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CSAFE-Violence Prevention Initiative Summit Thursday, November 13 at La Fountain Bleu in Glen Burnie

TOWSON, MD (November 12, 2008)---More than 200 Parole and Probation agents, law enforcement personnel, and Juvenile Services professionals will attend a special statewide summit on violent offender identification, prosecution, and supervision on Thursday, November 13. The summit will be at La Fountain Bleu on Ritchie Highway in Glen Burnie.

CSAFE---Collaborative Supervision and Focused Enforcement--- features law enforcement personnel teaming-up to stabilize communities and focus on the violent offender. The Maryland Division of Parole and Probation has been a key player in the Violence Prevention Initiative, which has been credited with helping police crack down on repeat violent offenders.

Other agencies within the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services are critical as well, such as the Advanced and Specialized Training Unit of the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions.

The summit features workshops on forecasting criminal behavior; the Maryland Sex Offender Registry; the Violence Prevention Initiative; street drugs; and firearms, among others.

The keynote speaker will be Kristin Mahoney, executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention.

An agenda and further workshop details follow.

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CSAFE-VPI Summit

November 13, 2008

“THE IDENTIFICATION, ARREST, PROSECUTION, AND SUPERVISION OF THE VIOLENT OFFENDER”

General Sessions

Forecasting Behavior Among an Offender Population

Dr. Richard Berk of the University of Pennsylvania will deliver a presentation on the forecasting model developed and implemented in Philadelphia to forecast murder among an adult offender population. He will discuss the problem, the contributing elements, research to identify the forecasting factors, the implementation, and preliminary results. The screening criterion used in this model is similar to that used in Maryland's Violence Prevention Initiative.

State's Attorney's Office

This session will include an overview by Baltimore Assistant State's Attorney Mark Floersheimer who will discuss Baltimore's efforts to track and prosecute offenders that violate their probation. Mr. Floersheimer will be followed by Wicomico County Assistant State's Attorney, Dan Dougherty, who will provide a brief overview of the Wicomico County Exile Program. Washington County Assistant State's Attorney, Leon Debes, a member of the Hagerstown CSAFE Team, will join Mr. Dougherty and Mr. Floersheimer to address questions from participants about prosecution issues.

Workshops

Maryland Sexual Offender Registry

This workshop will provide a basic review of the Maryland Sexual Offender Registry and concentrate on the improvements and additions to the registry over the past two years. The Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 will be discussed along with Maryland's ongoing plan to comply with requirements of the Act. This workshop will also offer a brief overview of the 2008 SMART National Symposium on Sex Offender Management and Accountability. This class will be presented by David Wolinski, Assistant Director with the Maryland Criminal Justice Information System.

Violence Prevention Initiative

This presentation will review Maryland's Division of Parole and Probation's (DPP) Violence Prevention Initiative (VPI). It will examine the concept, strategy implementation and preliminary results. This class will be presented by Maryland Parole and Probation. It is intended as a basic overview for non DPP personnel not familiar with this initiative or agents who have only a minimal understanding of VPI. DPP agents or supervisors with an in depth knowledge of VPI are welcome, but may not benefit from the basic information presented.

Maryland's Street Drugs

This workshop will break down the three most common street drugs seen in our area: marijuana, heroin and cocaine. These abused illegal substances will be presented in three segments: first looking at the physical aspects of the actual drug, followed by the physical and psychological characteristics of the abusers, and finally information on the available treatment modalities. Presenters will include Mr. Cargiulo, Director of Substance Abuse Services of the Howard County and Sgt Murphy of the Md State police drug Enforcement unit.

Today's Firearms

Detective Sergeant Ken Berger and Detective Aaron Bailey of the Montgomery County Police Firearms Investigations Unit will discuss the latest trends in handgun violence, identify the types of weapons used, and explain the investigative and prosecution strategies used by the unit. They will also clarify the differences between regulated firearms and unregulated firearms and will cover the latest methods used to identify the people who illegally possess firearms. Additionally, information on the Maryland Automated Firearms System will be provided and the benefits of collaboration between city, county, state, and federal agencies will be discussed.

Prosecutors Workshop (Invitation only) In order to provide an opportunity for prosecutors to network, we have included a prosecutor's workshop. Attending prosecutors can use this opportunity to discuss violence reduction and collaborative efforts. Robert Ertter, AST, and Edward Parker, Division Chief GOCCP, will facilitate the discussion.

DPP workshop with Dr Berk (Invitation only) DPP senior management will use this opportunity to meet with Dr Berk and discuss aspects of Maryland VPI and related issues.

CSAFE-VPI 2008 Summit Agenda **November 13, 2008 La Fontaine Bleu**

9:00 – 9:10

Welcome

Adam Starr

9:10 – 9:15

Introduction of Keynote

Herman Ingram
GOCCP

9:15 – 9:30

Keynote

Kristen Mahoney,
Executive Director, GOCCP

9:40 – 11:15

State's Attorney Presentation

*Mark Floersheimer, Baltimore City
Daniel Dougherty, Wicomico County
Leon Debes, Washington County
Robert Ertter AST (Lead)*

11:15 – 12:15

Forecasting Behavior Among an Offender Population

*Dr. Richard Berk,
University of Pennsylvania
Adam Starr, AST (Lead)*

12:15 – 1:15

Lunch

1:15 – 3:30

Workshops-participants will choose two of the four available workshops. Some attendees will be invited to participate in the "invitation only" sessions.

3:30 – 4:00

Closing comments and test