



# MACPOST

## Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers

### From the President

Fall 2010

I originally intended to pen an essay concerning how, contrary to conventional wisdom, the crime rate is decreasing in poor economics times rather than increasing. The *Star Tribune* reported that the FBI's annual report, *Crime in the United States*, indicated the number of violent crimes reported in Minnesota dropped nearly 7% from 2008 to 2009 and that during the same period of time property crimes also fell 7%. While this news is heartening it is clear there are no easy answers to what are the causal factors for criminal activity.

Those of us within the criminal-justice community would like to think that the actions we are taking and the programs that are implemented are reasons for the reduced crime rate. In the probation business we believe that evidenced-based practices and good community supervision positively impacts on offenders so they do not commit further crime. Law enforcement asserts that community policing and other proactive measures allow them to do a better job in dealing with criminal offenders. The Courts cite "drug courts" as an innovation that helps rehabilitate offenders so the risks they represent to the community are minimized. These are only examples of the many different efforts made by the criminal-justice agencies, most of which are effective. What I found the more I read concerning the topic is that all the myriad efforts contribute to the reduction in crime and that we cannot single-out specific areas that by themselves dramatically reduce the amount of crime.



Steve Peterson  
MACPO President

What I realized from these ruminations is the interdependence of the criminal-justice agencies and the assurance we all share in the goal of protecting the public. We must be supportive of one another and assure our efforts are complementary and consistent with needs identified by our communities. This is particularly true as we look forward to a legislative session in which funding will be tight. The criminal-justice system needs to remain steadfast in our resolve that we all play an important role in reducing the rate of crime and that we all need to be adequately funded to discharge our duties.

Steve Peterson

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### 4th ANNUAL MACPO EBP BOOSTER EXTRAVAGANZA



November 4, 2010

Carver County Justice Center  
Lower Level Jury Assembly Room  
604 East Fourth Street  
Chaska, MN 55318  
952-361-1460

This workshop is designed to provide probation staff with half-day boosters for the following evidence-based practices: LSI-R, YLS/CMI and Case Planning. This is not a substitute for the full training in any of the evidence-based practices curricula.

# The Facts on Teen Internet Use

## From the Minnesota Attorney General's Office

42% of parents do not monitor the content of the messages sent and received by their teens  
50% of teens (age 13-18) frequently communicate online with someone they've never met in person;  
42% say they have posted information about themselves on the Internet so others may contact them;  
30% have talked about meeting someone whom they have only met through the internet;  
•12% have learned that someone they were communicating with online was an adult pretending to be younger;  
37% have received a link to sexually explicit content;  
11% were solicited online by adults and kept the incident from their parents;  
28% of teens admit to daily using a code to signal to their correspondent that a parent is watching;  
17% believe that online communication with people they do not know is OK because it is not "real".

### Where To Get More Information

**General Internet Safety:** [www.netsafekids.org](http://www.netsafekids.org)  
[www.fbi.gov/publications/pguide/pguide.htm](http://www.fbi.gov/publications/pguide/pguide.htm)

