

A wide-angle photograph of the Pittsburgh skyline at dusk, viewed from across the water. The city's iconic skyline, including the PPG Place tower, is silhouetted against a warm, orange-hued sky. In the foreground, a large fountain with multiple jets of water is active, and a few people can be seen walking on the promenade. The water in the foreground is dark and rippled.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY PRETRIAL SERVICES



2019
ANNUAL REPORT



About Pretrial Services

Allegheny County Pretrial Services was created in 2007 to consolidate four separate units that controlled criminal matters prior to sentencing. It became, and continues to be, nationally recognized as a forward thinking program and leader in using technology to improve operational efficiency. Our commitment to an evidence-informed approach to the administration of justice has our department on a short list of model programs in the country. As a result, jurisdictions from Pennsylvania and from around the country consult with us to learn our practices and procedures.

Our Mission

The mission of the Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania Pretrial Services is to provide accurate, 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, 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.

Our 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
- The belief that people have the ability to become law-abiding citizens



Court Administration



Criminal Division Administration



HON. KIM BERKELEY-CLARK
PRESIDENT JUDGE



HON. JILL E. RANGOS
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

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From the Director



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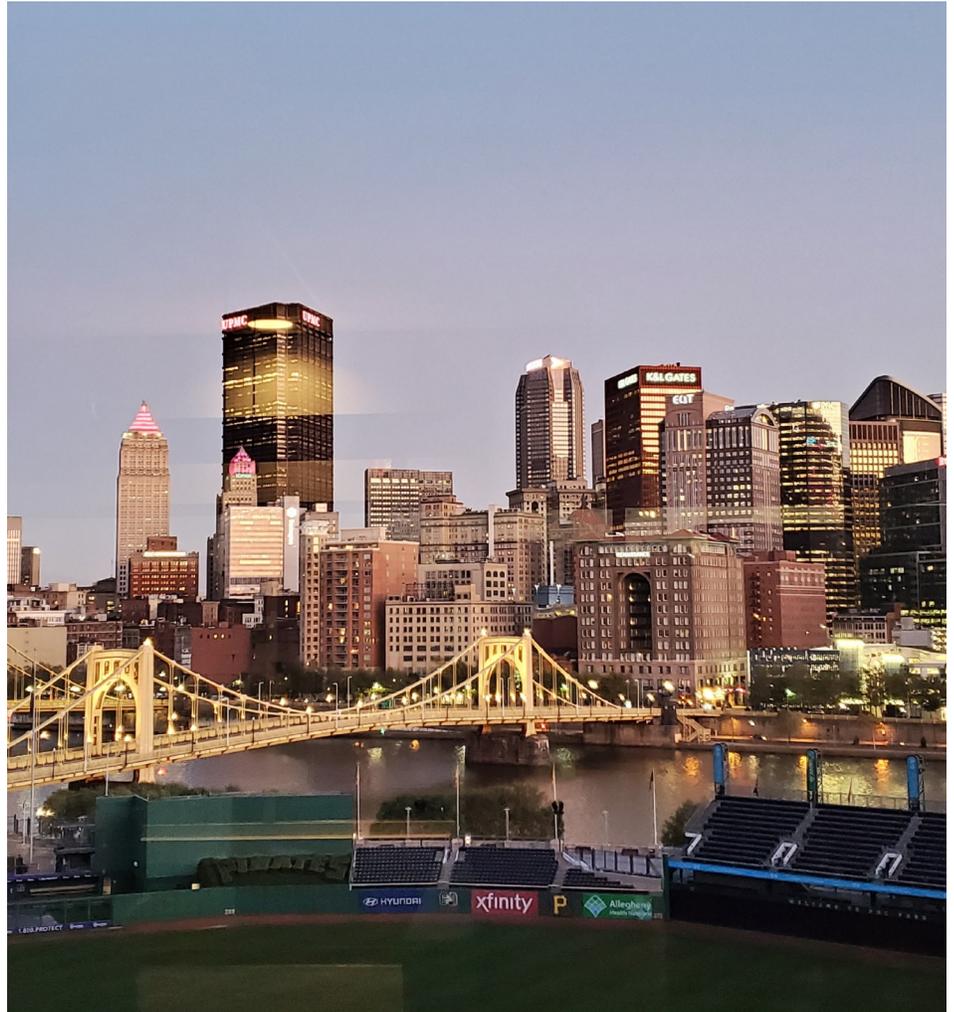
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PROGRAM



PRESIDENT JUDGE



PRESIDENT JUDGE KIM BERKELEY-CLARK

On Friday, January 24, 2020, The Honorable President Judge Kim Berkeley-Clark spent time at Pretrial Services touring the office, meeting staff members, and addressing concerns. Judge Clark spoke of the importance of staff who work to keep the court and the judges well informed and efficient. The importance of building safety was also raised by the judge and she invited suggestions as to how improvements may be made. Finally, Judge Clark held a round table conversation and addressed staff questions regarding any topic of their choice. She advised the staff of committees that she has created in hopes of improving the Court and invited them to join.

