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From The President

Spring is here and the MACPO Spring Conference is just around the corner. We are expecting a great turnout at our new site, Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center in Alexandria, Mn. Registration for the conference is available on our website. You will also find information and pictures of the resort as well as directions to Alexandria. The Training and Education Committee has designed the training tracks with agents in mind. There is also an administrative track for supervisors and directors. Arrowwood Resort has provided a more accommodating setting for our Vendor friends. There will be room to walk around, look, and learn about their programs and services.

There is a serious topic that needs some discussion in this column. For several years, there have been discussions by the MACPO Board and within the Directors Committee about the issue of membership and voting rights within the MACPO organization. After significant consideration, the MACPO Board is recommending that the By-Laws be amended to allow for two classes of membership. There will be Regular Voting Members and Associate Members. Regular Voting Members are those who have been appointed to County those who have been appointed to County Probation Officer positions by their Court. Associate Members are those who are working as probation officers, administrators, vendors, or retired members in other corrections delivery systems. Regular Voting Members are the only members permitted to vote and serve in an elective office. Associate Members may participate on MACPO committees and are otherwise eligible to participate in any MACPO activity. Please review the By-Law changes which are available on our website as we will be voting on the change at our Friday morning meeting.

<http://www.macpo.org/bylawschange.php>

Now, a discussion of the reason for considering changes to the by-laws. MACPO has had an ever more important presence at the Legislature as resources have been shrinking for field services across all delivery systems. Working with our friends in Community Corrections Counties, we were able to positively affect resources during the last session. We are now an independent and rigorous voice representing the needs of our counties and courts at the legislature. Our friends at the Mn. Dept of Corrections are

charged with advocating the budget requests of the Governor. Their position is understandable, however we are presenting a different point of view as we have different needs and agendas which are hammered out in Committee and approved by the MACPO Board. That independence is of vital importance and needs to be maintained. In past years, we have had several wonderful people, some who have even won the Al Reiker Award, who would not be Regular Voting Members if the changes are passed. This is unfortunate. However, for the reasons outlined, the MACPO Board believes the changes are necessary. This is by no means an indication that Associate Members are less valuable to our organization; we value their talents and contributions. However, in the current political climate, MACPO needs to remain a clear, cohesive advocate for resources necessary to perform our work in CPO Counties. Times have changed and we believe that we need to make changes too.



Warren Liepitz
Mille Lacs County Court
Services



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[Click here for Conference Details!](#)

ATTENTION MEMBERSHIP: Click on the link below to read about the changes to the MACPO bylaws.

<http://www.macpo.org/pdf/MACPObylaws9-29-05.pdf>

'Pot Tarts' and 'Buddafingers' Manufacturers Busted

DEA arrests 12, seizes marijuana-laced candy and soft drinks in San Francisco Bay Area

MAR 16--OAKLAND, CA – Drug Enforcement Administration (“DEA”) Special Agent in Charge (“SAC”) Javier F. Peña announce today the arrest of Kenneth AFFOLTER, 39, of Lafayette, CA, and eleven other individuals on charges of distribution of marijuana. Agents served five federal search warrants on March 16, 2006, without incident. Three warrants were served at warehouses located in Emeryville (on the Oakland border), one in Oakland and one at AFFOLTER’s residence in Lafayette. All searches conducted were at locations associated with AFFOLTER. As a result of the searches law enforcement seized four sophisticated indoor marijuana grows, thousands of marijuana plants, a large amount of U.S. Currency, two semi-automatic weapons, one revolver, and hundreds of pot laced candy and soft drinks.

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SAC Peña stated, “In a way, this case sort of answers the question, 'What will they think of next?' What so many people don't realize is that innocent children will somehow get their hands on these products and think they are just normal candy or soft drinks - thus, making this action not only illegal, but potentially tragic.”

This investigation began in October 2005, when the DEA Oakland Resident



Office obtained information that AFFOLTER was operating Beyond Bomb, a manufacturer of marijuana candy in Oakland, CA. The marijuana laced candy and other edibles manufactured by the company mimic the name and appearance of well known name brand candies and products. Some of the product labels seized by investigators include Stoney Ranchers, Munchy Way, Rasta Reece’s, Buddafingers, Pot Tarts, Double Puff Oeo, Tri-Chrome Crunch, Keef Kat, Twixed, Budtella, Puff-A-Mint Pattie, Puffsi, Bong’s Root Beer, and Toka-Cola.



