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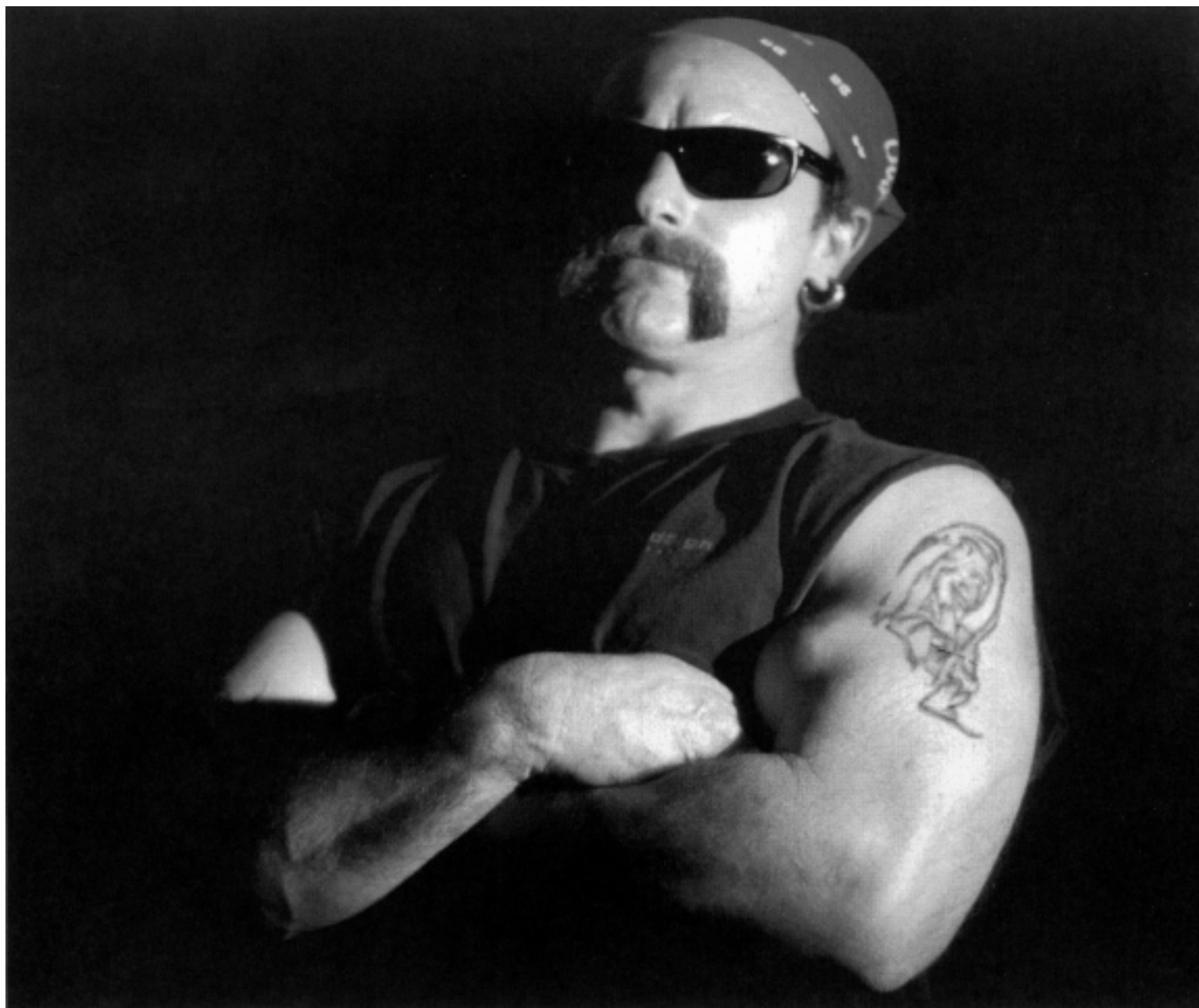
Secretary Jeffrey Beard (l) of the Department of Corrections and William F. Ward, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, with Richard Kourie, Keynote Speaker at the 2002 PAPPCC Conference

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A MESSAGE

from the President



Dear PAPPC Members:

As President of the Pennsylvania Association on Probation, Parole and Corrections, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the membership for all their support and dedication. I have been

afforded the opportunity to travel this great state of ours and meet and converse with my constituencies.

We all agree, the tragedy of 9/11 has cast a shadow over our great nation, which forced us to be mindful of our surroundings, relationships and belief in unity. I have observed a sense of urgency, strength and unity among our people.

I feel the theme of the PAPPC 2002 Conference, "Managing Innovative Programs and The Changing Faces," was appropriate. Our society is a rainbow of cultures, which need to be addressed, developed and supported. Educating others and ourselves is paramount; we need to understand the various cultures of this society.

Our probation, parole and correctional communities are changing as the female and minority populations have increased in the past years.

We are required to change our approach to treatment; it is a necessity. I challenge each member of PAPPC to recruit one person to enroll as a member of our training institute. I feel that PAPPC is one of the best-kept secrets in the state. We have over a thousand members, which sounds impressive. However, when you look at how many criminal justice and law enforcement employees there are across the state, that number is a drop in the bucket.

It's time we start recruiting youthful members and begin educating and mentoring them to replace our mature employees.

PAPPC's Objectives are:

- To provide the opportunity for continuing professional development
- To promote professional standards and practices in the fields of juvenile and adult probation, parole, and

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corrections that lead to community safety

- To advocate and promote appropriate legislation for the progressive treatment and prevention of delinquency and crime.
- To increase public understanding of probation, parole corrections and victims services

Education and mentoring are the key to bridging the gap between the criminal community and society.

In closing I'm committed to continue the high level of leadership demonstrated before me, and hope I can raise the level.

I hope to see all of you at the 2003 conference at the Harrisburg Holiday Inn East.

God Bless America!