PA DUI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN PITTSBURGH

Allegheny County hosted the 40th Annual Meeting of the PA DUI Association at the Pittsburgh Sheraton Station Square October 23rd through the 25th, 2019. Keynote Speakers included Candance Lightner, founder of Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Luke Niforatos with Smart Approach to Marijuana. Chris Shanley, Pretrial Deputy Director, presented “Driver’s License Issues/ Ignition Interlock and also moderated a rountable discussion. The discussion, the opening plenary session, was an open forum about the state of DUI in Pennsylvania. Criminal Division Judge Kelly Bigley and Magisterial District Judge Daniel Konieczka were on the panel that gave the audience members an opportunity to ask the experts anything. Topics covered included effective treatment for substance use disorders, officer safety on traffic stops and medical marijuana. The closing Keynote speaker was Corporal James Gregg with the Pennsylvania State Police.



L-R: TIMOTHY OCHARZAK, CHRISTOPHER BOYKO, CHRISTOPHER SHANLEY, PAMELA WAHAL, TIMOTHY DUGAN AND DONALD MORRIS REPRESENTED ALLEGHENY COUNTY PRETRIAL SERVICES DURING SEVERAL CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES.

SWEARING-IN 2019

The Honorable Jill E. Rangos, Administrative Judge of the Criminal Division of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, conducted her first Swearing-In of Adult Probation Officers and Pretrial Services Supervision Officers and Investigators in her courtroom on November 15th, 2019.



Photos Clockwise from Top Left, Group shot of officers taking the Oath; Honorable Jill E. Rangos; Judge Rangos and Bail Investigator Corey Henning; Judge Rangos and Bail Investigator Sidney McDaniel; Bail Investigator Chelsey Savino and Judge McDaniel. Group Photo, Left to Right: Garrett Larkin, Joel Reisz, Reginald Robinson, Chelsey Savino, Judge Rangos, Sidney McDaniel, Colleen Sypolt, Megan Powell and Janice Dean. Judge Rangos and Probation Officer Megan Powell, Judge Rangos and Probation Office Reginal Robinson.

BAIL UNIT



LEROY BROADUS



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KELLY ZUPICH

THE BAIL INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

The Pretrial Bail Unit, located in the Allegheny County Jail, is staffed by twelve full-time Investigators who complete assessments on defendants 24 hours a day and 365 days a year. These investigations are conducted on all defendants who are brought in on new charges or bench warrants to assess their individual risk of new criminal activity as well as their risk to fail to appear for court proceedings. In 2019, our jail staff completed a total of 18,212 investigations consisting of a face-to-face interview with the defendant and a thorough check of past criminal history. That information is entered into Pretrial Services' case management system and validated risk assessment tool. The information that is gathered provides the bail authority the ability to make a more informed pretrial release decision.

In 2019, the Pretrial Bail Unit worked closely with the Public Defender's office in the implementation of pre-qualifying defendants for the services of the Public Defender at the Preliminary Hearing. This project began with the help of the MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge grant received by Allegheny County in October of 2018. From April to December 31, 2019, Pretrial Services was able to screen 11,101 defendants, while pre-qualifying 7,301 (66%) for representation by the Public Defender's office. This project has led to fewer postponements in cases, shortening the length of the court process.



PRETRIAL SERVICES BAIL UNIT L-R: TIMOTHY OCHARZAK, ERIN SPICUZZA, ARLENE OLIVER, JESSICA LARKIN, LINDSAY BLACK, MANAGER COLLEEN SYPOLT, AND SARAH MEREDITH

COURT LIAISON

This year, the Pretrial Services Bail Court Liaison Unit advocated for 2,056 bond modifications, a 17.5% increase over the 1,750 presented in 2018, and presented 3,311 bond forfeiture cases to the Court of Common Pleas. The Pretrial Safe Surrender Program allows defendants with active failure to appear bench warrants to turn themselves into Pretrial Services to appear that day in motions court for a bond reinstatement hearing. In 2019, 804 bench warrants for failure to appear were cleared through this program.

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 2019, we advocated for bond modifications on 493 cases after the preliminary hearing when bond was not posted. With the help of the MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge we were able to expand this division this year and hope it will continue to grow and advocate for those low-risk offenders who cannot afford to post bond.

