

# Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers



## MACPOST

### From The President

Fall, 2005

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Greetings to all of our MACPO membership and friends. Taking on the task of President has had some challenges; however, Melanie assisted me greatly with the transition. The Executive Committee is now complete with dedicated committee chairs and co-chairs in place. We are very fortunate as an organization to have such experienced and skillful members.

Our Legislative Committee will continue its efforts to assure appropriate levels of funding for CPO agencies. Training and Education is already putting our Spring Conference together while the Winter Conference, in conjunction with MCA, is already set for February 16 and 17 at the Bloomington Holiday Select. MACPO membership is represented on numerous study/action groups within the corrections field. We are seen as a voice that represents field service practitioners. I wish to thank the other officers and the Executive Committee for their assistance and support as we keep this vital organization ready to face the challenges we all have in Corrections.



Warren Liepitz  
Mille Lacs County Court  
Services

Join us at the MACPO/MCA Joint Winter Conference at the Holiday Inn Select in Bloomington, MN.

Topics include Search and Seizure and Non-Verbal Communication and Identifying the Drugged Offender.

February 16 and 17, 2006

Check the web site for additional information.

### American Probation and Parole Association

Resolution on Probation, parole and Community Supervision

Officers Killed or Assaulted While on Duty.  
September 1, 2005

Follow the link below to read this article.

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MACPO SPRING CONFERENCE

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# International Drug Trafficking



## Drug Intelligence Brief

KHAT  
JUNE 2002

### Status in International Drug Trafficking

Although khat is illegal in the United States, it is legal throughout much of Europe, East Africa, and the Arabian Peninsula. Individuals of East African and Middle Eastern descent are most often responsible for the importation, distribution, possession, and use of khat in the United States.



A khat shrub

### Background

Khat is a naturally occurring stimulant derived from the *Catha edulis* shrub. This shrub is primarily cultivated in East Africa and the Arabian Peninsula. The use of khat is an established cultural tradition for many social situations in those regions. Khat is also known as Abyssinian tea, African salad, oat, kat, chat, and catha. Khat has two active ingredients, cathinone and cathine.

- Cathinone is a Schedule I substance that produces a euphoric effect similar to amphetamine in that it stimulates the central nervous system. The cathinone in khat begins to degrade 48 hours after the plant has been cut. Khat that has been refrigerated or frozen will retain its cathinone potency for a longer period.
- Cathine is a Schedule IV substance that produces a much less intense stimulant effect than cathinone; however, it does not lose its potency after harvesting.

### Recent History

Several million people may currently be using khat worldwide; the largest concentrations of users are in the regions surrounding the Middle East. U.S. Customs Service (USCS) seizures of khat have risen from around 800 kilograms annually in 1992 to over 37.2 metric tons in 2001. The price of khat ranged from US\$30 to US\$60 per kilogram in 1992. Although current kilogram prices for khat are not available, the price of khat ranged from US\$15 to US\$50 per bundle in 1998. Seizures of khat, however, can be measured and are measured in kilograms.]

### Cultivation

Khat is an important part of the economy of many producer countries, particularly Somalia and Yemen. Press reports from Yemen state that more than US\$2 billion are spent annually by Yemenis to purchase khat, which is often grown on land that is unsuitable for other crops.



At a khat cultivation area

Khat is grown in export quantities in countries such as Kenya and Ethiopia; it is Ethiopia's fourth largest export according to U.S. embassy reporting, and the recreational use of khat is widely accepted there. Over 33 percent of Yemen's gross national product is associated with the cultivation, consumption, and exportation of khat. The World Health Organization reports that the cultivation and use of khat has profound socioeconomic consequences on countries and individuals. The cultivation of khat requires scarce land and water resources that could be put to other uses. Khat use is costly and potentially addictive. Widespread frequent use of khat impacts productivity because it tends to reduce worker motivation.

The only known case of khat cultivation in the United States occurred in September 1998, when 1,076 khat plants were seized in a raid in Salinas, California. Sophisticated irrigation techniques were used in this outdoor-grow operation. The individual involved was of Middle Eastern origin; he earned approximately US\$10,000 per month in khat sales.

# International Drug Trafficking Continued



## Trafficking

Khat is usually shipped already packaged into bundles, and wrapped in plastic bags or banana leaves to retain moisture and freshness. Khat is generally smuggled in passenger luggage, overnight express mail (USPS, UPS, DHL, etc.), or shipped as air cargo and falsely labeled as "vegetables." According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, khat is sometimes falsely labeled and shipped to the United States as molokheya, an Egyptian vegetable.

Most khat seized in the United States has been seized from immigrants of Somalia, Ethiopia, Yemen, Eritrea, and other countries where khat use is common. The USCS makes most of its khat seizures at the JFK International Airport in New York from arriving passengers, overnight express mail, and air cargo. Of the over 27 metric tons seized by the USCS in FY 1998, almost 18 metric tons were seized from flights arriving from Great Britain. Most cases of khat trafficking in the United States are prosecuted at the state level rather than in the federal court system.