**Internet Filtering Software:** <http://kids.getnetwise.org/tools/>

**Internet Safety Training:** [www.netsmartz.org](http://www.netsmartz.org)  
[www.i-safe.org](http://www.i-safe.org)

### Social Networking Sites Have Been Linked to Crimes Around the Nation

#### Some of the more serious crimes include:

- A St. Paul MN., mother called police after she found a birthday card her 15-year-old intended to give to a 29-year-old man she met at MySpace. Ronald Abshire, a convicted sex offender admitted to police that he and the girl had had sex 15 times. Both the offender and the girl had pages on the web site. (Star Tribune, Feb. 16, 2006).
- In January 2006, Benjamin Fawley, 38, was indicted on a first-degree murder charge in the death of college freshman Taylor Behl, who had disappeared in September. She had allegedly communicated with him through MySpace.
- In December 2005, Joshua Perry, 27, was convicted of sexual misconduct in Maine for having a sexual relationship with a 14-year-old girl after he read her profile on MySpace.
- In November 2005, David Ludwig, 18, of Lititz, Pa., was arrested and charged with shooting to death the parents of his 14-year-old girlfriend, whom he had met on MySpace. The parents were killed after they tried to break up the relationship.
- In September 2005, a 16-year-old girl in Port Washington, N.Y., was abducted and molested after trading messages on MySpace with a 37-year-old man. She included where she worked on her MySpace profile.
- In June 2005, Richard Alan Butenhof, 35, was charged with molesting a 12-year-old girl from Folsom, Ca., after sending sexually explicit messages to her on MySpace.

Star Tribune, Minneapolis, MN January 29, 2006, compiled by Bob Von Sternberg

# Crime Victim Services

## Help for Crime Victims

**If you are a crime victim, help is available.**

### FINDING HELP IN YOUR AREA:

Advocates in prosecutors' offices and community-based organizations are available to help crime victims with information, referral, and assistance. To find a victim service provider in your area, search the [Victim Service Provider Directory](#).

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

#### For Victims of Violent Crime

Victims of violent crime can file a claim for reparations to cover expenses related to the crime.

[How to File a Reparations Claim](#)

#### For Emergency Expenses Related to a Crime:

Local organizations distribute funds in small amounts to crime victims to cover emergency expenses related to the crime.

[More about the Emergency Fund and program contacts for your county](#)

### CRIME VICTIM RIGHTS:

Crime victims in Minnesota have rights: [Crime Victim Rights](#)

### OTHER HELP FOR CRIME VICTIMS:

(pdf documents)

- [Collecting Court-Ordered Restitution](#)
- [Coping with Victimization](#)
- [How Do I Get a Copy of My Police Report?](#)
- [Identity Theft Road Map: Basic Guide for ID Theft Victims in Minnesota](#)
- [Restitution](#)
- [Restorative Justice](#)
- [Sexual Assault Exam Medical Expenses - County Contacts](#)
- [Tips on Testifying](#)
- [Victim Impact Statements](#)



### COMPLAINTS BY CRIME VICTIMS:

Victims who feel that their rights have been violated or that they have been mistreated by a member of the criminal justice system can contact the [Crime Victim Justice Unit](#).



<https://sps.x.state.mn.us/cjte/registration/Lists/Course/CourseList.aspx>

# 2009 Crash Facts Highlights

## Teens

35 teenage deaths (16–19) in 2009, a slight increase from 31 deaths in 2008.

10 cyclist deaths in 2009, a decrease from 13 fatalities in 2008.

After an 11-year trend of rising motorcycle fatalities, 2009 held some positive news for motorcycle riders. In 2009, there were 53 rider deaths, a drop of 26 percent from the 72 deaths in 2008, which was the highest death count in 24 years. Nationwide, rider deaths decreased by about 10 percent.

## Pedestrians

41 pedestrian deaths in 2009, the highest total since 2005 (44). Of the 41 pedestrians killed, 33 were tested for alcohol. Eleven of the 33 tested positive and had alcohol-concentration levels of 0.08 or higher.

## Bicyclists

## Seat Belts

Of the 302 vehicle occupants killed, just 129 were belted; 50 percent of those not belted were ejected. The primary belt law helped increase daytime belt compliance to a recording 90 percent and resulted in fewer unbelted traffic deaths, which the law intended.

## Impaired Driving

141 alcohol-related deaths in 2009 is an all time low, but still a factor in more than one third of all deaths, matching historical trends.

## Motorcycle

53 rider deaths, a drop of 26 percent from the 72 deaths in 2008 (see sidebar).

The Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety say factors contributing to the drop in fatalities include the cumulative effects of rider training programs, motorist awareness outreach and law enforcement. Another likely factor is that the recent surge of new riders aged 35-54 has tapered off, and these riders have become more seasoned and experienced—and less likely to crash. Other possible factors include

## K2, Spice Gold, and Herbal ‘Incense’

Legal Herbal Products Laced With Designer Drugs: Not Your Father’s Marijuana

Click here to read the article:

<http://www.webmd.com/mental-health/news/k2-spice-gold-herbal-incense-faq>



# Synthetic Marijuana Ban Proposed in Hastings

Hastings could become the first city in the Twin Cities metro to ban synthetic marijuana. Monday night, the city council will hear a proposal that would make buying, selling, or possessing synthetic marijuana illegal.

Synthetic marijuana is sold, legally, under various names, including herbal incense, K2, Spice, or Fire & Ice.

Hastings Police Chief Paul Schnell says this summer, his department has responded to several instances where teens or young adults have smoked synthetic marijuana and got extremely sick. Several other Minnesota cities have reported a spike in similar cases.

Hastings resident Stacy Huberty contacted the city council about enacting a ban on synthetic marijuana. It is being proposed at Monday night's city council meeting.

If the council decides to proceed, the proposal would go to the Public.



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## Professional Development Fall 2010

### Boys Adrift and Girls on the Edge

Dr. Leonard Sax  
October 26 \* 8:30-4:00 pm  
University of MN Continuing Education and Conference Center, St. Paul  
\$125/non-YIPA Members; \$93/YIPA Members

### Why Gender Matters: The Importance of Gender in Early Interventions with At-Risk Youth

Dr. Leonard Sax  
October 27 \* 8:30-4:00 pm  
Rochester Community and Technical College, Heniz Center Commons, Rochester  
\$70/non-YIPA Members; \$55/YIPA Members

### Giving a Fish a Bath: The Untold Story of the Adolescent Mind

Frank Fros, Upside Down Organization  
November 2 \* 8:30-4:00 p.m.  
Holiday Inn Waterfront, Duluth  
\$70/non-YIPA Members; \$55/YIPA Members

### Underage Alcohol Use is Not a Rite of Passage

and Prescription and Over-the-Counter Drug Use and Youth  
A two-part training detailing modern challenges youth face  
November 9, 2010 \* 9:00-4:00  
Country Inn and Suites, Mankato  
\$45/non-YIPA Members; \$35/YIPA Members

### Survival Strategies for the Youth Service Provider: Strategies for detecting and coping with stress in staff, volunteers and the youth we serve

Steve Zvonar, DC, CWC, Northwoods Natural Healing Center  
December 3 \* 1:00-3:30 pm  
Northern Star Base Camp, St. Paul  
\$35/non-YIPA Members; FREE/YIPA Members

#### DID YOU KNOW?

- A group rate is available for individuals registering 5+. Call (888) 945-9472 for details.
- An additional discount is available on our Facebook page. Check it out for additional savings!

[www.mnyipa.org](http://www.mnyipa.org)

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# Social Phobia (Social Anxiety Disorder)

## NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH

### What is Social Phobia?

Social Phobia, or Social Anxiety Disorder, is an anxiety disorder characterized by overwhelming anxiety and excessive self-consciousness in everyday social situations. Social phobia can be limited to only one type of situation — such as a fear of speaking in formal or informal situations, or eating or drinking in front of others — or, in its most severe form, may be so broad that a person experiences symptoms almost anytime they are around other people. [More about Social Phobia](#)

### Signs & Symptoms

People with social phobia have a persistent, intense, and chronic fear of being watched and judged by others and being embarrassed or humiliated by their own actions. Their fear may be so severe that it interferes with work or school, and other ordinary activities. Physical symptoms often accompany phobia and include blushing, profuse sweating, trembling, nausea, and difficulty talking.

[More about Signs & Symptoms.](#)

### Treatment

Effective treatments for social phobia and research is yielding new, that can help most people with other anxiety disorders lead lives.