Thomas Gaskins
PAPPC PRESIDENT



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- to promote professional standards and practices in the fields of juvenile and adult probation, parole, and corrections that lead to community safety
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- to increase public understanding of probation, parole, corrections and victim services

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FROM THE EDITOR

The 2002 PAPP Training Institute in the Poconos was a huge success. Over 300 people were registered for the sessions, most of them full conference registrants. Some forty exhibitors were present to show their products and services. The faculty for the training sessions numbered over fifty people. The staff and facilities at Pocono Manor were first-rate. The New England Clambake dinner offered a seafood buffet that included all you can eat lobster tails. The evaluations submitted by the program participants confirmed what everyone was saying: It was an excellent conference.

The keynote speaker for the Opening Session was Richard Kuurie, the Director of prisons in Ghana. Mr. Kuurie was in this country to study American correctional practices, including parole and community-based programs. He told the audience of the challenges of developing a criminal justice and correctional system in an emerging nation in Africa. He told of using for prisons the same 19th Century fortresses used to hold captives awaiting the journey to the Americas and slavery. His remarks at the conference are printed in this issue.

One of the highlights of the conference was the performance of a group called TOVA, which educates audiences on the effects and complications of domestic violence. The theater company members describe themselves as perpetrators, witnesses, and survivors of domestic abuse. Their performance in words and music exhibited the healing ability of the human spirit.

The conference marked the passing of the baton from President Jim Robinson to President Tom Gaskins. Tom was Conference Chairperson for the 2002 conference. PAPP thanks Jim Robinson for a fruitful term as president. To Tom Gaskins we wish all the best. Tom until recently worked as Director of Recreation at the State Correctional Institution at Chester. He is now in charge of Community Corrections Center #5 in South Philadelphia.

The juvenile and young adult victims of homicides in recent years are examined in the article on Youth Homicides in Philadelphia. The analysis shows the similarities between victims and perpetrators in terms of prior arrests and experiences in juvenile probation and residential placements. The study also shows the racial, gender and age patterns found among the slain and the slayers.

PAPP lost one of its best recently: Leo Lubawy. A past president, an extraordinary conference chairperson, and a legend for his hilarious comments as he presented people with their door prizes, Leo died suddenly this summer. He will be missed by many. His passing is noted in this issue by his friend Rick Zeleznik.

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PAPPC NEWS

Executive Committee News

The Executive Committee has met at several locations in recent months, including the Holiday Inn East in Harrisburg, which will be the site of the 2003 Conference, on May 18-21. The Executive Committee has several new officers this year. Rich McFadden is the new First Vice-President and Marcia Combine is the new Second Vice-President. Darlene Zelazny and Brian Leighton are new members-at-large. Area Councils also have placed several new members on the Committee as their representatives. Manuel Arroyo is now President-Designate and Chairperson of the 2003 Conference. Manny recently named the leaders of the conference planning groups. Paul O'Connor is the Program Chair. Phil Arnold is the Local Arrangements head. And Rich McFadden is the liaison to exhibitors for the conference.

The leaders of the association are meeting with a representative of Gallagher Benefits Services, an employee and association member benefits organization. The company provides insurance benefits of various kinds to members of groups with group discounts. PAPPC members may be afforded the opportunity to have insurance services as a PAPPC member benefit.

The 2002 Conference at Pocono Manor Inn Resort was regarded as a very successful program. The educational, social, and recreational programs were excellent. The golf tournament was reported to have drawn 40 players. Some of the food enjoyed in the hospitality suite was provided courtesy of some of the correctional facilities in the Northeast area.

The financial assets of the association remain strong: Over \$50,000 is in various accounts at this time. A review of the cost of some of the 2002 conference expenditures, however, prompted a resolution that any expenditure of \$1000 or more by any of the state committees or area councils should be preapproved by the Executive Committee. The resolution was adopted by the Executive Committee.

The Association is expecting that the American Probation and Parole Association will come back to Philadelphia for a 2006 Conference.

The Executive Committee hopes to determine the site for the 2004 conference in the near future.

No conference site for 2005 has yet been identified. Some interest has been expressed for Erie, Altoona, and Seven Springs.

The PAPPC Website is a rich source of information, not only on the association, but also on our affiliates, such as APPA and ACA, and probation departments and courts across the state. The Executive Committee hopes to add more links and

to update and expand the PAPPC material on the site.

It was reported that the Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association (MASCA) will hold its 2003 conference in June rather than May to avoid conflict with PAPPC. MASCA and PAPPC have held joint conferences whenever MASCA comes to Pennsylvania. Our MASCA representative will be able to prepare for this.

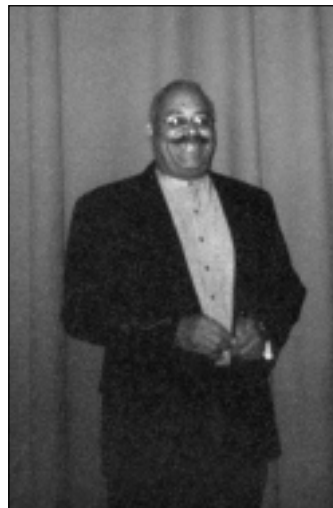
Area Council News

Delaware Valley Area Council

The annual DVAC Conference was held on October 25 at the Dave and Buster's location on the waterfront in Philadelphia near Penn's Landing. The theme for this year was The Mentally Ill Offender.



Hon. Thomas W. Corbett, Jr., Chairman of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency with Frank Lalley (r)



PAPPC President Tom Gaskins also attended the DVAC Conference.



REMEMBERING LEO LUBAWY

By Richard Zeleznik

Leo Lubawy died suddenly on August 19, 2002 of an aortic aneurysm. He was 56. Leo had just recently retired from the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, where he had risen to be the Director of the District Office in Pittsburgh. He had not yet gotten his first retirement check.

To those who knew him, Leo was a character in the best possible sense, and one who will be sorely missed by PAPPCC. I first met Leo when he was a parole agent and I was a rookie Allegheny County probation officer. He impressed me with his intelligence and wit. Since I could be as sarcastic and insulting to him as he was to everyone else, we became friends.