## Use/Abuse of Khat

Khat has been used since antiquity as a recreational and religious drug by natives of Eastern Africa, the Arabian Peninsula, and the Middle East. Khat is legal in many countries, including Great Britain where khat can be legally imported, distributed, used, and/or exported. Khat has long been an acceptable substitute for alcohol among Muslims. During the period of Ramadan, the use of khat is popular to alleviate fatigue and reduce hunger. Although khat can be abused, it is often used in a social context similar to the manner in which coffee is consumed in other parts of the world. Reports from Yemen indicate that khat is consumed by 3 out of every 4 Yemenis, and accounts for more than 40 percent of the average family budget.



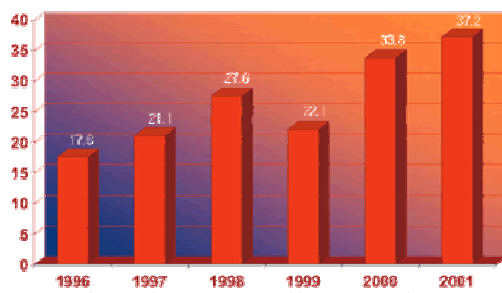
Two men chewing khat

Khat is typically chewed like tobacco. The fresh leaves, twigs, and shoots of the khat shrub are chewed, and then retained in the cheek and chewed intermittently to release the active drug. Dried plant material can be made into tea or a chewable paste, but dried khat is not as potent as the fresh plant product. Khat can also be smoked and even sprinkled on food.

Chronic khat abuse can result in symptoms such as physical exhaustion, violence, and suicidal depression, which are similar to amphetamine addiction. Common side effects include anorexia, tachycardia, hypertension, insomnia, and gastric disorders.

## Statistics

### Seizures of Khat at U.S. Ports of Entry - Metric Tons



SOURCE: El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC) from USCS data

### Methcathinone

Methcathinone, commonly called cat, is occasionally confused with khat. Methcathinone is a synthetic Schedule I substance that has a similar chemical structure to the cathinone in the khat plant. Methcathinone is produced in clandestine laboratories and sold as a methamphetamine alternative. Ephedrine and/or pseudoephedrine are the main precursor chemicals used in methcathinone synthesis. The addictive properties and side effects of this synthetic are more intense than either of the naturally occurring khat substances.

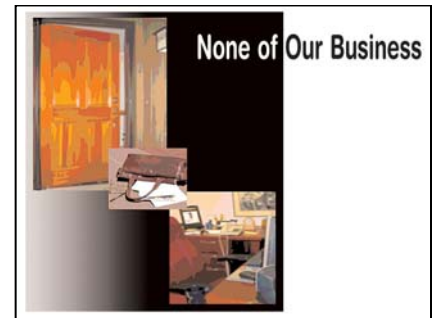
## Key Judgments

The amount of khat seized in the United States has been steadily increasing; it appears to be related to the increasing number of immigrants from Somalia, Ethiopia, Yemen, Eritrea, and other countries where khat use is common. Although it is hard to predict future immigration trends, it seems likely that the importation of khat will continue to increase to meet the demand of those ethnic groups who are accustomed to using it.

## None of Our Business Program

Do you know how domestic violence affects your workplace?  
Would you know what to say or how to approach a co-worker who might be experiencing domestic violence?

The "None of Our Business" program helps employers to understand and take appropriate action to help employees in domestic violence situations so that conditions do not reach a crisis point. The workplace needs to have clear systems in place to respond should domestic violence become an issue directly affecting the workplace. Domestic violence is a workplace issue because it raises safety and security concerns and creates major liability issues for employers; it has significant impact on health care costs as well as worker productivity.



Learn how the "None of Our Business" program can help your business address this societal issue. Some grantees of the Office of Justice Programs Crime Victim Services have been trained in the "None of Our Business" program and are available to talk to your workplace. Please contact one of the [trained grantee service providers](#) to find out more information regarding the training that is available. The ["None of Our Business" PowerPoint presentation](#) will also give you more information regarding the program.

The most powerful, effective tool we all have at our disposal is to create a respectful and violence-free workplace. That is everyone's business.

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*Office of Justice Programs*

### Training Opportunity

Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission staff provides training opportunities for criminal justice practitioners. These training sessions cover background information and sentencing policies included in the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines. Training sessions are scheduled for the following dates and are open to all practitioners. Agendas for scheduled trainings will be posted as they become available and linked below on the following list:

**October 18** Duluth Palladio Building Training Room, 401 W. Superior St., Duluth, MN  
**October 19** Bemidji Beltrami Electric Coop, 4111 Technology Dr., NW, Bemidji, MN 56619  
**October 25** Shakopee Shakopee Police Department, 475 Gorman St., Shakopee, MN 55379  
**October 26** Anoka Government Center, 325 E. Main St., Rm. 237 Anoka, MN 55303

If you are interested in attending a training session, please complete the [Training Registration Form](#) and fax to MSGC at (651) 297-5757. Be sure to note which training session you will be attending.