[More about Treatment.](#)

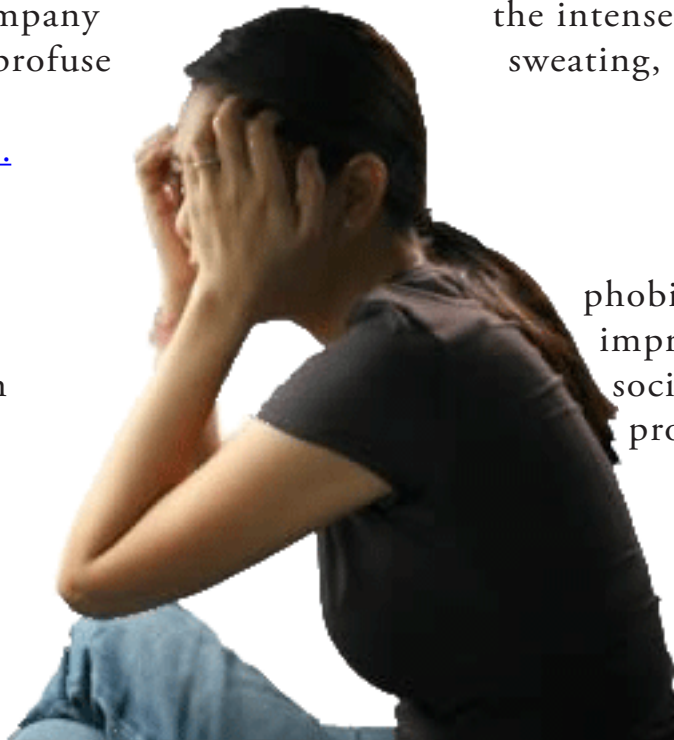
### Getting Help: Locate Services

Locate mental health services affordable health care, NIMH and listings of professionals organizations.

[More about Locating Services](#)

### Related Information

- [Information about medications](#)
- [Anxiety Disorders Information and Organizations](#) from NLM's MedlinePlus [\(en Español\)](#)
- Some mental illnesses also carry an increased risk for suicide.



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# GOVERNOR PAWLENTY SIGNS LEGISLATION FOR STRONGER DWI SANCTIONS; REQUIRES USE OF IGNITION INTERLOCKS -- May 18, 2010

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today signed legislation to strengthen sanctions against DWI offenders and require certain offenders to use ignition interlock devices. The legislation becomes effective July 1, 2011, and aims to enhance road safety to prevent alcohol-related crashes which account for one-third of all Minnesota traffic deaths annually. The legislation gives DWI offenders a chance to regain driving privileges by ensuring safe and legal driving through the use of interlocks.

Interlock devices are installed in a vehicle and require a driver to provide a breath sample in order for the vehicle to start. The vehicle will not start if the device detects an alcohol-concentration level of 0.02 or above after the driver blows into its tube. Interlocks require rolling re-tests after the initial test, and have features to deter others from starting the vehicle for the intended user.

“This legislation demonstrates Minnesota is serious about preventing impaired driving and the tragedies that result from the deadly decision to get behind the wheel after drinking too much,” Governor Pawlenty said. “Stronger sanctions and employing smarter tools such as interlock devices are necessary to step up the fight against this illegal and dangerous behavior. With this law, if you don’t breathe, you don’t leave.”

Highlights of the legislation include:

- DWI offenders with a 0.16 and above alcohol-concentration level will be required to have ignition interlock devices installed on any vehicle they drive.
- DWI offenders with a 0.16 and above alcohol-concentration level that choose not to use ignition interlocks will not have driving privileges ranging from one year to six years — depending on offense level. Offenders with three or more DWIs in a 10-year period will be required to use interlocks.
- Interlock users will regain full driving privileges immediately after the offense, ensuring they are driving with a valid license and not a threat on the roadway.
- Interlocks will be used to monitor chronic DWI offenders (three or more DWIs in 10 year period) to verify chemical use.

