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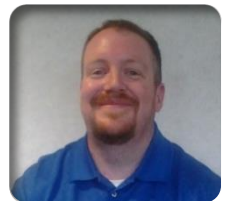
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## From the President

Hello to each of you reading the current edition of the MACPOST!

I began my term as MACPO president July 1, 2015 and am very fortunate to have joined a very impressive group of individuals on the MACPO executive board. It has been an easy beginning due to their hard work.



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My presidency started off very quickly as I represented MACPO as an affiliate representative at the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) Annual Training Institute.

The conference was held in sunny Los Angeles, CA, from July 12 - 15, 2015. This was the first national conference that I have ever attended and it was a very educational experience. I met many probation officers from around the country and gained a ton of insight as to how other agencies operate. The training sessions were very motivational, they gave me ideas to bring back to our organization.

The picture below is Antwone Fisher on stage for the APPA Plenary Session.



Antwone Fisher was one of the keynote speakers at the APPA conference. A movie was made about his life and was Denzel Washington's first film as director. The presentation from Mr. Fisher was an incredible reminder to the horrible upbringings some of the offenders we work with will have. It was a very insightful session.

It was also the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the APPA institute, which made being at this conference even more exciting.

I was also very fortunate that past MACPO president, Deanna Ruffing, had won a drawing at the APPA conference she attended that would allow her to attend this conference via APPA's generosity. Mrs. Ruffing introduced me to many probation officers from around the country that she had previously met. We also had the opportunity, after attending our training sessions, to tour the city of Los Angeles.

The picture to the right is of Deanna and me with the Hollywood sign in the background!

Enough about APPA, but if you have any questions and/or are curious about attending meetings, I would be more than willing to help you out.

Earlier this spring, MACPO had Kirsten Lewis, from Maricopa County, Arizona here to present on Corrections Fatigue/Secondary Trauma from the events that occur within our profession. After the incredible two day intense overview training on the topic of Secondary Trauma, the next step in this training process is now scheduled for December 3 & 4, 2015. Rice County also has Kirsten presenting the intensive overview training again earlier in the week. You hopefully have already received information on these trainings. More information will be included in this MACPOST as well.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions and/or comments throughout my term as President. Have a great fall!



# Care Corner Featuring:

## CORE Professional Services, P.A.

*Frank Weber, M.S./L.P., Clinical Director of CORE Professional Services, PA*

This is the 21<sup>st</sup> year of CORE Professional Services providing sex offender treatment. CORE currently provides treatment to offenders in 52 counties, and assessments at sites as requested throughout the state. CORE addresses the client's individual needs through individual therapy in conjunction with their group work, and by working closely with any other involved service providers. CORE offers a structured cognitive behavioral treatment workbook, as well as a separate workbook for individuals who struggle with sexual addiction issues. Referrals are made to "fast track treatment, 4-month version" or individual therapy as a primary source of treatment as appropriate.

We are fortunate to have the opportunity to work closely with corrections agents. We have found that having agents involved in the offender's group therapy generally results in a quicker completion of treatment, as there is greater accountability and fewer opportunities for manipulating messages. The clients typically state that if you honestly want to make changes, it's to your advantage to have your agent present. If you want to manipulate the system, it's easier if the therapist and agent aren't working together. CORE has recently been offering trainings on "Working with Difficult Correctional Clients," "Being a Healthy Professional in a Stressful Environment," and "Addressing Pornography." These trainings are at no cost to correctional counties interested in their services.

The most significant obstacle to affect sex offender treatment is the reduced funding per offender for outpatient sex offender treatment. Even though the total allotment has not changed, the number of sex offenders needing outpatient services has almost doubled in the past decade, resulting in fewer treatment services per offender. This past year, programs actually had their funding reduced. Programs like CORE had funding diminished despite taking on more services. CORE stepped in to help out in areas that lost providers in North Branch, Mora, and Faribault. The result is greater cost passed on to offenders and fewer individual sessions. This could ultimately translate into more terminations and longer treatment. CORE has been discussing this dilemma with professionals at the DOC office in St. Paul in an effort to resolve this concern. CORE has come up with a variety of creative ways to address this issue until it is fully resolved.

