



This summer will no doubt be remembered for many years to come for its sweltering temperatures exceeding the 100 degree mark for days at a stretch. It ushered in some changes at PPP through employees retiring and transitioning into a new chapter in their lives. The more than 50 staff members who retired this year will be remembered for their many contributions to PPP and our criminal justice system. Staff transitions as well as new mandates during the past legislative session have challenged us to find new strategies to accomplish our core missions.

Every day I see examples of staff thinking and working creatively to collaborate with other organizations to continue to meet the challenges of preparing, providing and protecting in the course of their day-to-day responsibilities. We are getting the job done by adapting new strategies, forging new partnerships, and tapping into the talents and strengths of ourselves and our colleagues.

There are many initiatives "in the works." We have applied for several grants. However, due to delays in the federal funding cycle, we have not received responses to our applications. I'm hopeful that our grant proposals will be funded and provide us with opportunities to make progress on a number of fronts even though budgets throughout the state continue to be constricting.

As you all know, we have moved forward with our transition to the SCEIS system. I thank you for your investment of time, patience and effort to learn the nuances of this new automated format.

I commend you for all the hard work that has gone into its implementation and am sure this investment will pay off as the state uses a unified system for accounting, procurement, payroll and human resources.



Field Support Programs is working intensively with staff from field offices to review and make recommendations for the implementation of the recently passed Sentencing Reform legislation. This work will continue as we address the many facets of the law that affect our department.

As always, there is no a shortage of work to go around. It is great, however, when we can take a few moments out of our busy schedules to fellowship with co-workers and reflect on our accomplishments. Probation, Parole and Community Supervision week provided opportunities for our staff statewide to do just that. This issue of The Informer provides some examples of the celebration of the week.

In closing, I would like to say thank you for your commitment, motivation and hard work. Each of you brings distinction and respect to the field of Probation and Parole, and I'm appreciative of what it requires, personally and professionally, to get the job done on a daily basis.

Hopefully you are finding ways to avoid the heat and are enjoying the summer months and stay as cool as possible!

Sam Glover

PPP Celebrates Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week

During the week of July 18th through the 24th, 2010, people across the country joined together to celebrate Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week. It is a time to recognize and honor the dedicated individuals who work tirelessly to make communities safer. This year's theme was "Support for a Second Chance." Community corrections professionals provide services and programs that generate opportunities for offenders to become productive and law-abiding citizens.

At PPP, we are committed to helping offenders make the most of their "Second Chance."



Dillon County celebrated the week by hosting local law enforcement and courthouse officials for a luncheon with food donated by local businesses. In this photo are (from left): AIC Antonio Vaught and Agents Eunice Thomas-Ray and Sharlene Fore.

PROBATION, PAROLE AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION WEEK AT PPP



Marlboro County Agents joined in the Dillon County festivities (from left): Agents Albert Smith, Tara Bryant and AIC Monnie English.

Agent Mitchell Odom could not decide which delicious topping to try during the Greenville County ice cream social.



The Sumter County Office had a bowling day at Shaw Lanes on Shaw Air Force Base. As demonstrated by HSS Evelyn Pierson and Agent William Sumter, a good time was had by all!!!



Central Office began the week with its annual blood drive. Deputy Director Mike Nichols was among the donors. The celebration ended with staff enjoying ice cream during the Cans for Cones Campaign. Canned goods and non perishable items are donated in exchange for ice cream. The donations will go to the Harvest Hope Food Bank.



Enjoying ice cream are Tommy Evans, Mike Nichols and Jodi Gallman.

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, community corrections professionals are an essential part of the criminal justice system, upholding the law with dignity while recognizing the right of the public to be safe-guarded from criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, community corrections professionals are responsible for supervising adult and juvenile offenders in the community, providing services and referrals for offenders and offering services, support, and protection for victims; and

WHEREAS, community corrections professionals work in partnership with community agencies and groups to promote prevention and intervention and to advocate for community and restorative justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 18 - 24, 2010, as

PROBATION, PAROLE AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize community corrections professionals for their many contributions to our criminal justice system.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County Highlight: Spartanburg County Programs That Work

Taking Action: The Summons Program

The Spartanburg County office has been very diligent in handling the demands of tight budgets, changes in state sentencing laws, collecting restitution, fines and fees. The Office has done so through the Summons Program, an intensive, January - April initiative focused on getting offenders to meet their financial obligations.

Offenders are sent letters at the beginning of the year detailing all the monies owed in restitution, fines, and fees and are given a date to appear in Court. This will alert the offender to have all accounts current prior to Court. Each offender is instructed to bring cash, cashier checks, or credit cards to make payments. For those working offenders who are due state tax refunds and have not paid monies, their wages are garnished.