## Elmore Academy “Preparing Troubled Youth for the Future”

Elmore Academy is a residential treatment facility for delinquent males and females ages 13 to 19, located on the Minnesota/Iowa border in Elmore, Minnesota. “Our rural location is ideal for discouraging students from trying to run from the Academy, as well as providing a perfect setting for them to focus on the task at hand, turning their lives around,” stated Scott Vaske, Director of Admissions.

Elmore Academy opened in April of 1998 as a way to keep Minnesota youth in state and closer to home. There were many requests from State and County officials to our parent company, Youth Services International, to develop a high quality program in state, so that their youth would not need to go all the way to South Dakota or Iowa for YSI's services. As a result, Elmore Academy was opened and utilized staff from many of the existing YSI facilities to get the program established.

Elmore Academy serves males and females in entirely separate programs. Most students have escalating patterns of delinquent behavior, poor problem solving skills, poor anger management, are impulsive and often chemically dependent. Program components include individual and group counseling, life skills preparation, community services and restitution, year round education, high school athletics, substance abuse programming, and more.

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Over the years Elmore Academy has made many program adjustments and enhancements to better meet the needs of the youth of Minnesota. A Transition Program was developed to help students adjust from Elmore's highly structured program to back home, where many of them are responsible for their own structure and routine. The Wildcat Café opened providing students with an excellent place to work and interact with the local community. At the Café, students not only learn how to prepare food and wait on customers, but also some of the basic principles of small business operation, such as marketing, inventories, money reconciliation, and budgets.



*Company Program Director, Dr. McCaine, talks with the girls about self-esteem.*

Additional programs such as Detention/Crisis Intervention and the Truancy Program have also been added. The Detention/Crisis Intervention programs were added to shelter youth in a staff secure environment while they wait for court, or are just in need of a safe place to stay. The Truancy Program is short-term program where youth are placed in Elmore for chronic truancy issues to focus on their schoolwork and community service.

Recently, our substance abuse curriculum switched from using the 12-Step Program to the Seven Challenges program, which is more for youth oriented. Realizing that a large number of youth are sent to Elmore due to some sort of substance abuse issue, we have added an alternative level system to our program called Choices that focuses more on substance abuse rather than our classic correctional model.

This summer staff and students have been busy preparing Elmore Academy for our upcoming American Corrections Association accreditation. A lot of work has gone in to making the facility look like new again, and all of the students have been a huge part of that. As Anthony, a student from the Metro area said, “I’ve proven to myself that I can be a hard worker. Now I’m going to prove it to a whole lot of people when I get home.”

Elmore Academy would like to extend a special “Thank you” to all those probation officers that have supported us over the years and helped us build our program to what it is today.

## Wright County

Wright County Court Services serves Wright County as a member of the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. It has four units that provide services to the Court, the county and local communities. Wright County Court Services has a clerical unit that supports administrative staff as well as the agents, adult unit, juvenile unit, and program unit.

Wright County lies in East Central Minnesota bordered on the north by the Mississippi River and on the East by the Crow River. Wright County borders Hennepin, Meeker, McLeod, Sherburne, Stearns, and Carver counties. The approximate size of Wright County is 106,500; our population has increased 15.5% since 2000.

Wright County is made up of fourteen small cities, with the largest population being roughly 15,000. This makes for unique challenges in providing professional services to a diverse makeup of the county.

the intensive program. This program consists of all felony DWI offenders and gross misdemeanor DWI offenders with four DWIs in a lifetime. They also co-facilitate a nine-month treatment group with offenders that we have found to be helpful in reducing recidivism within this very chronic and difficult population. In addition to intensive DWI programming, they also are responsible for supervision of individuals who are transferred out who are being supervised by other counties but remain the conduit for Wright County Court Services.

**Adult Unit** - Wright County Court Services' Adult Unit is comprised of seven agents and a supervisor. Six of the agents are traditional agents responsible for specific areas within the county. Tom Feddema is currently the Adult Unit supervisor and carries a caseload as well. The unit has five traditional agents who are responsible for specific territories within the county. The traditional agents in the adult unit are Darnell Brethorst, Karen Determan, Janet Gholson, Nathan Miller, and Sherry Schliesing. Josh Erickson and Amy Hertzog share a diverse caseload made up of felony DWI, multiple DWIs, and



**ADULT UNIT** - Left to Right  
Back Row: Karen Determan, Janet Gholson, Nathan Miller, Josh Erickson, Tom Feddema(Supervisor)  
Front Row: Sandi Kile(clerical), Amy Hertzog, Barb Peterson(clerical), Sherry Schliesing  
MISSING: Darnell Brethorst.