We are fortunate to have a job that enables us to guide struggling individuals with developing a healthy lifestyle. As the wife of one the offenders CORE works with stated, "Thank you for saving my life, our children's lives, and his life. We are a happy and healthy family because he was sent to sex offender treatment."



For further information on CORE check out their website: [coreprofessionalservices.com](http://coreprofessionalservices.com)



# County Highlight: Freeborn County

*Thomas Jensen, Freeborn County Court Services Director*

It is my pleasure to introduce to the MACPO community the Office of Court Services here in friendly Freeborn County. Freeborn County is located at the crossroads of Interstates 35 and 90 in south-central Minnesota, with a current population of 31,255. Established in 1855, the county seat of Albert Lea and the 20 outlying communities encompass 722 square miles of rich farm land making agriculture Freeborn County's main industry. On a "who knew it" note, Freeborn County is the hometown of 1950s singer Eddie Cochran and actress Marion Ross, known for her role as Marion in the sitcom "Happy Days."

The Office of Freeborn County Court Services is responsible for delivering and administrating probation services for all juvenile criminal offenders, as well as all truancy cases. All traditional misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor offenses, as well as all pretrial cases, are also supervised within the office. Additionally, Freeborn County Court Services offers three diversion programs targeting the areas of truancy, first-time youth offenders, and adult offenses that result in a driver's license suspension.

This is all made possible by the dedication, commitment, and hard work of the staff of Freeborn County Court Services. With over 150 years of combined experience in corrections, it is my pleasure to introduce the staff of Freeborn County Court Services (from left to right): Andrea Hall, Adult Agent-Domestic Assault caseload; Kim Waller, Office Support Specialist II; Thomas Jensen, Director; Maureen Gilbertson, Adult Agent-Pretrial; Alex Routh, Juvenile Agent-Truancy; Holly Knoss, Adult Agent; Amy Geyer, Juvenile Agent-Truancy; Dawn Fleek-Juvenile Agent; Darren Welsh, Juvenile Agent; Crystal Farris, Office Support Specialist II; and Merlin Kath, Adult Agent.



While acknowledging evidence-based practices, Freeborn County embraces the opinion that the foremost catalyst in effecting change is the development of a strong, personal relationship with each offender to encourage positive transformation during supervision.

Correctionally yours,

Tom Jensen, Director Freeborn County Court Services.

# Legislative Committee

*Margaret Munson, Wright County Court Services*



Fall is in the air, school is back in session, and probation is busy. The Legislative Committee took some time off over the summer and is back at the table strategizing about the many legislative things that are still “alive” in the House and Senate. We are also putting together MACPO’s 2016 platforms and initiatives. This year the plan is to expand the platforms. Our topics we are currently working on position statements for are:

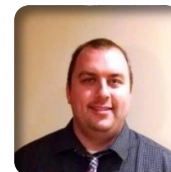
- Adult and juvenile mental health
- Juvenile court
- Juvenile life without parole
- Adult felon voting rights restoration
- MACPO funding
- Corrections two-tier proposal
- Juvenile sex offender registration
- Pension
- SMART sentencing
- Offender reentry
- Specialty courts

If you have any opinion(s) about any of these topics, please reach out to one of the Legislative Committee Members, which are listed on the MACPO website. Any and all opinions are welcome as we all work in counties that work uniquely within each of our communities. Our excellent lobbyist, Lisa Frenette, has some really fantastic ideas of how we can work on MACPO’s initiatives and with whom.... Looking forward to seeing what we can accomplish this year for Corrections.

Our committee meets the first Tuesday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Department of Corrections. If you are interested in joining a lively committee that always has twists and turns, please join us or let me know of your interest.

# Communications Committee

*Peter Monson, Chisago County Court Services*



It has been a magnificent summer here in Minnesota and a great start to fall! The Communication Committee has been busy with website updates and online postings of MACPO’s upcoming trainings, all of which can be found at [www.macpo.net](http://www.macpo.net). Also, our committee members have been hard at work to bring you this most recent MACPOST. This issue of MACPOST, along with future issues, will continue to be filled with interesting and relevant information.

MACPO continues to expand its use of social media on Facebook and Twitter. Be sure to follow MACPO on Facebook and Twitter for the latest job postings, trainings, and news. We encourage our followers to message us with questions or relevant information and events.