Leo was very active at the time in the Southwest Area Council of PAPPCC. He got us involved and he kept us entertained. Later he became more involved in state PAPPCC activities. He was President of the state association and was so skilled at organizing state conferences he was asked to write the manual for it. A few years ago he was asked to be the Conference Chairperson once again when a vacancy happened unexpectedly.

Leo was at this best when he was acting as MC at the door prize segment of the annual conference banquet. He roasted everyone he knew who received a door prize, and it seemed that almost everyone won at least one door prize. He was particularly hard on the parole board administrators, who, of course, were his bosses. He could be hilarious in his jesting and jousting.

I have shared these few comments hoping to illustrate a better picture of my dear friend, Leo Lubawy. He will be missed by his friends in PAPPCC, and by many more. We are grateful that he shared part of his life with us.



Southeast Area Council

The new leadership is planning two programs for the members: a visit to the State Correctional Institution at Camp Hill, and a forum with PennDot officials on DUI laws and regulations.

Southwest Area Council

Efforts were made by the Council's leaders to get the TOVA theater troupe to perform in the Pittsburgh area. Some funds were raised locally to pay for the program, but the TOVA people were unable to come.

Lehigh Valley Area Council

A two-day training program is being developed by the council.

Northwest Area Council

The area council cosponsored a successful conference with Mercyhurst College in June on Crime and the Media. Elections were held recently and new officers were elected.

Northeast Area Council

The members of the council provided yeoman service to PAPPCC as the local arrangements committee for the 2002 Conference.

Lehigh Valley Area Council

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All area council chairpersons are encouraged to submit information regarding the activities of their area council for inclusion in The PAPPCC Journal to:

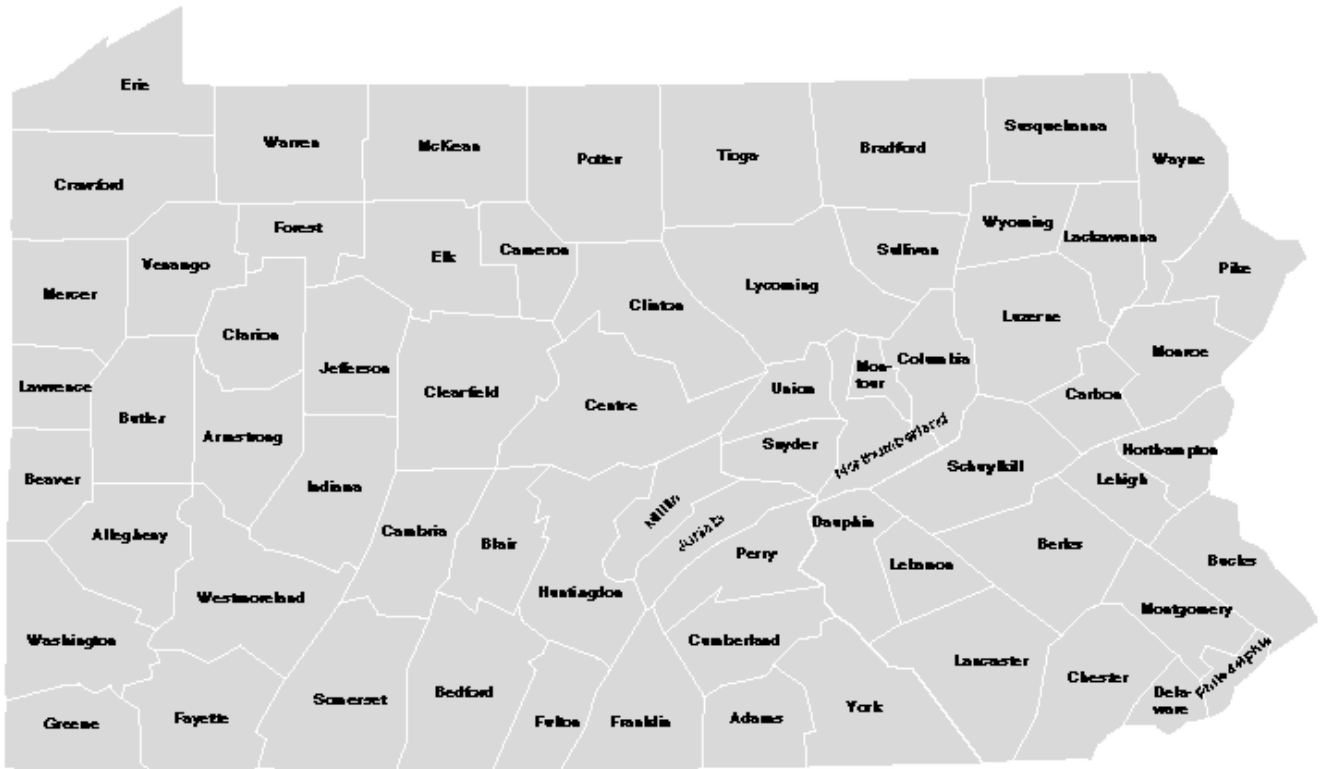
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Mr. Richard Kuire, Director-General of Ghana Prisons Service

I consider it an honour and a big privilege to be allowed to attend this conference and most importantly to be allowed to address the important participants on the Ghana Prisons Service and what we are doing in Africa about crime. I am therefore grateful to the Chairmen of this conference and the other leaders for allowing me to be with you, and particularly,

Rev. Dr. Douglas Yeboah-Awusi, who fought very hard to make my visit to Pennsylvania possible and who also arranged for me to be present at this conference. I bring you brotherly greetings from Ghana in general and the Ghana Prisons Service of which I am the Director-General.