AIC Jeff Harmon stated, "If they say they don't have the money, we tell them they have to tell the judge why they don't have it and why their suspended sentence should not be revoked. The offender owes it anyway. They've been ordered to pay it, and we must hold them accountable. Psychologically, they think *'if I'm going to a courtroom. I better get in compliance'* ... That fear of having to appear in a courtroom sometimes gets them in compliance." Although many judges won't revoke based solely on a failure to pay, unless it can be proven the failure is willful. Harmon stated an offender who won't pay usually has other issues with his supervision.

The success of the Summons Program is attributed to the staff being proactive by having an intensive administrative

review of each offender's debts and reiterating compliance during home or office visits. In addition, letters are sent as reminders well in advance of Court about their financial status.

The statistics bear out Spartanburg's focus. Since the program began in 2006, collections have improved by more than 60%. The Spartanburg office has received accolades from Spartanburg County government for their diligence in getting monies paid so that victims and the county reap the benefits.

AIC Harmon is convinced the Summons Program can be adapted to work in any size county. He has met with fellow several AICs to explain the program and continues to offer his assistance.

Making A Difference: The Youthful Offender Initiative

Upon the closure of the Spartanburg Residential Center in 2008, the Spartanburg County office gained a new resource through the former Residential staff specifically trained to coordinate employment and work with rehabilitating offenders. The first thought that came to mind was to place these employees with the most difficult and lowest success rate offenders under the Department's jurisdiction, the "Youthful Offender."

Spartanburg's Youthful Offender Initiative was born with the thought to reduce the recidivism rate of these young offenders. It focuses on improving the individual's ability to succeed in the community. These specially skilled employees along with the YOA Agent comprise the YOA Group. Their efforts have made a positive impact on this population. In 2006, the YOA early discharge number was seven. The following years did not improve, but rather decreased to five and then three in 2008. Since the addition of specific life coaching, employment coordination and a team approach to supervision, the early discharge rate increased to ten in 2009, and thus far, one per month, with the expectation of 12 for the year.

The success of this initiative goes well beyond the early discharge rate. The Spartanburg Office has seen an increase in the number of earned GEDs, employed offenders, offenders opening saving accounts and offenders reconnecting with their children. This initiative has increased lines of communication with youthful offenders, as the YOA Group is readily available for extra phone calls, and office visits to provide counseling, support, and encouragement. The impact has also affected offenders returning to supervision from revocations. The YOA Group has also seen a significant increase of programs completed by these offenders.

"The overall goal of the initiative is to leave our mark on a person for the better" says AIC Jeff Harmon. When asked what will

be our legacy with these YOA offenders, members of the YOA Group—YOA Agent Susan Crocker, Rehabilitation Counselor Tina Williams, and Employment Coordinator Carolyn Brown—agreed that they want to help offenders achieve a better quality of life; a way out from under the YOA sentence early, but also a way out of the Justice System permanently.



GETTING THINGS DONE IN SPARTANBURG

Staffing a YOA case are (from left) AIC Jeff Harmon, Tina Williams, YOA Counselor and Susan Crocker, YOA Agent.



LET'S MOVE!

A journey to better health has continued to plagued our communities. According to the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, obesity rates in South Carolina have doubled since 1990. Sixty five percent of adults and more than one third of our high school students are overweight or obese. Our efforts though diligent are not enough. It is not only essential that we encourage everyone to become more health conscious, but give them the tools to become empowered.

We must get off the couch, put down the remote control, and become physically active and fit. A healthy lifestyle in combination with healthy eating will improve the quality of life and optimal well being.

Tips to get you moving to keep you healthy and add physical activity to your daily routine.

- Do sit-ups while watching TV.
- Skate or bike to work instead of driving.
- Choose an activity that fits into your daily life.
- Ask a friend to exercise with you.
- Make time in your day for physical activity.
- Take a walk or do desk exercises instead of having a cigarette or taking a coffee break.
- Take small trips on foot to get your body moving.
- Play with your kids 30 minutes a day.
- Keep a pair of comfortable walking or running shoes in your car and office.
- Choose activities you enjoy and you'll be more likely to stick with them.
- Stretch before bed. It will give you more energy when you wake.
- Vary your activities to keep yourself motivated and to broaden the range of benefits.
- Have walking meetings instead of sitting down to meet.
- Walk the stairs at work as part of your lunch break routine.

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Crime Victims' Rights: Fairness. Dignity. Respect.