The expansion of a risk assessment to the outlying Magisterial District Courts that began in 2016 was completed this year. Using the Laura and John Arnold Foundation's nationally validated pretrial risk assessment tool, the PSA-Court, all district courts were given the ability to have a pretrial risk assessment completed prior to arraignment in their district offices this year. At the end of 2019 the PSA-Court was being used in all 35 districts. We provided a total of 580 risk assessments to these districts throughout the year with hopes that number will continue to grow.

In total, our Pretrial Services Bail Unit provided a risk assessment on approximately 50% of all new cases filed in Allegheny County in 2018. Specifically, we provided a risk assessments for 11% of the cases that originated as a summons arrest. We provided a risk assessment for 81% of all other cases filed.



PRETRIAL SUPERVISION UNIT

Nonmonetary conditions of bail, such as report by phone, report in person, or electronic monitoring, are supervised by the Pretrial Bail Supervision Unit. On December 31, 2019 we were actively supervising 2,948 defendants. These conditional release supervision options promote the pretrial goals of appearance and community safety during the pretrial phase.

We continue to send court reminders for all defendants in Allegheny County. Defendants are sent a court reminder approximately 3 days prior to any scheduled court appearance. Messages are sent via email, text or landline, following internal business rules. In 2019 we sent a total of 95,220 court reminders, with over 40,000 being sent for trial.



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PROBATION OFFICER



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PROBATION OFFICER



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PROBATION OFFICER



JARED VOIGHT-CHERNA
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



BAIL UNIT 2019					
	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
NEW INVESTIGATIONS	18,212	18,729	20,052	18,630	18,170
BENCH WARRANTS	804	1,197	931	745	768
BOND MODIFICATIONS	2,056	1,750	1,875	2,139	1,628
BOND FORFEITURES	3,311	3,409	2,937	2,287	2,461
BOND MODIFICATION AFTER PRELIMINARY HEARING WHEN BOND NOT POSTED	493	443	358	655	487
MDJ ASSESSMENT REQUESTS	580	527	*	*	*

* Statistics not available before 2018



BAIL INVESTIGATORS CONDUCTING PSA RISK TOOLS TO 35 MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGES, L-R: DAVID WEIGEL, TIMOTHY GUBASH, ANDREA RICCHIO AND AMANDA STRAUSBAUGH.

BEHAVIOR ASSESSMENT UNIT



DAVID DELIO
MANAGER



KORALEIGH GRITZ
SOCIAL WORKER



ABBIGAIL FORD
CLERK



RICHARD PAINTER
CLERK



SHELLBY WILLIAMS
INTERN

The Behavior Assessment Unit (BAU) continued to assess defendants for competency to proceed to trial. The BAU psychiatrists completed 1,030 court-ordered competency evaluations, including 885 new evaluations and 145 rechecks. They recommended 128 involuntary commitments to Torrance State Hospital. The BAU social workers completed 130 social histories associated with these mental health

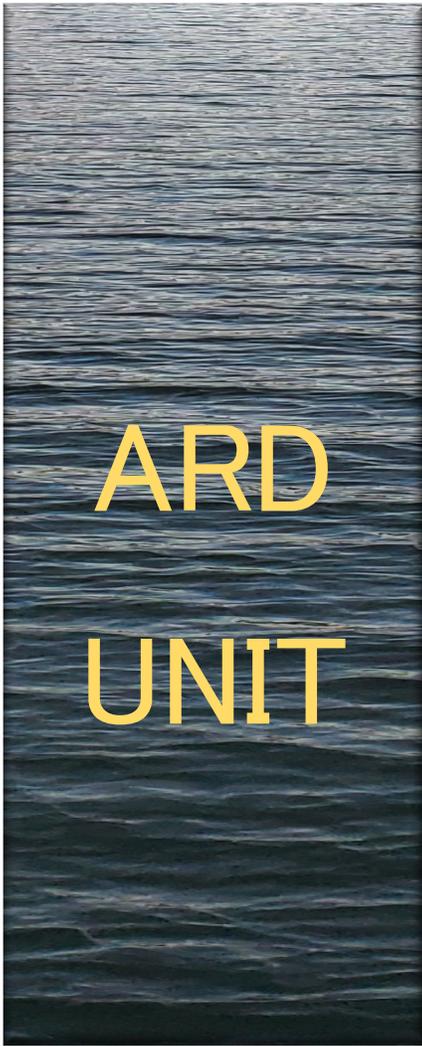
evaluations. We continued to explore alternatives to jail for defendants who are deemed incompetent, working with both the state and county Departments of Human Services. The lack of resources available at both the state and county levels for mental health and drug/alcohol beds has severely hindered the ability to move these defendants from jail to a therapeutic setting in a timely manner.



Early in 2020, Laura Spicer assumed the position of Behavior Assessment Unit Manager when David Delio resigned.