I am aware that very many of you may not know much about my country, and it is important to start my presentation with an introduction to Ghana. Ghana is an English-speaking country located in West Africa. It has two seasons – the rainy season and the dry season. It has both the rain forest in the south and savanna grassland in the north. It is a unitary state and has a national population of nearly nineteen million people with females forming about 51% of the population. It has a number of tribes but the majority of the people are Akan-speaking. Ghana is basically an agrarian economy with about 60% of the people engaged in subsistence farming. The main foreign exchange earnings come from cocoa, forestry and mining in mainly gold, diamond, bauxite and manganese. However, tourism is becoming an important foreign exchange contributor, especially from Americans of African descent. Ghana was the first country south of the Sahara Desert to gain political independence from British Colonial rule. It has since then been struggling to be on its feet to gain real economic independence.

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Now, on the Ghana Prisons Service: The Ghana Prisons Service is the anchor of the Criminal Justice System of the country, charged with the responsibility of keeping persons sent there

by a court of competent jurisdiction. We do not therefore receive persons who do not have warrants issued by the courts. We do not therefore keep political prisoners as is seemed to be the case in many third world countries. The present Prisons Service Act, which was made in 1972, is currently under review and a new law will soon be passed by Parliament to replace the old one. Most prisons in Ghana were not purposely built as prisons, but are relics of the British Colonial rule where most prisons were housed in old forts and castles used for the infamous slave trade. The first prison was housed at the Cape Coast Castle in 1665 along the Gulf of Guinea. These forts and castles are therefore unsuitable for modern prisons as they do not have facilities for trade training, recreation, worship, clinics and adequate ventilation. They also constantly remind the prisoners of the obnoxious slave trade. The mission statement of the Ghana Prisons Service states: "The Ghana Prisons Service, as one of the agencies of the Criminal Justice Administration in Ghana, is to maintain an efficient, effective, humane but security-oriented prison system that will reform and rehabilitate prison inmates for their reintegration into society as law abiding citizens on their release from prison."

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At the apex of the Service is His Excellency the President of the Republic of Ghana. There is the constitutionally created Prisons Service Council which is chaired by H.E. the President or his representative with twelve other members representing various institutions such as the Ghana Bar Association, the Ghana Medical Association, the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, the Minister for the Interior, the National House of Chiefs, the Department of Social Welfare and other persons appointed by the President. In Ghana, the regulatory Ministry for the Prisons Service is the Ministry of the Interior. The Prisons Service Council is responsible for policy formulation relating to the organization and maintenance of the Prison system in Ghana. The Prisons Service is headed by a Director-General of Prisons, who is responsible for the operational control and the administration of the Service. He is assisted by four Directors of Prisons and Deputy Directors at the Headquarters and Deputy Directors responsible for the regions in Ghana. Officers-in-charge of various prisons therefore work through their various Regional Commanders.

The staff strength is 3,848 made up of 880 females and 2,968 males of various ranks. Everybody is uniformed. There are



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two levels of entry into the Service – recruit level where the entry qualification is the ordinary level certificate (high school) or a vocational certificate and the graduate entry, which is the beginning of the senior staff rank. There is only one training school which handles all levels of training. Recruitment is through publication in the newspapers announcing the vacancies to be filled. Initial training is for a six-months period. Periodic in-service training is organized. Promotions are by recommendations of the officers-in-charge of the various prisons. The ratio of staff to inmates is about 1:5 but because of the shift system, office duties, farm duties and other auxiliary duties, the actual ratio is about 1:8.

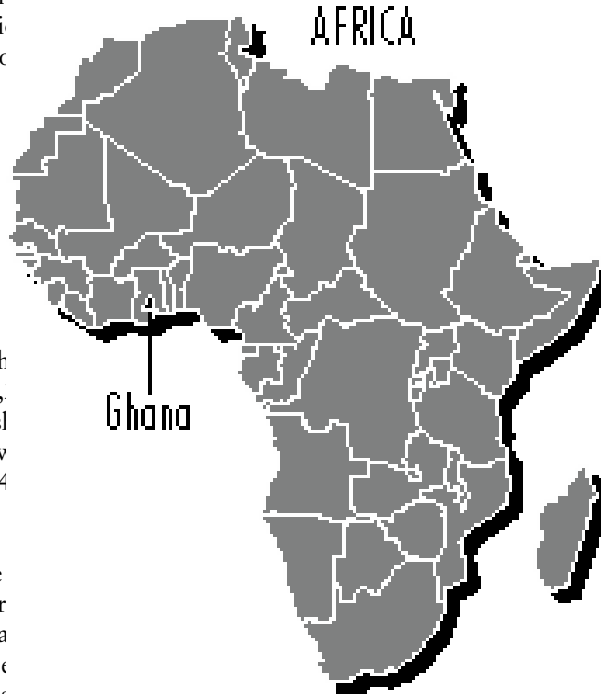
Crime generally is on the rise mainly due to the deteriorating economic situation, unemployment and illiteracy. In 2001, the total lock-up of inmates was 537, averaging 44,773 a month. This is an increase of 8.6% over 2000 where the total lock-up was 494,544 an average of 41,212 a month.

Ghana continues to maintain the statute books. Prisoners on death row are 8 of them females. However, the last executed was in 1993. Those are murderers and armed robbers. Death penalty generally is not enforced in Ghana. People are sentenced to death mainly for murder and armed robbery.

Ghana prisons are generally overcrowded by 45%, but in some prisons the overcrowding could be as high as 70% or more. To address the problem, a number of camp prisons are being opened where minor offenders are transferred to engage in

agricultural activities. The walled prisons are therefore reserved for hardened and long-term prisoners. Periodically, the President grants reprieves to prisoners, but such amnesties do not affect prisoners involved in murder, armed robbery, rape and narcotic drug cases.

One of the reasons for serious overcrowding in our prisons is because crime is no longer a territorial problem. It is a global issue. It affects people everywhere. We can deal with it in isolation. Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, the first President of Ghana, said, "The independence of Ghana is meaningless unless it is related to the liberation of Africa." Our fight against crime anywhere is meaningless unless it is a fight against crime everywhere.



