



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Fall Conference, October 5-7, 2008
"Your Criminal Justice Career: A Journey of Challenges" Princess Royale Hotel, Ocean City, MD
- Visit us on-line at www.mdle.net/

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President's Message



On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Criminal Justice Association (MCJA), I am pleased to announce the return of the "NEXUS" - your quarterly newsletter. We hope this newsletter will be a valuable resource to you as a professional in the field of criminal justice.

I want to begin by thanking my Board of Directors for their dedication since my swearing in as President in October 2007. We have had many productive conversations in an attempt to strengthen MCJA's mission: "To foster professionalism within the field of criminal justice and to provide opportunities for development to its membership."

I am convinced that MCJA

benefits are enhanced through increased member participation. My involvement with the MCJA began in August 2002. Initially, my participation was limited simply to membership and meeting attendance. However, with regular meeting attendance, I began to realize the advantages of greater participation. At every training conference, I met new col-

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leagues who faced the same problems and challenges and I learned new solutions through their experience. As I steadily increased my participation, personal and professional benefits increased.

We are fortunate to have Secretary Maynard serve as the luncheon speaker at our Fall conference to be held at the Princess Royale Ho-

tel and Conference Center in Ocean City, MD from October 5-7, 2008. Our theme this year is: "Your Criminal Justice Career: A Journey of Challenges". The agenda and registration form will be posted soon on our website.

It is my hope that you will choose to become more actively involved in the MCJA. Please feel free to visit our website www.mdle.net/mcja, which provides a great deal of up-to-date information to include our conference and board meeting schedules and contact information for the entire Board of Directors. Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. Thanks again for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you in Ocean City, MD!

Melinda C. Grenier
Assistant Director
Community Services Division
Frederick County
Sheriffs Office
President, MCJA

MCJA Conferences : Spring Recap and Fall Preview

The Maryland Criminal Justice Association Spring Conference 2008 was held at the Ramada BWI in Hanover,



MD. The theme: Offender Management: From Intake to Re-entry. MCJA recruited several outstanding speakers for this conference. Karen Kruger, Senior Assistant County Attorney from Harford County, started our day with an excellent refresher course on Court Testimony. Next, we heard from Lieu-

tenant Andrew Winner of the Maryland State Police. He provided a very informative and engaging training session on Interviewing and Interrogation skills. After lunch, Patricia Barnes-Goodwyn, Offender Transition Coordinator and Warden Wendy Hobbs, from the Virginia Department of Corrections, teamed up to explain Virginia's Offender Re-Entry program. Lastly, Kenneth Gosnell, Senior Director of National Programming, spoke about the Fatherhood Initiative and how his program plays an effective part in the re-entry of offenders.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

MCJA is hosting the Annual Fall Conference at The Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City from **October 5th thru**

October 7th 2008. The Conference theme for this year is: "Your Criminal Justice Career: A Journey of Challenges." MCJA has already recruited several outstanding presenters: Mr. Robert Pruitt, Dominic Herbst, M.S.,M.A., and Warden Robert Green. You can't beat the hotel rate of \$69.99 per night.



The registration form, flyer and agenda are available on the MCJA Website. Go to: www.mdle.net/mcja

Jimmy Bone
Manager, Alternative Sentencing Division, Allegany County
MCJA Immediate Past President

ACA's 138th Congress of Correction

New Orleans, LA - August 8-13, 2008

For more information visit:

www.aca.org

MCJA Provides Support

The North American Association of Wardens & Superintendents ([NAAWS](#)) in partnership with Correctional Peace Officers ([CPO](#)) foundation have organized a project called "[Make A Smile](#)." They are going into Louisiana and Mississippi to build playgrounds for children of those families who were so horribly affected by Hurricane Katrina. They are especially targeting those

areas where correctional families live.

They are going to build two playgrounds. One in the 9th Ward in New Orleans and another will be in the town of Bogalusa, a few miles from Rayburn Correctional Facility. It is their intent to construct playgrounds and picnic shelters at both sites.

They have found a playground manufacturer to work with them and give

them a great price. After these two playgrounds are built, they hope to move on to Moss Point, Mississippi. In addition, the week before ACA Congress, they hope to rehab at least 2 playgrounds inside the city of New Orleans. MCJA donated \$500.00 dollars to support this cause.

"Do you have an idea for the next Nexus? Submit your suggestions, thoughts and or comments to John Nattans , MCJA Communications Chair at Jnattans@correctrxpharmacy.com

Welcome Jane Sachs of the MPCTC



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, Jane Sachs, as the new

Correctional Administrator for the MD Police and Correctional Training Commissions located in Sykesville, MD. This position was vacant for 9 months after the death of Pat Smith.

I joined the MPCTC staff at the end of April of this year and have been busy getting to know the staff, the agency and the workings of the Commission. I come to the Commission by way of the Montgomery County Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's Division of Pre-Release and Reentry Services from which I proudly retired on February 1, 2008 after thirty years of service. My thirty year career in local corrections began as a student intern and then as a Correctional Officer. I worked my way up through the ranks as a Counselor, Teacher, Trainer, Training Coordinator, Supervisor of Administration and Training and Unit Manager. I also provided consultant services for many years to an array of Police and Correctional agencies across the nation in areas of Ethics, Integrity, Gender Issues, Cross Training, Substance Abuse and other related issues. I feel extremely fortunate to have

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knowledgeable police and correctional professionals in the field.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce to you the new Correctional Training Coordinator with the MD Police and Correctional Training Commission, Mr. Mark Radcliff, who recently replaced Ms. Gloria Herndon after her retirement. Mr. Radcliff joins the MPCTC staff after working with the Professional Development and Training Division of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services as an Instructor in their Correctional Entrance Level Training Program. Mr. Radcliff brings a great deal of professionalism, knowledge and experience to his new role as Correctional Coordinator.

