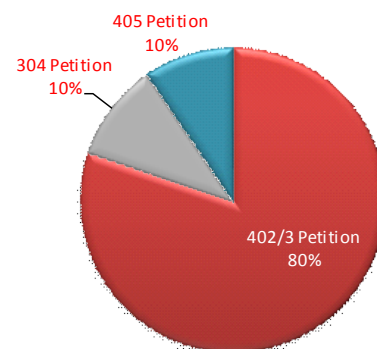
# Behavior Assessment Unit

2016 BEHAVIOR ASSESSMENT UNIT STATISTICS				
Assessments Completed	Initial Assessments: 901		Rechecks: 660	Total: 1,561
Petitions for Commitments	136			
Rescinded	22			
Withdrawn or Sentenced	5			
Social Histories Completed	509			
Commitment Petitions Approved:			Commitment Petitions Denied:	
Female:	32	Female	1	
Male:	94	Male	9	
Total	126	Total	10	
Approved by Type			Denied by Type	
402/3	101	402/3		10
304	13			
405	12			

**Petitions Approved by Gender**



**Petitions Approved by Type**





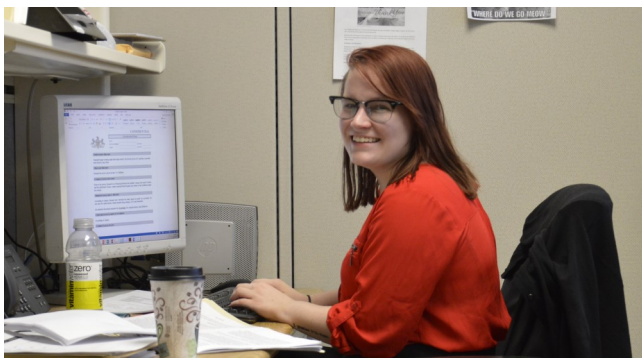
*The baseline function of the Behavior Assessment Unit is to assess for competency; specifically, "The ability of a person charged with a crime to understand the nature and purpose of the criminal proceedings," and to make appropriate reports to the judges for their review.*

Front L-R: Caitlin Calhoun and Koraleigh Gritz  
Back: L-R: David Delio  
Richard Painter



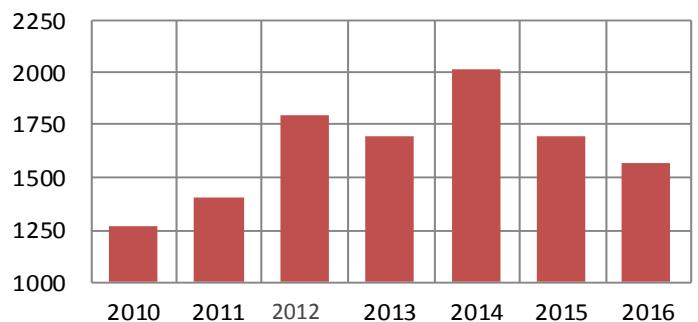
The Behavior Assessment Unit (BAU) continued to operate efficiently and expediently in 2016. The BAU psychiatrists completed 1,561 court-ordered competency evaluations, including 901 new evaluations and 660 rechecks, and recommended 136 involuntary commitments, of which 126 were committed to Torrance State Hospital. The BAU also completed 509 social histories associated with these mental health evaluations.

We continued to explore local competency restoration in 2016, working with both the State and the County Departments of Human Services. The lack of resources available at both the state and county level for mental health and drug/alcohol beds has severely hindered the ability to move these defendants from jail to a therapeutic setting.