I want to extend a hand of friendship and an open invitation to all of you here to visit Ghana to see for yourselves the proverbial hospitality that will be accorded you. Ghana has a host of places of interest, and of particular interest to Americans may be the forts and castles where slaves were kept before their transportation to the Americas and the Caribbeans. I will like to assist in whatever way possible, should you come to Ghana. I once more wish

to thank you, Mr. Chairman, and the organizers of this forum for giving me the opportunity to present the Ghana Prisons Service to you.

This article was taken from the keynote address made by Mr. Kuvire at the 2002 PAPPC Training Institute in May, 2002.





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Pocono Manor, site of the 2002 PAPP Training Institute



The VisionQuest Boot Camp girls program troop helped to open the conference proceedings.



The registration team included a lot of familiar faces.



The silent auction program with donations from adult and juvenile correctional programs supported the charity chosen by this year's committee.



Outgoing President Jim Robinson is receiving a traditional President's Clock from incoming President Tom Gaskins (I).



The PAPP shirts, jerseys and other apparel were almost sold out again this year.



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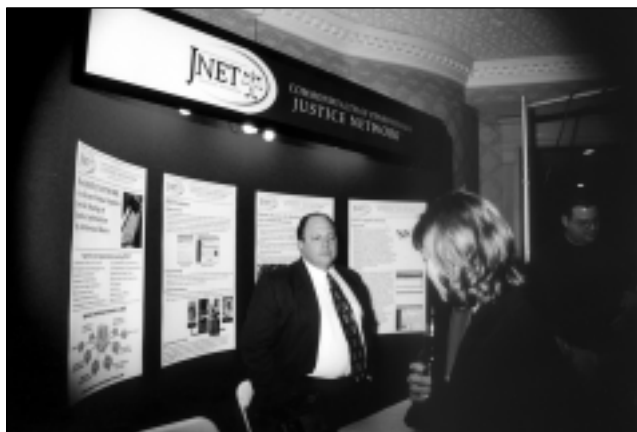


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The reviews on the Pocono Manor menu were very good.



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PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

Mark Benedetto
Mercer County Juvenile Probation



Mark Benedetto (r) receives the award from Keith Graybill

**JUVENILE CORRECTIONS
PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

Edward Cawley
Youth Forestry Camp #2



Edward Cawley (l) receives the award from Keith Graybill

**ADULT PROBATION/PAROLE
PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

Terrence Barnot
Westmoreland County Adult Probation



Terrence Barnot (l) receives the award from William Ward, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole

**ADULT INSTITUTIONAL CORRECTIONS
PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

Gerald Arasin
Bureau of Correctional Industries



Gerald Arasin receives the award from Donald Vaughn, Superintendent of SCL Graterford (r) and Mark Goldberg, Director of the Bureau of Correctional Industries (l)

**ADULT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

Marcia Combine
Sharon Community Corrections Center



Marcia Combine (l) receives the award from Thomas Rogosky

**PROGRAM
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The Dual Recovery Program
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Lee Earnhardt (l) and Dave Dixon (center) receive the award from Keith Graybill



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YOUTH HOMICIDE IN PHILADELPHIA: VICTIMS AND PERPETRATORS

by John Buggy, Philadelphia Juvenile Court

In the early nineties when the murder rate for juveniles in Philadelphia was very high, a new approach was adopted to try to reduce the killings. This approach was based on a public health perspective that homicides might be dealt with like a disease, i.e., individual cases would be reviewed to learn the causes and circumstances in the hope of finding new ways to prevent future deaths. This was how the Philadelphia Interdisciplinary Youth Fatality Review Team (PIYFRT) was born.

The PIYFRT is really two teams: The Homicide Review Team and the Non-Homicide Review Team. The Non-Homicide Review Team reviews deaths caused by disease and accidents, including infant deaths. The Homicide Review Team reviews homicides and suicides involving those under 20.

The PIYFRT was begun in 1993 under the auspices of the Health Department of Philadelphia and focuses on deaths from birth through age 19. It collaborates with the Pennsylvania State Child Death Review Team. Since 1994 an annual report has been published by PIYFRT (www.phila.gov/health/index.htm), which for homicides includes data on both the victim and the perpetrator. The Homicide Review Team meets monthly to review cases from the previous year at a point about 6 to 12 months after the date of the death. Agencies involved include the Police Homicide Unit, District Attorney, Juvenile Probation, Adult Probation, the School District, the Department of Human Services, the Office of Mental Health, the Medical Examiner's Office, delinquency providers, and others. Dr. Paul Fink, a psychiatrist and energetic advocate for children & youth, has led the Homicide Review Team since the beginning. His focus is on learning how to prevent more deaths in the future. Agencies share information on the life of the homicide victim, and observe confidentiality with respect to confidential matters discussed.

This study focuses on juvenile justice and criminal justice data for both the 74 homicide victims killed in 2000 & 2001 who were 10 to 19 at the time of their deaths and for the 54 people arrested and accused of these murders. (One of the disturbing facts of life in the City of Philadelphia has been that in most years homicide is the leading cause of death in the 15 to 19 age group.)

Not all of the 74 crimes were solved. In 23 of the cases (31%) the killer remained at large at the time of the review. In 5 cases no charges were brought, because it was in self-defense or a shooting by police. In 26% of the cases two or more perpetrators were charged. In four cases, the accused was charged with killing more than one victim in the crime. Those charged with the homicides are classified as perpetrators in the study, irrespective of the final outcomes of the court cases.

The role of handguns is paramount for understanding the murders: Handguns were used in 93% of the killings. The

locations of the murders tended to be in neighborhoods with high crime rates. Many were in areas where illegal drugs are sold. Police investigators found two common scenarios in the killings: personal arguments and drug trafficking violence. Some of the deaths occurred during the course of a crime, committed either by the perpetrator or by the victim.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Males comprised most of the victims (90%) and perpetrators (96%). (Chart I) The two female perpetrators were a 12-year old who killed a 13-year old female, and an aunt who killed a niece in a domestic incident. Both cases were atypical of the cases studied.