Back row: Michael J. MacMillan, Director, "Abe" Abrahamson, Juvenile Supervisor, Tom Feddema, Adult Supervisor, Front row: Nancy Tallman, Clerical Supervisor, and Margaret Munson, Program Supervisor

**Juvenile Unit** - The Juvenile Unit consists of six probation officers and a supervisor. Abe Abrahamson is currently the Juvenile Unit supervisor and carries a partial regional caseload. The juvenile unit has five traditional probation agents who are divided by regions/school districts. They are: Joe Backes, Ben Ehlinger, Neal Huemoeller, Tammi Solarz, and Brian Stoll. Carter Diers is presently an ISAP agent who is responsible for our intensive

There are 500 adult offenders currently being supervised in Wright County Court Services' Adult Unit. The adult agents are responsible for misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor offenders, except DWI offenses that are reduced or pled down in Court. In 2004, Wright County Court Services conducted over 950 PSIs and because agents are Rule 25 certified, they are responsible for the majority of alcohol assessments as well. The adult unit continues to deal with the increase in population in Wright County and be creative with the increase in methamphetamine and challenging clients in the area.



**JUVENILE UNIT** - Left to Right  
Back Row: "Abe" Abrahamson(Supervisor), Tammi Solarz, Carter Diers,  
Front Row: Ben Ehlinger, Brian Stoll, Sara Peterson(Clerical)  
MISSING: Jean Tazalaar(Clerical), Neal Huemoeller

supervision aftercare program. He provides supervision to youth coming out of successful long-term placement programs. All juvenile agents are involved with our Safe Schools Initiative. We started this almost ten years ago at the Buffalo schools as a method to improve communication between law enforcement, the County Attorney's Office, the probation department, Human Services, community mental health agencies, local organizations, and public schools. We currently have Safe Schools meetings in eight of the ten county school districts. Probation agents are responsible for working with school administration who set agendas and hand out information. Juvenile probation officers are also very active in facilitating Teen Court and other educational opportunities offered through our Program Unit.

**Program Unit** - The Program Unit currently has eight staff - one supervisor, five agents and two case aides. Margaret Munson is the current Program Unit supervisor also carrying a partial caseload. The two case aides are Melissa Holthaus and Pat LaVine. The five agents are Janelle Webb, Todd Gau, Chris Jahnke, Ryan Busch, and Jessica Sonnek. The Program Unit is responsible for many ancillary services of the Wright County Court Services' Department. They are responsible for Adult Group and Administrative Probation, Juvenile Group and Administrative Probation, as well as the Juvenile Diversion Program, Juvenile Teen Court, Adult Mail-In Probation, and they administer many programs to serve the Court, the community, and the department. They are presently offering Teen Court, COG, a Shoplifting Seminar, Bullying Awareness, Tobacco Education, and the Awareness Panel for Impaired Drivers.



**PROGRAM UNIT** -Left to Right  
Back Row: Ryan Busch, Chris Jahnke, Margaret Munson(Supervisor), Todd Gau  
Front Row: Carol Barnaal(Clerical), Melissa Holthaus, Pat Levine  
MISSING: Jessie Moe(clerical), Jessica Sonnek

The Program Unit is also responsible for all pre-trial services and Electronic Home Monitoring as well as the pre-trial drug testing program. Todd Gau also acts as Wright County Court Services Restorative Justice agent and is responsible for coordinating, training, and conducting community conferences within Wright County.

**Clerical Unit** - The Clerical Unit is presently made up of seven clerical staff. Nancy Tallman supervises the Clerical Unit. There are two clerical staff per unit--Sandi Kile and Barb Peterson, Adult; Sara Peterson and Jean Tazelaar, Juvenile; and Carol Barnaal and Jessie Moe, Program. Wright County's Administrative Team is made up of Mike MacMillan, Director; Tom Feddema, Adult Supervisor; Abe Abrahamson, Juvenile Supervisor; Margaret Munson, Program Supervisor; and Nancy Tallman, Clerical Supervisor.



**CLERICAL UNIT** - Left to Right  
Back Row: Nancy Tallman(Supervisor), Sandi Kile, Sara Peterson  
Front Row: Carol Barnaal, Barb Peterson  
MISSING: Jean Tazelaar, Jessie Moe

## Website Facelift

The website is beginning a new facelift. Our committee is looking at a new design and will be looking at new features as well. Look for the new website in January 2006. If you have any recommendations or comments about the website, please contact Les Schultz at: [les.schultz@co.brown.mn.us](mailto:les.schultz@co.brown.mn.us)



When a person assists a criminal in breaking the law before the criminal gets arrested, we call him an accomplice.

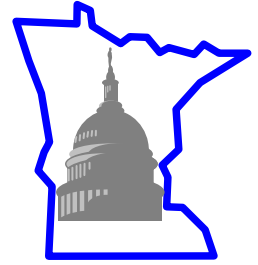
When a person assists a criminal in breaking the law after the criminal gets arrested, we call him a defense lawyer.

**Predatory Offender Registration**  
Presenter: AnnMarie O'Neill, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension,  
Senior State Program Administrator  
Date: Friday - November 18, 2005  
Time: 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon  
Location: DOC Central Office: Pung Rooms 1, 2 & 3  
Registration: Mark Groves

# MACPO Legislative Position Statement

## MACPO Vision Statement

"Providing a voice for the probation profession and leading the promotion of sound correctional policy toward the principles of restorative justice, community involvement, public protection, victim restoration, offender accountability and competency development."