The Communication Committee is always looking for new members. As a member of this committee, there is opportunity for assisting in website development, expanding social media, and contributing articles and information to MACPOST. If you are interested in joining the Communication Committee, please email [Communication@MACPO.net](mailto:Communication@MACPO.net).

# Membership Committee

*Samantha Ahrens, Steele County Probation*

*Nicole Kalow, Waseca County Court Services*



Happy Fall y'all! We hope summer treated you all well and you were able to enjoy it to the fullest extent possible.

As we enter the fall season, we also enter the back-to-school season. The Membership Committee has been working to better and bring more up-to-date student outreach. We believe helping prepare students to work in criminal justice field is crucial to the betterment of services provided by the probation system for years to come. It is our goal to get our committee members out into the schools to explain MACPO and what we have to offer. We also give real life stories and information to students to help them be more prepared to step into the job upon graduating. As customary, we will be attending career fairs and the MCA Conference to help get the word out about MACPO.

Our committee continues to grow as we welcomed two new members. Thank you to Jena Parline and Laura Stylski, both from Isanti County Probation Services, for your commitment to MACPO! If you would like to join the MACPO Membership Committee, please contact Samantha Ahrens or Nicole Kalow for more information. We are always looking for more talented individuals to join us and share new ideas with our committee.

Don't forget... you can still purchase MACPO clothing on the website. The shirts are all \$35 (which includes shipping). Get yours today!

# Training and Education Committee

*Jason Vande Kamp, Isanti County Probation*

*Debbie Lawrence, Isanti County Probation*



The 14<sup>th</sup> annual Support Staff Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn, St. Cloud, on October 21st. This year's speakers will be Steve Hegele (Hegele Academy) and Jason Anderson (Itasca County). Please visit our website at [macpo.net](http://macpo.net).

We are in the process of scheduling the next regional training opportunity. It will be held sometime in late January. We are finalizing the dates and details with the presenters. Once all the details are finalized we will have the information on the MACPO website. Please watch for e-mails and check the MACPO website for more information.

Finally, our committee is busy planning the 59<sup>th</sup> annual conference. The conference will be held at Breezy Point, on May 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. We are looking into a variety of different training topics for this year. If you have any suggestions for speakers, please feel free to contact anyone on the Training and Education Committee. Check the MACPO website and watch for e-mails for additional information on this and the conference.

# CPO Director's Committee Updates

*Tim MacMillan, Isanti County Probation Director*

Happy Fall everyone!

With the changing of the seasons, we have said farewell to some of our colleagues as they have chosen new roads to travel and are welcoming three new Directors to the table this fall. With people and departments constantly changing, this issue of the Director's Committee update focuses on sharing the bios that were submitted by our new colleagues, briefly sharing a little about themselves, family, and their careers. Please welcome them to the CPO team!

*Welcome Steele/Waseca County Director, Tim Schammel!!* Tim Schammel was born and raised in Owatonna, MN. Following high school, he attended Minnesota State University-Mankato and earned a degree in Corrections, with a minor in Psychology. Tim was able to do his internship at Blue Earth County Community Corrections, where he continued volunteering after graduation. Shortly after graduating from MSU, Tim was hired in Steele County as a Probation Agent and has continued his career. During the last 11 years at Steele County, Tim has worked as a juvenile and adult agent, and was recently instrumental in starting Steele/Waseca Drug Court, along with involving himself in other various county committees. Currently, he is serving as Vice Chairman of the MACPO Legislative Committee. This past Spring, he obtained a second degree in Supervisory Management and Leadership. In his spare time, Tim enjoys the outdoors, golfing, hunting, fishing, and spending time with his wife and two young daughters. Please see Tim's contact information below.

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*Welcome Carver County Director, Eric D. Johnson!!* Eric was appointed Carver County Director on August 14, 2015. Prior to being appointed Director, Eric was Court Services Supervisor since 2002. Eric was originally hired by Carver County in 1991. Prior to this appointment, he began his career as an Assistant Probation Officer at the Anoka County Juvenile Center in Lino Lakes. Eric has enjoyed being a trainer in multiple areas of evidence-based practices for the last 15 years. Eric resides in Belle Plaine with his wife, Jean, and four children: Nick (18), Elizabeth (16), Lauren (12), and Rachel (8).

