



MACPOST

50th Anniversary Issue

Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers

From the President

April 2007

Where has the year gone? Before we know it, we will all be gathering at Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center celebrating MACPO's 50th Anniversary...

Speaking of the Annual Conference, have you checked out the website to see all that is planned? This year's conference will definitely be one that you do not want to miss; the Training and Education Committee has scheduled incredible training and networking opportunities. We are excited about the agenda and encourage you to take advantage of all we have to offer this year. We are grateful to our vendors who have been very generous in making this conference extra special. The brochure and registration information is available online.



Traci Green
MACPO President

Hope you all can join us in Alexandria May 23rd – 25th.

Traci L. Green
Brown County Probation

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**MACPO's 50th Year
Annual Conference**

May 23-25th, 2007

Arrowwood Conference Center, Alexandria



What's Going On For This Conference....Excellent Lineup of Trainers and Training Big Prizes - Excellent Entertainment! Corrections Commissioner is Confirmed! The Governor has been invited! All Past MACPO Presidents are Invited for Lunch and Recognition! Keepsake Gifts for all Registrants Wonderful Vendors.

**See who's coming to the
conference, [click here!](#)**

This is the conference YOU WILL be talking about for years to come!

METHAMPHETAMINE ABUSE



<http://www.usdoj.gov/methawareness/>

Methamphetamine abuse has become a tremendous challenge for the entire Nation. Education, prevention, and community involvement are key parts of our National Strategy to reduce the demand for meth. People who know about the destructive effects of meth on the user and the community, are far less likely to use meth. Please share what you learn about meth with everyone you know and together we will end the scourge of methamphetamine.

What is methamphetamine?

How is meth made?

How does meth affect a user?

How does meth affect everyone else?

WHAT IS METHAMPHETAMINE?



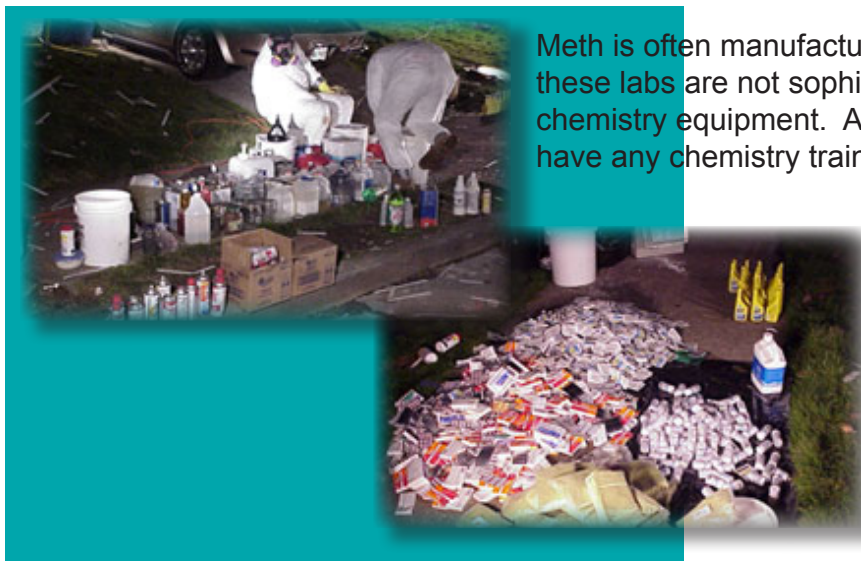
Methamphetamine is a powerful, highly addictive stimulant drug that dramatically affects the central nervous system. It is usually illegally produced and distributed. Meth comes in several forms, including powder, crystal, rocks, and tablets. When it comes in the crystal form it is called "crystal meth."

Meth can be taken by swallowing, snorting, smoking, or injecting it with a hypodermic needle.

HOW IS METH MADE?

Unlike drugs such as marijuana, cocaine, and heroin, which are derived from plants, meth can be manufactured using a variety of store bought chemicals.

