

**Minnesota
Association of
Pretrial Services
Agencies**

MAPSA Matters Summer 2011

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2011

Special points of interest:

- New DWI Laws
- New and Exciting Changes to MAPSA
- Meet the Board
- Become a MAPSA Representative



2011 Board of
Directors Award
Recipient:
Pat McCarthy,
Hennepin County

2011 Conference a Success. Significant Changes Are Coming to The Newly Designed MAPSA Conference in 2012

The MAPSA Board and Representatives would like to thank all the attendees and speakers of the 2011 MAPSA Conference.

The conference was held on April 28, 2011 at the popular Landmark Center in St. Paul. There was a good turnout this year despite the pouring rain and traffic. The morning started out with John Baker speaking about Veterans Courts and sharing his own personal experiences as a Veteran and his current practice in law.

Our morning workshops included: Hennepin County Veterans and Mental Health Courts, Pretrial 101 and a personal story from a probationer on her experience with prescription drug addiction.

The MAPSA Business Meeting

was held over lunch and Tim Gothmann was re-elected as MAPSA President; Tara Rother from Hennepin County was elected as MAPSA Secretary; Regions Two, Six and Eight will continue to be represented by Jill Hady (Brown County), Ronalea Lahti (Ramsey County) and Amy Olson (Chisago County). Region Four remains open (Stearns, Kandiyohi, Benton, etc.).

Our afternoon workshops included presentations on: Prescription Drug Investigations, Psychology of the Criminal Mind and Offenders and Victims of Domestic Abuse. The day was wrapped up with an enthusiastic presenter, Steven Hegele the founder and CEO of Hegele Academy.

MAPSA has enjoyed planning conferences year round and having many professionals attend. MAPSA is making changes for the upcoming conference as well as changes within the organization. MAPSA is excited and optimistic in the changes that will be brought to our organization.

Watch for the upcoming emails on the new conference plan.



Landmark Center, St. Paul, MN-Picture courtesy of google.com

President's Letter

Hello MAPSA Members,

I'm sure you will agree that the Summer has moved past us way too quickly. It's hard to believe we're already reading about the State Fair, back to school events and shorter days.

The past few months since our successful MAPSA Conference at the Landmark Center have been action packed. Our State Government shut down for 15 days during the summer after the Legislature was unable to agree on a budget. While the Courts and our work as Pretrial Professionals may not have been interrupted, I'm sure we've all noticed the impact of budget cuts due to the new budget. Reduced aid from the State to our City and County Governments have meant reducing or eliminating services, and those jobs our policy makers always promise to create haven't quite arrived. All these factors are going to mean we all will have to try to do our jobs with fewer resources, sometimes even fewer colleagues, while the folks we work with are struggling to make it. An ancient Chinese curse states, "May you live during interesting times"; I think we are doing just that.

We have some exciting work going on in MAPSA as we begin planning for next year's conference and trying to increase our membership numbers and get more people involved. I encourage you to check out our website occasionally for updates and if you have time and wish to participate, we'd love to include you on one of our committees that might interest you. Getting involved is the best way to learn about MAPSA and our field.

I hope everyone enjoys what's left of the warm weather as the kids get set to start school again. Please consider joining us.

Thanks, Tim Gothmann, MAPSA President



Meet the Board

We are going to be profiling our board members each edition so you can get to know us a little better. We would also like to know more about our members. If you would like to nominate a member to be profiled please contact your region representative or email:

mapsa@mapsa.us.

MAPSA TREASURER: LEVI SCHEELER

How long have you been on the MAPSA Board? I've Been on the board since December 2010, first as the Region 3 Representative before recently being elected Treasurer in April 2011.

What is your current job and where do you work? I currently work as a probation officer for Hennepin County doing pretrial investigations and conditional release supervision.

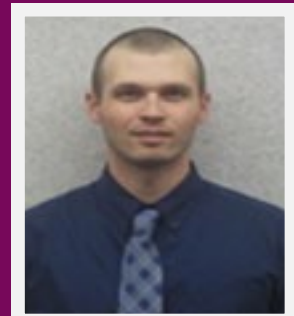
What is your favorite part of working in Corrections? Tough question, but it's probably the variety of people and things that we encounter and deal with that keep it interesting for me.

What are some activities or things you enjoy doing most? Obviously spending time with my family. Aside from that I love to fish and I've started hunting again after several years. I'm also a diehard baseball fan (GO TWINS?). I enjoy working out and I like doing home improvement projects (well, most of the time at least!).