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*Welcome Mille-Lacs County Director, Ben Davis!!* Ben grew up in Ely where his family owned a canoe trip outfitting business. After graduating from St. Cloud State University in 1989, he worked for Stearns County as a contract pre-sentence investigation writer, and managed a small caseload of juvenile offenders. In 1990, Ben had the good fortune to meet former Director of Mid-State Probation, Roland Lund, and was subsequently hired as a Probation Officer. At the time, the agency served Mille Lacs, Kanabec, and Sherburne Counties. As many of you know, Warren Liepitz retired in July of this year after serving many years as Director of Mille Lacs County Probation. Ben was appointed Interim Director upon his retirement, and appointed Director on August 31, 2015. He now resides in rural Milaca with his girlfriend and two dogs. They enjoy going on canoe trips/camping, golfing, fishing, skiing, and motorcycling. On October 16<sup>th</sup>, Ben will be celebrating 25 years of serving the Court and citizens of Mille Lacs County. He thanks MACPOST for allowing him the opportunity to introduce himself and looks forward to working with all of you.

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Please welcome the new Directors to their prospective committees. If your committee needs new members then please keep these three in mind! Have a fun, safe and happy fall season.

Be well and do good!

Police checked the area and found an open door in the back of the building. An officer went inside and called out, "Marco."

The man's name was not Marco, detective Tim Dohr said. Instead, "the officer was trying to inject some humor into the situation."

Police found the suspect after he responded, "Polo."



# The Morning After I Let My Husband Kill Me

*Jodi Vannett, Executive Director of Rivers of Hope*  
*Thu, 10/01/2015 – 11:00 pm admin*

The morning after I let my husband kill me I woke up at my regular time, in a sheer panic that I had overslept and had to get me and the kids up and out the door to daycare and school and then finally work. Then I remembered, oh that's right. I cannot go anywhere. I am dead. I gave in. I let him kill me. I could not fight anymore. I let him kill me. I am free. I can just go back to sleep.

But wait. I hear my toddler yelling "MOMMY!" "MOMMY!" "MOMMY!" She is ready to get up and she needs me there NOW. I hear my six-year-old down in the kitchen banging cupboards around as he gets his own breakfast ready. He just told me the other day that he did not need me to make his breakfast anymore. He's six...and I try to let him do as much as I possibly can, but I still like to be in the kitchen, hovering from a safe but close enough distance.

If I am dead, who will get my daughter out of bed in the morning and hover in the kitchen? My husband certainly won't, he is never here during the week. I am sure he flew out on the absolute first flight this morning so he can be long gone before anyone finds me. Dead. Damn, why didn't I think of a plan for this before I let him kill me?

I always had a plan, a plan that would keep the kids safe, keep the neighbors or co-workers from knowing, a plan to hide it from our friends and family. As long as I had a plan and no one knew and the kids were safe, I could handle it. He always said it would never happen again and we would make plans together to move on, to get past it. But I always had a plan ready...just in case.

I guess I never thought about having a plan for me, I was always so worried about the kids and everyone else. I also always believed it would go away, how could it happen to me? To us? I was so focused on being hopeful that I didn't see how wrong I was. Deadly wrong, I guess.



But now all I can do is lay there and hear my babies cry and I know eventually my son will run up here to see why I am not in the kitchen and then he will see me. Dead. I never thought that my six-year-old boy would be the first to find me, and now all I can do is see the look on his face and I cannot do anything. I cannot cover his eyes or push him out of the room or wrap him in my arms and tell him it will be ok. It will not be ok – ever again for him. And I can do nothing.

What will he do? Stand there? Touch me to see if I am just sleeping or will he somehow know I am dead? Will he cry? Run to the neighbors? How long until someone else knows something is not right?

I never thought of any of this when I let him kill me. I just wanted it to be done. To be over. I could not fight anymore. But letting him kill me does not end this. My pain will be carried by my children as they try to make sense of their own pain, loss and confusion. My children may also carry on my husband's anger, or my letting him kill me. I was raising my daughter to be strong and independent.



Will she grow up to be like me? Will my son grow up to abuse and kill his wife because he saw his dad do it?

No, I am not going to let him kill me. Not tonight, not ever. I am going to have one plan in place, and that is a plan to live and be safe. I will not let him kill me!

