



This Week In Probation

November 4, 2015

Welcome to this weekly snapshot of Probation news and events.

Probation's Halloween Supervision Efforts Enhance Public Safety

Hampden Superior, Fall River District, and Essex County Probation Officers worked on Halloween night to ensure the safety of the community.

The Hampden and Fall River Probation Officers checked on sex offenders to make sure they were not coming into contact with children as part of the "Operation Lights Out" initiative first introduced in the Service nearly a decade ago by Fall River District Court Probation Officer Michael Borden. Borden was inspired by a similar effort he read about in the Midwest.

Four Hampden PO's—POII Rosa Maldonado-Brown and Probation Officers Allison Hayden, Tyena Whitley, and Michele Rogers— made unannounced visits to the Springfield homes of 15 probationers to make sure that they had their porch lights turned off and were not displaying any lighting or décor that would attract trick or treaters to their doors.



Left to right: Hampden Superior Probation Officer Allison Hayden, PO II Rosa Maldonado-Brown, Western Mass News Reporter Shakala Alvaranga, and PO's Tyena Whitley and Michele Rogers.

In Fall River, where "Operation Lights Out" was first launched, Probation Officers Borden, Mark Costa, and Arcary Dominquez teamed up with local police, including the Fall River Police's Special Operations Unit and Swansea and Somerset police. They visited the homes of 30 sex offenders.

Across the state, in Essex County, another group of Probation Officers joined forces with law enforcement officers—including Homeland Security, Parole, state and local police— to maintain public safety at Salem's Haunted Happenings, one of America's largest Halloween celebrations. The team assisted with crowd control and kept an eye out for probationers. Participating in this effort were Essex Juvenile PO's Jose Avila and Kimberly Lawrence; Essex Superior PO's Jeffrey January and James Arena; and Salem District Assistant Chief Probation Officer Richard Ferrino. There were no reported incidents involving any of the Halloween

Probation Plays Important Role at JDAI Conference



Left to right: Statewide JDAI Coordinator Lynsey Heffernan; On Point Program Coordinator Keith Willa; Plummer Home Executive Director James Lister; Essex Juvenile PO Kimberly Lawrence; Essex Juvenile Chief Carol Joyce Clark; Salem Police Lieutenant Dennis King; and DYS Commissioner Peter Forbes.



Left to right: Probation Commissioner Edward J. Dolan, Juvenile Chief Justice Amy L. Nechtem, and Jane E. Tewksbury, former DYS Commissioner for whom the award is named.

Probation Commissioner Edward J. Dolan addressed the audience of the 8th Annual Massachusetts Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) Conference on October 29th at the Royal Plaza in Marlborough.

Dolan, Middlesex Juvenile Chief Stephen Allsopp; Worcester Juvenile Chief Francyne Lefemine; Central Office Research Director Laura Lempicki; and Essex Juvenile Probation Officer Kimberly Lawrence all served as panelists. "The Juvenile Probation Arraignment Appearance Screening Tool (J-PAST), Infusing Science Into Practice" was one of the 12 panel discussions which explored such topics as alternatives to detention, due process, reform, and family involvement.

Dolan was one of three recipients of the Jane E. Tewksbury Award. Juvenile Chief Justice Amy L. Nechtem and Department of Youth Services (DYS) Commissioner Peter Forbes shared in the honor. Lawrence, one of the founders of the On Point Teen Program in Salem was honored with the Promising Practice Award.

Photos submitted by Daisy Gomez-Hugenberger, DYS Communications Coordinator.

Do you have a Probation-related activity or event you would like featured in *This Week In Probation* or the monthly Probation Update? Please forward information to Coria Holland, Communications Director, Central Office, at coria.holland@jud.state.ma.us or call 617-624-9319; Cell Phone: 617-429-5629

Spotlight On Specialty Courts: Veterans Courts Are Now In Session And Dorchester and Lynn Drug Courts Host Graduations

Holyoke District Court began its first session for its Veterans Treatment Court today, Wednesday, November 4th. Lawrence District Court's Veterans Treatment Court opened last week at the Fenton Judicial Center. Middlesex Veterans Treatment Court will host its official opening at the Framingham District Court, 600 Concord Street, on Monday, November 9th, at 2 p.m.