In the United States, 46 states have implemented interlock requirements for DWI offenders. Research from the leading ignition interlock institution, Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation, reports interlocks can reduce repeat DWI offenses by 45 percent to 90 percent.

Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) Commissioner Michael Campion says the increased sanctions and use of interlocks will help to deter motorists from driving impaired, and therefore reduce alcohol-related fatalities.

2011 Winter Training Institute - Orlando, FL  
February 27 - March 2, 2011  
[Hilton Orlando](#)

36th Annual Training Institute - Chicago, IL  
July 24 - 27, 2011  
Hilton Chicago  
[Call for Presenters](#)

2012 Winter Training Institute - San Diego, CA  
February 26 - 29, 2012  
Hilton San Diego Bayfront



# Announcements and Training



<http://www.mnmcca.com>

Minnesota Community Corrections Association

Please take a moment to explore the various dimensions of our site. We offer monthly education and training workshops; an assortment of special events; news, information and announcements.

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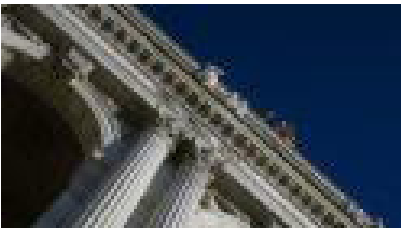


<http://www.corrections.com/events>

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<http://www.mncpa.net>

Minnesota Crime Prevention Association

Minnesota Crime Prevention Association (MCPA) is a statewide, non-profit organization of citizens, law enforcement officers, and crime prevention practitioners who work together to promote, develop, and advance crime prevention programs. MCPA and its members foster cooperation, encourage the exchange of information, provide leadership, and seek involvement from all segments of society to expand, improve and develop crime prevention programs throughout Minnesota.

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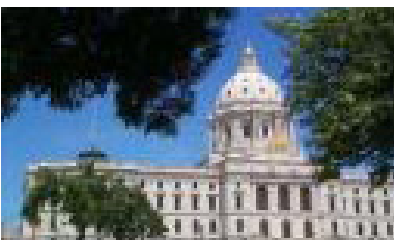


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American Probation and Parole Association

Community Justice and Safety for All

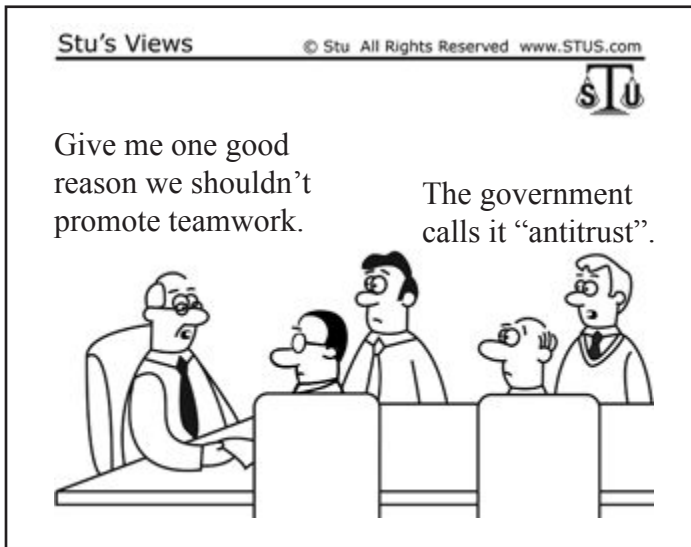
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<http://www.mnyipa.org>

The Minnesota Youth Intervention Programs Association

YIPA is currently comprised of over 85 youth service organizations throughout the state of Minnesota.



What's wrong with lawyer jokes?

Lawyers don't think they're funny, and nobody else thinks they're jokes

How many lawyers does it take to screw in a light bulb?

One; the lawyer holds it while the rest of the world revolves around him.