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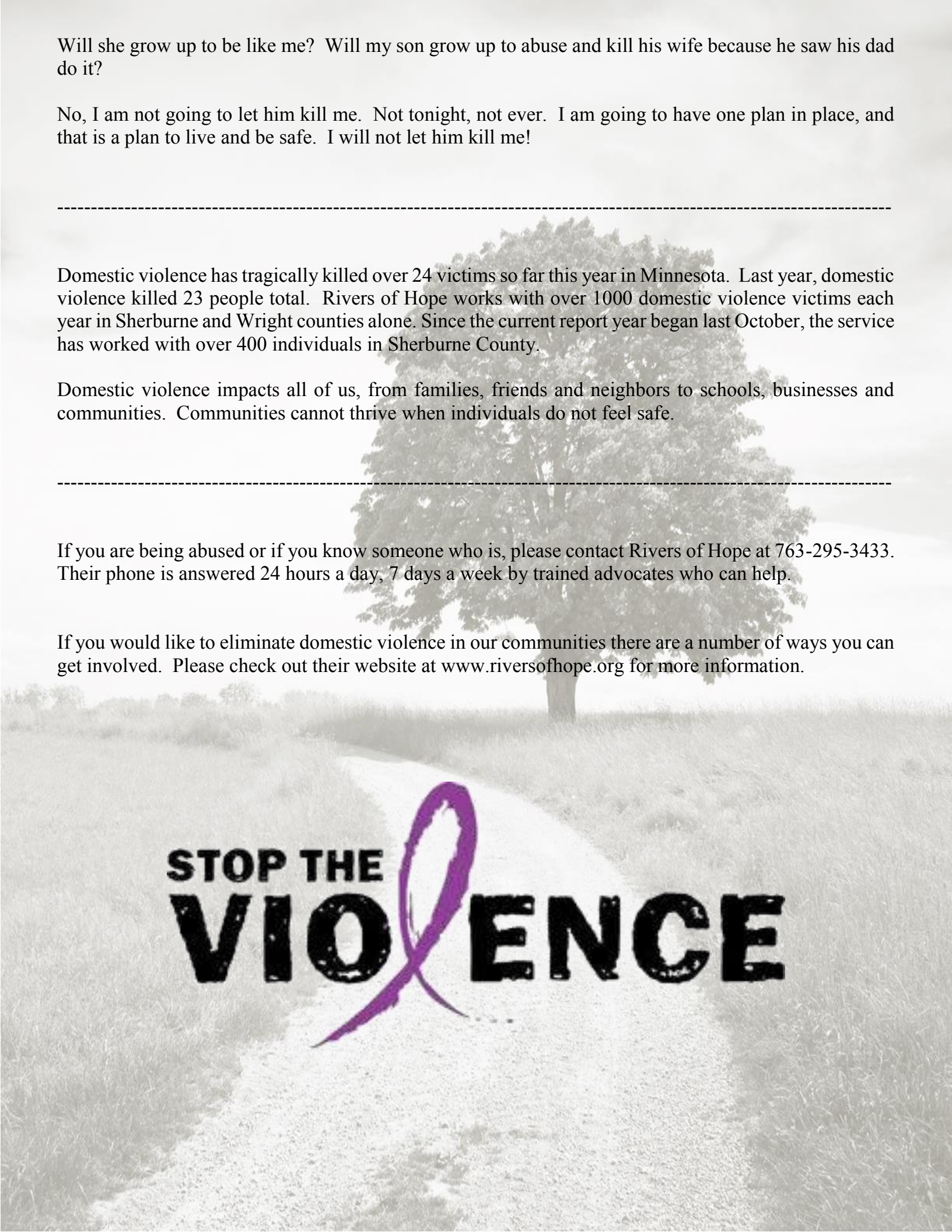
Domestic violence has tragically killed over 24 victims so far this year in Minnesota. Last year, domestic violence killed 23 people total. Rivers of Hope works with over 1000 domestic violence victims each year in Sherburne and Wright counties alone. Since the current report year began last October, the service has worked with over 400 individuals in Sherburne County.

Domestic violence impacts all of us, from families, friends and neighbors to schools, businesses and communities. Communities cannot thrive when individuals do not feel safe.