What did you want to be when you grew up (Think way back.....)?

Growing up I told everyone I was going to be a Major League Baseball Player. Well, when I got to college I realized then that being a 185 LB 1st basemen or a pitcher that threw 80 mph wasn't going to get me there! I'll settle for where I ended up though.....

What is your favorite food? Far and away my favorite food is pizza, I could eat that stuff for breakfast, lunch and dinner Monday through Sunday.



MAPSA Financial Report- July 14, 2011

Balance as of
July 13, 2011: \$4,120.89



MAPSA Financial Report- August 10, 2011

Balance as of
August 10, 2011: \$4115.81

Sanctions Using New Technology

Overview of Strengthened DWI Sanctions Law —
Effective July 1, 2011

-Star Tribune

The Impaired Driving Epidemic

Impaired driving remains a serious threat on Minnesota roads, accounting for one-third of all traffic deaths annually. One in seven Minnesota drivers has a DWI on record and 40 percent of those will re-offend. Further, each year, 40,000 Minnesotans are convicted driving with an invalid license.

Strengthened Sanctions

First-time DWI offenders with a 0.16 and above alcohol-concentration level and all repeat DWI offenders will be required to have ignition interlock devices installed on any vehicle they drive.

First-time DWI offenders with a 0.16 and above alcohol-concentration level and all repeat DWI offenders that choose not to use ignition interlocks will not have driving privileges ranging from one year to six years, depending on offense level.

Interlock users will regain full driving privileges immediately after the offense, ensuring they are driving with a valid license and not a threat on the roadway.

Interlocks will be used to monitor chronic DWI offenders to verify reinstatement requirements.

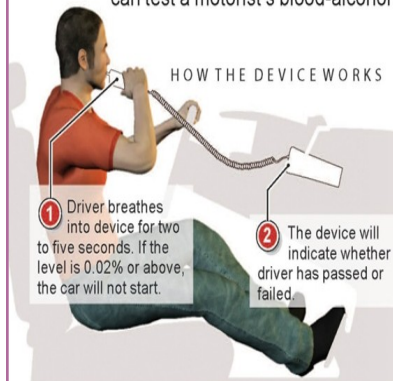
Benefits

Safer roads and reduced criminal justice costs through the use of ignition interlock on high-risk drivers. Interlocks stop DWI offenders from driving after drinking and prevent re-arrests.

Creates a method for offenders to obtain a valid driver's license — 75 percent of DWI offenders drive illegally after arrested.

Encourages behavior modification and rehabilitation

An ignition interlock device connected to a car's electrical system can test a motorist's blood-alcohol content level before driving.



WHILE ON THE ROAD

- A driver must retake the test at random intervals. If the driver flunks the test and the device registers a "fail," the device will ask the user to take the vehicle in for early calibration.

MONITORING RESULTS

Every month, data from the device is monitored to see:

- Whether and when the driver committed violations.
- Whether the system was tampered with or disconnected.

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Tornado Hits Minneapolis– Damage to the City and Affects on Community Corrections

Since May 22, when a tornado ravaged Minneapolis, crime rates have increased significantly, leaving many looking to improve home security quickly, Minnesota Public Radio reports.

<http://www.protectamerica.com/news/article/636-tornado-effects-leading-to-increased-crime-in-minneapolis/>

Hennepin County Probation Agents and other employees were also affected by the tornado. There are some agents located at Probation Services North who were without power and their offices were shutdown for three days. Many offenders on electronic home monitors had no power or a place of residency. Obviously, this is nothing compared to what residents of the area went through but it did affect probation daily operations for a short time.



Please contact MAPSA with any questions
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Our Mission:
The mission of the Minnesota Association of Pretrial Services Agencies is to create a more safe and just criminal justice system by providing quality training to our members, promoting information to improve pretrial programs and promoting the importance of pretrial services in Minnesota.

MAPSA is always looking for new members to help with ideas, trainings and to bring attention to pretrial and probation. If you are interested in becoming a member or becoming a representative for your region, please contact us at: mapsa@mapsa.us.

The MAPSA Board and Representatives

Board Members

President	Tim Gothmann, Operation De Novo
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Region I	Aaron Langer, Rice County
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Region V	OPEN
Region VI	Ronalea Lahti, Ramsey County
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Region VIII	Amy Olson, Chisago County
Federal Rep.	Gary Smith, U.S. Federal Probation