Some of the laced candy seized in the operation.



This investigation was conducted with the assistance of the Richmond Police Department, Oakland Police Department, Vallejo Police Department, Lafayette Police Department, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, Contra Costa County Narcotics Enforcement Team (CCNET), and the Alameda County Narcotics Task Force (ACNTF).

This case is being prosecuted by the United States Attorney’s Office in the Northern District of California. The charges are only allegations and the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.



Some of the laced candy seized in the operation.



<http://www.usdoj.gov/dea/pubs/states/newsrel/sanfran031606.html>



Minnesota 2005 Project Summaries

In 2005 the Council's research, demonstration and advocacy projects currently range from an analysis of and action around the disproportionate representation of people of color in Minnesota's criminal justice system, to a study of the impact of the incarceration of a parent on his or her children, to launching a culturally specific public awareness campaign focused on crime victimization issues faced by the Somali community, to effective parent and community involvement to support learning in homes and communities for educational success.

Racial Disparity Initiative (RDI): Examines the causes and consequences of the racial disparities in Minnesota's criminal justice system with the intent of advocating for future policy change aimed at addressing the disparity.

2005 RDI Research Projects: *Minneapolis Traffic Stop and Search Audit; Plea Negotiations Study; Root Causes Study; Juvenile Offender Study; Hawthorne Study; Children of Incarcerated Parents Study; Disproportionate Minority Confinement Study.*

Healthy Educational Lifestyles Project (HELP): Provides reentry services for offenders of color with an educational component and a health management emphasis related to HIV, AIDS, Hepatitis C and other STDs.

Families & Offenders United Project (FOUP): Works with inmates who are fathers to provide and measure the benefits of pre-release parenting education and re-entry planning, combined with post-release services focused on employment training, parenting, and community ties.

Youth Education Support Project (YES): Beginning in October 2005, this project will work with the Minneapolis Public School System to promote effective parent and community involvement to support a culture of learning in homes and communities for educational success.

Safe Streets First (SSF): Monitors and provides treatment to repeat DWI offenders, to reduce recidivism.
Crime Victim Liaison Project: Assists all victims of misdemeanor crimes in Minneapolis to navigate the judicial process and provide input into their cases.

General Crime Victim Services (GCVS): Provides a 24 hour hotline for victims of crime and advocates on their behalf in Hennepin County. Lock changes and emergency home repairs are also offered to crime victims at no charge.

Somali Community Outreach Project: A new General Crime Victim Services Project will support the planning and development of a culturally specific public awareness campaign focused on crime victimization issues faced by the Hennepin County Somali community.

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Course: Basic Safety Workshop for Probation and Parole Officers

Project Description:

With over two-thirds of the offender population in the United States under some form of community supervision, community corrections agencies and practitioners face the challenge of providing effective supervision while maintaining practices that promote personal officer safety. For a variety of reasons, new probation, parole, or community corrections officers may not receive safety training before assuming their job duties. This workshop is designed to introduce the new officer to information that will prompt their consideration of safety issues. It is not intended to replace onsite safety training, nor is it considered to be comprehensive enough to provide all that an officer needs to know to be safe.

The American Probation and Parole Association through a grant funded by the Bureau of Justice Administration (BJA), Office of Justice Programs, U. S. Department of Justice is pleased to make this course available at **no fee to participants**. The project is designed to give officers access to information they might otherwise have difficulty obtaining by presenting the workshop through a distance-learning methodology. Specifically, this workshop is being presented as a web-based curriculum that can be completed at a pace and time chosen by the participant.

[Read Biography of Presenter](#)

This course is offered **free** to eligible participants (probation, parole, and community corrections practitioners). If you are interested in participating, please register as a new user and input all requested information. Upon submission you will be directed to a welcome page that will serve as the launching point for the workshop.

If you have any difficulty registering or subsequently accessing or participating in any of the course material, please send an email to the [helpline](#).

Register Now



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"Building the Movement" June 8-10 in Washington, D.C.