BAU Intern Christine Mierman

## Competency Evaluations



# ard

## accelerated rehabilitative disposition

The first offender ARD Diversion Unit admitted 2,204 defendants into the program in 2016. The vast majority of these defendants were charged with DUI (1,893) and the remainder (311) were charged with various other non-violent offenses. Working closely with the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office, the disposition of these cases has been a smooth and efficient process. The ARD program successfully diverted over 90% of these cases from the court's docket resulting in successful completion of the program and the dismissal and expungement of



L-R: Probation Officers Jody Reola, Christopher Boyko, ARD Supervisor Girard Hildenbrand, Probation Officers Timothy Dugan and Maureen Buckley





these cases. The number of violations submitted to the court in 2016 was 1,475, which includes technical and convicted violations. The majority of the violations resulted in a delayed revocation, affording defendants additional time to complete all requirements. This year there were 382 cases where ARD probations were early terminations, and the expungement process started early due to the successful completion of all court-ordered stipulations. In addition, participating ARD offenders completed 23,729 hours of community service throughout Allegheny County.

ARD 2016 STATISTICS						
	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
ARD Entrants (Non-DUI)	2200 (307)	2338 (353)	2810 (406)	3050 (388)	2,753 (288)	2,946 (366)
Successful	2120	2309	2752	2578	2,953	3517
Revoked	514	473	443	466	502	378
Success Rate	83%	90.00%	93.45%	90.70%	89%	93%
Violation Reports Submitted	1301	1,368	1335	1,245	1,137	1,570
Interest Closed by the Court	143	78	71	65	131	120
Warrants Issued	218	173	191	170	189	354
Failure to Appear Rate	16.70%	12.64%	15.30%	13.65%	16.60%	22.55%
Death	28	23	18	15	8	29
Community Service Completed	23,729	25,588	37,188	31,880	27,285	38,197
Community Service Assigned by DA	39,525	41,350	52,350	41,245	32,575	37,450
Early Dismissal	382	486	369	261	185	117
Readmitted after Revocation	115	184	243	210	162	132
Delayed Revocations	982	646	625	550	638	608
Administrative Revocations	445	396	373	410	442	313

# Alcohol highway safety program



L-R: Bridget Keenan, Patrick Knox

SPECIAL THANKS IS GIVEN TO THOSE WHO OFFERED THEIR TIME TO ASSIST WITH THE CONTINUOUS EFFORTS OF THE ALCOHOL HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE DANGERS OF DRINKING AND DRIVING AND TO PROMOTE HEALTHY CHOICES.

In 2016, the Alcohol Highway Safety Program (AHSP) continued its work of education, intervention, and prevention in the field of DUI. The goal to reduce the harmful effects of drinking and driving was in full swing this year with the many programs provided to schools, children, and the community. From television and radio public service announcements to community events, the message reached thousands of children across forty different school districts and adults in Allegheny County. The message of “saving lives” was delivered meaningfully to Allegheny County residents. The AHSP is also responsible for the completion of court-ordered evaluations of DUI offenders and for managing the Department of Transportation mandated DUI Education Programs. Alcohol

Highway Safety Program completed 4,481 CRN evaluations this year, the most for a single jurisdiction in the state. To assure compliance with the Commonwealth v. Taylor decision this year, the AHSP facilitated 164 full drug and alcohol assessments at the Allegheny County Jail prior to sentencing. Additionally, the AHSP operated the largest and most successful Ignition Interlock Program in the state. The Ignition Interlock Program had 397 active clients on December 31, 2016. Those devices helped program participants drive in excess of one million sober miles in and around Allegheny County. Since 2004, not one person has been charged with DUI while operating their vehicle with an Ignition Interlock device installed.

