

MAPSA MATTERS

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LATE SUMMER 2006

Dear MAPSA Members,

Summer in Minnesota is winding down and our thoughts start to turn toward school for our children (or return to college for the graybeards among us). It has been a hot summer in many senses of the word. The temperatures have reached record highs in many parts of our great state and so has violent crime. This fact saddens me very much as I am sure it does all citizens, but especially those of us that have dedicated our careers to Criminal Justice field.

I hope that some of our MAPSA members have made plans to attend the National Pretrial Conference (NAPSA) in Nashville, September 17-20 2006. Two of our local members hold office with the NAPSA Board, Mary Pat Maher of Project Remand in Ramsey County is the current Secretary and Jim Brown of Operation De Novo is the Chair of the Diversion Committee. Minnesota has a fine reputation nationally and it would be good for us to be well represented in Tennessee.

Part of the mission of the MAPSA Organization is to provide training and technical assistance to Pretrial Programs for the entire State. The obvious example of this is the annual training day we conduct each Spring. Plans are well underway for next years **MAPSA Conference. Save the date, Thursday April 12, 2007.** We will once again be at the Historic Landmark Center in St Paul. If you work in a county or jurisdiction that is in the process of expanding your Pretrial Services, either bail evaluations, pretrial supervision or diversion, you need not wait for our conference to receive help. The MAPSA Board and several of our members continue to travel the State for training sessions. We also are available for teleconferences. Please contact me or your Region Representative to set up a training session tailored to your specific needs. We are here to serve.

I hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer. As soon I complete this letter, I am off to Lake of the Woods for my annual fishing trip. I hope my friends in Baudette don't tell me, "you should have been here last week, the fishing was great".

GO TWINS!

Sincerely,

Mike Gephart
MAPSA President



**One last reminder for the
upcoming NAPSA conference!**

National Association of Pretrial
Service Agencies

34th Annual Conference and
Training Institute

September 17 - 20, 2006

Nashville Tennessee

Visit www.napsa.org for more
information and to register.



**Project Remand is proud to
announce the launch of their
new website!**

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Project Remand is a private, non-profit organization, that has provided a comprehensive program of adult pretrial services since 1973. Project Remand helps Ramsey County reduce jail population pressures by offering alternatives to traditional detention while promoting public protection and lawful behavior through pretrial services.

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