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

This site answers all your immigration law and policy questions.
<http://uscis.gov/graphics/>

The Rest of Their Lives: Life without Parole for Child Offenders in the United States

By Human Rights Watch

*This report summary was reprinted with permission from **Human Rights Watch**. For the full report, go to <http://hrw.org/reports/2005/us1005/>*

Children can and do commit terrible crimes. When they do, they should be held accountable, but in a manner that reflects their special capacity for rehabilitation.

In the United States, however, all too often their punishment is no different from that given to adults. In forty-two states and under federal law, the commission of a serious crime by youth under eighteen—indeed in some states children as young as ten—transforms them instantly into adults for criminal justice purposes.

Children who are too young to buy cigarettes legally, who may not have started to get facial hair, who still have stuffed animals on their beds, are tried as adults. If convicted, they receive adult prison sentences, including life without parole (LWOP).

A sentence of life without parole for child offenders is cruel, unfair, and unnecessary. It sends an unequivocal message to youth that they are beyond redemption. It erroneously presumes that other forms of punishment would not serve the public's interests equally well. It also ignores the differences between adults and children—differences we accept as a matter of common sense, and which science fully recognizes.

Life without Parole for Children: A Nationwide Problem

Link: <http://www.corrections.com/news/feature/index.aspx>

Co-Offending and Patterns of Juvenile Crime December 2005



Juveniles often commit crimes in pairs or groups, a process known as co-offending. An NIJ-sponsored study of delinquents in Philadelphia found several patterns related to juvenile co-offending. The researchers linked co-offending with increased risks for recidivism and violence. Interaction among delinquent peers seems to instigate crimes and escalate their severity. The youngest offenders were more likely to co-offend and were more likely to become violent if their earliest crimes were committed with violent offenders, even if those crimes were not violent. The researchers recommend early intervention targeting very young offenders, especially co-offenders, although more research is needed. But, they also caution that some interventions may enhance the effects of co-offending by placing youths in groups that unintentionally provide negative peer learning.

Link: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/pubs-sum/210360.htm>

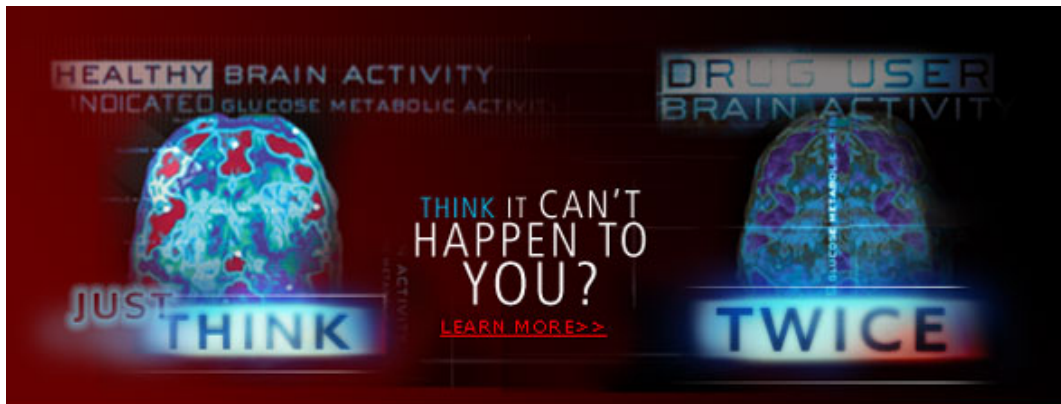
Family and Corrections Network (FCN)

Training-by-telephone: Family and Corrections Network (FCN) now are offering a series of training-by-telephone conference calls. For more information go to: <http://www.fcnetwork.org/>

"Attention Juvenile Agents: Sites for Kids"



www.justthinktwice.com.htm





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A Series of Audio Teleconferences / Webcasts

Teleconference Presentations

Each of the following presentations are approximately 90 minutes long and requires Windows Media Player and audio capability with your computer to participate.

Select a topic and you will have the opportunity to read more about that training, view and print accompanying informational materials, and access the presentation.