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If you are being abused or if you know someone who is, please contact Rivers of Hope at 763-295-3433. Their phone is answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by trained advocates who can help.

If you would like to eliminate domestic violence in our communities there are a number of ways you can get involved. Please check out their website at [www.riversofhope.org](http://www.riversofhope.org) for more information.



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# Quick Facts

## **Ballistic-Resistant Body Armor Basics – National Law Enforcement & Technology Center**

According to the FBI, 23 of the 44 officers killed by firearms in 2012 were not wearing body armor. Some of those who died were wearing body armor, but died from being struck in areas not protected by the vest. Officers who become engaged in a deadly assault situation are more likely to survive if they are wearing a vest.

*For more information regarding body armor, please go to <https://www.justnet.org/pdf/Ballistic-Resistant-Body-Armor-Basics-Web-final-07142015.pdf>. Please read this brochure, as it may protect you or someone you know.*

## Upcoming Events and Training

### **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Support Staff Conference**

MACPO's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Support Staff Conference is coming up quick!!! This conference is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Holiday Inn, St. Cloud.

This training is designed especially for support staff personnel who are employed in all areas of the criminal justice system. There will be two training sessions, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon.

In the morning, Steve Hegele is back to present on the principles of Communication, Relationships, Energy, and Commitment. In the afternoon, Jason Anderson will explore the sources of trauma, its effect and discuss the effective responses to it in the Corrections Fatigue workshop.

Registration is currently open and the cost is \$70. Please visit [www.macpo.net](http://www.macpo.net) to register!

### **Rivers of Hope Gala**

Rivers of Hope is a non-profit, community-based agency offering advocacy, support, education, and referral services for victims of family violence. They work with victims in Sherburne and Wright County. If law enforcement is called to a domestic violence situation in those counties, they contact Rivers of Hope immediately to offer services. They are an important asset to assist victims in Wright and Sherburne Counties.

Rivers of Hope is hosting its annual gala and silent auction on Saturday, October 24, 2015, starting at 5:30 p.m. This year's theme is The Roaring 20s and will be held at Carousel Works in Big Lake, MN. This will be an incredible evening with lots of fun and entertainment. All proceeds will be donated to the Rivers of Hope organization.

Individual tickets are \$50, which includes dinner, entertainment, and lots of opportunity to buy great items. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket or have any questions, please contact Neal Huemoeller at 763-684-4513 or [neal.huemoeller@co.wright.mn.us](mailto:neal.huemoeller@co.wright.mn.us).



## **Secondary Trauma - Developing Pre-Incident Prevention Strategies to Manage Stress and Training Staff to Provide Support in Post-Incident Interventions**

Presented by Kirsten Lewis, M.Ed.

Kirsten is a Probation Officer with the Maricopa County Adult Probation Department (MCAPD). In addition, she is an adjunct psychology instructor at Glendale Community College, co-owner of KSL Research, Training & Consultation, LLC., and an approved instructor by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, Inc.

**WHEN:** December 3 -4, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Chaska County Government Center- 604 E 4<sup>th</sup> St, Chaska, MN 55318. The training is located in the jury assembly room, which can be found in the basement of the Justice Center.

**WHY:** Earlier this spring, MACPO had Kirsten Lewis, from Maricopa County, Arizona, here to present on Corrections Fatigue/Secondary Trauma from the events that occur within our profession. After the incredible, intense two-day overview training on the topic of Secondary Trauma, the next step in this training process is now scheduled. This two-day session will be on individual crisis intervention and peer support. Some of the key areas being covered in this training include the following:

- Provide an overview of critical incident stress management (CISM) programs.
- Educate participants on the benefits of wellness programs that target stress management in the workplace.
- Present research regarding the efficacy of CISM programs in various disciplines.
- Discuss strategic implementation of stress management programs; including how to compose a CISM team, design policy, and obtain training in best-practices.
- Recent studies suggest mindfulness can prevent burnout, positively affect brain patterns, underlying stress, anxiety, and depression. This workshop brings together the latest research on trauma exposure and the neurological effects of chronic stress with simple, realistic remedies that can improve the quality of life and longevity of those who work in community corrections.

**COST:** \$100, which includes the book, materials, and training. MACPO will also be giving a one-year membership to those in attendance.

