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CSAFE-VPI Academy

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The CSAFE-VPI Academy will be held on April 29 - 30, 2008 at the Public Safety Education & Training Center (PSETC) in Sykesville, MD. This training is presented by the Advanced and Specialized Training Unit (AST) of the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions (PCTC) and will include relevant modules about the CSAFE-VPI philosophy, violence reduction, warrant service, supervision strategies for high risk offenders, stages of team growth, offender case staffing, team safety, and other public safety related topics. As in the past, attendance is limited to all new HEAT Team members and supervisors.

Maryland Community Services Locator (MDCSL) Website Expands Statewide

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In July 2008, the Center for Substance Abuse Research (CESAR) began a statewide expansion of resources on the Maryland Community Services Locator website (www.mdcscl.org). The MDCSL is an interactive online directory developed to assist professionals and community members in locating community services. It allows users to get organizational contact information and other details, map resources by location, and get instant directions to programs. Since its launch, this website has expanded to include more than 4,900 services and programs

that are periodically verified for accuracy by MDCSL staff.

In addition to the resources included when the MDCSL first launched, (i.e. Substance Abuse Services and Short-Term Housing), it now includes new listings for topics such as Job Readiness/Adult Education Services, Health/Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse Prevention, Family Assistance, Victim Services, and many others.

With your help MDCSL will continue to be a useful and comprehensive tool. Please support the site by:

- Using this website to make client referrals to programs
- Sharing the website with others
- Providing CESAR with resource directories and databases
- Disseminating FREE promotional materials on the website.

Visit the MDCSL website at:

<http://www.mdcscl.org>. For more information or for free promotional materials, contact CESAR by email at mdcscl@cesar.umd.edu, phone (301-405-9796), or visit the website. The MDCSL is funded by the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention under grant number BJAG-2007-1265.

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Abandoned Vehicles

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Abandoned vehicles are more than just an eyesore. Often they are stolen, stripped for parts or involved in other crimes. Also, the presence of these vehicles coupled with the debris and other signs of neglect sends the unhealthy message that the neighborhood is in a state of decline.

Collaboration between the Montgomery County Police Department and landlords in the International Corridor CSAFE-VPI area, have reversed this decline in several apartment complexes. Fliers were placed on every vehicle parked on and near the complexes notifying residents of the law in both English and Spanish. Police then concentrated on vehicles with expired or no registration plates, no wheels, or those that have been jacked up and sitting in one place for a long period of time. Tickets were issued and abandoned vehicles towed. Landlords assisted by attempting to identify suspects or owners and in educating the public about the relevant laws and apartment regulations.

Think of the results – stolen vehicles recovered, criminal presence reduced, cleaned up parking lots, and fewer roadside hazards from vehicles parked on the streets.

Third Annual Martin Luther Jr. Basketball Classic

By James R. Hedrick, Treatment Specialist
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The 3rd annual Martin Luther King Jr. Basketball Classic took place on January 19, 2009 and included 150 middle school students from the Federalsburg and Easton CSAFE areas and the Mace's Lane Middle School in Dorchester County. Many of the HEAT Team members worked hard on this project that provided community partners and non-profit groups the opportunity to set-up information tables and

answer questions about their services. The day also features a special performance by the Dunbar Vocational Tech High School Marching Band who marched in the Inaugural Parade.



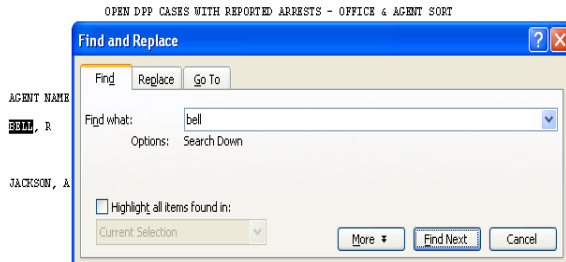
Delegates Addie Eckhart and Jeannie Hadaway, along with DPP FSI, Corey W. Pack, enjoy the day with a MLK Classic player and fans.

Time Saving Tip for Searching the Division of Parole and Probation's Daily Arrest Report

By Sarah Myers, Research Specialist
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Following are simple directions for searching the daily arrest report:

1. Open the Daily Arrest Report
2. Hold down both the **Ctrl** key and the letter **F**. This will cause the **Find and Replace** box to appear.
3. You are then able to search by office name, office number, or agent name. Simply enter your search criteria and select **Find Next**. Word will look for the first instance of your search criteria. Continue to select **Find Next** to find additional occurrences of the search criteria. For example, if we were to do a search for Agent Bell this is what you would find:



Notice the name Bell is highlighted in the Word document.

