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a monthly newsletter *by our volunteers to our volunteers about*
our fight against drugs and crime in Central PA



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News from CJAB/Justice Roundtable *by Judge Jolene Kopriva, Chair*

The Blair County Criminal Justice Advisory Board serves as the Operation Our Town Justice Roundtable. This joint venture allows for collaboration and coordination of many interrelated criminal justice partners. Along with monthly meetings, the CJAB/Justice Roundtable conducts an annual strategic planning to identify issues and implementation planning for the upcoming year. The strategic planning for 2010 occurred at Marzoni's in Duncansville on June 17, 2010. Along with some great food and fellowship, we conducted the following business:

- We heard a presentation from the Davison Group on the "dashboard" project we had voted earlier in the year to undertake. Just like a dashboard in a car, our dashboard will provide a system view of criminal justice partners. Each court/county entity involved will submit data into a single system that will give a technically collaborative view. Having a dashboard allows all the entities to share their critical data with each other. This sharing breaks down the barriers that arise from our individual functions. As people read and talk about the data with each other, ideas and sharing emerge that will allow us to plan and work together more effectively. Although some other counties have experimented a bit with this concept, no other county has yet found as deep a commitment as we have made here in Blair. This exciting, progressive step by the CJAB/Justice Roundtable has great potential to aid everyone in data-driven decision making, so critical in the "shrinking dollars environment" of county and state governments, otherwise known as the "new normal". This dashboard has the potential to help all of the participants to do more with less!
- Part of the 2009 strategic planning involved preparation for the new sheriff anticipated by the retirement of our longtime Sheriff Larry Field. This subcommittee worked diligently to provide materials, training and support for the newly elected sheriff, Mitch Cooper. Sheriff Cooper gave a presentation of the work and policies he has created over his first 5 months in office. Through his bench warrant team efforts, they have served over 500 arrest warrants during the first 5 months. Additionally they served over 700 tax notices just in the month of April and have undertaken 1500 tax postings due by July 1, 2010. Just a few highlights of the tremendous effort by Sheriff Cooper.
- We also dedicated lengthy discussion to the SWOT analysis of Reentry of inmates into our community. To reduce recidivism (repeat offenses) we must have successful reentry strategies. Much too lengthy to describe here, so look for a dedicated column to Reentry soon!

| Mission | Upcoming Operation Our Town & Partner Meetings and Events | |
|--|---|--|
| Facilitating partnerships between community and business to fight drug use and crime through proven law enforcement, treatment, and prevention techniques. | Wed. HOPE Support Group Meeting (weekly meeting) | 7:00 pm Crossroads in Altoona |
| Our Partners & Friends Blair Countians for Drug Free Communities Crime Solvers of Blair County Pennsylvania Gang Investigators Association United Way of Blair County | 7/17 Joshua House 3x3 Tournament 7/17 Cove Adoptive Families Carnival 7/21 Crime Solvers 7/22 Pharmacy Roundtable 7/24 Spring Dam Weekend 7/31 Bald Eagle Fire Co. Community Event 8/02 Booker T. Washington Meeting 8/04 Retail Roundtable 8/05 Red Ribbon Week Committee Meeting 8/05 Meadow's Annual Carhop 8/10 Housing Roundtable 8/11 Northern Blair County Roundtable 8/14 Marauder Family Festival 8/18 Crime Solvers 8/19 CJAB Meeting | 9:00 am Joshua House in Tyrone 10:00 am Boscov's – Logan Town Center 8:00 am Park Hills Country Club 7:15 am OOT Office 12:00 pm Roaring Spring Dam Area 10:00 am Bald Eagle Fire Co., Tyrone 4:00 pm Community Action Agency 8:00 am OOT Office 4:00 pm OOT Office 6:00 pm Meadows in Greenwood 1:30 pm OOT Office 7:00 am Bull Pen Restaurant, Tyrone 2:30 pm Bishop Guilfoyle HS 8:00 am Park Hills Country Club 11:45 am Blair County Courthouse |
| *OOT Meetings: For more information about Operation Our Town meetings, | | |

Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another.

Erma Bombeck



Pictured (left to right): Michael A. Fiore (OOT Board Member); Peter Dutrow (Tyrone Kiwanis Club President); Harry Sickler (Owner, Bull Pen Restaurant); Phil Devorris (OOT Board Member).