The most common ingredient in meth is pseudoephedrine or ephedrine, commonly found in cold medicine. Through a cooking process the pseudoephedrine or ephedrine is chemically changed into meth. The ingredients that are used in the process of making meth can include: ether, paint thinner, Freon®, acetone, anhydrous ammonia, iodine crystals, red phosphorus, drain cleaner, battery acid, and lithium (taken from inside batteries).



Meth is often manufactured or "cooked" in very crude laboratories. Many of these labs are not sophisticated operations and do not require sophisticated chemistry equipment. And the people who cook the meth usually do not have any chemistry training. Cooking meth is relatively simple, but highly dangerous and toxic.

There are two basic categories of meth labs: Superlabs produce large quantities of meth and supply organized drug trafficking groups that sell the drug in communities across the U.S.

Most of the larger labs are controlled by Mexican Drug Trafficking Organizations operating in the U.S. and Mexico. Small Toxic Labs produce smaller quantities of meth. These labs can be set up in homes, motel rooms, inside automobiles, and in parks or rural areas -- really almost anywhere.

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HOW DOES METH AFFECT A USER?

Using meth causes an increase in energy and alertness, a decrease in appetite, and an intense euphoric “rush.” That’s in the short term. With sustained use, a meth user can develop a tolerance to it. The user may take increasingly higher doses of meth trying to catch that high she first experienced. She may take it more frequently or may go on binges. She may change the way she takes meth. For example a user may have started by taking a pill, but as she develops a tolerance she may begin injecting it. Addiction is likely.

In the long term, a person using meth may experience irritability, fatigue, headaches, anxiety, sleeplessness, confusion, aggressive feelings, violent rages, cravings for more meth, and depression. They may become psychotic and experience paranoia, auditory hallucinations, mood disturbances, and delusions. The paranoia may lead to homicidal or suicidal thoughts.

A fairly common hallucination experienced by meth users is the so-called crank bug. The user gets the sensation that there are insects creeping on top of, or underneath, her skin. The user will pick at or scratch her skin trying to get rid of the imaginary bugs. This scratching can create open sores that may become infected.

Meth reduces the amount of protective saliva around the teeth. Meth users also consume excess sugared, carbonated soft drinks, tend to neglect personal hygiene, grind their teeth and clench their jaws, leading to what is commonly called “meth mouth.” Teeth can eventually fall out of users’ mouths—even as they do simple things like eating a sandwich.



Photos courtesy of Sheriff’s Department,
Multnomah County, Oregon

Photos courtesy of: Sharlee Shirley, RDH, MPH; Jim Cecil, DMD, MPH, University of Kentucky, School of Dentistry

High doses of meth can elevate body temperature to dangerous, sometimes lethal, levels. High doses can also cause convulsions.

People can die as a result of using meth.

Because meth is so addictive, the distance between the short and long term effects may not be very long.

HOW DOES METH AFFECT EVERYONE ELSE?

As you can imagine, all those toxic chemicals used in the meth manufacturing process take a toll on the environment. Every pound of meth made can generate up to five pounds of toxic waste that may seep into the soil and groundwater.

The manufacturing process also generates toxic fumes. These fumes can severely harm anyone exposed to them. Meth labs also generate highly explosive gases.

Meth also has a very serious impact on children. Many children are rescued from homes with meth labs or meth using parents. Meth, chemicals, and syringes are all within reach of these children. Parents high on meth neglect their children. And the mental, physical, and emotional consequences for these Drug Endangered Children are often severe.

Millions of our tax dollars are spent each year to clean up meth labs, to care for Drug Endangered Children, and to pay for law enforcement to deal with the methamphetamine aftermath.