## Criminal Justice Philosophy

The MACPO Legislative Committee bases its criminal justice philosophy and positions on MACPO's Vision Statement. MACPO believes that criminal justice policies should be founded on the concepts and philosophies of Restorative Justice. We embrace a balanced approach that addresses public protection, offender accountability, victim restoration, competency development, and community involvement.

## Corrections Funding

MACPO believes that most non-violent offenders can be supervised effectively with adequate staffing levels and programming in the community, and therefore supports the use of the community-based, intermediate sanctions for non-violent offenders.

### MACPO Supports:

- State reimbursement of 50% of probation officer salaries in non-Community Corrections Act Counties as provided for in M.S. 244.19
- Simplified funding of corrections initiatives through a block grant system, rather than through numerous small grants.
- Increased funding of the Statewide Probation Caseload and Workload Reduction Program until the original funding goals are achieved.
- Full state funding for any new correctional mandates.

## Sex Offender Issues

MACPO believes that registered sex offenders pose a serious threat to public safety. Resources must be available to provide appropriate levels of supervision and treatment for **all levels and ages** of sex offenders.

### MACPO Supports:

- Supervision of sex offenders based on dynamic risk factors.

## Adult Offender Issues

### Domestic Abuse

MACPO believes that domestic violence is a serious problem within our society. Change will occur only with continued efforts to address this problem through prevention, victim services, offender sanctions, specialized treatment, and adequate supervision.

### MACPO Supports:

- Funding for the increased supervision of offenders and for the expansion of options for education, treatment, prevention, and criminal sanctions for offenders.
- Funding for a systematic approach to reducing domestic violence that includes law enforcement, prosecution, judiciary, victims, court services, service providers, and public health.

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Minnesota Corrections Association Presents  
"Gearing Up for Tomorrow"  
72nd Annual Fall Training Institute

October 26th, 27th, & 28th, 2005  
Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center (DECC)  
Duluth, Minnesota



## Juvenile Justice Issues

MACPO supports a balanced approach in providing probation services for all juvenile offenders appropriate to the risks they pose and services needed. We strongly believe that adequate funding is integral to successful outcomes in dealing with this difficult, but valuable population. MACPO believes strong leadership from the Department of Corrections is essential in developing juvenile justice policy and programming for serious juvenile offenders.

### MACPO Supports:

- State funding for out-of-home placements.
- Local collaborative efforts toward delinquency prevention and intervention, involving social services, education, public health, and correctional agencies.
- Revision of the current Juvenile Petty Offender language.
- Full funding to counties for Extended Jurisdiction Juvenile services
- Funding for mental health services for juvenile offenders.

## Probation Officer Pension

The probation profession has become increasingly more demanding, mentally and physically. The field agent is in direct contact with serious, habitual, aggressive and volatile offenders on a daily basis. We believe the increased stress and demands of the profession warrants a pension plan similar to those already afforded to correctional officers, police officers, federal probation officers, and probation officers in several other states.

### MACPO Supports:

- A retirement option for probation officers and corrections agents at age 55.

#### **GREAT WEB SITE**

This is the home page of the Minnesota Office of Justice Programs.

This site has a wealth of victim information services and links. The

best link in the box is titled "Victim Service Directory. When you click on this box you see a state map. Click on a district and you have a list of all available victim services in that area! Check it out.

<http://www.dps.state.mn.us/OJP/>

#### ***This is the Best and Most Useful Website***

It is easy to use, updated regularly and Has information and statistics about many topics relevant to our work!

Follow the link below to read this article.

<http://www.fedstats.gov/>



# MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS

## 2006 LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

The MACPO Legislative Committee developed the following initiatives, which were approved by the MACPO Executive Board on September 15, 2005.

- Create an “alcohol fee” to be used to provide a stable funding stream for statewide probation supervision and chemical dependency treatment for offenders.
- Secure State reimbursement of 50% of probation officer salaries in non Community Corrections Act Counties as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 244.19 Subdivision 6, in order to maintain core probation services in those counties.
- Obtain clarification for juvenile financial responsibility under 260B.331 and associated statutes.

A lawyer walks into his client's death row cell and says, "I've got good news, and bad news for you."

The prisoner says, "Okay. What's the bad news?"

"The bad news is that the Governor won't issue a stay of your execution."

"Oh that's terrible. What possibly could be the good news?"

"The good news is that I got your voltage reduced!"

**Upcoming MCCA  
Education & Training Event  
Check DOC Website**

**Friday – November 18, 2005  
Time: 9:00 – Noon  
DOC Central Office: Pung Rooms 1, 2 & 3  
1450 Energy Park Drive, Suite 200  
St. Paul, Minnesota  
Registration: Mark Groves**





## Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund

APPA has set up a relief fund for our colleagues affected by hurricane Katrina. Copy and paste the link below into your browser for more information.

