



# Promising Partnerships

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*“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*

## **CSAFE Strategic Planning Session**

*By Glen Plutschak, Administrator, Advanced and Specialized Training Unit*

On January 6, 2006 key personnel and their designated staff attended a strategic planning session to discuss Collaborative Supervision and Focused Enforcement (CSAFE). Attendees included Secretary MaryAnn Saar and Deputy Secretary Dr. Mary Livers, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; Director Judith Sachwald, Division of Parole and Probation; Secretary Kenneth Montague and Deputy Secretary Steven Moyer, Department of Juvenile Services; and Director Alan Woods, Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention. In his welcoming remarks, Mr. Woods stressed the value of CSAFE and the importance placed on this partnership by Governor Ehrlich.

Time was spent during the planning session to discuss improvements that have been made to CSAFE and future goals. Through an activity examining strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges to CSAFE, problems were identified and action plans developed to resolve these problems. These action plans will be used in the upcoming months as a road map to achieve the agreed upon goals.

Overall, the participants recognized the success and value of CSAFE and reaffirmed their

commitment to working together to reduce crime, recidivism and to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Maryland. Mr. Woods summed up the progress made in CSAFE communities by stating that “CSAFE is a statewide philosophy – no longer an initiative.”



Attendees participate in a group activity at the CSAFE Strategic Planning Session on January 6, 2006.

## **The ‘T’ in HEAT Stands for Treatment**

*By James R. Hedrick, Treatment Specialist, Advanced and Specialized Training Unit*

Some of the most common pharmacological tools used in substance abuse treatment are methadone, Antabuse, and buprenorphine. Methadone is used to help heroin addicts while Antabuse is used for alcoholics. Buprenorphine suppresses withdrawal symptoms and blocks the effects of opioids. Research has shown that it is generally well tolerated physically. Patients experience milder withdrawal symptoms on discontinuation and it is effective in reducing illicit opioid use when used as maintenance medication.

Approved under the Drug Abuse Treatment Act of 2000, there are two commercial forms of Buprenorphine. The medication alone is prescribed to patients in the early stages of detoxification and is under the trade name of Subutex. For the purpose of long-term maintenance, and to avoid the abuse of buprenorphine, naloxone was added to create the commercial product, Suboxone. If a person attempts to dissolve and inject Suboxone, the naloxone will block any reinforcing effects of the buprenorphine.

Methadone can only be administered by a specially accredited treatment program but buprenorphine can be prescribed by physicians in office-based settings as long as the physician has completed an eight-hour training session. This creates a less regimented dosing schedule for the patient. An average daily dose is 12mg to 16mg with the minimum effective dose being 8mg per day. As with other pharmacological treatments, buprenorphine is most effective when combined with psychosocial treatment.

If you have any suggestions on future substance abuse topics that you would like information about, please email me at [jrhedrick@dpscs.state.md.us](mailto:jrhedrick@dpscs.state.md.us)

### **Collaboration Goes Beyond CSAFE**

*By Susan Vandegrift, Field Supervisor I,  
Division of Parole and Probation*

Lisa Modi, an agent assigned to the Annapolis office of the Division of Parole and Probation, and Officer Lowe of the Annapolis City Police Department recently conducted home visits at several developments operated by the Annapolis Housing Authority. They parked the patrol car and walked from dwelling to dwelling. Not only were they successful in contacting many of Agent Modi's offenders, they also achieved several collateral and family contacts.

Agent Modi commented that individuals, who seemed to be loitering, moved from the area when they arrived. Additionally, they were

approached by one resident who expressed her satisfaction with seeing their presence in the neighborhood. Agent Modi feels that this was a very effective supervision tool and commented that word of their presence in the communities spread quickly.

### **Neighborhood Safety Team Learns About Local Sex Offenders**

*By Karen Fortune, Community Liaison,  
Advanced and Specialized Training Unit*

Mary Harvin and Sandra Coles, EMBARC CSAFE Community Organizers, constantly broaden their knowledge in the utilization of community crime prevention strategies. This allows them to bring pertinent information to the community residents through their Neighborhood Safety Team. Ms. Harvin recently developed a Community Sex Offender Pin Map for residents to learn about sex offenders in their East Baltimore community.

After locating sex offenders, through the Maryland Sex Offender Registry, Ms. Harvin used colored tacks on a map to show where each sex offender resides. This method was well received as it provided a visual tool for residents who were especially concerned about the possibility of registered sex offenders living near the two elementary schools in the neighborhood.