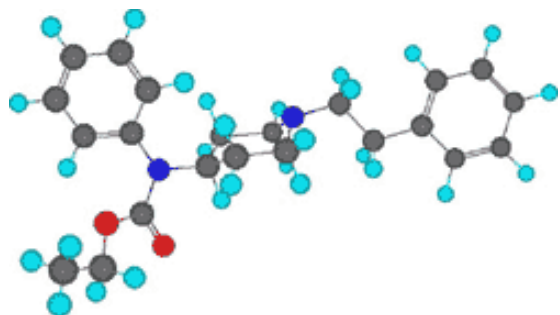
Life Sentence Law

A total of 442 criminals convicted in Minnesota are currently serving life sentences under Minnesota jurisdiction. They are broken down into the following sentencing categories:

130 are serving with the option for parole set at 17 years,
273 are serving with the option for parole set at 30 year, and
40 are serving life sentences without option for parole.

To examine the history of changes to the policy, click http://www.doc.state.mn.us/DocPolicy2/html/DPW_Display_TOC.asp?Opt=203.060.htm

Fentanyl



Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opiate analgesic similar to but more potent than morphine. It is typically used to treat patients with severe pain, or to manage pain after surgery. It is also sometimes used to treat people with chronic pain who are physically tolerant to opiates. It is a schedule II prescription drug.

In its prescription form, fentanyl is known as Actiq, Duragesic, and Sublimaze. Street names for the drug include Apache, China girl, China white, dance fever, friend, goodfella, jackpot, murder 8, TNT, as well as Tango and Cash.

Like heroin, morphine, and other opioid drugs, fentanyl works by binding to the body's opiate receptors, highly concentrated in areas of the brain that control pain and emotions. When opiate drugs bind to these receptors, they can drive up dopamine levels in the brain's reward areas, producing a state of euphoria and relaxation. Medications called opiate receptor antagonists act by blocking the effects of opiate drugs. Naloxone is one such antagonist. Overdoses of fentanyl should be treated immediately with an opiate antagonist.

When prescribed by a physician, fentanyl is often administered via injection, transdermal patch, or in lozenge form. However, the type of fentanyl associated with recent overdoses was produced in clandestine laboratories and mixed with (or substituted for) heroin in a powder form.

Mixing fentanyl with street-sold heroin or cocaine markedly amplifies their potency and potential dangers. Effects include: euphoria, drowsiness/respiratory depression and arrest, nausea, confusion, constipation, sedation, unconsciousness, coma, tolerance, and addiction.

“The Department of Justice is committed to working with our state and local partners to keep our communities safe from sexual predators. As part of this initiative, the Department has launched a nationwide, Internet-based, searchable Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Registry website. The silent sex offender can be just as dangerous as notorious neighborhood gang members, and because of this we must keep parents and communities informed and engaged.

“The Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Registry will provide one-stop access to registries from all 50 states and the District of Columbia by the end of the year. With this technology, every citizen will be able to search the latest information for the identity and location of known sex offenders. Sharing information with concerned citizens and parents is an integral part of our strategy to protect communities from these predators who wish to harm the most vulnerable among us.”



The Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Registry, coordinated by the Department of Justice, is a cooperative effort between the state agencies hosting public sexual offender registries and the federal government. This web site is a search tool allowing a user to submit a single national query to obtain information about sex offenders through a number of search options:

By Name

By ZIP Code

By County (if provided by state)

By City/Town (if provided by state)

By State (one or multiple)

National

The criteria for searching are limited to what each individual state may provide. Also, because information is hosted by each state and not by the federal government, search results should be verified by the user in the state where the information is posted. Users are advised to log on to pertinent state web sites for further information and/or guidance, as appropriate.

For more information: <http://www.nsopr.gov/>



Spykes

ALERT TO PROBATION OFFICERS

Spyke up your sales with our new product Spykes. Spykes is the first product of its kind, a pre-packaged alternative beverage created to add to beer or drink alone. Contemporary adults demand individualization, customization and variety. Spykes gives consumers the freedom to have all that in four great flavors: Spicy Lime, Spicy Mango, Hot Melons and Hot Chocolate.