BEHAVIOR ASSESSMENT UNIT 2019

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
TOTAL PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATIONS	1,030	964	1,270	1,561	1,689
NEW EVALUATIONS	885	782	881	901	1,272
RECHECKS	145	182	389	660	417
INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS	128	116	108	126	125
SOCIAL HISTORIES COMPLETED	130	198	369	509	265



ARD UNIT



CHRISTOPHER BOYKO
PROBATION OFFICER



TIMOTHY DUGAN
PROBATION OFFICER



REGINALD ROBINSON
PROBATION OFFICER



JODY REOLA
PROBATION OFFICER



DANIEL TRBOVICH
PROBATION OFFICER

The first offender ARD Diversion Unit admitted 1,913 defendants into the program in 2019. Most of these defendants were charged with DUI (1,684) and the remainder (229) 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 87 percent of these cases from the Court's docket resulting

in successful completion of the program and the dismissal and expungement of these cases. The number of violations submitted to the Court in 2019 was 956, which includes technical and convicted violations. The majority of the violations resulted in a delayed revocation, affording defendants additional time to complete the requirements. In addition, participating ARD offenders completed 22,199 hours of community service throughout Allegheny County.

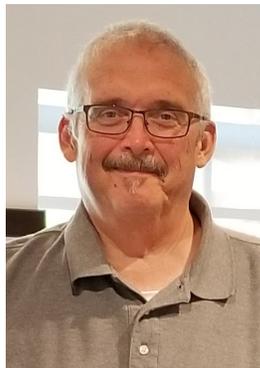
ALCOHOL HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM

Our Mission

To combat the devastating effects of DUI and drug and alcohol abuse by actively engaging the community to affect change through prevention programs, public awareness activities, DUI enforcement events, and through the administration of the Pennsylvania Alcohol Highway Safety Program for Allegheny County. Through our efforts we hope to create safer highways, healthier lifestyles, and to save lives lost to DUI and drug and alcohol addictions.



PATRICK KNOX
DUI CLERK



BRUCE MORGAN
PROBATION OFFICER



JENNIFER NINEHOUSER
DUI CLERK



STEVE PROVENZALE
TECHNICIAN



AMY TAYLOR
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



PAM WAHAL
PREVENTION COORDINATOR



SUZANNE SKIDMORE
CRN SUPERVISOR



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CRN EVALUATOR



MICHAEL ANTHONY
CRN EVALUATOR



BRIAN RUPP
CRN EVALUATOR

DEMOGRAPHIC CATEGORIES WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF DUI OFFENDERS	
Age	35-44
Gender	Male 73%
Marital Status	Single/Never Married
Employment Status	Employed 77.5%
Day of Arrest	Saturday 22.4%
Drug-Related DUI	24.1%

CRN

Allegheny County Pretrial Services Court Reporting Network (CRN) is the first contact that DUI offenders have when fulfilling their DUI requirements. The CRN evaluations provide the Pennsylvania DUI Association and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation with statistical information and is a pre-health screening tool used to help determine the need for full drug and alcohol assessments. The CRN Unit, with one part-time and two full-time evaluators and one supervisor, continued to outperform other Pennsylvania counties in 2019 by completing 4,411 evaluations, or ten percent of the total number of evaluations completed in the Commonwealth. One hundred and fifty-two of these evaluations were conducted using video technology with inmates lodged in the Allegheny County Jail.

REGIONAL ALCOHOL PROGRAMS

The Alcohol Highway Safety Program partners with four regional Alcohol Programs to provide comprehensive drug and alcohol evaluations, treatment, and DUI intervention. The programs also conduct the Alcohol Highway Safety School required for all first and second DUI offenders. The use of video conferencing enables the programs to reach jailed inmates quickly, assisting the Court in remaining in compliance with the statutory obligation of the required CRN evaluation and the drug and alcohol assessment.

IGNITION INTERLOCK

Allegheny County Alcohol Highway Program continued efforts to secure the safety of Pennsylvania's roadways in 2019 by helping participants drive sober. New transportation laws creating two types of ignition interlock licenses and allowing ARD offenders to have interlock devices installed into their vehicles have significantly increased the installation of equipment into vehicles. New Penn Dot requirements also brought about additional installations by requiring a camera to increase the ability to monitor individuals and the accuracy of breath testing.

As of December 31, 2019, there were 590 Ignition Interlock participants, and ignition interlock equipment was installed in 638 vehicles in 2019.