The search function of holding down both the **Ctrl** key and the letter **F** works in a variety of documents including Word, Excel, Internet Explorer, etc.

“We simply must work together as public safety professionals in collaboration with our community partners. This is the most effective strategy to reduce crime, protect our communities and make our neighborhoods safer places to live, work and raise families.”

Pat Bradley, Executive Director, MPCTC

The ‘T’ in HEAT Stands for Treatment

***By James R. Hedrick, Treatment Specialist
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One of the important functions of the Heat Team is to keep current on local information. This includes such obvious information as local crime trends but it is also very important to keep current as to what substance abuse treatment is available, what referral processes are incorporated and which substances are being abused. It is also important to keep up with national substance abuse trends.

A recent article from the “Center for Substance Abuse Research (CESAR)” reviews data from a study conducted by the “Partnership Attitude Tracking Study (PATS).” This research indicates that marijuana, inhalants, and prescription drugs are the top three substances abused by teenagers. The results indicate that marijuana continues to be

the most prevalent drug abused among the teenage population with nearly one-third of teens having tried marijuana in their lifetime. The next two most prevalent abused substances are not illegal when used as directed. The study estimates that 19% of teens have abused both inhalants and prescription drugs. In addition, it is reported that 10% of teens (an estimated 2.5 million) have ever abused over-the-counter cough medicines.

Two further very interesting statistics were reported. 41 % of teens thought that prescription drugs are much safer to use than illegal drugs and 61% reported that prescription drugs are easier to obtain than illegal drugs.

“The sharing of information” is a HEAT Team characteristic that must also take place in relation to substance abuse. The abuse takes place when chemical vapors are inhaled to produce mind-altering (getting high) effects. These substances are rarely administered by any other method and the effects can vary greatly. A variety of products found in the home and workplace can be inhaled to obtain the high. The fumes of these items may be sniffed from an open container or “huffed” from a rag soaked in the substance and held to the face. Also, the open container or soaked rag can be placed in a bag where the vapors become concentrated before being inhaled. Aerosols are sometimes inhaled from a spray bottle, using a rag as a filter.

Physical effects of inhalant abuse resemble those of alcohol intoxication, including slurred speech, lack of coordination, euphoria, and dizziness. Inhaling highly concentrated amounts of the vapors can even induce heart failure.

If you have any comments, I can be contacted at 410-978-3253 or jrhedrick@dpscs.state.md.us.

AST remains committed to saving trees; therefore, all editions of Promising Partnerships are available at:
<http://www.mdle.net/astnewsletter.htm>

Pen Lucy Women's Breakfast

By Karen Fortune, Community Liaison
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Baltimore City CSAFE Team Pen Lucy held a Women's Breakfast on March 12th at the Marian House, a transitional house for women. Agent Lynell Smith, Officer James Barnett, and Community Coordinator Bob Brinkman joined female clients from the Division of Parole and Probation, the Marian House and the local community in a breakfast prepared by the women at the Marian House. The highlight of the event were speakers from Turn Around, a sexual assault and domestic violence program and Women Accepting Responsibility, a program that provides diverse health and risk reduction educational services to women on topics such as HIV/AIDS, drug abuse, sexually transmitted diseases and incarceration. In addition, they offer transitional housing, re-entry services, psychosocial services and a variety of support groups. Many of the guests shared their heart wrenching stories, which encouraged others to speak out. The women who attended the event left with hope, self-confidence, and the realization that they are not alone.

For more information on the programs mentioned please check out their web sites: Turn Around- www.turnaroundinc.org and the Marian House- www.marianhouse.org. Women Accepting Responsibility has no website but can be reached by calling (410) 947-0700.



Pen Lucy Women's Breakfast, March 12, 2008

CSAFE On the Job Training & Key Indicator/Warrant Tracking Training

The above training will be held on the following dates at the Public Safety Education & Training Center (PSETC) in Sykesville, Maryland:

April 17, June 5, and July 17, 2009

- Warrant Tracking & Key Indicator Training: 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- On the Job Training: 12:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Call 877-411-7547 for more information.

(In the event of inclement weather, any decision to reschedule a class will be made by 6:00 a.m. on the day of the class. Updated information is available by calling (410) 875-3783.)

Please Help Us

Do you have a promising practice or notable accomplishment that you would like to share? Please email this information to Peggy Jennings at mmjennings@dpscs.state.md.us

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