

Promising Partnerships

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CSAFE Collaborative Efforts Pass the Ten Year Mark

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The beginning of 2008 marked a full decade since Maryland adopted a collaborative model for public safety. The process has matured slowly and undergone a series of refinements, reflective of Maryland's changing needs. There is, however, an unmistakable enhancement of interagency cooperation and information exchange that existed only on the most basic level just ten years ago.

For any HEAT Team member who has been involved since its inception in 1998, I hope you find satisfaction in having been part of something as noteworthy as the implementation of the collaborative process we now call CSAFE. As we move into our second decade, I would like to pass along a few tips from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention.

- Focus on collaboration and violent offenders
- Be creative with your ideas and projects
- Share information on wanted offenders and strive for expeditious warrant service
- Use community resources to help monitor offenders and deter recidivism

Good luck and thank you to all who have contributed to the success of CSAFE.

Second Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Basketball Classic

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The Easton CSAFE team sponsored their second annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Basketball Classic on January 21, 2008, honoring the life and

legacy of this great American. This year's event highlighted the importance of collaboration and citizenship and focused on the problem of juvenile obesity. To that end, only fresh fruits, health bars and water were offered as snacks and door prizes of sporting equipment were awarded at half time. Participants included youth from the CSAFE community as well as players from other neighborhoods.

The event was supported by local and regional elected officials as well as family and friends from across the county. Thanks to the many hard working volunteers and to the participating youth, the event was a huge success.



Several of the many Volunteers and players, who contributed to the success of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Basketball Classic, pause for a picture.

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Community Prosecution Partners with the Berlin CSAFE Team

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Worcester County State’s Attorney, Joel Todd, a member of the Berlin CSAFE team, approached the team with the desire to tap into the myriad of resources, contacts, and information that the team has amassed over the years. At first glance, the name “Community Prosecution” seems to be almost sinister in nature, implying we are “out to get” everyone in the community, but this could not be further from the truth. The premise of Community Prosecution is a *proactive* approach to public safety. Rather than just reacting to crime, Community Prosecution works to prevent crime and avoid victimization. Often neighborhood decay, environmental conditions and livability issues are the root causes of crime. By attacking these specific factors, the opportunity and motivation for committing crime can be decreased.

Because the plan is to use a multidisciplinary approach to solving problems, the Community Prosecution Board of Directors is comprised of citizens, Chamber of Commerce members, representatives from the Berlin Police Department, Worcester County Board of Education, Worcester County Health Department, Worcester County Office of Economic Development, Worcester County Sheriff’s Office, Berlin Zoning and Building Inspector, and the Department of Juvenile Services.

The American Prosecutor’s Research Institute will assist in determining the goals and objectives of the committee and a community survey will be created to determine the needs, fears and ambitions of the community. Recognizing that seasonal unemployment in the area is of utmost concern, this topic will be addressed at the initial meetings. The Community Prosecution Initiative meetings are open to the public.

Hundreds Benefit Through CSAFE in Baltimore City

By Karen Fortune, Community Liaison
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Due to the generosity of the Cherry Hill, Harlem Park, Washington Village, Pen Lucy, Park Heights, CHUM, and EMBARC HEAT Teams, Neighborhood Safety Teams (NST), community organizers and partners, hundreds of needy Baltimore families enjoyed the holidays. Food baskets, clothing and toys were distributed and numerous pre-Thanksgiving and Thanksgiving dinners were served. A tree lighting ceremony and a Kwanza celebration are just a couple examples of the joyous celebrations that occurred in Baltimore City neighborhoods.

“It is better to give than receive” was surely the theme of the following organizations: Swirnow’s “Our Family to Your Family,” Wholistic Counseling, Inc., local Marine Corps Reserve, Swirnow Building Systems Management LLC, Operation Safe Streets, Prisoner’s Aid, Fraternal Order of Ex-Offenders, St. Ann’s Catholic Church and the Baltimore Police Department. Congratulations to the above teams and partners for a job well done!