CHART IA: GENDER

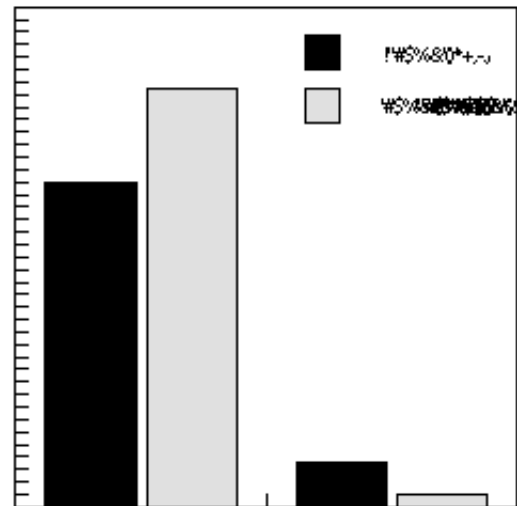
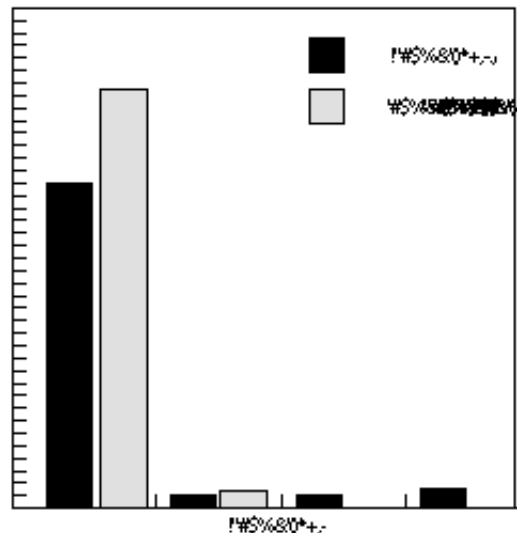


CHART IB: RACE





Blacks represented 90% of the victims and 96% of the perpetrators. The two white perpetrators were 27- and 30- year old males, who were arrested for killing a teenage white female. No Asians or Hispanics were arrested. In most cases the victims and those arrested were of the same race.

All of the victims in the study were between 13 and 19. (Chart II) Only 30 of the victims were technically juveniles, i.e., under 18. The other 44 youths were 18 and 19 at the time of their deaths. Few young teens were murdered in 2000 and 2001. The clear conclusion is that the risk of being murdered rises with age from 13 to 19, as Chart II indicates.

The perpetrators as a group are much older than the victims. Seventy-two percent of the perpetrators were 20 to 35. Only 5 of them were truly juveniles, that is, under 18. (This figure is low. It does not include juveniles arrested for the homicide of a victim 20 or older.) In only 4 cases was the victim older than the perpetrator, raising the possibility that superior age is a factor in murders.

The PIYFRT Homicides reviews have recently expanded to include victims 20 to 24. This has doubled the cases under review each year. In examining the backgrounds of these victims, however, the roles of the schools, juvenile probation, and child welfare activities are less relevant than for the teenage victims.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY HISTORY

Many may tend to see homicide cases as involving innocent victims. Some cases in the study fit that image, but many did not. The deceased and the accused often had similar juvenile justice histories. In some cases the victims had more severe records.

Chart III compares victims and perpetrators in terms of prior juvenile records. The victims had juvenile records in 69% of the cases compared to 74% for the perpetrators. These arrest rates are similar. The difference is found in the frequency of juvenile arrests. The perpetrators with an arrest record averaged 3.6 arrests versus 2.3 arrests for the victims. Both groups were adjudicated delinquent of the charges in