**QUESTIONS:** Please direct any questions to Neal Huemoeller at either [Neal.Huemoeller@co.wright.mn.us](mailto:Neal.Huemoeller@co.wright.mn.us) or 763-684-4513.

*To view the Winter 2013 Issue of The Journal of the American Probation and Parole Association Perspectives on Secondary Trauma, please visit [http://64.211.220.245/Perspectives/Perspectives\\_V37\\_N1\\_P50.pdf](http://64.211.220.245/Perspectives/Perspectives_V37_N1_P50.pdf).*



# Bits & Pieces

## *Mentally Ill Inmates Left in Jails – David Chanen, Star Tribute, July 21, 2015*

At least three county sheriffs have been told by the state Department of Human Services in recent weeks that they would have to hang on to their mentally ill committed inmates because the state had inadequate or unavailable treatment beds — a violation of a law that requires such inmates to get treatment within 48 hours of a judge-issued order.

Now Hennepin County and the state sheriffs' association are considering legal options to force state officials to explain in court why they can't find beds for often violent inmates who could pose a risk to themselves or others without proper treatment and medical supervision.

"We are doing the best we can to get patients into beds as quickly as we can," said DHS Commissioner Lucinda Jesson on Tuesday. "But only when it's safe for inmates and other patients. Even if it means breaking the 48-hour rule, I have to think about patient and staff safety."

Jim Franklin, Executive Director of the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association, said: "The DHS commissioner is telling us they no longer can comply with the law, and that leaves us with an interesting dilemma. Do we hold inmates illegally in jail, or is the commissioner failing in her public duty and violating a judge's order? The victim in all this is the person with mental illness sitting in jail."

State officials have been warning since 2013 that they were running out of space to house mentally ill inmates and had mounting concerns over safety and staffing. In late April, Jesson took the rare step of informing state sheriffs they would start limiting admissions of jail inmates to Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center, the state's second-largest psychiatric hospital. "Our medical director informs me that meeting the 48-hour mandate would result in an egregious compromise of safety," she wrote in her letter.

Hennepin County Sheriff Rich Stanek said Tuesday that he plans to meet with the County Board this week to pursue a legal strategy to resolve why the DHS can violate the 48-hour rule, which became law in July 2013. He said the county could sue the agency or seek an order requiring a DHS representative to explain to a judge that they can't fulfill the law.

### *'Grossly deteriorating in jail'*

In July, at least six inmates under the 48-hour law faced delayed admission to Anoka-Metro because of safety and staffing issues at the facility. The delay ranged from 2½ days to more than a week, according to DHS statistics given to the Star Tribune.

Two of those inmates were from Hennepin County. Jail administrators received a letter from Jesson last Wednesday detailing the delay in admitting a 44-year-old man to Anoka-Metro. A judge ordered the inmate's commitment on July 2, but the transfer took nearly two weeks.

The inmate had been jailed on an assault charge for 9 months before he was committed for treatment. He spent much of that time in segregation because he'd been threatening to kill people and using racial and derogatory terms toward other inmates. A psychological examination concluded he was likely to harm others or "come to harm himself by retaliation to his angry and threatening behaviors."

Said Stanek: "He was grossly deteriorating in jail, which was absolutely no place for him."

Human Services has about 570 treatment beds for the mentally ill statewide, scattered among Anoka-Metro, Minnesota Security Hospital in St. Peter and seven community behavioral health hospitals.

Under the 48-hour rule, 232 inmates have been admitted to treatment facilities. But 55 of them — nearly a fourth — failed to move within the mandated period, mostly because law enforcement wasn't able to transfer them in time, according to DHS. Several hundred other inmates not under the 48-hour rule are also treated in the state facilities each year.

Anoka-Metro previously had funding for 110 beds. DHS recently lowered that number to 95 to address patient care safety. DHS did receive \$8.2 million over the next two years from the Legislature to again have 110 beds at Anoka-Metro, and the facility should be fully staffed by September.

*'We are at a crisis'*

Delays under the 48-hour rule are not limited to urban jails. Beltrami County Sheriff Phil Hodapp said he wasn't surprised when he received two letters in the past few weeks explaining the lack of available beds at Anoka-Metro. He is sympathetic that DHS may be too overwhelmed and understaffed to handle the growing number of 48-hour law inmates, but his colleagues have been talking about this problem for several years.

