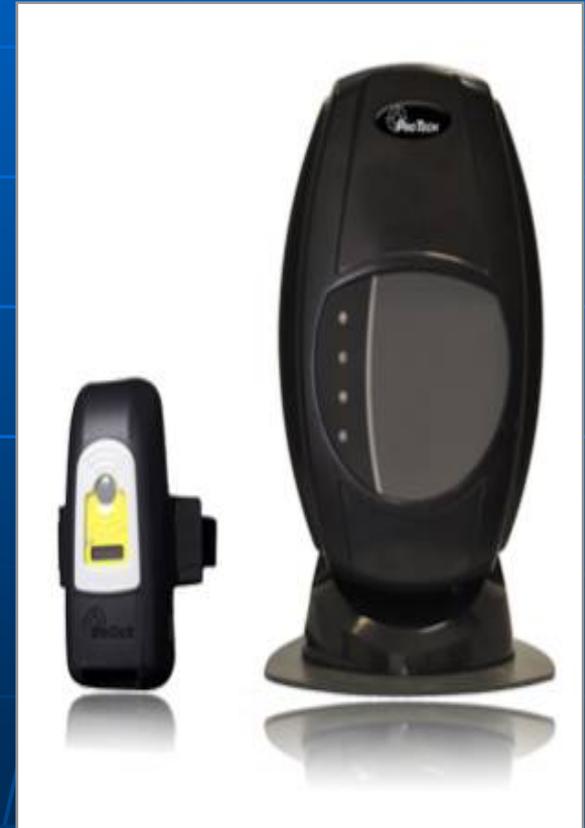


Massachusetts Probation Supervision Week 2012

July 15th - 21st

“Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow”



The Massachusetts Probation Service is the oldest Probation Service in the nation. Probation was created **171 years ago** by shoemaker John Augustus.



Today, across the Commonwealth, there are **82,532** individuals under probation supervision in the more than 100 courts. They are supervised by 848 Probation Officers.



Probation's Five Court Divisions and Community Corrections



District Court



Boston Municipal Court



Probate & Family Court



Superior Court



Community Corrections Centers



Juvenile Court

There are **five court divisions**: Superior; District; Boston Municipal Court; Juvenile; and Probate and Family. The Office of the Commissioner of Probation is responsible for the oversight of the 105 Probation Departments and the 21 Community Corrections Centers throughout the state. Offenders at these centers can earn their GED's, participate in job training, and receive drug and alcohol counseling.

On any day or night of the week, Probation Officers can be found in the community checking on offenders in their homes, enforcing court orders and ultimately holding offenders accountable for their conditions of Probation.



Probation Officers have created programs and collaborated with the judiciary and county agencies to promote law-abiding behavior among offenders. Parenting Programs, such as the Motherhood and Fatherhood Programs; Changing Lives Through Literature; and specialty courts such as the Drug, Mental Health, and the Homeless courts are facilitated by Probation Officers to meet offenders' specific needs as well as provide resources to aid in offenders' rehabilitation.

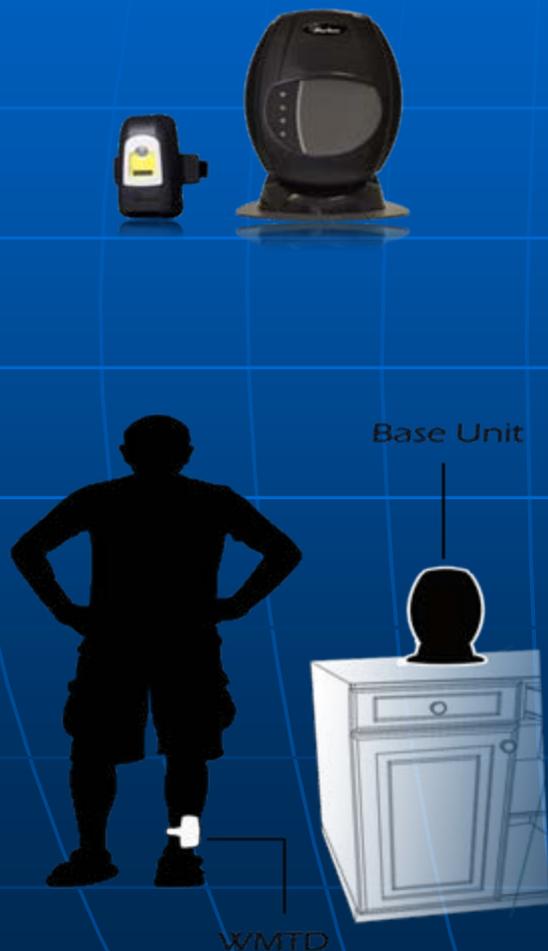


Parenting Programs

The Community Service Program provides an alternative for offenders who cannot afford to pay court costs and fees. Through the Massachusetts Trial Court Community Service Program, a Probation program, offenders performed a total of **449,133 hours of community service** over the past year.



Probation has collaborated with police to create a number of innovative programs, increased its best practices initiatives, and enhanced its technological abilities to track offenders utilizing its GPS Electronic Monitoring System.





The Massachusetts Probation Service is going beyond the supervision of offenders by monitoring state crime trends through its collection of data and innovative research.

It is also exploring the roots of criminal behavior in an attempt to prevent recidivism. It attempts to meet the needs of families with resources offered by Probate & Family Court Probation Departments.



Probate and Family Court Probation Officers have successfully helped families going through divorce, separation, and custody issues reach a resolution in **60 percent** of cases statewide.

The Massachusetts Probation Service was established to rehabilitate offenders while enhancing public safety in the community. It successfully continues this mission nearly two centuries later.