Brand Role: Spykes is an incremental sales driver and great for sampling opportunities. Spykes adds a unique flavor to beer or beverage of choice and is infused with caffeine, ginseng and guarana. Spykes is about fun with an edge. It opens the night up to experimentation and moving outside of the beverage "comfort zone."



Target: The target audience is co-ed 21-27, beer and shot drinkers.

Product: Spykes is a premium 12% ABV alternative beverage, brewed, fermented and aged with the same quality as all Anheuser-Busch malts. This includes only the finest quality barley, malt, hops, purified water and cereal grain. The premium malt is then combined with one of four sweet-heat flavors: Spicy Lime-sweet citrus flavor with a touch of zingy heat; Spicy Mango-tropical taste of mango blends with the heat of chili flavor; Hot Melons-watermelon flavor with a hidden heat and Hot Chocolate-decadent chocolate taste with a jalapeno infused finish.

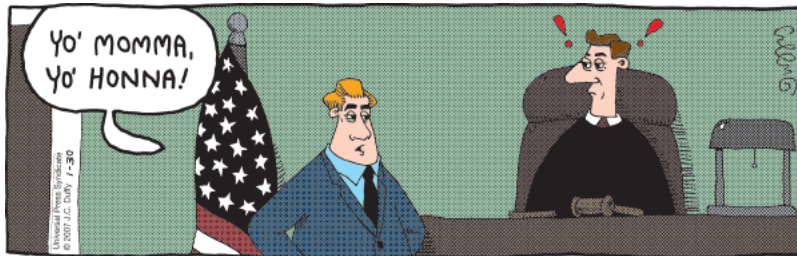
Packaging: Spykes are packaged in a distinctive 1.7 oz glass or 2 oz. plastic bottles, 24 bottle flavor case.

Marketing: Spykes is supported with P.O.S., Premiums and sign making. We are thrilled to announce the modified expansion of SPYKES. Please check with your Anheuser-Busch Sales Representative for additional information.

NOW AVAILABLE: NEW DOCUMENT

[Understanding Treatment for Adults and Juveniles Who Have Committed Sex Offenses \(2006\)](#)

The purpose of this brief is to provide a broad overview of current research, professional literature, and practice trends relative to treatment for sexually abusive individuals. Although specialized clinicians may find this brief to be of interest, the primary intended audience is the range of other management professionals seeking to understand key issues about treatment for adults and juveniles who have committed sex offenses.



A GUY WALKS INTO A POST OFFICE ONE DAY TO SEE A MIDDLE-AGED, BALDING MAN STANDING AT THE COUNTER METHODICALLY PLACING "LOVE" STAMPS ON BRIGHT PINK ENVELOPES WITH HEARTS ALL OVER THEM. HE THEN TAKES OUT A PERFUME BOTTLE AND STARTS SPRAYING SCENT ALL OVER THEM. HIS CURIOSITY GETS THE BETTER OF HIM AND HE GOES UP TO THE BALDING MAN AND ASKS HIM WHAT HE IS DOING.

"I'M SENDING OUT 1,000 VALENTINE CARDS SIGNED, 'GUESS WHO?'"

"BUT WHY?" ASKS THE MAN.