The Kiwanis Club of Tyrone recently presented Operation Our Town with a donation at their weekly meeting held at the Bull Pen Restaurant in Tyrone. The President of the Tyrone Kiwanis Club, Peter Dutrow, presented a check for \$250 to Operation Our Town Board members Michael A. Fiore and Phil Devorris. The Tyrone Kiwanis Club pledged to donate \$250 over the next 3 years to Operation Our Town, for a total contribution of \$750 to fight drugs and crime in Blair County.

| 2010 Second Quarter Crime Statistics | Apr | May | June |
|---|------------|------------|-------------|
| Drug Sale/Mfg. - Opium - Cocaine | 12 | 5 | 8 |
| Drug Sale/Mfg. - Marijuana | 10 | 2 | 6 |
| Drug Sale/Mfg. - Synthetic | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Drug Sale/Mfg. - Other | 21 | 0 | 9 |
| Drug Possession - Opium - Cocaine | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Drug Possession - Marijuana | 15 | 2 | 8 |
| Drug Possession - Synthetic | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Drug Possession - Other | 8 | 1 | 2 |
| DUI | 45 | 14 | 47 |

The Red Ribbon Week Committee is forming and if you would like to be a part of it, please contact Kathy at 814-296-8730 or by sending an e-mail to: oot2@lsfiore.com.

Second Quarter 2010 Push Out the Pusher Calls

| | Apr | May | June | |
|---------------------|-----|-----|------|------------------------------------|
| Calls to Voice Mail | 108 | 78 | 83 | Total Second Quarter Calls: |
| Live Calls | 37 | 31 | 27 | 364 |
| Total Calls | 145 | 109 | 110 | |

[CLICK HERE to register as an Operation Our Town Volunteer](#)

To serve on an Operation Our Town Roundtable, to become a Committed Business or to make a tax-deductible donation, contact Shawna Hoover by [email](#) or call 814-296-8730.

The Meadows in Greenwood invites you to their **ANNUAL CARHOP**

Thursday, August 5 from 6pm—9pm

Come and enjoy the 1950's complete with carhops on rollerskates!

Proceed; benefit Operation Our Town

Upcoming Events



Joshua House
10th Anniversary
3x3 Hoop's Fest
in Tyrone
July 17, 2010

Registration starts at 8:30AM
Tournament play begins at 10 AM

12 Divisions

Food vendors & entertainment
for the whole family!!!

Register online at:
www.HoopsFest.net
\$60.00 registration

Operation Our Town
Volunteers Needed
Call 814-684-2032

Cove Adoptive
Families Children's
Carnival

Sat. July 17, 2010

— **NEW LOCATION** —

Boscov's Parking Lot
In Logan Town Center



Spring Dam Weekend
Children's Activities

Sat. July 24
12pm—5pm

Spring Dam behind
Roaring Spring Water Store
Roaring Spring, PA

Bald Eagle Fire Co.
Community Day



Sat. July 31 10am-4pm

Bald Eagle Fire Company
Tyrone, PA

Operation Our Town's
Retail Roundtable will be
participating in the

Mirror Mom's Expo

Friday, August 20
11am—4pm
Logan Valley Mall

Volunteers Needed for all
the above events
Call 296-8730

Tips for Keeping Kid's Drug Free This Summer

Set rules

Have you set clear rules and let your teen know that marijuana use is unacceptable? Two-thirds of kids say that upsetting their parents or losing the respect of family and friends is one of the main reasons they don't smoke marijuana or use other drugs. Set limits with clear consequences for breaking them; praise and reward good behavior.



Understand and communicate

Have you talked to your teen recently about the harmful physical, mental, and social effects of marijuana and other illicit drugs? Young people who learn about the risks of drugs at home are up to 50 percent less likely to try drugs than their peers who learn nothing from their parents. Look for teachable moments in everyday life to keep the conversation ongoing.

Monitor your teen's activities and behaviors

Have you checked to see where your teen is, who they are with, and what they are doing? Teens who are not regularly monitored by their parents are four times more likely to use drugs. Check up on your teen to make sure they are where they say they are.

Make sure you stay involved in your teen's life

Have you talked to your teen's coach, employer, and friends lately? Stay in touch with the adult supervisors of your child (camp counselors, coaches, employers) and have them inform you of any changes in your teen.

Engage your teen in summer activities

Have you helped plan activities to keep your teen busy? Research shows that teens who are involved in constructive and adult supervised activities are less likely to use drugs.



Reserve time for family

Have you planned a family activity with your teen in the coming weeks, such as going to the movies, taking a walk, or sharing a meal? Teens who spend time, talk and have a close relationship with their parents are much less likely to drink, take drugs or have sex.

<http://www.dallascounty.org/departments/hhservices/press/documents/cheesesummer.pdf>

CAUSE FOR CONCERN: National Study Shows Reverse in Decade-Long Declines in Teen Abuse of Drugs and Alcohol

After a decade of consistent declines in teen drug abuse, a new national study released by the Partnership for a Drug-Free America® and MetLife Foundation points to marked upswings in use of drugs that teens are likely to encounter at parties and in other social situations. "This new PATS data should put all parents on notice that they have to pay closer attention to their kids' behavior – especially their social interactions – and they must take action just as soon as they think their child may be using drugs or drinking," said Steve Pasierb, president and CEO of the Partnership. The full article can be viewed at:

http://www.drugfree.org/Portal/DrugIssue/Research/Teen_Study_2009/National_Study



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