In Fort Worth, about a week ago, a man tried to cash a check at a bank.

He had stolen the check from his mother-in-law and then wrote in the amount.

The teller immediately realized something was up, and contacted the police, who found the 21-year-old bank customer with a gun in his possession and some marijuana.

Oh, the amount of the check? \$360 billion dollars.

Mrs. Hunter was called to serve for jury duty, but asked to be excused because she didn't believe in capital punishment and didn't want her personal thoughts to prevent the trial from running its proper course.

But the public defender liked her thoughtfulness, and tried to convince her that she was appropriate to serve on the jury.

"Madam," he explained, "this is not a murder trial! It's a simple civil lawsuit. A wife is bringing this case against her husband because he gambled away the \$12,000 he had promised to use to remodel the kitchen for her birthday."

"Well, okay," agreed Mrs. Hunter, "I'll serve. I guess I could be wrong about capital punishment after all."

A prisoner in jail receives a letter from his wife: "Dear Husband, I have decided to plant some lettuce in the back garden. When is the best time to plant them?"

The prisoner, knowing that the prison guards read all mail, replied in a letter: "Dear Wife, whatever you do, do not touch the back garden. That is where I hid all the money."

A week or so later, he received another letter from his wife: "Dear Husband, You wouldn't believe what happened, some men came with shovels to the house, and dug up all the back garden."

The prisoner wrote another letter back: "Dear wife, now is the best time to plant the lettuce."

# The Committees

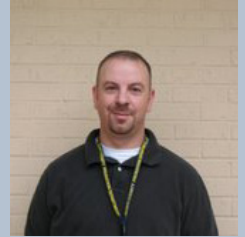
## Training and Education Committee

The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Support Staff Conference was held at the Holiday Inn in St. Cloud. There were over 60 people in attendance. Russ Fry, retired Community Treatment Coordinator for Iowa Community Corrections presented “Hue are You: Personality and Respect, and Michelle Nelson, Quality Assurance/Training Coordinator with Woodland Hills presented “Synthesize the Synergy-Jetting Beyond Workplace Turbulence”. Les Schultz, Director from Brown County was once again the hostess with the mostest, and did a stand up job. The conference all in all went well and the feedback we received regarding the speakers was very positive.

Our committee is busy planning the 54<sup>th</sup> annual conference. The conference will once again be held at Breezy Point on May 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have any speaker ideas or suggestions, please forward them to a member of the Training and Education Committee.

The first regional training at Village Ranch was a success. We will continue to provide more regional training opportunities after the first of the year. Please continue to check the MACPO web site for more information.

Jason VandeKamp, Isanti County Probation  
Debbie Lawrence, Isanti County Probation



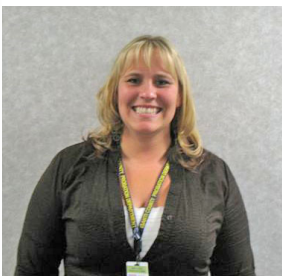
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## Membership Committee 2008 Winter Report

Happy Fall everyone! Our training at Village Ranch brought in almost 20 new MACPO members, and we appreciate all the support. If anyone would like to share ideas on how to boost membership, we are always open to ideas. We have a career fair at the U of M Twin Cities coming at the end of October, and we'll start applications for the next year's MACPO Student Scholarship. If you have interns or know a student who is interested in applying for this \$750 scholarship, visit the MACPO web site for application information. If you're interested in joining the MACPO Membership Committee, please contact Randy Baker ([randy.baker@co.brown.mn.us](mailto:randy.baker@co.brown.mn.us)) or Rachel Miller ([rachel.miller@co.isanti.mn.us](mailto:rachel.miller@co.isanti.mn.us)). We are always looking for new committee members and fresh ideas!