[1 Intimate Partner Domestic Violence](#)

[2 Clandestine Methamphetamine Laboratories: What Probation and Parole Officers Need to Know](#)

[3 Addressing Staff Sexual Misconduct in Community Corrections](#)

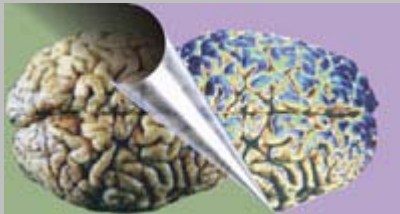
[4 Women Offenders in Community Corrections](#)

[5 Terrorism: Implications for Community Corrections](#)

[6 Stalking: Living in the Shadow of Fear](#)

[7 Facing the Challenges of the Generations at Work](#)

Follow the link: http://www.appa-net.org/grant%20and%20special%20projects/teleconferences_past.htm



BREAKING NEWS

- [Maintenance Treatment Prevents Recurrence in Older Adults with Single-Episode Depressions](#)
- [Gene Influences Antidepressant Response](#)
- [Depression Model Leaves Mice with Molecular Scar](#)

FBI Fights Cyber Crime

The Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) was established as a partnership between the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C) to serve as a means to receive Internet related criminal complaints and to further research, develop, and refer the criminal complaints to federal, state, local, or international law enforcement and/or regulatory agencies for any investigation they deem to be appropriate. The IC3 was intended, and continues to emphasize, serving the broader law enforcement community to include federal, as well as state, local, and international agencies, which are combating Internet crime and, in many cases, participating in Cyber Crime Task Forces.

Since its inception, the IC3 has received complaints crossing the spectrum of cyber crime matters, to include online fraud in its many forms including Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) matters, Computer Intrusions (hacking), Economic Espionage (Theft of Trade Secrets), Online Extortion, International Money Laundering, Identity Theft, and a growing list of Internet facilitated crimes. Since June 2000, it has become increasingly evident that, regardless of the label placed on a cyber crime matter, the potential for it to overlap with another referred matter is substantial. Therefore, the IC3, formerly known as the Internet Fraud Complaint Center (IFCC), was renamed in October 2003 to better reflect the broad character of such matters having an Internet, or cyber, nexus referred to the IC3, and to minimize the need for one to distinguish "Internet Fraud" from other potentially overlapping cyber crimes.

IC3 Mission Statement

IC3's mission is to serve as a vehicle to receive, develop, and refer criminal complaints regarding the rapidly expanding arena of cyber crime. The IC3 gives the victims of cyber crime a convenient and easy-to-use reporting mechanism that alerts authorities of suspected criminal or civil violations. For law enforcement and regulatory agencies at the federal, state, local, and international level, IC3 provides a central referral mechanism for complaints involving Internet related crimes.

Significant and supplemental to partnering with law enforcement and regulatory agencies, it will remain a priority objective of the IC3 to establish effective alliances with industry. Such alliances will enable the IC3 to leverage both intelligence and subject matter expert resources, pivotal in identifying and in crafting an aggressive, proactive approach to combating cyber crime.

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Basic Safety for Probation and Parole Officers

Presented by
American Probation and Parole Association

Authored by
Robert Thornton



Q: What do you get when you cross a Lawyer with a Librarian?

A: All the information you need, but... you can't understand a word of it!

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"Drug dealer, or just an addict?
There's no way to know how my client
intended to use the 500 kilos of cocaine."

A Brooklyn lawyer, a used car salesman and a banker were gathered by a coffin containing the body of an old friend. In his grief, one of the three said, "In my family, we have a custom of giving the dead some money, so they'll have something to spend over there." They all agreed that this was appropriate.

The banker dropped a hundred dollar bill into the casket, and the car salesman did the same. The lawyer took out the bills and wrote a check for \$300.

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Q: Did you hear about the new sushi bar that caters exclusively to lawyers?

A: It's called Sosumi.



The NIJ Conference

(Formerly called the Research and Evaluation Conference.)

Criminal Justice Research, Development, and Evaluation in the Social and Physical Sciences

July 17-19, 2006 Washington, D.C.

[Online registration](#) now open

For more info: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/nij_conference2006.html

Browse NIC's digital library of online, corrections-related resources, or conduct a keyword search.

