

Promising Partnerships

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HEAT Teams Getting the Job Done Despite Hard Times

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With decreased budget and reduced personnel, someone unfamiliar with the quality of HEAT Team members might assume that initiative and productivity would slip. But review of HEAT Team activity reveals that HEAT Teams are developing cost effective practices that are getting results. Below are just a few recent examples of HEAT Teams in Action.

In Frederick County, the Frederick News Post prints "Frederick's Most Wanted" every Sunday. The Frederick HEAT Team sends pictures and info weekly on four of the adult offenders that present the greatest threat to public safety. In one case, an adult turned himself in to the DPP agent at the police station after his father reported seeing his picture in the paper. In another case, police received tips from community residents which led to the arrests of other suspects listed.

At the Cherry Hill site, the Baltimore Police Officer assigned to the Cherry Hill HEAT Team is also a member of the BPD Gang Unit. During a joint home contact, the officer verified gang affiliation by identifying their tattoos, graffiti around the home, and other indicators. Her knowledge of gangs in the Cherry Hill area also helped the DJS Case Management Specialist (CMS) verify that a client on her caseload was a member of a specific gang. This information was part of the CMS's presentation at a subsequent hearing.

At the Harlem Park site, the Baltimore Police

Officer assigned to the HEAT Team contacted the unit and provided the names of offenders who had warrants in the CSAFE-VPI community. Because of this contact and partnership, twelve CSAFE-VPI warrants were served.

Baltimore County Meets the VPI Challenge

By William Welsh, LE Liaison

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Over the last few months, Baltimore County has shifted the role of its HEAT Teams to focus on the supervision of the approximately 300 offenders who have been classified as Violence Prevention Offenders (VPI) by our Division of Parole and Probation (DPP). Working closely with the DPP VPI units, officers are sharing information and conducting joint home contacts on VPI offenders, most of who live outside of the CSAFE areas. Through close collaboration, the Baltimore County Police Department is serving warrants as soon as the agents confirm that they have been issued.

This is a great example of directing the HEAT Team's powerful potential towards individuals who present the greatest threat to public safety.

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CSAFE-VPI Summit

*By Sarah Myers, Research Specialist
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The 2009 CSAFE-VPI Summit will be held at the BWI Ramada Inn on Tuesday November 17, 2009. As in the past, the day will include continental breakfast and lunch. This training is presented by the Advanced and Specialized Training Unit (AST), with the support of the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP). This year’s program will cover presentations on DJS case management reform and DJS VPI, supervision of adult gang members, practical application of crime analysis in solving and repressing crime, treatment for substance abusers, an advanced class on sex offenders, DPP VPI overview and a personal perspective on factors that lead people to crime as well as intervention approaches.

Ms Kristen Mahoney, Executive Director of GOCCP, will present the opening comments and update everyone on public safety initiatives. As in the past, attendance is limited to HEAT Team members and their supervisors. Attendees will receive accredited training hours upon successful completion.

National Night Out

*By Peggy Jennings, Administrative Aide
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It’s been said that a picture is worth a thousand words. The following pictures are the results of the time and effort that our HEAT Team members, including members of Parole and Probation, Juvenile Services, County and Municipal Law Enforcement, Community Organizers, treatment providers, and a variety of community partners, put into their National Night Out celebrations. Without the tireless endeavors of these dedicated people, these events would not be possible.

Thank you to all who have, once again this year, shown that collaboration and understanding can unite and strengthen our neighborhoods. Hopefully, in the future, memories of these successful events will spark all to greater community involvement.



L-R Roop Mohunlall, Community Resident; Bill Welsh, AST; Officer Don Marlow, Baltimore County Police Department; Christine Bauer and Nick D’Alessandro, both of Department of Social Services. Yellow shirts say Dundalk TLC which stands for Dundalk Tenant, Landlord and Community Association.



“All the world loves a clown!” This face painting expert delighted children at the event in EMBARC.

This year's National Night Out events exhibited an innovative spirit. "Thinking outside of the box" was the norm, not the exception. The more we get together for the betterment of our communities, the bonds of friendship become stronger and safer, friendlier neighborhoods emerge.



Waterslide on Lower Shore in Crisfield



Future Salisbury firefighter?



Pen Lucy teenagers enjoy picnic food



JAMS 92.3 FM arrives at Circle Terrace Apartments, Riverview CSAFE-VPI area



Celebrity visitor to Germantown event suggests that everyone "Eat More Chicken!"

Cleaning Up the Streets

By Julie Tucker, DJS Liaison

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On September 15th numerous arrests were made in Takoma Park for CDS distribution. This was the result of collaboration and cooperation between police, the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office, the CSAFE coordinator for International Corridor, and residents of the area. Police and Assistant State's Attorney, Maura Lynch, hold regular meetings with residents in the Takoma Park area. With the assistance of Mary Kendall, CSAFE Coordinator, often acting as

translator, residents meet regularly with these agencies and discuss concerns about their neighborhoods. Residents are able to speak freely about suspected drug distribution, abandoned vehicles, housing violations, etc. Based upon information from these meetings, police have been able to conduct their own investigations, and make arrests, thereby easing the fears of residents and taking the criminal element off the streets.

This is an excellent example of the benefits of collaboration between public safety agencies and residents. Gaining trust and following through on information received are vital steps in building trust between public safety agencies and private citizens.

CSAFE On the Job Training

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

October 9, 2009 and November 20, 2009

- 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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.)

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