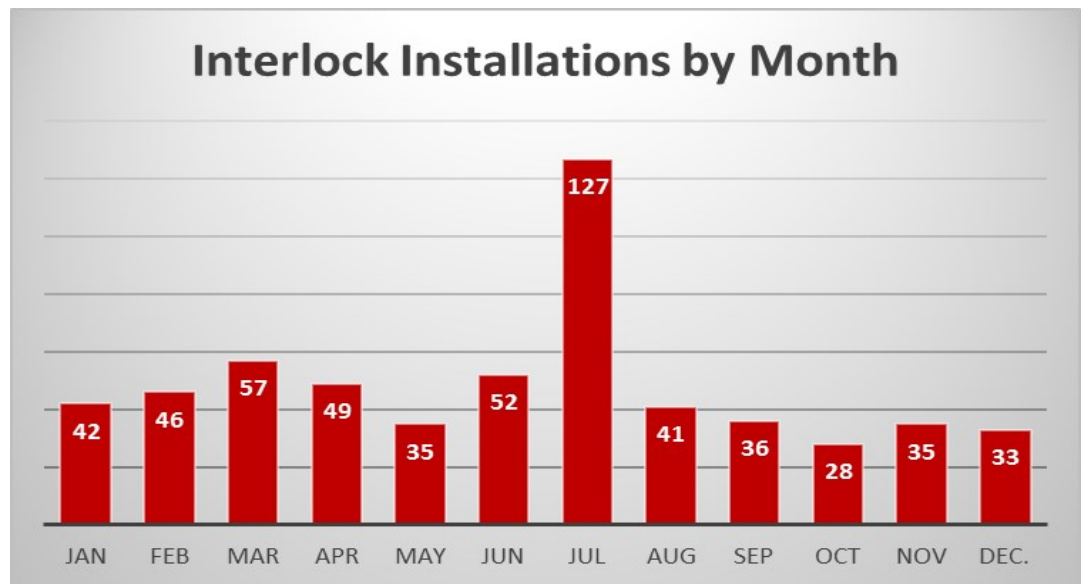


# Ignition Interlock



L-R: Probation Officers Bruce Morgan and Michael Stephenson, Technician Steve Provenziale, CRN Evaluator Kathy Falkner, and Administrative Assistant Amy Taylor.

In 2016 Ignition Interlock celebrated its 15th anniversary by installing 581 Ignition Interlock devices on the vehicles of Allegheny County drivers, the highest number since 2012, when 606 units were installed. Ignition Interlock brings the offender one step closer to full reinstatement of driving privileges



Front: Christopher Shnaley

Back L-R: Betty McBride, Joel Reisz

In August 2016, Manager and DUI Co-Coordinator Christopher Shanley, AHSP Supervisor Joel Reisz, and Mon Yough Community Services Betty McBride, travelled to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Headquarters in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to present Allegheny County's DUI program to the oversight committee of the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs Bureau of Treatment, Prevention and Intervention (DDAP). The mission of the DDAP is to engage, coordinate, and lead Pennsylvania's effort to prevent and reduce drug, alcohol, and gambling addiction and abuse, and to promote recovery, reducing the human and economic impact of the disease. In addition, the Treatment Division and the Prevention and Intervention Division are responsible for developing standards and policies, and oversight and management of prevention services statewide. DDAP's Drug and Alcohol Compliance Unit travelled to

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# CRN Court Reporting Network



Front: Suzanne Skidmore, Supervisor

Back L-R: Michael Anthony, Lindsey McConnell

Allegheny County Pretrial Services CRN Evaluators completed 4,481 Evaluations in 2016. That is 34 percent more than the 2,954 completed in the next highest, Philadelphia County. The statistics concerning the individual characteristics of DUI cases over the past five years remain consistent with the average Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) level being .17 to .18, the average age, 35, and the largest percentage being male.

