



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/mcja

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President's Message

The very successful Spring Conference is behind us and we are now looking forward to hosting our Annual Fall Conference in Ocean City, MD from October 5 – 7, 2008. Many hours of hard work and detailed planning guarantees the conference will be a positive experience for everyone.

We are fortunate to have Mr. Gary Maynard, Maryland Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) serve as the luncheon speaker at our Fall conference. Mr. Maynard also serves as the Immediate Past President of the American Correctional Association (ACA).

Our theme this year is: "Your Criminal Justice Career: A Journey of Challenges". The agenda and registration form are posted at our website: www.mdle.net/mcja.

I recently represented the MCJA at the 2008 Congress of Corrections in New Orleans. I had an opportunity to receive training, attend the Dual



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Membership and Delegate Assembly meetings and network with many professionals in our field. It is my goal to bring in new members and keep current membership informed of our activities which will hopefully provide motivation for increased activity. This will be my focus over the next 13 months of my

term. I think these goals are critical to the stability of MCJA.

Recently, Ms. Amy Larson unfortunately needed to resign from her duties as President-Elect. I want to personally thank her for the many years of dedicated service to MCJA. A recent postcard mailing was sent to our membership requesting nominations for this position serving through October 2009. This is an excellent opportunity for a member to step up and become more involved!

I am grateful for my association with many dedicated professionals in the Criminal Justice field and consider members of MCJA to be part of that group. Thanks again for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you in Ocean City, MD!

Melinda C. Grenier
Assistant Director
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Sheriff's Office
President, MCJA

MCJA—A Brief Little History

The Maryland Probation, Parole and Corrections Association gained membership to the American Correctional Association or ACA, as an affiliate, in July of 1973. Maryland is one of the first, if not the first, affiliate organizations of the ACA.

That same year, 1973, the Ohio, Missouri, and Colorado Criminal Justice Associations also joined the American Correctional Association, the exact dates are not clear as to which association was the first to “officially join”, therefore Maryland, in this instance or until proven otherwise, will take the claim to fame!

The name of Maryland’s Association remained the same up until 1985 when it was decided that a new name would be needed to accommodate the ever growing field of criminal justice. As records indicate, the association voted to broaden its name as well as its target audience in order to fully accommodate the entire justice system.....The Department of Juvenile Justice has just too many letters to add to the title, as it would have read ... The Maryland Probation, Parole, Juvenile Justice and Corrections Association...All this would not fit on letterhead so something had to be done....Therefore, as we know it today, it is the Maryland Criminal Justice Association or MCJA.

MCJA is one of 25 dual Chapter Affiliates of the ACA and maintains a membership of about 350 to 400 Criminal Justice Professionals. Members and participants

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Mr. Bone poses for a picture

of the Maryland Criminal Justice Association covers a broad range of people, from Corrections to Alternative Sentencing, Juvenile Justice to Parole and Probation.

The mission of the MCJA is to provide professional development and high level MPCTC training to criminal justice professionals in the State of Maryland. To provide this type of service, MCJA hosts two annual conferences; a one day conference in the Spring and a 3 Day conference in the Fall.

In addition to this training, MCJA also has a professional development committee and a professional development grant to which regional trainings are conducted as requested by membership...MCJA

is a professional organization dedicated to the improvement of the criminal justice system as well as the professional and personal development of all criminal justice practitioners.

Briefly, plans for the future involve continuing partnerships with other professional criminal justice organizations similar to MCJA, and hosting an annual three day fall conference, entitled: Your Criminal Justice Career: A Journey of Challenges, on October 5th, 6th and 7th. 2008 at the Princess Royal in Ocean City, Maryland. For more information about MCJA or upcoming conferences please visit www.mcja.net/mdle.

Jimmy Bone
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New Member Spotlight

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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. Mr. Radcliff has

formerly served as a Criminal Investigator, Police Officer and Forensic Evidence Technician both in Law Enforcement and private industry. Mr. Radcliff also assisted in the DNA identification of the victims of the 911 tragedy. Mr. Radcliff served in the US Marines before entering into the field of Law Enforcement and is also a Certified Defensive Tactics and Motorcycle Safety Instructor. Mr. Radcliff holds a B.S. in

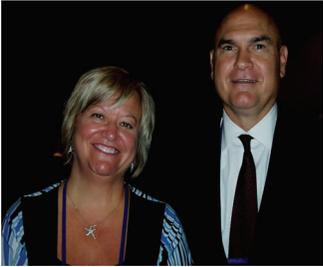
Criminal Justice graduating cum laude from the University of Baltimore and is finishing a second B.S. in Forensic Studies.