[http://www.appa-net.org/APPA\\_Relief\\_Fund.pdf](http://www.appa-net.org/APPA_Relief_Fund.pdf)

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## APPA Responds to the Urban Institute Report "Does Parole Work?"

Analyzing the impact of post prison supervision and rearrest outcomes. Copy and paste the link below into your browser for more information.



[http://www.appa-net.org/ccheadlines/docs/Trends\\_Probation\\_Parole.pdf](http://www.appa-net.org/ccheadlines/docs/Trends_Probation_Parole.pdf)

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## American Probation and Parole Association

Trends in probation and parole in the United States.

Copy and paste the link below into your browser for more information.



[http://www.appa-net.org/ccheadlines/docs/Trends\\_Probation\\_Parole.pdf](http://www.appa-net.org/ccheadlines/docs/Trends_Probation_Parole.pdf)

October 24-26, 2005

Bridging Science and Culture to Improve Drug Abuse  
Research in Minority Communities  
Hyatt Regency, Atlanta Georgia

Registration online [www.nida.hih.gov/](http://www.nida.hih.gov/)



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## APPA Winter Training Institute

American Probation and Parole Association

Sunday, January 8, 2006 to Wednesday, January 11, 2006

Hilton Austin, Austin, Texas

Registration via e-mail Kris Chappell, Institute Registrar [www.appa-net.org](http://www.appa-net.org)



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## Predatory Offender Registration

Friday November 18, 2005

MN. DOC Central Office, Room - Pung 1, 2 & 3  
1450 Energy Park Drive  
St. Paul, MN

Registration via e-mail Mark Groves at [mgroves@rseden.org](mailto:mgroves@rseden.org)  
Free to MCCA members or \$20.00 membership fee.



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## U.S Department of Homeland Security Working Together: Research and Development Partnerships in Homeland Security

April 27 & 28, 2005

The Seaport Hotel and World Trade Center  
Boston Massachusetts

[www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/](http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/)

MACPO/MCA Joint Winter Training

February 16 and 17, 2006

Bloomington, MN

More info coming. please check website.

# MISDEMEANOR CRIMES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND FEDERAL FIREARMS PROHIBITIONS

Persons who have been convicted in any court of a qualifying misdemeanor crime of domestic violence (MCDV) generally are prohibited under federal law from possessing any firearm or ammunition in or affecting commerce (or shipping or transporting any firearm or ammunition in interstate or foreign commerce, or receiving any such firearm or ammunition). This prohibition also applies to federal, state, and local governmental employees in both their official and private capacities. Violation of this prohibition is a federal offense punishable by up to ten years imprisonment. See 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(9); see also 18 U.S.C. §§ 921(a)(33), 924(a)(2), 925(a)(1); 27 C.F.R. §§ 178.11, 178.32.

## A qualifying MCDV is an offense that:

- ✎ Is a federal, state, or local offense that is a misdemeanor under federal or state law;
- ✎ Has as an element the use or attempted use of physical force, or the threatened use of a deadly weapon; and,
- ✎ At the time the MCDV was committed, the defendant was:
  - ✂ A current or former spouse, parent, or guardian of the victim;
  - ✂ A person with whom the victim shared a child in common;
  - ✂ A person who was cohabiting with or had cohabited with the victim as a spouse, parent, or guardian; or,
  - ✂ A person who was or had been similarly situated to a spouse, parent, or guardian of the victim.

## EXCEPTIONS: A person has not been convicted of a qualifying MCDV:

- ✎ IF the person was not represented by counsel — unless he or she knowingly and intelligently waived the right to counsel;
- ✎ IF the person was entitled to a jury trial AND the case was not tried by a jury — unless the person knowingly and intelligently waived the right to jury trial; or,
- ✎ IF the conviction was set aside or expunged; the person was pardoned; or, the person's civil rights – the right to vote, sit on a jury, and hold elected office – were restored (if the law of the applicable jurisdiction provides for the loss of civil rights under such an offense).

**BUT:** This exception does NOT lift the federal firearms prohibition if:

- ✂ the expungement, pardon, or restoration of civil rights expressly provides that the person may not ship, transport, possess, or receive firearms; or,
- ✂ the person is otherwise prohibited by the law of the jurisdiction in which the proceedings were held from receiving or possessing any firearms.