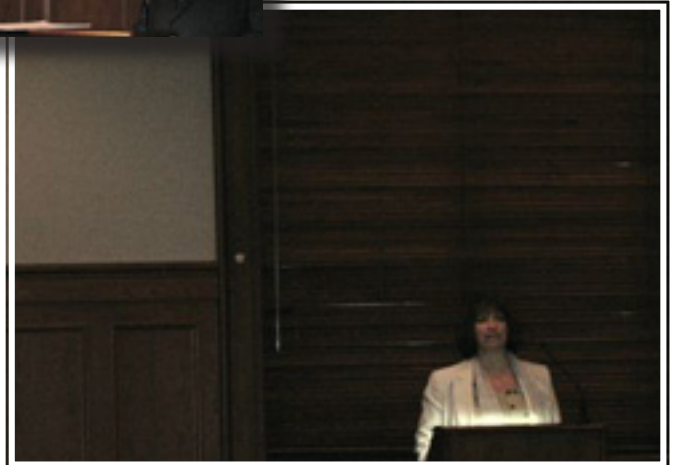
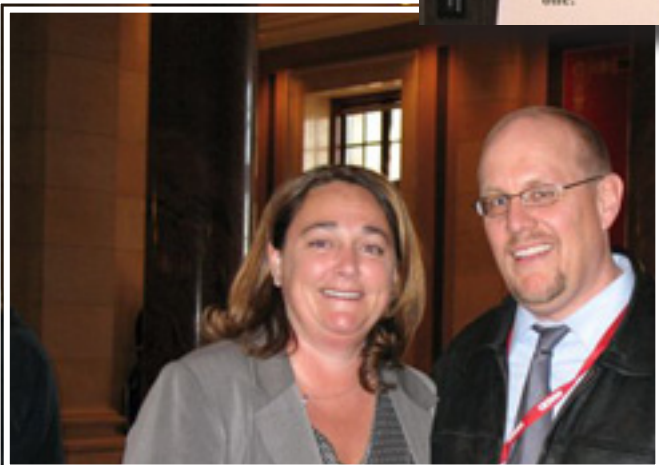
"I'M A DIVORCE LAWYER."



2007 MACPO/MCA Winter Conference Highlights



Over 110 Corrections Professionals attended the 4th Annual MACPO/MCA winter conference held at the Bloomington Holiday Inn. Training conducted included "Secret Keeping" and "Vehicle Searches." New this year was Capitol Day in which all participants were transported to the Capitol (by some of our wonderful vendors) for a general meeting then dispatched to meet their legislators.



Sex offender registration could move to Cyberspace

ST. PAUL (AP) - Sex offenders already have to tell Minnesota authorities where they live, work, attend school and vacation. Soon, they might also have to provide their e-mail addresses. With children playing on the Internet as much as in the neighborhood park, lawmakers here and in at least 13 other states want to protect them from predators. They're considering bills that would make sex offenders register e-mail, instant messaging and other addresses used to communicate on Web sites. A similar bill has been introduced in Congress.

The Minnesota proposal was expected to get its first hearing on Tuesday.

Those who work with exploited children say the policies won't put an end to sex crimes against children, but they could help law enforcement make cases against offenders by connecting them with their virtual identities.

"If you know where somebody lives and where somebody works, then you should also know what name they're using on the Internet," said Michelle Collins, who heads the exploited child unit at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Some probation and parole officers already get such information from the offenders they monitor, but the legislation would make it automatic.

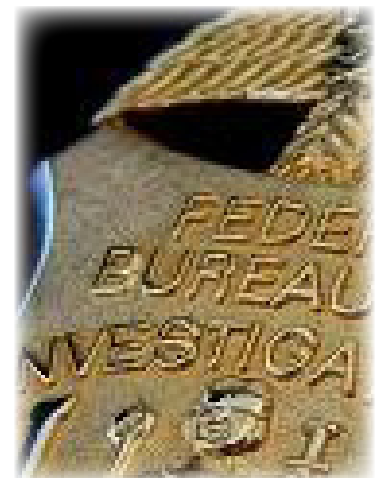
But some wonder whether the move might complicate life for sex offenders already struggling under tighter scrutiny and regulations about where they can live and work.

"When this is combined with a large number of other requirements, there is a danger that we start to interfere with the reintegration and recovery of sex offenders and their ability to cope," said Eric Janus, a professor at St. Paul's William Mitchell College of Law.