Mr. Radcliff in the office

MCJA Provides Support

Melinda Grenier, President, MCJA poses with Mark Saunders, President, North American Association of



Wardens and Superintendents Association (NAAWS) at the 2008 Congress of Cor-

rections in New Orleans. NAAWS showcased the completed New Orleans playground in the Ninth Ward, one of the three "Make A Smile" project locations to which MCJA donated funds. NAAWS, in partnership with Correctional Peace Officers (CPO) organized this project that went into Louisiana and Mississippi to build playgrounds for children of those families who were so horri-

bly affected by Hurricane Katrina.

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

Membership On the Rise

Visit MCJA online at <http://www.mdle.net/mcja>

Greetings from the new membership chair of the MCJA! I am happy to report that our membership numbers are up this month – in July we had 12 new members join and in August we had 8 more join. That brings our totals to 353 for July and 370 active MCJA member for August.

Once again, we urge you to get involved in MCJA in one

of the following ways:
Attend our monthly meetings at the MD Public Safety Education and Training Center in Sykesville, MD on the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 10 am until 12 noon. You could run for office or serve on a committee.

This is your association and your opportunity to get involved in a professional association. Make it work for you

– bring your issues and concerns and ideas and have them addressed on a state-wide level.

Stay tuned for a new contest to boost membership. The winner(s) are eligible to win FREE registrations to MCJA conferences!!!

Jane Sachs
Membership Chair

Volunteer to chair or serve on a MCJA committee:

- By-Laws
- Communication
- Conference
- Membership
- Professional Development
- Vendor

MCJA Awarded Grant

The Maryland Criminal Justice Association (MCJA) was awarded another Professional Development Fund Grant by the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions. The Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions' Professional Development Fund, is used to support the development and implementation of outstanding training initiatives, research, and program development in the field of criminal justice for law enforcement and correctional personnel.

This fund enables criminal justice professionals to provide, and/or participate in, state-of-the-art, quality training at little or no cost to their agency. Addi-

tional benefits include continuing availability of trainers, equipment and the development and implementation of programs.

This fund allows Maryland agencies the opportunity to be on the cutting edge of technology and innovative techniques in the criminal justice field. The disbursement of this fund assists in the professional development of numerous police and correctional personnel and ultimately enhance public safety services to the citizens of Maryland.

MCJA submitted and received this grant to help provide quality training

to its members. This grant helps to subsidize the Annual Spring and Fall Conferences which in turn keeps cost down for the Association's members. MCJA appreciates the Training Commissions' support.

Terry Satterfield
Professional Development
Chair



More Training Opportunities

Be on the lookout for an upcoming training in Western Maryland! Plans are underway to provide either a half or whole day training session in Western Maryland on Mental Health Issues in July 2009. This is part of the Pro-

fessional Development Committee's commitment to the Association to provide quality training around the State to our members and to help agencies defray the cost of travel.

Tentatively the next region after the Western Maryland training to be the host location will be somewhere in Southern Maryland. Stayed tuned for more details.

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

Presidential Election



By approval of the MCJA Executive Board and in conjunc-

tion with MCJA by-laws, Jimmy Bone is chairing a special election committee for the recently vacated position of MCJA President Elect. Other ad-hoc committee members include Melinda Grenier, Terry Satterfield, Patricia Alderman and Jane Sachs.

MCJA members were notified

MCJA President Elect Candidates

- George V. Kirk
- Patricia Schupple

of the nomination process via an e-mail blast and mass mailing. (If you did not receive a postcard in the mail, contact ACA at www.aca.org and click on the membership link to ensure your address is up to date).

Election Ballots have been mailed to all MCJA members. The results of the election will be announced in November 2008.

Miscellaneous News

MCJA August 2008 Statistics

Our current membership stats are as follows:

- Active Members - 370
- Lapsed Members - 10
- New Members - 8
- Renewed Members - 2

Fall Conference

The Fall conference is gearing up to be one of the largest conferences in MCJA history. As of late September there were close to 90 registrants.

MCJA would like to acknowledge our vendor sponsors for the conference:

- AraMark
- Correct Rx Pharmacy
- Keefe Group

Professional Development Grant

MCJA appreciates the MPCTC for their very generous grant to MCJA for Professional Development, once again this year.

Cooperation with VCA

In appreciation of the support provided by the Virginia Cor-

rectional Association (VCA) during our Spring conference, MCJA donated two blankets to be given away at their Fall Conference. VCA will be hosting a conference entitled: "Navigating Challenges in Criminal Justice" in Norfolk, VA from 10/22/08 - 10/24/08. Further details can be found at their website: www.vca-aca.org

Maryland Community Services Locator (MDCSL)

In July 2008, CESAR (Center for Substance Abuse Research) began a statewide expansion of resources on the Maryland Community Services Locator website (www.mdcs.org). The MDCSL is an interactive online directory developed to assist professionals and community members in locating community services. It allows users to get organizational contact information and other details, map resources by location, and get instant directions to programs.



Special Olympics

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>

A surplus of MCJA Blankets

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

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MCJA - FALL CONFERENCE 2008

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

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