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Allegheny County in February 2016 to complete a compliance check of Allegheny County's regional alcohol programs. Most Pennsylvania DUI drug and alcohol programs are administered through the Single County Authority's Health Department. However, Allegheny County took a different approach by contracting with four regional alcohol programs to administer DUI services for offenders under the supervision of the Alcohol Highway Safety Program (AHSP) at Pretrial Services. This effort uses a medical and legal approach to accomplish the requirements as set forth by the State for the DUI offender. Allegheny County's AHSP monitors the legal requirements while partnering with four regional programs to complete the medical assessment, alcohol highway safety school, intervention and treatment. The four regional programs are Turtle Creek Valley MH/MR,

Pittsburgh Mercy Health Systems, Mon Yough Community Services and Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic. Upon completion of the compliance check, Allegheny County received high marks and was asked to present the formatting and case management system for our DUI Program to DDAP's Oversight Committee that is chaired by Judge Michael Barrasse from Lackawanna County. The presentation received positive feedback, including this comment from the DUI Treatment Compliance Project Manager, Jerry L. Spangler, "It is very evident that the criminal justice and treatment communities in Allegheny County are very collaborative in their actions, are very informed as to both the criminal justice and treatment needs and trends, and are committed to continuous improvement in your processes and procedures."

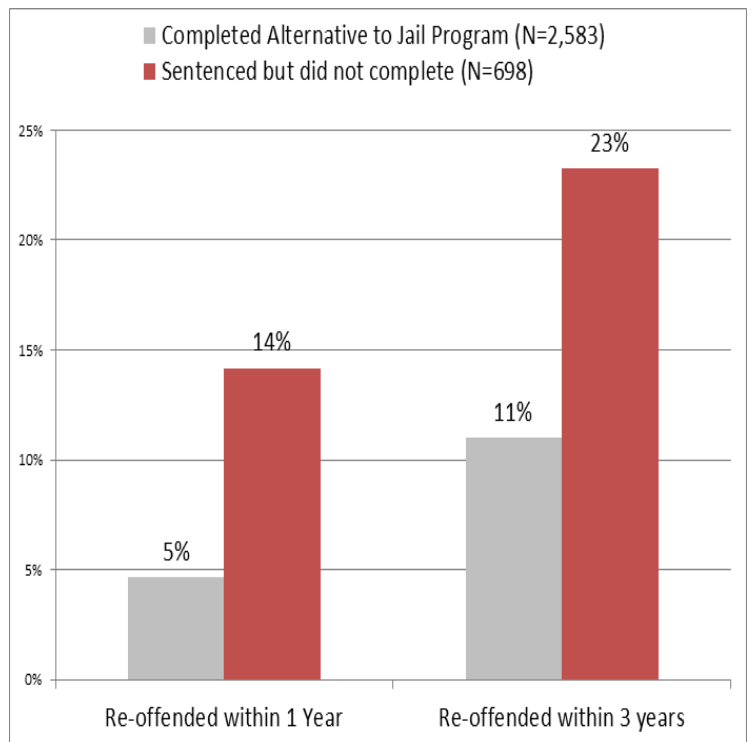


# DUI Alternative to Jail Program



L-R: Brian Rupp, monitor for the DUI Alternative to Jail Program, and Program Coordinator Wendy Feldmeier

## DUI ALTERNATIVE TO JAIL RECIDIVISM



The AHSP continued to operate the DUI Alternative to Jail Program. This program is for first conviction DUI offenders in Tiers 2 and 3. Participants are sentenced to a local hotel and receive all court and state mandated DUI treatment at the site over an intense, four-day stay. The overall goal of this program is to reduce recidivism by exposing the DUI offender to four days of intensive treatment and programming. In 2016, 428 participants successfully completed the program. The chart above shows that at both one and three years out, recidivism rates for those that completed the Alternative to Jail program had significantly lower re-arrest rates than those that did not.



# Prevention



Pam Wahal  
Prevention Coordinator



# fatal awareness



This page top: Kevin Brooks poses with SADD members who attended the conference with their schools.  
 Bottom: L-R: Keven Brooks and Craig Tornquist  
 Opposite Page (18): Top: Craig Tornquist interacts with students as Master of Ceremonies.  
 Center L-R: Joel Reisz, Janice Dean, Chris Shanley, Pam Wahal, Keri Stupka, and Craig Tornquist,  
 Right: Juvenile Offenders program presentors,  
 Bottom: L-R: Craig Tornquist and Janice Dean draw numbers for door prizes, Students respond enthusiastically to the program, and State Trooper Robin Mungo





# fatal awareness

**P**retorial Services hosted the Annual Fatal Awareness Conference at the Ross Community Center on April 21st. Two hundred and eighty-seven (287) students from 14 schools attended the conference where Craig Tornquist was the Master of Ceremonies for the third year.