The e-mail registration requirements are being considered in Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Tennessee and Virginia, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

New Special Agent In Charge Of Minneapolis FBI

A Wisconsin native is the new Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Minneapolis Division. Ralph Boelter held a news conference Thursday to introduce himself to the local media and talk about his priorities. One of Boelter's previous assignments included investigating the unauthorized leak of CIA Agent Valerie Plame Wilson's covert identity. Top priorities include focusing on counter terrorism, public corruption, economic crime and civil rights violations.



Training and Education Committee

The Training and Education Committee has been working hard at making MACPO's 50th Spring Conference an unforgettable year!

May 23, 2007, Lt. Doug Thooft and Lt. Bryan Schafer founders of Corporate Drug and Alcohol Specialists Incorporated, specialize in educating businesses on the signs and symptoms of drug influence. Sessions on May 24, 2007, will include: Agent Field and Office Safety, Sex Offenders & Sexual Offending in a Technological Age, Gang Trends, Technology of Today, and The Challenges of Reintegration for Combat Veterans & Their Families. May 25, 2007, "If You're Too Busy To Laugh, You're Too Busy." Motivational Speaker and Wright County Commissioner, Karla Heeter, provides an action-packed "Funshop" that gives the practical tools to reap the benefits of humor in our lives.

A special thank you to everyone involved in the Training and Education Committee as well as those on other MACPO committees. Without these dedicated volunteers, this organization would not be the successful and professional organization that it is today!

For more highlights on the Spring Conference, please visit the website at www.macpo.org



Robyn Schauer
Brown County Probation



Neal Huemoeller
Wright County Probation

Treasurer's Report

MACPO's financial status is going well. I am looking forward to the MACPO Spring Conference. Although I'll miss being on the Executive Board, I am looking forward to passing the torch onto the newly elected Treasurer. I have enjoyed my term and am thankful for having been elected. I hope to see you all at the Spring Conference.

Account Summary as of 04/04/2007 is as follows:

Checking Account:	\$22,250.86
W & R Money Market	\$17,395.84
W & R Bond Fund	\$10,258.46
Affinity Plus CD	\$26,222.08
Total All Accounts	\$76,127.24



Jeremie Reinhart
Pine County Court Services

Directors Report

As we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of MACPO it is a special time for all the director's many of which over the years have helped shape the organization. As a group we continue to meet on a monthly basis and have rotated the sites of our meetings to include, Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) offices and the Department of Corrections (DOC) offices to make sure we continue to network with both groups.

We continue to be represented on a number of committee's representing MACPO as an organization – Management Advisory Committee for Community Supervision and Services (MACCSS), Evidence Based Practices, Interagency Advisory Task Force on Mental Health, CSTS, Crimnet and Legislative. This year we also formed a joint group of MACPO and Directors to look at the development of a Training Academy to service all CPO agents.

The directors also have been working on a special project to develop policy standards that can be used by counties, a training session was held in Wright County on March 29th. Terry Arola and Roxanne Barsch headed this up for the directors.

See you at the Conference!
Mike MacMillan
MACPO Director's Chair



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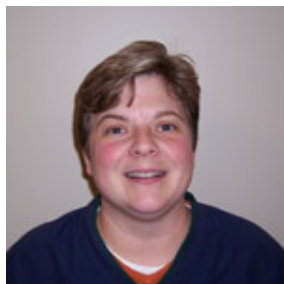
Membership Committee

Membership is ready to celebrate MACPO's 50th Anniversary at the 2007 Spring Conference.

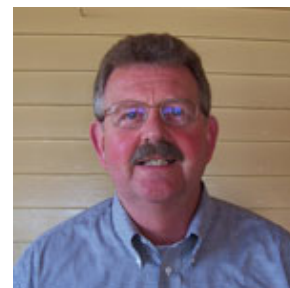
Committee members have attended several college internship/job fairs this past fiscal year. We have always been happy to attend these events, but this year has been exceptionally fun as we enjoy showing off our new MACPO display. Please take a few moments at the Spring Conference to look over our resource booth and let us know your opinion of the display.

