

# Promising Partnerships



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## Ride-Along Success in Berlin

By Leslie Floyd-Forrest, Agent Senior  
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On a breezy day in late September, the Berlin CSAFE decided to conduct a ride-along to make contact with probationers, as well as to monitor the area for any interesting activity. After making a list of offenders to visit, there was a brief discussion on who to see first. This turned out to be a momentous decision! With Officer Holland of Berlin Police at the wheel, we went to the first location, knocked on the door and rang the doorbell, but got no response. We decided to walk around the back of the residence and figured we could make contact with at least one resident of the house. We noticed a car in the carport and thought perhaps they were out back enjoying the fine weather. As we walked around the side of the house, it quickly became apparent that something was going on. Sitting on the back porch were three (3) people; the person we had come to visit, along with two (2) other people that we did not recognize. The offender froze and stared at us for a few seconds and then bolted away as fast as he could. We were not surprised because on the deck next to him was a bag filled with numerous smaller bags of marijuana! We had inadvertently interrupted the weighing, bagging, and possible sale of marijuana. There were about seventeen (17) bags already weighed, and a pile of marijuana was still sitting on a digital scale. The offender was eventually apprehended and charged with several drug charges, which are still pending, as well as a violation of probation. As a bonus, when the Task Force searched the offender's residence, a gang handbook was located which has proved to be a

valuable source of information to local authorities. One of the people with our offender had been a validated gang member, and was under supervision from a different office. His agent was contacted and told about what had transpired. What had started out as a routine ride-along ended up with a felony arrest, and drugs being taken off the streets. The valuable gang information was shared with other law enforcement agencies, and could also assist in the identification of other gang members, and perhaps help keep officers and communities safer. This event illustrates the importance of information sharing with other agencies and confirms the effectiveness of CSAFE-VPI.

## CSAFE – VPI Summit

By Sarah Myers, Research Specialist  
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On November 17, 2009, more than 200 participants (HEAT Team members, NST members, VPI agents and case managers) gathered at the BWI Ramada for the annual CSAFE-VPI Summit. Kristen Mahoney, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention delivered the keynote address, and updated everyone on public safety initiatives.

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Attendees had the opportunity to choose three of the seven workshops offered, which included: *Crime Analysis, DJS Case Management Reform and Violence Prevention Initiative (VPI), DPP – VPI, Saving Our Youth - Tragedy to Triumph, Supervision of Gang Members, T is for Treatment, and Maryland Sexual Offender Registry 102: Updates on Current Law.* The program concluded with a presentation on *How to Stay Healthy at Work and Home*, with emphasis on the H1N1 flu virus.

The Advanced & Specialized Training staff would like to thank Executive Director Kristen Mahoney and all of our talented presenters pictured on this page. Without their expertise and dedication, the CSAFE-VPI Summit would not be possible.

# THANK YOU!!!



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## More HEAT Team Success Stories

*By Adam Starr, Administrator  
Advanced and Specialized Training Unit*

After many months of hard work, the Yorkway CSAFE-VPI site has established a Neighborhood Safety Team (NST). This team has already developed both a Rental Application and a Lease Agreement that is being shared with landlords. It is felt that execution of these documents will improve the quality of life in this CSAFE area. This agreement and application was the result of collaboration between tenants, landlords, community members, Social Services, and the HEAT Team.

Community trust has been established so well with the Pen Lucy CSAFE-VPI HEAT Team that residents call the CSAFE Officer on his cell phone to provide information. Since this relationship of trust has developed, information has been received on a homicide that occurred in the 400 block of Old York Road. Although an arrest has not been made in this case, the information given was very valuable to investigators. Additionally, numerous complaints were received on an adult in the 500 block of E. 35<sup>th</sup> Street dealing drugs. Police have made several arrests as a result of information supplied by the citizens of this community.

## Community Collaboration

*By Karen Fortune, Community Liaison  
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According to *Collaboration Framework-Addressing Community Capacity*, (1995 National Network for Collaboration) the goal of community collaboration is to bring individuals and members of communities, agencies and

organizations together in an atmosphere of support to systematically solve existing and emerging problems that could not be solved by one group alone.

Saint Ann Catholic Church, known as The Anchor of Hope in the EMBARC CSAFE-VPI community, is an exemplary model of collaboration. Through the tireless efforts of Sister Jeanne Barasha, hundreds of men, women and children have received assistance and hope for the future. The outreach programs that she oversees demonstrate her understanding of the challenges they face. Sister Jeanne's love for the people in this East Baltimore Community is obvious in all the work she does.

In these tough economic times, agencies and organizations across Maryland have seen a decline in donations, and St. Ann is no different. By collaborating with Sacred Heart Church and School, Glyndon, Maryland, Immaculate Conception Church, Towson, Maryland, Fire Fighters 25<sup>th</sup> Street Station, Dolan Mortgage Company and the Ladies of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Sister Jeanne and her many volunteers were able to provide a Merry Christmas for 100 families who wouldn't have had one.

## “T” is for Treatment

*By Jim Hedrick, Treatment Liaison  
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As part of the CSAFE-VPI Summit Substance Abuse Treatment Workshop, Keith Mills, local sportscaster, explained his battle with addiction to pain medication. After mentioning a sports newspaper article written a few months ago, Mr. Mills described his addiction and treatment situation. He also emphasized the important areas of support that must accompany recovery. He began by describing the addiction. “The addiction controls you and you don't even know it. That is the enormous power of the enemy.” He followed by talking about the treatment programs that he attended, but his main message was that the

treatment program must be supplemented by other areas of “support”. He felt that treatment equipped him with the knowledge to deal with the disease of addiction, but he also needed other support efforts to deal with unemployment, and the loss of trust from family and friends. We as Probation Officers and Juvenile Case Management Specialists verify our client’s treatment program attendance and constantly ask them if they attended their Thursday night group meeting, but we must also emphasize the need for supplemental support areas too. We need to stress the importance of support groups like AA and NA, and the involvement of family and peers, along with other areas that compliment professional treatment.

Mr. Mills has written an excellent article describing his addiction and recovery. You can find this article at the following website: <http://www.pressboxonline.com/story.cfm?id=5050>

**Joint Home Contacts Pays Extra Dividends**

*By Adam Starr, Administrator  
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Officer Joseph Banks, Baltimore City PD, reported that while he and DPP Agent I, Nickcole Bradley were conducting home contacts, they saw an offender who was wanted as an absconder. Officer Banks and Agent Bradley immediately stopped the police car and approached the client. The offender was arrested and the results of a search disclosed that the offender was also in possession of 6 vials of crack cocaine and a bag of marijuana.

Prior to obtaining a warrant, Agent Bradley and Officer Banks had gone to the offender’s address on several occasions and were informed that he no longer resided in the area.

This event illustrates the importance of the officer and agent being visible in the community. An arrest made in full view of community residents

by HEAT Team members demonstrates the effectiveness of collaboration.

**CSAFE-VPI Orientation Training**

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

February 5, March 19, and April 23, 2010

- 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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**SAVE THE DATE:  
Maryland Collaboration Seminar  
(formerly CSAFE-VPI Academy)  
April 28 -29, 2010**