Keynote speaker Kevin Brooks delivered a program demonstrating his first-hand knowledge of the dangers of drinking and driving. He reminded students to “Just Wiggle Your Toes,” something that he can no longer do.

Two former juvenile offenders spoke to the students, and State Trooper Robin Mungo spoke and played a video on distracted driving dangers. Each student received a welcome bag including items bearing the Alcohol Highway Safety Program’s message to “Make the Right Choice...” and a t-shirt donated by the Pittsburgh Penguins, featuring the team’s logo. Also, each student received a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of many prizes donated by the Steelers, Penguins, Pirates, and other partners.







Left—Right: Probation Officers Shane Scott, Bruce Morgan, Michael Napolitano, Education Coordinator Pam Wahal, and Daniel Trbovich of the Court Liaison Unit represented Pretrial Services at the Safe Driving Competition in 2016.

## Safe Driving Competition

On Monday, April 11th, the 7th annual Safe Driving Competition was held at Pittsburgh Technical Institute in Oakdale. Participants representing high schools within Allegheny County competed in a driving test that included a physical driving test, a written test, and a perceptual test.

## Safety Bug

Safety Bug was still one of the most popular prevention tools Pretrial Services sponsors for area high schools in 2016. In partnership with the Pennsylvania DUI Association (PADUIA), Safety Bug offered students from ten high schools within Allegheny County the opportunity to see first-hand the dangers of drinking and driving. Students with valid driver's licenses drove the vehicle that has special controls manipulated by the PADUIA operator from the passenger seat. These controls simulate the effects that driving under the influence cause, such as delayed reactions and exaggerated turns. Students without driver's licenses rode as passengers in the back seats to experience riding with a drunk driver without the danger of actually doing so. The operator has the ability to assume control of the car at any time he finds it necessary.

## SADD

On November 16, 2016, Pretrial Services gave 200 students from schools throughout Allegheny County the opportunity to interact with other SADD organizations at the 2016 SADD Annual State Conference at Seven Springs Resort in Champion, Pennsylvania. The

digitally interactive "Think Fast Program," where students participated in teams to answer trivia about safety facts specifically designed for the targeted audience age, was the highlight of the conference. Afterwards students were able to choose three break out workshops to attend. Workshop topics varied from tobacco education and drug culture to "Say Something," a session dealing with gun violence that all students were encouraged to include as one of their choices.

## Safety Simulator

The Safety Simulator, a unique prevention program sponsored in partnership with the Pennsylvania DUI Association, was taken to ten schools in Allegheny County during 2016. A driver's license is not necessary to operate the simulator, which provided an opportunity for students who will soon be driving to experience driving under a variety of driving situations such as impairment, inclement weather conditions and other drivers.

## Craig Tornquist

Craig Tornquist presented assemblies to both middle and elementary schools throughout Allegheny County in 2016. Craig shares experiences from his school years about the way choices he made during that time affected his future. He engages student volunteers to demonstrate that school is the perfect place to discover their own unique talents. He explains that choices made early in life can impact career choices. Craig challenges students to realize the choices they make regarding drugs and alcohol will directly impact their opportunities in the future.



In December of 2016, Pretrial Services sponsored an assembly for more than 200 students featuring Craig Tornquist at West Allegheny Middle School.