DUI ALTERNATIVE TO JAIL PROGRAM



DANIEL KOCH
PART-TIME MONITOR

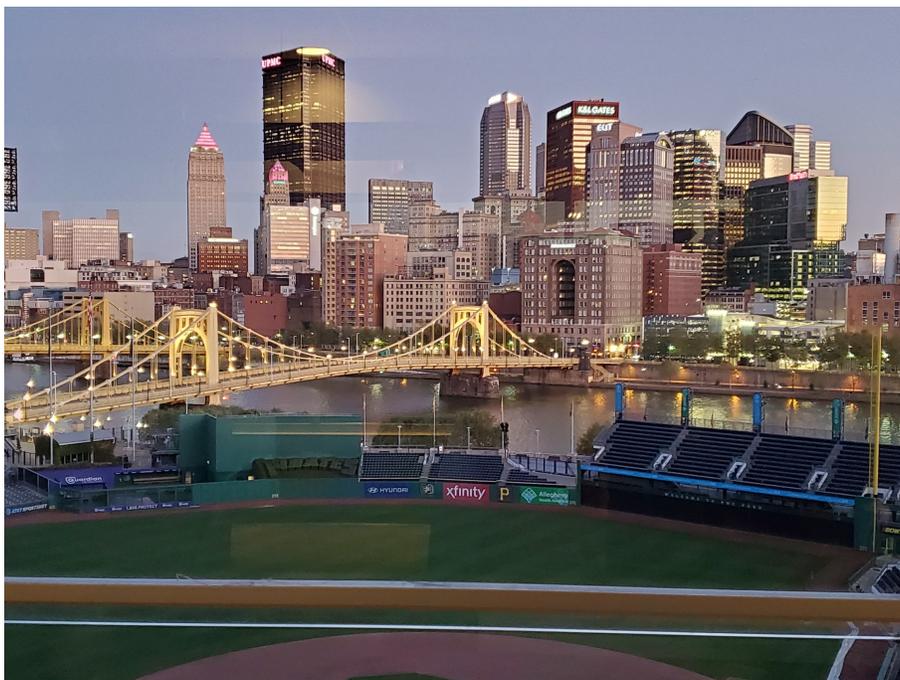


WENDY FELDMIEIER
PROGRAM COORDINATOR

The Alcohol Highway Safety Program operates the DUI Alternative to Jail Program 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. The overall goal of this program is to reduce recidivism by exposing the DUI offender to four days of intensive treatment and programming. 489 of 562 participants sentenced to the program successfully completed it. By completing the mandatory sentence in the DUI Alternative to Jail Program instead of in the Allegheny County Jail, 1,956 jail bed days were saved.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE

On June 6th Pretrial Services and our partners AAA East Central, Allegheny County Health Department Traffic Safety, PA DUI Association, the Pennsylvania State Police and PennDot District 11, hosted our annual Law Enforcement Conference at the Mayernik Center in Ohio Township. Approximately 100 hundred olice officers and probation officers attended the event that included PennDot Data Updates, the Medical Marijuana Program, DUI Law Updates, car seat safety, and the importance of properly securing truck loads.



ALCOHOL HIGHWAY PROGRAM

PREVENTION—SCHOOL

SAFETY BUG		SIMULATOR	
Elizabeth-	Highlands	Upper St. Clair	North Hills
Steel Valley	Riverview	South Park	Penn Hills
Deer Lakes	Moon	Quaker Valley	Pittsburgh Tech-
Hampton	Penn Hills	Chartiers Valley	
		Riverview	
		North Allegheny	



L-R: Lindsay Black, Joel Riesz, Colleen Sypolt

SAFETY BUG/SAFETY SIMULATOR

Through a partnership with the PA DUI Association, Pretrial Services took the Safety Bug to eight schools within Allegheny County. This popular learning experience allows students with a valid driver's license to experience what it might be like to drive under the influence of alcohol. Students drive an arranged course with a DUI Association employee on board who manipulates the vehicle to mimic delayed reactions and altered perception.

Like the Safety Bug, the Safety Simulator allows students to experience what it would be like to drive a car while impaired. Unlike the Safety Bug, the student does not need to be a licensed driver. In addition, there are simulations of various weather and traffic conditions.



CRAIG TORNQUIST

Craig Tornquist, a nationally recognized motivational speaker and “clean” comedian, presented assemblies to K-8 schools within Allegheny County in 2019. Craig shares experiences from his own school years and engages student volunteers to demonstrate that school is the perfect place to discover their own unique talents. He stresses to students that the choices they make can impact their opportunities in the futures, and the assemblies are tailored for the age group he is addressing.

SAFE DRIVING COMPETITION

On May 8 Pretrial Services and partners sponsored the Tenth Annual Teen Safe Driving Competition at Pittsburgh Technical College in Oakdale, Pennsylvania. Students from ten area high schools took part in the event in 2019. The competition included a hands-on driving course, a written safety knowledge exam and a perceptual test. The top three students and the best overall scoring school win cash prizes. Our partners were Cindy Cohen School of Driving, Allegheny County Health Department Traffic Safety, Allegheny County Police, UPMC Children's Hospital, AAA East Central, TIPP, PennDot District 11, Pennsylvania State Police and Pittsburgh Technical College.