CHART II: AGE

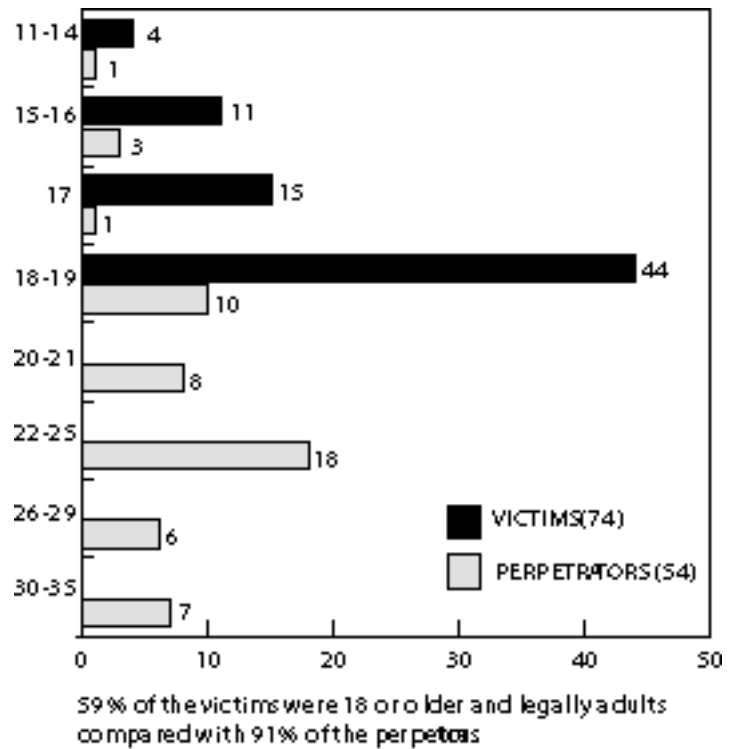


CHART III: JUVENILE DELINQUENCY HISTORY

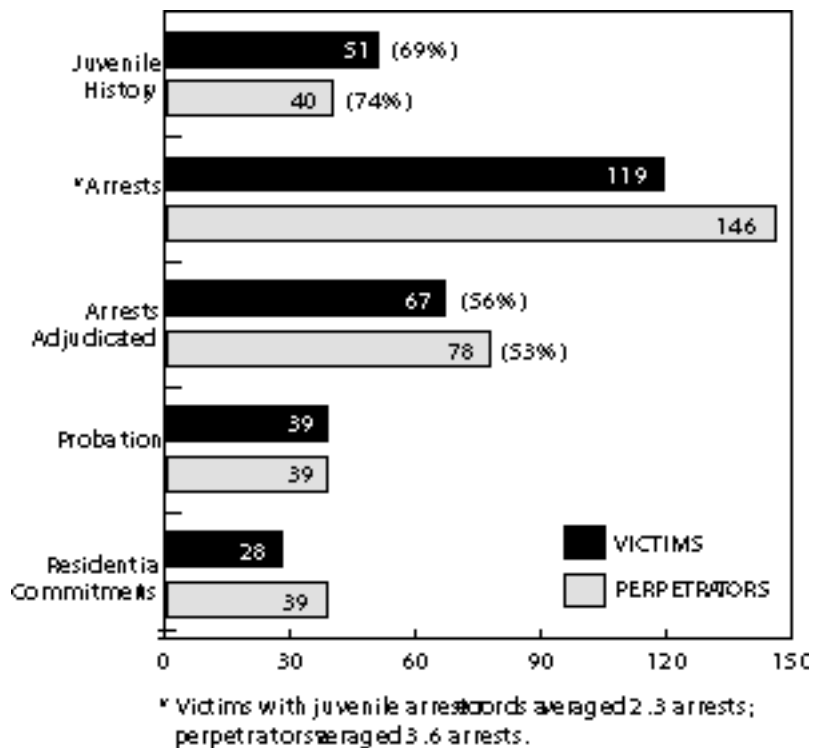
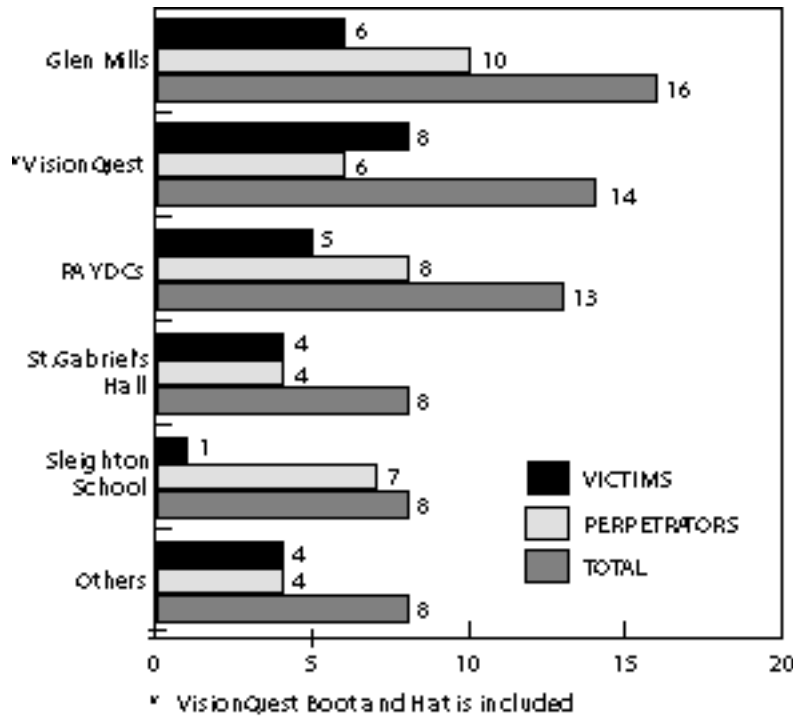




CHART IV: RESIDENTIAL COMMITMENTS



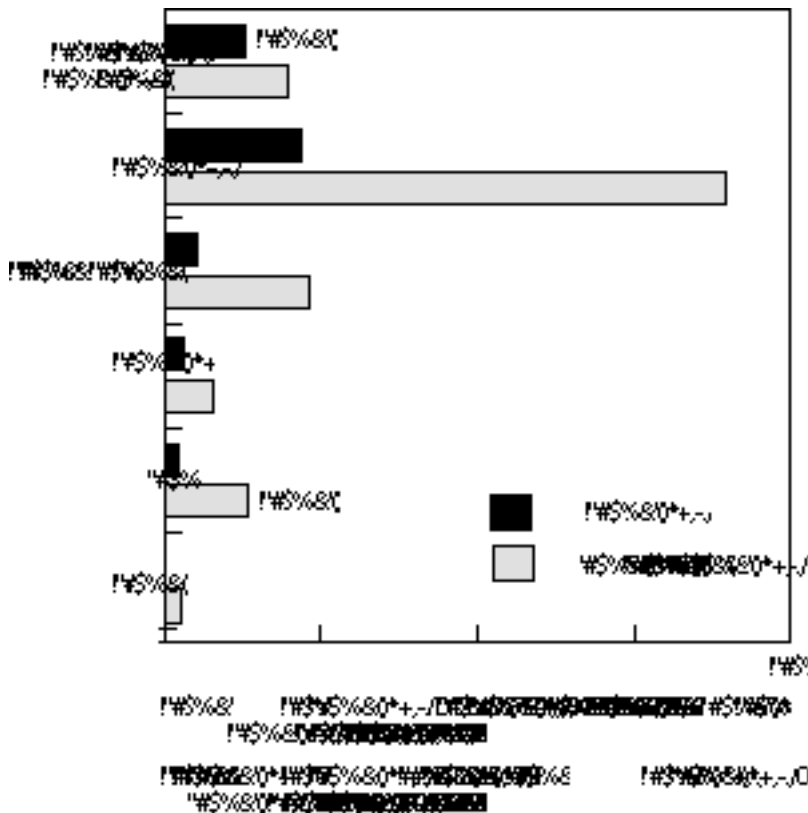
Juvenile Court in roughly half the arrests.