# Minnesota Crime Rate is Lower than the National Average

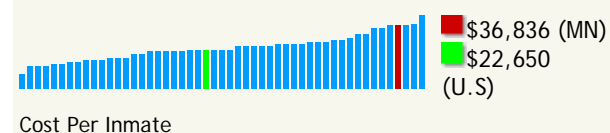
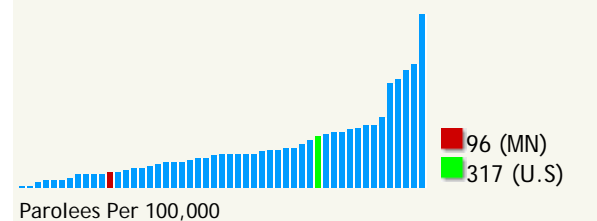
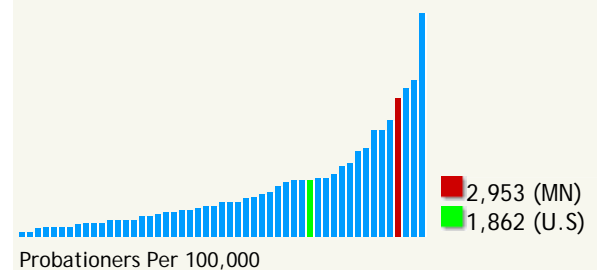
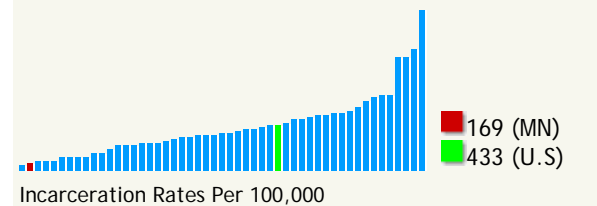
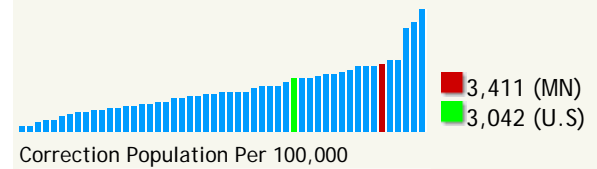
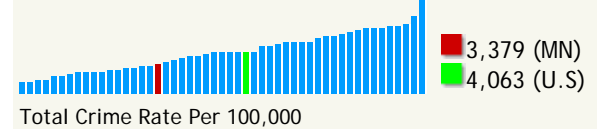
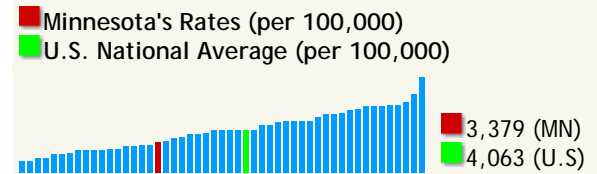
The crime rate for the state of Minnesota is 21.93% lower than the national average. There are 127,900 adults under correctional supervision (prisons, jails, probation, and parole) in Minnesota and the correctional supervision rate (number of offenders supervised per 100,000) is 11.84% higher than the national average.



	Minnesota	National Average	Highest State	Lowest State
<b>Crime Rates (2003)</b>	3,379	4,063	6,146	2,174
Violent Crimes	263	475	794	78
Property Crimes	3,117	3,588	5,632	2,002
<b>Corrections Population (2003)</b>	3,411	3,042	4,609	974
<b>Incarceration Rate (2004)</b>	169	433	814	149
<b>Community Corrections</b>				
Probationers (2004)	2,953	1,862	3,767	426
Parolees (2003)	96	317	1,084	2
<b>Cost Per Inmate (2001)</b>	\$36,836	\$22,650	\$44,379	\$8,128

## At-A-Glance

The following graphs display Minnesota's rankings compared to all U.S. states.



## General Information

Jails	Prisons	Community Corrections
Minnesota has 81 jail facilities for 87 counties with a rated capacity of 6,840. The Dept. of Corrections inspects jails and enforces compliance with state standards.	The Dept. of Corrections manages 8,613 inmates in 8 adult institutions. The DOC also operates 2 juvenile facilities and has a staff of 3,146.	31 of Minnesota's 87 counties participate in the Community Corrections Act and have agencies to supervise probation and parole cases. The DOC supervises felony and gross misdemeanor probation cases in other counties. There are 110,725 probationers and 3,596 parolees (called "supervised release").

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## Legislative Committee Report

We have been working this summer on following up on the Legislative session and on preparing for the next one. Since the next session won't begin until March, we plan to spend the time preparing and promoting our agenda. We expect that with the next session being short and intense, any initiatives must be fully prepared and support must be ensured at the very start. There will undoubtedly be a huge number of bills submitted in the first few days.

At this point your Legislative Committee has developed our 2006 Position Statement and Initiatives, which were approved by the MACPO Executive Committee on 9-15-05.

As in the past, our main focus is on funding for Minnesota probation. In addition to attempting to secure CPO salary reimbursement at the 50% level we plan to follow up with last year's push for an "alcohol fee" in order to provide a stable funding stream for statewide probation supervision and chemical dependency treatment for offenders. We expect this to be a tough battle, but we are actively recruiting support.

During the Fall, we will be meeting with other Minnesota corrections organizations to explain our agenda and to seek collaboration on common corrections issues. As always, we welcome comments and ideas from MACPO members.