Lynn Drug Court graduated ten probationers—four women and six men—during a ceremony last week. The keynote speaker was Pat Cronin, Program Coordinator for MORE (Massachusetts Organizing for Addiction Recovery).

Dorchester Drug Court, one of the first state Drug Courts, also held a graduation where a female probationer celebrated her completion of the program. Judge Rosemary Minehan spoke.

Boston Police Present Information On Gang-Related Shootings



Senior Analyst Jennifer Gillis conducts presentation.

Senior Intelligence Analyst Jennifer Gillis of the Boston Police Department's Boston Regional Intelligence Center (BRIC) did a presentation at the Suffolk Community Corrections Center on youth gang activity which featured data on gun violence in Boston neighborhoods. Gillis also shared a description of 2015 year to date shooting "hotspots," and active feuds between rival gangs. A North Shore Gang Intelligence report, which covered nationally-affiliated gangs, was also presented.

Photo and information submitted by Vincent Lorenti, Regional Program Manager, Office of Community Corrections.

Probationers Bake Cookies For Soup Kitchen



Left to right: Probationers Cherri Brown and Dianne Carpenter help bake cookies for diners at Brothers Table in Lynn.

Three probationers performing community service as part of the Massachusetts Trial Court Community Service Program helped bake 18 dozen cookies to serve diners at My Brothers Table. The Lynn Soup Kitchen serves more than 300 people a day.

Photo and information submitted by Lisa Hickey, Assistant Statewide Supervisor, Massachusetts Trial Court Community Service Program

**** Save the DATE**

- * Worcester Community Corrections Transition and Recognition Ceremony, Friday, November 6th, 1 p.m. Sheriff Lewis Evangelidis will serve as keynote speaker.
- * Worcester CC Job Fair, Monday, November 16th, 10 a.m.
- * National Adoption Day for Juvenile and Probate & Family Courts, November 20th. Info. to follow on locations.

KUDOS TO PROBATION'S TRIAL COURT EXCELLENCE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Awards Ceremony: November 17th, 2 p.m., John Adams Courthouse, One Pemberton Square, Boston

Greenfield District Probation—Assistant Chief Probation Officer John Jones and PO's: Tammy Baleshacci and Tori Wilhelm. This team is being recognized for banding together to work during a "lengthy staffing shortage, partnering with the Clerk's Office, and working nights and weekends to "ensure proper support of probationers."

Massachusetts Probation Service Record Unit—Thomas Capasso, CARI Manager; CARI Coordinators: Annmarie Palermo, Sandrine Ribeiro. Assistant CARI Coordinators: Keith Andrews, Vanessa Castano, William English, Katey Frisiello, Neil O'Brien, and Kerry Restuccia; and Administrative Assistant Jennifer Flynn. In one month, the unit manages 1,785 calls, seal 4,830 cases, and correct 4,350 records. This "allows people to move forward productively with their lives, ensures public safety, and the administration of justice."

Bruce Bazydlo, Building Supervisor at Probation Training Academy—Bruce Bazydlo was recognized for maintaining the academy which hosts up to 200 people for trainings. Bazydlo is described as a "one-man show" who does break-down and set up, ice and snow removal, cleaning, repairing.

3 Things to Check Out In PROBATION

- 1— Dedham District PO Assists FBI in identifying suspect in bomb threats.
- 2— Norfolk Juvenile PO's Teach Court-Involved Parents How to Address Their Children's Needs using the World Health Organization-certified Triple P Parenting Program.
- 3— Plymouth Probate & Family Court Celebrate PO At Ovation Award Ceremony.

***** Coming up in next issue of Probation Update Newsletter**