Another difference between victims and perpetrators in the Juvenile Justice system has to do with the number of residential commitments to delinquent institutions: The 74 victims had 28 delinquent placements (38%), while the 54 perpetrators had 39 (72%). Some perpetrators were committed to a delinquent institution a second time (13%) and a third time (7%); only 7% of the victims were committed a second time, and none, a third time. As a group the perpetrators were more chronic juvenile offenders.

Juveniles offenders are usually placed on probation for a first offense. Subsequently, they may be placed on intensive probation or assigned to a day treatment or mentoring program as alternatives to a commitment. Residential commitments are usually associated with a second or third offense, and subsequent commitments suggest additional crimes.

Chart IV shows the specific residential delinquent programs to which the victims and offenders were committed. St. Gabriel's Hall, the Sleighton School, and the VisionQuest Boot & Hat Camps are programs associated with first placements. The Youth Development Centers of the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Glen Mills, and the VisionQuest National Program often receive delinquents with prior institutional placements. In recent years these programs received hundreds of delinquents from Philadelphia each year. The programs, however, cannot be compared, given the differences in the number and types of referrals.

CHART V: CRIMINAL HISTORY



CRIMINAL HISTORY

Of the 74 victims, 25 (34%) had been arrested in the Criminal Justice System. These were largely the 18- and 19-year olds. Of the 54 perpetrators 39 (72%) had criminal histories. Since 49 of the 54 (91%) were 18 to 35, this is not surprising, nor is it surprising that 26 had served time in the county jail and 5 had been in state prisons. What is surprising is the low criminal court conviction rate for both victims (10/43, 23%) and perpetrators (46/179, 25%). A conviction rate of 25% is exceedingly low and



lends itself to chronic recidivism. One correlate of homicide in this population is with the high rate of unsuccessful criminal prosecution. A higher conviction rate might lead to lower recidivism through incapacitation and deterrence. The successful prosecution rate in Juvenile Court was over 50%, double the rate in the Criminal Court.

SYSTEM RESPONSES

The PIYFRT review of the 2000-2001 cases found that 26% of both victims and perpetrators had Dependency Court histories as abused and neglected children. Few succeeded in school. Very few graduated. About 85% had school problems, such as, truancy, suspensions, and repeating grades. Controlled substances were often found in the autopsies of the victims done by the Medical Examiner. The agencies represented on the PIYFRT often had histories of working with the victims, the perpetrators, and their families. A sharing of experiences and discussions regularly led to proposals to prevent future violence and death by correcting problems or creating new service approaches within the agencies. The full PIYFRT meets quarterly for policy sessions to develop and review recommendations for preventive actions.

The PIYFRT Homicide Team has been a catalyst to numerous corrective actions. Several joint federal and local handgun control initiatives have resulted to reduce the availability of illegal guns. Anti-truancy projects have been supported by the team, including Truancy Courts established by the Juvenile Court in the schools. A Juvenile Court Bench Warrant Program to respond to new bench warrants expeditiously was triggered by a finding that some juveniles were killed or committed a killing while in bench warrant status. A special day treatment program for first-time gun violators was established by the Department of Human Services, District Attorney, and Juvenile Probation to intervene early with VUFA violators in order to prevent future gun-related violence and death. Efforts also were made to forge a closer alliance between probation staff and aftercare providers. The multi-agency Youth Violence

Reduction Program (YVRP) united juvenile probation and adult probation in supervising those young offenders most likely to kill or be killed. The first Youth Violence Reduction Program, which borrowed ideas from Boston's Operation Cease-fire, was started in North Philadelphia in the area with the highest murder rate in the City. The second YVRP was recently established in a West Philadelphia community with the next highest homicide rate.

A DECLINE IN HOMICIDES

In the early 1990s Philadelphia's total homicide rates were between 400 and 500 each year. In recent years it has fallen to around 300 murders per year. The City's crackdown on open drug sales on street corners in recent years seems to have helped to reduce drug-related crimes over-all, including homicides. Many factors are at work in the decline of murders, most of which are, frankly, unverifiable to us. Strategies developed to reduce a problem may, or may not, be the cause of subsequent reductions.

Youth homicides from birth through age 19 have also declined from 87 deaths in 1996 to 58 in 1999, and the final figure for 2001 may be under 50. This includes child deaths as well as youth homicides. The work of the PIYFRT Homicide Team probably played a part in this reduction. It has vigorously addressed problems that were found to be connected with homicide.

The Philadelphia Interdisciplinary Youth Fatality Review Team has worked hard since 1993 to identify ways to improve the systems affecting juveniles and to implement promising prevention ideas. The activities of the team have resulted in operational improvements in almost all the agencies involved. This medical model approach to the prevention of youth homicides has seen many of its recommendations implemented and is expected to continue to identify problems and to propose solutions for many years to come.



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ACA

The 132nd Congress of Corrections was held in Anaheim, California, this summer, August 3-8. ACA has launched its new online corrections academy enabling corrections workers to access training 24x7. The ACA Website can be reached through the PAPPC link.

The Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research

CJJTR celebrated its 20th Anniversary with a major convocation at the Center on the campus of Shippensburg University on September 26-27. Hundreds of alumni and friends came to celebrate with the staffs of the Center, the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, and the university.

Recidivism Research

The Bureau of Justice Statistics issued a study on prisoners released from state prisons in 1994, which reported that within 3 years of release 67.5% were rearrested for a new offense,

and 51.8% were returned to prison for either direct or technical violations of parole.

PCCD Initiative

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency has launched a campaign to help counties establish a local criminal justice advisory board in order to provide collaboration of local officials in planning and problem solving for criminal justice prevention and intervention.

Department of Corrections

Secretary Jeffrey A. Beard in addressing the opening session of the PAPPC Conference stated that 600,000 prisoners are released from prisons in this country every year, 11,000 from Pennsylvania state prisons alone. We need to conduct program evaluations to improve our efforts, he said.

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