St. Ann’s Catholic Church “Adopt-A-Family” program helped spread holiday cheer to many Baltimore City families.

“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

Pen Lucy CSAFE Community Wins National Contest

*By Karen Fortune, Community Liaison
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The Pen Lucy CSAFE area was the winner in a national contest sponsored by Home and Garden Television (HGTV) in partnership with Rebuilding Together, the National Trust Fund for Historic Preservation and the Natural Resources Defense Council. HGTV’s Change the World, Start at Home is a new community revitalization and environmental campaign. Rebuilding Together’s Safe and Healthy Homes initiative responds to the many needs of our nation’s elderly and disabled homeowners.

After being awarded custody of her two teenage granddaughters, a Pen Lucy resident was forced to move from her small apartment to a larger home. Through this contest, she won a much needed “Home Makeover” which included energy efficient doors, windows and appliances. In addition, the Community Mediation Center will be updated and part of the Old York Road corridor will benefit from a beautification project.

HGTV and Rebuilding Together are excellent resources for your community. For further information, go to their website, www.hgtv.com and www.rebuildingtogether.org.

Scotts Branch CSAFE Exemplifies Collaboration

*By Sergeant Vickie Warehime
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We often write about a singular event that took place in a CSAFE area but for Officer Marti

Franklin-Motton and the Pikesville Precinct in Baltimore County, CSAFE is an on-going effort. Over the past year, the Scotts Branch CSAFE team has had several successful initiatives. The removal of boulders and benches on a street corner eliminated juvenile loitering and petty crimes at a nearby bus stop. Coordinating with BGE to repair broken street lights and implementing a traffic enforcement detail led to a reduction in the number of people “cruising” the area looking for drugs.

The team also takes advantage of the fact that the CSAFE office is located in the community. In the past, the office has been used as a gathering place for such events as the distribution of backpacks, filled with school supplies, to children in the area.

During the holidays, a domestic violence awareness program was presented and the Pikesville Precinct continued their tradition of adopting a needy family. Additionally, free home security surveys, conducted by the police department, are offered to residents and a program on bullying is taught at the elementary school in the CSAFE area.

The collaboration between police and parole and probation agents has helped with monitoring violent offenders and has led to the arrest of several of these offenders. Additionally, the offender photo book, maintained by the CSAFE team, has been a great resource for detectives and patrol officers.

CSAFE has brought together community leaders, school personnel, police officers, parole and probation agents, and treatment personnel to provide a better and safer community and to improve the quality of life for its residents.

The ‘T’ in HEAT Stands for Treatment

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On March 14, 2008, I had the privilege of attending the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce business breakfast. This monthly

event is a gathering of the business community, government agencies and citizens from across Carroll County. On this date, the guest speakers were members of the Carroll County Drug Treatment Court Program. Presiding Drug Court Judge, Michael M. Galloway, explained that this Court's mission is to reduce substance dependency through effective allocation of community resources in an intensive, court-supervised program that combines treatment with individualized services to adult offenders,

Two factors made this drug court presentation unique. The first referred to the Development Fund that has been established for the purpose of enhancing the effectiveness of the court program. The second was a unique request made at the conclusion of the presentations. While discussing an individual who is attending the local community college and likely to be the first graduate, Judge Galloway asked the "employers" in the room to consider this individual for employment. Not bad having a Judge give you a job recommendation!

CSAFE Academy

The CSAFE Academy, for all new team members and supervisors, will be held April 29 – May 1, 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 philosophy; violence reduction; warrant service; supervision strategies for high risk offenders; stages of team growth; offender case staffing; team safety; "What Works," and much more.

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.

April 18, 2008; May 30, 2008; June 27, 2008

- Warrant Tracking & Key Indicator Training: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- On the Job Training: 10:00 a.m.–1:00 pm

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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