Most importantly, we are in the planning stages of a MACPO membership drive. We are striving for 100% membership of the CPO delivery system probation officers. In addition, we will be contacting DOC and CCA probation officers throughout the state outlining not only the celebration of our 50th anniversary, but also promoting the fact that we are the oldest corrections professional organization in the state dedicated to the field probation officer in terms of training and promoting legislative change.

We look forward to seeing as many as you as possible at the Spring Conference.



Jill Arbeiter
Co-Chair



Charles Kitzman
Co-Chair

Legislative Committee Report

As I am writing this article, things are changing by the minute in St. Paul. Both the Senate and the House have their budgets set and are in the process of scheduling conference committees to iron out the differences. Since this is a funding year, there are a great number of requests being made and many of them are for more than the Governor has in his budget. The Legislature is on a fast track in order to get their funding proposals to the Governor and still have time to address a possible veto prior to the normal ending date of the session.

MACPO submitted two of our own funding proposals this year. Our first bill is our "alcohol impact fee" HF 1050 and SF 779. This is a follow up bill from the one we wrote in 2005. For the past several months, MACPO has worked closely with a number of corrections, health, and chemical dependency groups in getting this new bill submitted. We held a news conference and testified in a Senate committee on February 21st. Unfortunately, it doesn't look like we will get this bill through the Senate Tax Committee this year. This is unfortunate because this bill would establish a stable funding stream for probation as well as additional funds for chemical dependency treatment for offenders. Interestingly, a new "Alcohol Impact Fee" bill suddenly appeared in the past few weeks. This bill has a different focus than ours.

Our second bill, HF 1979, seeks to appropriate additional funds to ensure that the Department of Corrections will be able to refund the 55 CPO and "DOC Contract" counties at the 50% level. We have worked with AMC in getting support from the "DOC Contract" counties and have forwarded 31 County Board resolutions supporting our efforts to local legislators and key committee chairs. On March 19, Tom Peltier of Itasca County and I testified at Representative Paymar's House Public Safety Finance Committee. Hopefully, the interest and attention gained through the resolutions and testimony on this bill will encourage legislators to divert additional funds for probation officer salary reimbursement.



Lana Bjorgum
Itasca County Probation
MACPO Legislative
Committee Chair



Steven Paquay
Chisago County Probation
MACPO Legislative
Committee Chair

During the upcoming weeks when the legislative process becomes even more frantic, MACPO members can count on the Legislative Committee and our lobbyist to look out for the best interest of our membership. Feel free to contact us with any questions or suggestions you may have.

Steven Paquay, MACPO Legislative Committee Chair

Communications Report

The MACPO Spring Conference is May 23-25, 2007 at the Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center. I am especially excited to have been able to put out this 50th anniversary issue. Come back and look for many conference pictures and highlights in our July issue.

The Spring Conference is upon us and I am looking forward to remembering and honoring those past Macpo members for their contributions. The Training and Education Committee has worked hard to make this conference for our 50th, the best conference ever. There will be displays and pictures from past days as well as a luncheon honoring past director's of MACPO. All this in addition to wonderful, relevant training, prizes and awards and the wonderful hospitality provided by our vendors. Hope to see you all there.

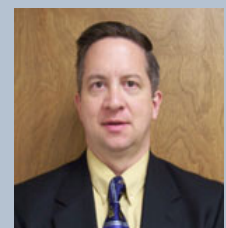
Anne Riley



Communication Committee Co-chair

I hope you have had the opportunity to look at the MACPO website (www.macpo.org) in the recent weeks, there are some really fun pictures from the past as well as interesting data from the past 50 years. We continue to work on updating the site with new vendors and ideas. If you see something you would like added, please send me an email at les.schultz@co.brown.mn.us or contact me at 507-233-6621. I hope to see everyone at MACPO's 50th.

Les Schultz



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