Pretrial Services contracts with businesses, media, sports teams, and other organizations to get the message out about Drinking and Driving. These efforts are sponsored by AHSP in compliance with Act 198 and funded with a portion of the fines paid by offenders. The Pittsburgh Penguins, Pittsburgh Steelers, Pittsburgh Pirates, KDKA, and Fox 53/WPGH Television, and Pittsburgh City Paper are some of the organizations Pretrial has partnered with to provide public service announcements, Designated Driving Booths at sporting events, and public service messages on the websites of these organizations!



## Partnerships

### Steelers Radio Network—I Heart MEDIA

Pretrial Services reached out to the large Pittsburgh Steelers' fan base in 2016 by again partnering with IHeart Media, the only provider of radio coverage for the organization. Announcements before games as well as during "Chalk Talk" on WDVE and "Countdown to Kickoff" on ESPN Pittsburgh, and several other Steeler radio programs provided maximum exposure of the important message not to drink and drive.

### KDKA Steelers/Penguins Preseason

Public Service announcements ran on KDKA TV2 and on the Pittsburgh CW during Steelers Huddle, Steelers Kickoff, and Extra Point and on the CW during Penguins Preseason Hockey.

Left: Designated Driving Booth at the Consol Energy Center. Right: Booth sponsored by Pretrial Services in partnerships with KDKA at the Pittsburgh International Auto Show at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center





## Pittsburgh Penguins

Pretrial Services partnered with the Stanley Cup Champion Pittsburgh Penguins to get the “Make the Right Choice” message to not drink and drive to their large fan base. That message was featured in a large ad in *Ice Time Magazine*, which was distributed to fans at every game, and the Designated Driving booths were a big fan attraction. Before every game, a public service announcement by a Penguin’s player reminded fans to enjoy the game, but not to drink and drive.

## KDKA

### Driving Skills for Life

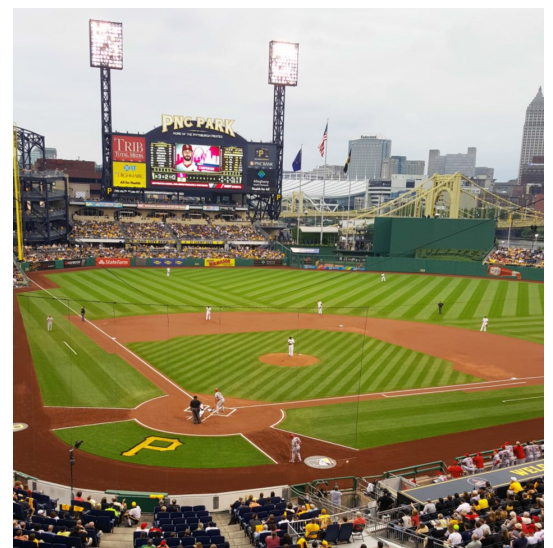
Pretrial Services partnered with KDKA, Westfield Insurance, The Governor’s Highway Safety Program, and Ford to present monthly assemblies to a different school within Allegheny County throughout the school year. Every month representatives of the partners presented an assembly to the students that included a video focusing on driving skills such as space management, speed, and seatbelt use. After the video, the group spoke to the students about the dangers and consequences of drinking and driving. The partnership also supported an informational booth at the Greater Pittsburgh Auto Show and public service announcements on KDKA TV throughout the year.



Janice Dean and Christopher Shanley with the Stanley Cup.

## Pittsburgh Pirates

Utilizing the 600 monitors throughout PNC Park, print media, and public service announcements, Pretrial Services has been reaching out to Pittsburgh Pirate fans for five years.