SCHOOL PREVENTION

SAFE KIDS WALK THIS WAY PROGRAM

Pretrial Services took part in the Safe Kids Walk this Way Program at Westview Elementary School on October 2, 2019. The program, which originated in 2000, strives to educate motorists and student pedestrians to create safer, more pedestrian-friendly communities.



QUAKER VALLEY PREVENTION TREE

DUI DEDICATION TREES

Pretrial Services again partnered with AAA East Central, PennDot District 11, the Allegheny County Health Department Traffic Safety Program and the Pennsylvania State Police to sponsor DUI Dedication Trees. This year Chartiers Valley, Quaker Valley, Riverview, South Fayette, Steel Valley, and West Allegheny schools participated in this program. The schools supply the trees, which are decorated with decorations, ornaments and lights symbolizing statistics of impaired driving crashes and fatalities throughout the year and the holiday season. The trees are placed in high-traffic areas of the schools to spread awareness of the dangers of driving impaired.

SADD CONFERENCE

Pretrial Services sponsored the attendance of 200 students from school districts within Allegheny County to attend the 2019 SADD Conference. The conference, entitled “Empower, Engage, Mobilize, Change” was held at Seven Springs Mountain Resort on November 4th, and featured Craig Tornquist as Master of Ceremonies and keynote speaker DeMarco Fomby with his “The iNfluence Factor.” Mr. Fomby’s presentation is a hands-on and practical demonstration of just how EASY it can be to influence those around you.

MOCK TRIALS

Pretrial Services sponsored mock trials at three Magisterial District Courts (MDC) in 2019. Students from Shaler High School attended the mock trial at MDC 05-2-03, the Honorable Dan Konieczka’s court, on March 25th. On March 29th students from Avonworth High School attended the mock trial in District Court 05-2-01, the Honorable Tara Smith’s court, and students from Penn Hills High School attended a mock trial at District Court 05-2-06 with the Honorable Tony DeLuca presiding on April 9th.



STUDENTS DISPLAY THEIR CITATIONS AS THEY POSE WITH MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE TARA SMITH (CENTER) AFTER ATTENDING THE MOCK TRIAL.

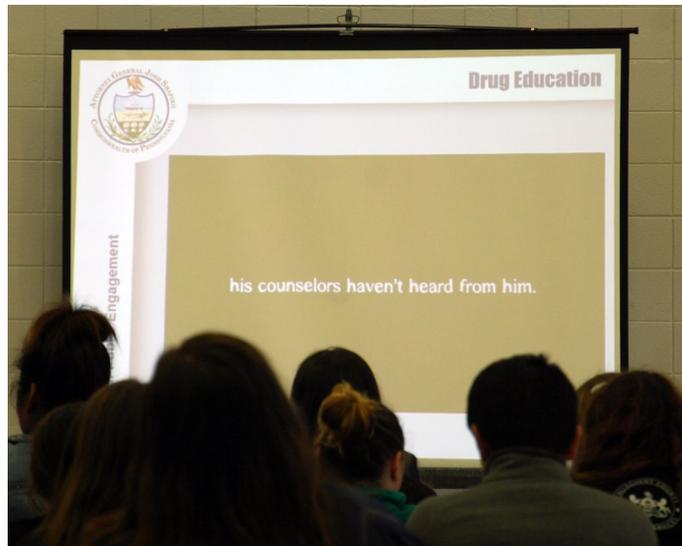
FATAL AWARENESS

The Sixteenth Annual Fatal Awareness Conference, held at the Ross Township Community Center on April 25, 2019, featured Craig Tornquist as Master of Ceremonies. Richard Levitt, a parent of a teenage son lost to a drug overdose was the opening speaker, followed by Phil Little from the office of the Pennsylvania Attorney General. The final speaker was Michelle Johnson presenting “Are You Living in a Dream World?”

The final session of the conference featured juvenile offenders who spoke to the attendees about their experiences with drug and alcohol abuse and with their experiences within the system, and then answered questions. This is always an impactful session because the students are able to relate to the speakers easily.