<http://www.nicic.org/BrowseTheLibrary/Topic571.htm>



National Association for Justice Information Systems

2006 NAJIS Conference – September 20-22, 2006

The Fairmont Turnberry Isle Resort, Miami, Florida

Link: <http://www.najis.org/2006%20Conference.html>



APPA conducts the only national training institute offering workshops, intensive training programs, special sessions and an exhibit showcase designed specifically for community corrections. The Winter Training Institute and the Annual Training Institute's workshops and sessions are developed by planning committees that research and address the critical issues facing the community corrections profession. APPA Institutes provide a forum to discuss the newest theories, examine advanced technology, develop creative solutions and network with colleagues.

- [Future APPA Training Institutes](#)
- Follow this link for more information: <http://www.appa-net.org/Training%20and%20Tech%20Assistance/traininginstitutes.htm>



Minnesota Restorative Services Coalition
Facilitating Restorative Group Conferences May5-7, 2006
Click on the link for details.
<http://www.mnmrsc.org/mrsctrainings.htm>



National Association for Justice Information Systems

<http://www.civicresearchinstitute.com/co16.html>

DOC-Effective Case Management Training May 2&3, 2006 Bemidji

<http://www.corr.state.mn.us/aboutdoc/events/BestPracticesTrainingOpportunities.htm>



MCA Annual Fall Institute October 25-27, 2006

<http://www.mncorrections.org/mca/events.htm>

APPA Training Accreditation Program

The purpose of the Accreditation of Training Program is to promote continuing education efforts for probation, parole and community corrections professionals, and to enhance those efforts by providing accreditation for approved training programs. The training accreditation process is an opportunity for individual agencies to have their training programs acknowledged for meeting an approved training standard. Click below to view the APPA Policy on Continuing Education and to obtain a copy of the accreditation application.

- [APPA Policy on Continuing Education and Accreditation of Training Programs](#)
- [Training Accreditation Application](#)
- Link: <http://www.appa-net.org/Training%20and%20Tech%20Assistance/traininaccreditation.htm>

Q: What do you call a lawyer whose gone bad?

A: Senator.

The Committees



Training and Education Committee report

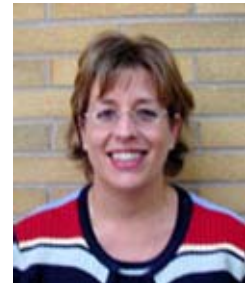
Our Annual Spring Conference is right around the corner; May 24-26th. The brochure is only available online; so check out the MACPO website and please pass the information onto your coworkers and colleagues. We are excited about the new location and what Arrowwood has to offer. We will be offering four workshop tracks; to include safety, chemical dependency, administration and general. We are honored to have speakers from Minnesota, California, presenting the following general sessions:

- "LIFE IS CHANGE - GROWTH IS OPTIONAL" -The power of personal choice in facing life's challenges by KAREN KAISER CLARK
- HOW TO FAIL by MARK WARREN
- FROM DIOGENES TO PINOCCHIO - THE ART AND SCIENCE OF DECEPTION DETECTION by Maureen O'Sullivan

The post-training events include the golf tournament, wine tasting tour at Carlos Creek Winery, hospitalities by Thistledew Camp and Woodland Hills and comedian Scott Hanson. Hope you all join us in the fun!

Check out the website now!

Traci



Traci Green
Brown County Probation

Legislative Committee Report

The 2006 Legislative Session formally began on March 1st, but there has been much activity for the past several weeks. The main focus for this Session is taking care of the bonding for major State projects, taking care of unfinished business from the last Session, and going home in order to campaign for the Fall elections.

We have been working with other organizations on our MACPO initiatives. Unfortunately, it appears that we will not be able to move forward with our "nickel a drink" bill in this shortened session. We will continue to develop support for next year, as we desperately need to develop a stable funding stream for probation services across the State.

We also continue to work on amending a domestic assault bill, as well as introducing a bill to clarify the financial responsibility of juvenile out of home placements. In addition, we continually review the many corrections related bills introduced in the Legislature, and try to determine the potential impact on our MACPO membership.

Our "Capitol Day" event was held on March 29th. We enjoyed a good turn out of Minnesota corrections professionals including Commissioner Fabian. We were able to listen to presentations and ask questions of key legislators including Senator Ranum, Senator Foley, and Representative Steve Smith. Our thanks to all who attended this yearly event.