Some of the projects Mr. Radcliff and I will be working on are developing a survey of correctional training needs across the State, bringing together and building a strong coalition of training directors and coordinators from all jurisdictions to work together as a team and finalizing a task analysis of job objectives for Correctional Officers to be used for comparative compliance testing and other

the opportunity to work at the Training Commission with some of the most dedicated and

issues helpful to all correctional employees.

One of our initial goals is to improve communication and coordination among correctional training agencies in the State of MD and to foster both sharing and awareness in an effort toward meeting standards as well as the needs of correctional staff.

We will be visiting around the State and are available to discuss any correctional training issues that you have. Please feel free to contact us by phone at 410-875-3568 or via e-mail at

jssachs@dpscs.state.md.us or mwradcliff@dpscs.state.md.us

We look forward to meeting you and working with you. Please let us know how we can assist you and feel free to stop by and introduce yourself when coming to the Public Safety Education and Training Center in Sykesville. Also, if there is a training event or meeting that you would like Commission representation at, please let us know and we will be there.



Membership Has Its Privileges

Did you know that being a member of ACA also makes you a member of MCJA? With your dual membership you receive many benefits. Aside from the great networking and training opportunities, did you know you also get Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance? You can receive discounts on registration for ACA and MCJA training conferences. You receive discounts on car

rentals and other services, as well as Corrections Today magazine, On the Line, the

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ACA Newsletter, and the on-line NEXUS Newsletter for MCJA. We are always working to improve our services and the Membership Committee is working closely with the Professional

Development Committee to better serve our members. Please update your email address at: www.aca.org so you always get the latest news and information.

June 2008 Stats

Active Members - 352
Lapsed Members - 13
New Members - 12
Renewed Members - 2

Amy Larson, President-Elect

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We are only as good as you our members.”

*Terry Satterfield
Amy Larson*

A Few Good Topics

The Board of Directors, in an effort to meet our constituents training needs, will be sponsoring half day training sessions regionally. Our first endeavor will be held in Western Maryland in July 2009. The Professional Development Committee is seeking your help in identifying topics of interest for the region. We have received a

few suggestions but would love to receive more. If you have suggestions for this or another region, contact Terry Satterfield at tsatterfield@dpscs.state.md.us. Please provide your contact information to include your email address. The Board is committed to serving you our members. Help us to help you.



Terry Satterfield
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Executive Development Institute
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What Can MCJA Do For YOU?

What can we do to make your membership more meaningful?

You can look forward to participating in a short survey about what MCJA can do for you—our members. We will invite you to share your ideas as to how MCJA can work



better for you. We will be asking you about what train-

ing you would like to see at our one day Spring Conference and at the Annual Conference in Ocean City. Tell us what we can do to highlight you or your agency and its accomplishments. We are only as good as you our members.

MCJA is open for suggested staff development ideas ~ Let us meet your needs.

Congratulations MCAA Awardees

2008 MCAA College Scholarship and Professional Development Grant Awardees

~Terry Satterfield

MCJA is proud to support the efforts of other professional organizations in the field. In support of the Maryland Correctional Administrator's annual scholarship awards, the MCJA provided a \$5,000 contribution to the MCAA scholarship fund. For more information on MCAA scholarships go to: www.mdle.net/mcaa

MCAA College Scholarship Award

Christine Noel Garvin
Carroll Co. Det. Ctr.
Scholarship \$750.00

Misty A. Good
Charles Co. Det. Ctr.
Scholarship \$750.00

Vanessa Leigh Kidd
Salisbury, Maryland
Scholarship \$750.00

Kashanda Levett Lawrence
Salisbury, Maryland
Scholarship \$750.00

David Allen Pratt sr.
Queen Annes Co. Det. Ctr.
Scholarship \$750.00

Kenya S. Savoy
Baltimore Co. Dept. of Corr.
Scholarship \$750.00

Alexandra Lena Urban
Sykesville, Maryland
Scholarship \$750.00

Cara Elizabeth Urban
Sykesville, Maryland
Scholarship \$750.00

Linda Jo. Weicht
Washington Co. Det. Ctr.
Scholarship \$750.00

Penny Ann Williams
Carroll Co. Det. Ctr.
Scholarship \$750.00

Professional Development Grant

Marsha G. Maloff
Baltimore Co. Dept. of Corr.
Grant \$750.00



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Miscellaneous

A surplus of MCJA Blankets

Want to buy an official MCJA Biederlack Blanket? There are still some available—on sale now (check out our website: www.mdle.net/mcja)



MCJA at MCAA

MCJA actively participated in the annual Maryland Correctional Administrator's Association (MCAA) conference in Ocean City, Maryland from May 31st through June 3rd. MCJA provided classroom prizes and giveaways at the golf tournament. Feel free to view their website at: www.mdle.net/mcaa



SAVE THE DATE!

The 2009 MSP Polar Bear Plunge will be held on **January 24th**. For just \$50 in pledges, Plunge participants take a quick dip in the Chesapeake Bay to raise funds for Special Olympics Maryland, the state's largest year-round organization devoted to sports training and competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Anyone can participate! (Under 18 requires parent or guardian signature.) For more information, go to: <http://www.plungemd.com>

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October 6th Luncheon - Guest Speaker
Gary D. Maynard, Secretary

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