CHECK-IN



STUDENT PARTICIPATION



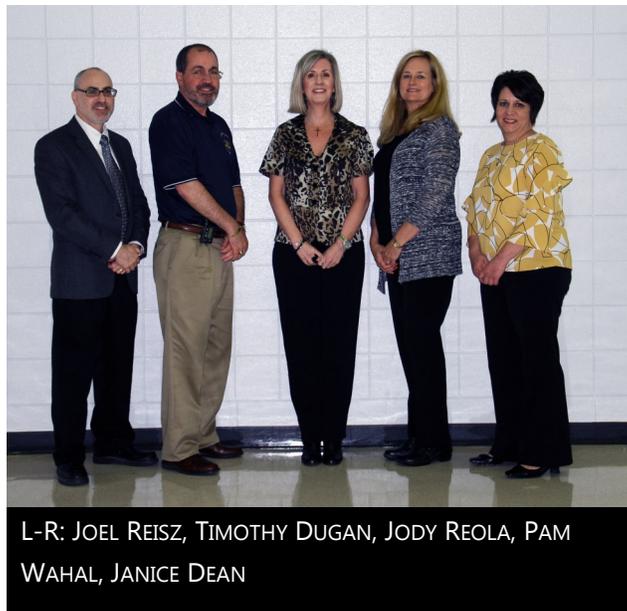
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PHIL LITTLE



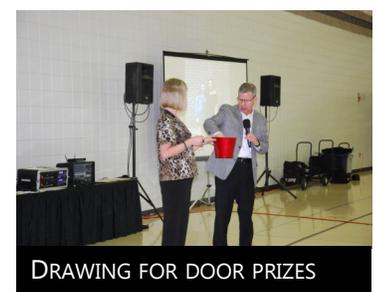
MICHELLE JOHNSON



L-R: JOEL REISZ, TIMOTHY DUGAN, JODY REOLA, PAM WAHAL, JANICE DEAN



JUVENILE OFFENDERS



DRAWING FOR DOOR PRIZES

ALCOHOL HIGHWAY PROGRAM

PREVENTION—PARTNERSHIPS/SPONSORSHIPS



L-R: MICHELLE JOHNSON, PAM WAHAL,
PENNSYLVANIA STATE TROOPER ALLISON,
TROOPER BONDERENKA, MARCIA USSACK



GIFT/INFORMATIONAL BAGS ARE DISTRIBUTED
AT EACH SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



BRASHEAR HIGH SCHOOL
OCTOBER 2019



PITTSBURGH TODAY LIVE'S MIKEY HOOD
INTERVIEWED STUDENTS AT THE 1919-1920
SEASON KICKOFF ASSEMBLY

KDKA DRIVING SKILLS FOR LIFE

Pretrial Service's partnership with KDKA Safe Driving Skills for Life program continues to offer opportunities to educate those of all ages about the dangers of driving under the influence. The partnership sponsors educational vignettes on KDKA and the CW, 300,000 internet impressions on KDKA.com, interview segments on Pittsburgh Today Live, and participation in the Pittsburgh International Auto Show.

School Assemblies are presented monthly during the school year to nine different schools within Allegheny County. The assemblies feature a panel of experts who present a video and address the students about the importance of making the right choices when driving and also when choosing to be a passenger in a car.



PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW
FEBRUARY 2019

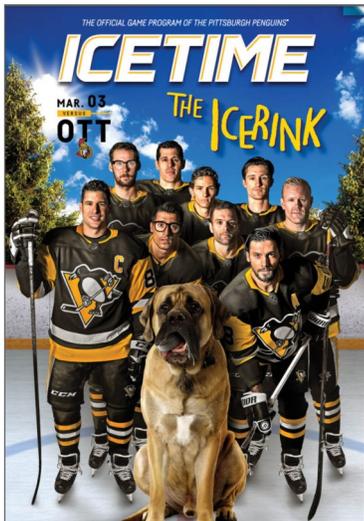
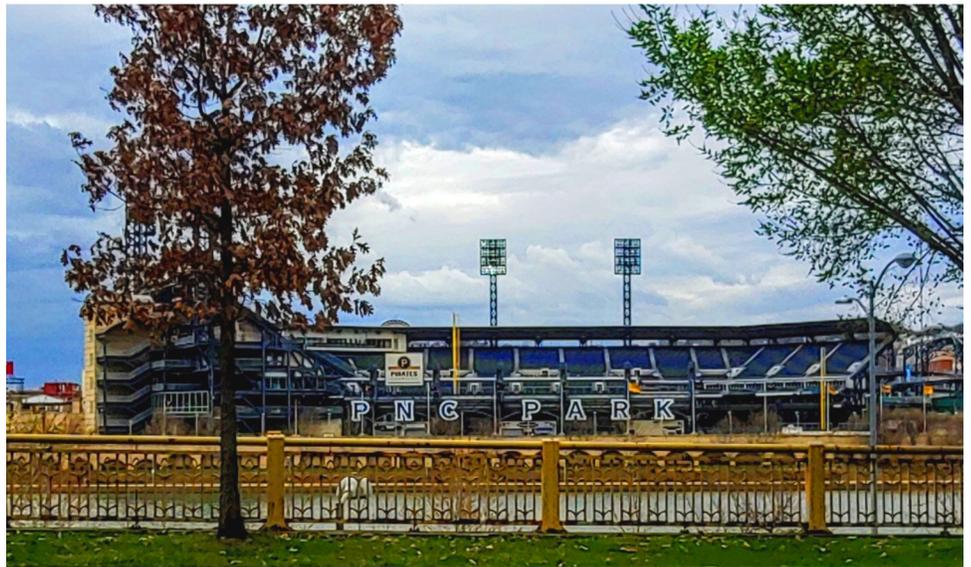
PITTSBURGH AUTO SHOW