The remaining days of this Session will be extremely busy. The Legislature must respond to a myriad of funding requests from their limited budgets. In addition, there are hundreds of bills that are awaiting additional hearings. As the pace becomes even more frantic, we will try our best to monitor the activity. Our lobbyist will be putting in many additional hours in the Capitol and in the State Office Building.

As always, should you have any questions about MACPO's legislative activities or positions, feel free to contact either myself or Lana Bjorgum.



Steven Paquay
MACPO Legislative
Committee Chair

Membership Committee Report

Jill Arbeiter , Chuck Kitzman

The Membership Committee is wrapping up our part in the planning of the 2006 MACPO Spring Conference. We are looking forward to greeting all of you as you arrive at Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center. As always, there will be some great MACPO clothing for sale.

As a reminder, please use this opportunity to renew your MACPO membership whether or not you are able to attend the conference. Our MACPO Executive Board and Committees work hard on legislative and training issues for you, but we need your MACPO membership to stay strong.



Jill Arbeiter
Co-Chair

We have had a good time co-chairing this committee and would like to thank the committee members for their dedication, enthusiasm and creativity. Those members are: Denise Olson (Meeker County), Amy Hertzog (Wright County), Darnell Brethorst (Wright County), Janelle Webb (Wright County), Lynette Wellmann (Brown County), Randy Baker (Brown County), Teresa Becker (Sherburne County) and Vicki Netjes (Sherburne County).



Charles Kitzman
Co-Chair

Treasurers' Report

February and March have been slow. Not much revenue coming in and not many bills going out. With MACPO Spring Conference right around the corner, I am sure business is about to get busier.

I recently attended Capitol Day with the MACPO Legislative Committee. MACPO's Lobbyist Sherry Munyon of Capitol Hill and Associates picked up the cost of our annual breakfast. Capitol Hill and Associates is one of our largest annual expenses. On behalf of everyone, thank you Sherry.

Like everyone else, I am excited to attend our MACPO Spring Conference in its new location. The Training and Education Committee members have been working diligently to provide excellent training opportunities. I hope we have a good turn out and everyone is able to attend. I hope to see you all there, and enjoy the nice weather.

Here are our current fund balances as of April 4th, 2006.

Wells Fargo Checking	\$11,042.28
Wadell & Reed Money market Account	\$16,686.23
Wadell & Reed Bond Fund	\$9,862.40
Affinity Plus Certificate of Deposit	\$25,161.77
Total of all accounts	\$62,752.68



Jeremie Reinhart
Pine County Court
Services

Communications Committee Report

The MACPO Spring Conference is May 24-26th at the new location at the Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center in Alexandria Minnesota. The Training and Education Committee has done a wonderful job of planning this conference. The training sessions are cutting edge and the entertainment promises to be top notch. We have Scott Hanson coming to do a comedy show! Register online today!

MACPO continues to provide premiere training and information for agents in the field of corrections in Minnesota. This newsletter and our "New and Improved" website strive to keep the membership well informed, up to date and entertained.

Go to www.MACPO.org and check it out.

I hope you enjoy this issue. Thanks to Sue Clark for her work on the committee and her efforts to get this issue out to the membership. We hope to see you at the Spring Conference in Alexandria. Register online now! Have a great spring.



Anne Riley
Chisago County Court Services

Communication Committee Co-chair

The MACPO Communications Committee would like to introduce the new and improved www.macpo.org website. Add this as a favorite now!

Many new features have been added to inform you and enhance your internet experience. On the main page you can quickly find a specific statute, find information about drug courts, internship listings, employment, upcoming trainings, etc.

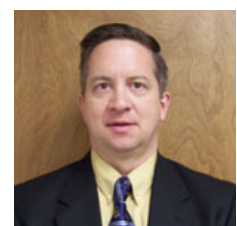
We also have and continue to add more vendors to our vendor website. Check out this site if you need a quick phone number, address, or to download admissions forms or to find out more information on a specific agency or service they provide. Let them know you found them on the MACPO website! They pay a fee to be on this website!

We will be adding additional new features in the upcoming months as well so check back often. Feel free to look around the entire site and email us with any comments or suggestions.

A big thanks to Christopher Mass from Sherburne County as well as our Webmaster Luke Boynton for all their hard work on this site!

PS: Register on-line for the 2006 Spring Conference!!

Les Schultz
Brown County Probation Director



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Brown County Probation
Department