"It's just a struggle across the board," Hodapp said. "It's a bad problem and it's getting worse. We are at a crisis across the state and we need more action."

Rep. Debra Hilstrom, DFL-Brooklyn Center, chief sponsor of the bill that created the 48-hour rule, said she wants to know why DHS is still struggling with a requirement that has been on the books for two years. "This is an important issue and we want it to work," she said.

Franklin, of the sheriff's association, said members have been working with DHS on extending the deadlines for some patients and on alternatives that would house inmates in out-of-state facilities or in an isolated jail section staffed with DHS employees.

While Stanek plans to talk to the County Board this week, Chairwoman Jan Callison said commissioners have received no formal request for legal action against the DHS. She agreed it's prudent to raise potential legal issues over the 48-hour law. County Attorney Mike Freeman said he will wait for "walking orders" from the board.

Jesson said the 48-hour rule has nearly doubled the number of treatment bed admissions from jails DHS now handles. In the short term, she said, DHS will require even more beds. This year the agency did get more money for prevention and intervention programs and for crisis services.

"I know we've made some progress this year," she said. "I also know the next few months will continue to be a challenge because these delays are most likely not just a blip."





**Freeborn County Steps Up Drug Patrols to Stop Meth Traffickers – John Doetskott, KAALtv.com, 9/22/2015**

(ABC 6 News) -- Heroin use is on the rise across Minnesota, but methamphetamine is causing particular concern in Freeborn County where authorities are stepping up efforts to catch drug traffickers.

"Between I-35 and I-90, that's the biggest corridor for drug trafficking," said Freeborn County Sheriff Kurt Freitag. Sheriff Freitag said the county's location along two major interstates makes it a prime spot for drug traffickers transporting methamphetamine across the country.

"That meth is being manufactured in Mexico," Freitag said. "It's being smuggled across the border, loaded up into vehicles, and the Minneapolis-St. Paul area is a destination."

That's why Freitag is sending one of his deputies to a specialized drug interdiction school that trains officers to spot the signs that someone may be transporting drugs on the interstate.

"They're going to be looking at paint jobs that don't quite match the other panels," Freitag said. "Hand prints on the trunk lids or things like that, what's inside the vehicle."

The department will also step up patrols on I-35 to try to keep drugs out of the county, where more and more, meth is becoming a major problem.

"In the last several years, we've seen definitely an increase in the use of methamphetamine here in this area," said Dr. Michael Brunner, the Clinical Director for Fountain Centers Drug Treatment Center in Albert Lea.

Brunner said just a few years ago, around 15 percent of their patients used meth as their primary drug, and now that number is closer to 30 percent.

"For it to exceed marijuana as the number two drug that brings our adult patients into treatment is really, to my knowledge, unprecedented for Fountain Centers," Brunner said.

Authorities said they've all but eliminated local meth labs and will now turn their eyes to the roads.

"The more drug interdiction we do on our roadways, the more we're going to find," Sheriff Freitag said. "I think Freeborn County should pitch in and do its fair share along I-35."



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## MACPO 2015-2016 Elected Officers

Contact MACPO Secretary, Jill Ferretti - Brown County Probation, for the location and time of MACPO Board meetings.

### Executive Board Goals:

- Review the vision statement on an annual basis at the Steering Committee meeting.
- Use MACPO's APPA Affiliate Membership to send our President (or assigned representative) to the national conference to maintain/promote our presence on a national level, to be reviewed annually.
- Continue to solicit input from MACPO membership regarding nominations for awards: Al Reker, Excellence in Corrections, Outstanding Performance, and Memorial Scholarship, as well as officer-elect positions.

Election of all officers shall be held at the annual meeting. Officers shall be elected by a simple majority at such meeting when a quorum of the voting members in good standing is present at the time of balloting.

Absentee ballots will be accepted or counted in any election and will be distributed by the Secretary at least 21 days in advance of election. Ballots to be returned three (3) days before annual meeting to the Nominating Committee Chair.

The Nominations/Awards Committee shall meet at least 60 days in advance of the annual meeting. The Nominations/Awards Committee shall contact candidates and potential candidates from among the voting membership of the association and shall prepare a list of such candidates and the offices for which they are candidates.



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