Rachel Miller  
Co-Chair



Randy Baker  
Co-Chair

# Legislative Committee Report

The legislative committee has finalized the 2011 position statement and our initiatives for the upcoming legislative session. They can both be found on the MACPO web site. We are scheduling meetings with the Legislative chairs for MCA, MACCAC, and representatives from the DOC in the near future. The 2011 session will get underway in early January. But, we have an election coming on 11.2 that will determine who the Governor is and who the legislative players are going to be. Several representatives chose to retire since last session, so we will need to wait until the dust settles before we can start our efforts in earnest. Committee membership will change for the legislative committees that deal with issues that effect us. Our lobbyist is keeping an eye on things for us, as usual.

It is going to be a tough year in St Paul due to looming budget deficits. There is a lot of uncertainty about what will end up happening. It is almost certain that there will be budget cuts. We will monitor the various budgets bills and try and insulate ourselves as best we can, but there is no telling what will happen.

I plan on having the Bill Tracking Summary that our lobbyist gives us posted on the web site regularly, so everyone can see what's in the hopper.

I would like to encourage you all to find out who your elected representatives are and let them know who you are and what you do. Many legislators tell us that they aren't aware of who their local P.O.'s are, the different delivery systems for probation in Minnesota, or how the funding works. So, the more you all do to help educate your local legislators the better informed they will be. If you don't know how to advise them on things, contact me or another committee member & we will try to help.



Margaret Munson  
Wright County Probation  
MACPO Legislative  
Committee Chair



Bruce Hagstrom  
Chisago County Probation  
MACPO Legislative  
Committee Chair

I would also like to encourage all members to let me or other members of the committee know if you have questions or concerns.

Bruce Hagstrom  
Career Agent, Chisago Probation

## Treasurer's Report

<b>Checking Balance</b>	<b>\$5,535.65</b>
<b>1. Waddell and Reed Money Market Acct</b>	<b>\$18,770.05</b>
<b>2. Affinity Plus Certificate Of Deposit</b>	<b>\$15,081.59</b>
<b>3. Waddell and Reed Bond Fund</b>	<b>\$12,063.76</b>
Memorial Scholarship Interest	
Memorial Scholarship Award	
<b>TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$51,451.05</b>



Sarah Weikle  
Pine County Court Services

MACPO's budget should soon be finalized. If anyone would like to see it, please feel free to contact me.



## Communications Report

The committees are hard at work promoting the MACPO organization's interests and agenda. The Legislative Committee has some important issues that they are monitoring and working with our lobbyist to help ensure that our voice is heard at the capital. The Membership Committee is busy continuing to maintain a presence at colleges and job fairs. The Training and Education Committee has a Support Staff EBP Booster Extravaganza on November 4, 2010 in Carver County. And the Communications Committee continues to maintain a professional and up to date web site and compose the quarterly newsletter so that we may remain current with what is happening in our profession.

The president works to promote MACPO interests and the sound correctional policy toward the principles of evidence based practices. Our treasurer works to manage the MACPO accounts. And our secretary makes sure all this work is accurately recorded and distributed to the board. And finally, the CPO Directors Committee ensure that the leaders of the associated counties interact to maintain continuity and clarity of focus for the organization. Visit the web site to learn more about the board and committees current work.

All of the members of MACPO benefit from the work of the president and the board. It is our hope that anyone who has an interest in being more closely involved in MACPO activities contact any of the committee chairs and volunteer to help keep MACPO a strong and resilient voice in Minnesota corrections. We welcome your participation.

See you all at the MACPO Spring Conference. Watch the web site for dates and details.

Anne Riley



Anne Riley  
Chisago County Court Services

## Communication Committee Co-chair



Christopher Maas  
Sherburne County  
Probation Department

Stay informed of upcoming trainings and events on the MACPO web site. The site is regularly updated with changes and new information. We have also been adding training updates and there have been some changes on our vendor ads at <http://macpo.org/vendors.php>! Let me know if you see any changes or would like something added to the web site.

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