A similar service is available online at [www.mapsexoffenders.com](http://www.mapsexoffenders.com). At this website, a person can type in an address and the site will provide a map with pins marking the locations of sex offenders in the area. Further details can be obtained by clicking on each pin to obtain the sex offenders name, address and picture. Additional information, including the category and charge, is available by clicking on the offender's name. The website contains information and maps from 42 states, including Maryland.

“Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal.” Henry Ford

## CSAFE Outreach in the Harlem Park/Sandtown Area.

*By Abigail ONeill, Agent, Division of Parole and Probation*

The Harlem Park CSAFE team adopted a family in the neighborhood, a grandmother raising her six grandchildren, all under the age of 14. The children attend the Harlem Park Community Center and came to the attention of CSAFE Police Officer Lawrence LaPrade.

The team provided the family with baskets of food for Thanksgiving and collected \$275.00 to purchase Christmas gifts for the children. A luncheon was held on December 21, 2005 and the gifts were given to the children. We hope that, in some small way, we helped make their holiday wishes come true.

## Denton CSAFE Annual Pot Luck Dinner

*By Susan Vandegrift, Field Supervisor I, Division of Parole and Probation*

Members of the Denton CSAFE held their annual pot luck dinner on March 9, 2006 at Lockerman Middle School. Community residents and representatives from local organizations enjoyed dinner and entertainment. Mr. Dale Brown gave an interesting and educational presentation on the Buffalo Soldiers and magician Joe Romano amazed everyone.



Denton CSAFE pot luck dinner door prize winners pose for a group photograph.

## Internet Safety

*By Jennifer A. Beskid, Regional Coordinator, Advanced and Specialized Training Unit*

A 27 year-old woman from Hampden became a fatality and a statistic when her 22 year-old date allegedly killed her. The woman, who had been missing since December 29, 2005, was found on February 9, 2006. An investigation by the Baltimore County Police Department determined that the victim and her assailant had met via the Internet site “myspace.com.” The case, just one of many highlighted by the media since the advent of Internet dating and chat rooms, is an opportunity to remind our readers of steps that can be taken to protect adults and children.

Suggested tips for parents include – placing the computer in a common area; using parental controls; supervising your child’s use of the Internet; and speaking with your child’s school about use of the Internet in school. Suggested tips for adults include – not disclosing personal information; agreeing to meet in only public places; and informing friends/family of your destination, whom you are meeting, and how long you expect to be gone.

Many of the tips provided above may seem like common sense to our readers. As a result, we pose the following questions – Why should juvenile and adult probation agents inquire about Internet use when meeting with offenders? How can probation agents and law enforcement personnel work together when illegal Internet use is suspected? We challenge our readers to consider these questions and to email their suggestions to us at [ast@dpscs.state.md.us](mailto:ast@dpscs.state.md.us). We hope to feature your responses in an upcoming newsletter.

## Notable Accomplishments

Jennifer Beskid, Regional Coordinator, Advanced and Specialized Training Unit is the recipient of the Distinguished Service in

Community Psychology and Social Change award from the Pennsylvania State University. The award was granted for making a beneficial impact on people’s lives through the practice of community psychology.

John Tewey, CSAFE Division Chief, Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention presented an overview of CSAFE to school superintendents attending the Maryland State Board of Education meeting on February 3, 2006.

**TRAINING**

**Roper Victim Assistance Academy**

This year’s academy will be held June 5 – June 9, 2006 at the Public Safety Education & Training Center (PSETC) in Sykesville, MD. For additional information visit <http://rvaam.ubalt.edu/>

**Continuing Education Classes**

MPCTC certified classes are offered throughout the state. The schedule is as follows:

**Emerging Drug Trends**

- April 21, 2006 – Hagerstown
- April 28, 2006 – Seat Pleasant
- June 9, 2006 – Cambridge
- June 16, 2006 – Sykesville

**HATS, CSAFE On the Job Training, & Key Indicator/Warrant Tracking Training**

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

- Warrant Tracking & Key Indicator Training: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- HATS: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- On the Job Training: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**DATES:**

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| April 28, 2006 | June 30, 2006 |
| May 26, 2006   | July 28, 2006 |

**CSAFE Academy**

A three-day Academy for members who are new to HEAT teams in CSAFE areas will be held May 16-18, 2006 at PSETC, Sykesville, MD. Participants are expected to complete On-the-Job training prior to attending the Academy.



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