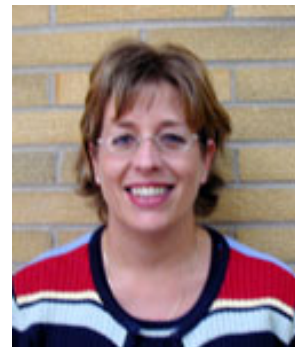
Steven Paquay,  
MACPO Legislative  
Committee Chair

## Training and Education Committee Report

The MACPO Training and Ed Committee has been busy planning for the 2006 conferences. We always welcome new committee members; please call or e-mail me if you are interested. Our meetings are generally the 3rd Wednesdays at the DOC Central Office.

MACPO and MCA will again be working together for a joint winter conference. The dates are February 16 and 17, 2006 and the location will be the Holiday Inn Select in Bloomington. The topics include; Search and Seizure, Non-Verbal Communication & Identifying the Drugged Offender. We are excited about the topics and presenters.

The 2006 Annual Spring Conference is being moved to Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center. The dates are May 24th - 26th. We are excited about having more space to expand our training opportunities.



Traci Green  
Brown County Probation

## Treasurer's Report

In writing my first treasurer's report, I would like to thank everyone who voted for me. Secondly, I would like to thank Chuck Kitzman for answering all of my annoying questions. Everyone should be thankful for what an outstanding job our previous treasurer has done.

As you read this report our second annual Support Staff Conference should have just finished wrapping up. We drew numerous support staff from around the state. The sheer number of payments received gives strong indication that the conference was a success.

Our Bremer Certificate of Deposit matures October 5, 2005. We will be looking at reinvesting that CD along with some additional capital through a new financial institution approved by the Executive Board on September 15, 2005. Our new CD investment should total \$25,000.00 and insure us a much higher interest rate and increased financial options.

Here are our current fund balances as of October 4, 2005.

Wells Fargo Checking	\$24,779.41
Wadell & Reed Money market Account	\$16,441.07
Wadell & Reed Bond Fund	\$9,839.75
Bremer Bank Certificate of Deposit	\$16,201.46
Total of all accounts	\$67,261.69



Jeremie Reinhart  
Pine County Court  
Services

## Membership Committee Report

Hello MACPO Members! We are the new co-chairs for the membership committee. First of all, many thanks to Amy and Darnell, who co-chaired this committee the past few years - we definitely have some big shoes to fill. We are fortunate to have many returning committee members and some new faces as well.

This time of year, the committee spends time contacting colleges and universities as well as attending various job/career fairs. Our committee will be staffing a MACPO booth at the U of M on October, 31, 2005 and will also be in attendance at the Head of Lakes Job Fair in Duluth (UMD, UW-Superior and St. Scholastica) on November 10, 2005. As in years past, if you are contacted by the college/university you attended to present information on probation/corrections or to attend a job/career fair, contact us for information and/or ideas. A membership committee member will also attend the event if needed.

Also, look for the MACPO booth at the Exhibitor's Fair during the MCA Fall training in Duluth on October 26 - 28, 2005. Stop by our hospitality booth for pizza during the MCA hospitality night on October 26, 2005.

Jill Arbieter

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

**From:** Don Blackburn, Executive Director, National Office of Interstate Commissioners  
**Re:** Offenders Affected by Hurricane Katrina  
**Date:** September 6, 2005

The National Office of the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision would like to advise all states to be aware of the thousands of displaced offenders coming from Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. As a state becomes aware of an offender on supervision in Louisiana, Mississippi or Alabama who is leaving as a result of the hurricane they should contact the Compact Office of that respective state. The Compact process should be initiated by having the offender sign the signature forms and immediately granting reporting instructions. We are advising states to get the individuals under supervision as quickly as possible through the Compact.

If states encounter individuals with criminal records from these mass relocations, they should contact the Compact Office of that respective state to ascertain if the individual is on supervision. If states have offenders requesting to travel to these states as a result of a deployment from the military or relief organizations they should make the Compact Office aware of the name, organization and location of the individual.

### **Communications Committee Report**

I hope everyone enjoys the new look of the Macpost. Please use the links we have furnished to connect you with articles of interest. The website will also have a new look by January 2006.

There are several exciting training opportunities coming up. We are once again co-sponsoring the Winter Conference with MCA in Bloomington February 16th and 17th at the Bloomington Holiday Select.

Even though budgets are tight, we hope you will be able to attend the MACPO Spring Conference at our new site at the Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria, Minnesota. This will be a new chapter in MACPO's commitment to offer quality training. We hope to see you there! Click on this link to see the facility.

<http://www.arrowwoodresort.com/index.cfm>

Lastly, let us all welcome the new Macpo President, Warren Liepitz, new President Elect Traci Green, new Treasurer Jeremie Reinhart, new Committee Chairs Jill Arbeiter and Chuck Kitzman for Membership, and new Co-chair for Training and Education, Robyn Schauer joining Traci Green.

And as always thanks to our Secretary Margaret Munson, Chairs Steve Paquay and Lana Bjorgum for the Legislative Committee, J. Hancuch for Directors Committee and my favorite co-chair for Communications, Les Schultz.

Enjoy the newsletter and we hope to see you all soon.

Anne Riley



Anne Riley  
Chisago County Court Services