The Pittsburgh Auto Show was held from February 15 to February 18, 2018, at the David Lawrence Convention Center. Pretrial Services along with the KDKA Ford Safe Driving Skills partners hosted an information booth. One of the partners, the Pennsylvania State Police, displayed a State Police Cruiser and a PSP motorcycle, and the Ford Driving Skills impairment suit was utilized. The impairment suit, which contains padding and other features to simulate the sluggishness experienced when impaired and the fatal vision goggles, was worn by volunteers who were subjected to a sobriety test by a Pennsylvania State Police Trooper.

PREVENTION PARTNERSHIPS/SPONSORSHIPS

PITTSBURGH PIRATES

Pretrial Services partnered with the Pittsburgh Pirates to expose baseball fans to our “Make the Right Choice” message. Our message was featured on ballpark signage, in the Pirates’ *First Pitch* Magazine, and received television exposure.



PITTSBURGH PENGUINS

The Pittsburgh Penguins create and supply to Pretrial Services 20,000 posters featuring a current player urging fans to “Make the Right Choice” for distribution to schools throughout Allegheny County. This message is echoed on signage on the Good Sport Designated Driver booth, where fans can sign up to be a designated driver, receive a free soda, and a chance to win a small gift basket,. The message also appears in their *Icetime* and *Showtime* publications handed out at the games.

STEELERS iHEART MEDIA

Allegheny County Pretrial Services again partnered with Steelers iHeart Media in 2019. Steeler fans listening to WDVE’s *Chalk Talk* and ESPN’s *Countdown to Kick-Off* were exposed to our message “Don’t Drink and Drive, Find Another Way Home.”



For the 8th year, Pretrial Services partnered with Pittsburgh City Paper to get the word out to not drink and drive. This publication reaches more than 362,000 readers in our target audience annually.



PORT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

For the first time, Pretrial Services partnered with Allegheny County Port Authority in 2019 to feature our message on public transportation. Large posters displayed at the front of the bus offered riders the choice of a ride after drinking, a bus or a police car. This effective message is viewed by riders as they ride and exit the bus and reached thousands of people of all ages throughout Allegheny County.



SINCLAIR BROADCASTING

Through our partnership with Sinclair Broadcasting, Allegheny County Pretrial Services utilized electronic media again in 2019. More than 250,000 total Public Service Announcements (PSAs) were watched on streaming devices, connected TV, game consoles, and mobile phones as well as computers. These PSAs are specifically targeted for adults over the age of 21 within Allegheny County, and run on applications including Hulu, Sling TV, Crackle, NBC, ABC, CBS, and Syfy.

ENTERCOM WDSY Y108



2019 SEND ME BACKSTAGE

In 2019, more than 5,000 Send Me Backstage T-Shirts with Pretrial’s logo and prevention message were distributed during performances by major country artists like Luke Bryan, Garth Brooks, and Florida Georgia Line. Throughout the summer, “Make the Right Choice, Don’t Drive Impaired” was mentioned over 350 times on-air through promotional announcements. A permanent banner with the prevention message was featured on the Send Me Backstage page throughout the summer.

In addition, a 30-second public service announcement aired 120 times on-air and on y108.com reaching an audience of over 300,000 people. Social media was also utilized to expose country music fans to the prevention message with more than 300,000 impressions, and with email blasts sent to more than 8,500 fans.



Sincere thanks to those who offered their time to assist with Alcohol Highway Safety Program's continuous efforts to educate the public about the dangers of drinking and driving, drug and alcohol addiction, and to promote healthy choices.



In 2019 Pretrial Services staff participated in Allegheny County's Holiday Project by donating gifts for children and families related to child mistreatment and homelessness from the Department of Human Services.

Participants included L-R: Christopher Shanley, Sarah Meredith, Joel Reisz, Timothy Ocharzak, Erin Spicuzza, Shane Scott, Jennifer Ninehouser, Lindsay Black, Colleen Sypolt, Megan McShane, Keri Stupka, Deborah Mosley and Timothy Dugan. Not pictured Janice Dean and Barbara Pronobis.



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