# 10 years of Pretrial Services

## 2016

- ⇒ Initiated risk assessment for district court judges
- ⇒ Participated with state justice reinvestment teams on pretrial reforms
- ⇒ Advised state legislators in Harrisburg regarding state pretrial legislation
- ⇒ Presented to BDAP oversight committee on DUI case management in Allegheny County
- ⇒ Began an official internship program

## 2015

- ⇒ Invited to the White House Data Driven Justice initiatives discussing diverting low-level offenders from the jail and criminal justice system
- ⇒ Invited to National Stepping-Up initiative with Allegheny County Team
- ⇒ Expanded pretrial supervision to the Mon-Yough Community Resource Center
- ⇒ Partner with CMU Behavioral Economists to develop and evaluate interventions designed to reduce pretrial misconduct
- ⇒ Created policy to comply with Taylor decision; conducting evaluations via video from the jail
- ⇒ Participated in the rewrite of the national pretrial standards with the American Bar Association and the National Pretrial Services Association

## 2014

- ⇒ Entered into agreement with Arnold Foundation to use PSA Court risk tool for district judges in Allegheny County
- ⇒ Conducted risk assessment trainings for all MDJ's
- ⇒ Had video conferencing equipment set up at pretrial office, connecting to the jail to expedite hearings and interviews

## 2013

- ⇒ Participated in the national roundtable discussion with the Arnold Foundation on pretrial risk assessment
- ⇒ Recognized as largest and most efficient DUI and Ignition Interlock Program in the State
- ⇒ Worked on the e-filing system for mental health commitments with the Department of Court Records.

## 2012

- ⇒ Revalidated the Allegheny County pretrial risk assessment tool
- ⇒ Created and began sending court reminders to all defendants
- ⇒ Created Stiptrack to track all DUI conditions
- ⇒ Received the Mary Ann Bowman Prevention award from the PA DUI Association for our continued prevention efforts in Allegheny County

## 2011

- ⇒ Participated in the Legislative Affairs Committee on Criminal Justice Reform in Washington DC
- ⇒ Began early termination and re-admissions for ARD
- ⇒ Instituted an automated phone-in reporting system
- ⇒ Received PCCD grant to create a court notification system

## 2010

- ⇒ Created the DUI Alternative to Jail Program
- ⇒ Expanded the use of alternative housing from the jail to include bond and detainer cases to help control the jail population and ensure better outcomes
- ⇒ Justice Reinvestment at the Local Level Grant
- ⇒ Continued drug and alcohol prevention efforts in Allegheny County

## 2009

- ⇒ Recognized by the Vera Institute of Washington DC as a model program for pretrial reform
- ⇒ Presented an informational/training for a contingent from Mexico on judicial reform
- ⇒ Participated in G20 preparations
- ⇒ Created a self-surrender program for failure to appear warrant cases
- ⇒ Worked with the State Police to have automatic arrest notifications for those on pretrial and probation release
- ⇒ Pretrial Population Control Coordinator began reviewing inmates being held on bail in line with national standards for best practices
- ⇒ Continued drug/alcohol prevention efforts in AC middle and high schools

## 2008

- ⇒ Formed an internal pretrial committee to manage changes, problems, and issues
- ⇒ Began training Public Defenders, Assistant District Attorneys, Magistrate Judges and numerous other agencies on Pretrial's functions and procedures
- ⇒ Participated in several National panels on pretrial reform
- ⇒ Created a delayed revocation process for ARD violations
- ⇒ Continued drug and alcohol prevention efforts in Allegheny County middle and high schools

## 2007

- ⇒ Combined all pretrial functions under one agency forming the Allegheny County Pretrial Services Department
- ⇒ Created a computerized case management system, replacing a strictly paper system
- ⇒ Validated a local pretrial risk assessment using evidence based practices
- ⇒ Opened an office in the jail and inserted the pretrial interview process into the pre-arraignment track
- ⇒ Created a mission statement, goals, and visions for the department
- ⇒ Began pretrial in-person and phone-in level supervision
- ⇒ Expanded drug and alcohol prevention efforts in Allegheny County



### *In Memoriam*

Paul D. Larkin was Deputy Director of Pretrial Services Department since 2011, after serving many years as the senior member of the Court Liaison Unit. Paul was a lifelong resident of Lawrenceville and a 12-year survivor of pancreatic cancer.

Paul's ready smile, calm and professional presence, and his friendship will be greatly missed.