Carol Woodard
Office of Victim Services

Several PPP victim services staff had the opportunity to attend the Victims Rights Week Conference held April 28th - 30th in Greenville, SC through a grant awarded by the SC Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs. This conference sponsored by the Governor's State Office of Victim Assistance and the SC Victims Assistance Network provided an opportunity for victims and the victim assistance community to gather in observance of National Crime Victims' Rights Week. In addition, the conference raises public awareness about victims' rights, protections, and services. This year's theme— "Crime Victims' Rights: Fairness. Dignity. Respect."— embodies the ideas that inspired the crime victims' rights movement. This event also provided an opportunity to communicate our Department's mission and role in providing services to victims.

OVS Says Farewell to Long Time Coordinators



The Office of Victim Services said farewell to three Victim Services Coordinators at a retirees luncheon held in their honor. They will truly be missed. From left: Jackie Smith, Jesse Jones, Betsy Hegler.

STAFF PROMOTIONS: PPP WELCOMES NEW AGENTS IN CHARGE

HARDY PASCHAL

GREENVILLE COUNTY

A Powdersville resident, Paschal has been employed with the Department for nearly 20 years. He most recently served as Assistant Agent-in-Charge of the Greenville Office. Paschal is a graduate of Winthrop University and also serves as a major in the SC Army National Guard.



Paschal said his management philosophy uses the acronym "POWER" which stands for technically

Proficient at your job; **O**pen communication with honesty and integrity; **W**arrior minded and able to overcome adversity; **E**xchange ideas with an open door policy; **R**espect and treat people as you would want to be treated.

CHAD GAMBRELL

LAURENS COUNTY

Gambrell has been employed with the Department since 1991, after graduating from the University of South Carolina with a degree in Criminal Justice. He served in the Laurens County Office in several capacities including Caseload Agent, Court Coordinator and Team Leader. He was promoted in 2006 to Assistant Agent-in-Charge and transferred to the Spartanburg County Office. He has returned home as Agent In Charge.



He states, "I truly appreciate the chance to again serve the people of Laurens County and work with such a fine staff. I am committed to holding offenders accountable and assisting to protect the citizens of Laurens County."

MICKY TALLY

DORCHESTER COUNTY

A ten year veteran of PPP has been selected as the new Dorchester Agent In Charge. A Summerville resident, she previously served as a Team Leader in the office. She is a graduate of Charleston Southern University. She states, "I truly appreciate the chance to serve the people of Dorchester County. As a citizen of Dorchester County, I take great pride and personal responsibility in providing the county with community safety and with doing the best possible job. I enjoy this job, the outstanding staff and I am eager to make a difference with this new position."



Board Welcomes New Member

by Peter O'Boyle, Director of Public Information



Marvin Stevenson of Marion has been appointed by Gov. Mark Sanford as the new member of the state Board of Pardons and Paroles for the Sixth Congressional District.

Stevenson was a long-time social studies teacher at Terrell's Bay High School and Attendance Supervisor of the Marion county schools. He is a former member and chairman of Marion County Council. He recently completed a term as Highway Commissioner for the Sixth Congressional District.

The Allen University graduate has received many honors for distinguished service in his community, including the 1976 Citizen of the Year Award by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Outstanding Service Award by the Community Action Agency, Appreciation Award for Outstanding Service to the Clemson Extension Service, and numerous others.

Congratulations also are in order for our new Assistant Agents-In-Charge: Derek Brown-Charleston; Jeremy Windle-Greenville; Cathy Cooper-Richland; and Tamara Ratliff - Spartanburg.

NEW SC-NABCJ OFFICERS

by Deon Wilform, Administrative Hearings

The South Carolina Chapter of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice hosted a general meeting and installation reception for its 2010-2012 elected officers in June. Remember to visit www.nabcjsc.org for information about upcoming events and becoming a member.

President	Andrea Vaughn
President-Elect	Tyra Risher
Vice-President	Gracie McFadden
Treasurer	Sonya Garland
Secretary	Nena Walker-Staley
Immediate Past President	Rickie Harrison

Pictured left: Rickie Harrison, Nena Walker-Staley, Sonya Garland, Gracie McFadden, Tyra Risher, and Andrea Vaughn.



Saving Lives: One Pint at a Time

To kick off Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week, PPP staff, along with staff from the US Probation Office and the South Carolina Election Commission rolled up their sleeves to donate blood to the Red Cross. We collected 25 successful pints of blood and two bags that will be used for testing. These repeat donors are worthy of receiving Red Cross reward for their donation.

Chase Asmer	Ashley Graham
Beth Anderson	Stephene Johnson
Allison Avinger	Brian Miller
Quincy Avinger	Mike Nichols
Paul Angus	Randy Raybon
Jose Bujosa	Rebecca Raybon
Randy Bumgarner	Princess Renwick
Stacia Clark	Megan Stout
Danny Drafts	Eugene Rodillo
Tommy Evans	Thomas Scott
Rachel Gear	Tivona Taylor
Cordelia Glover	Bridget Troutman
Cheryl Goodwin	Michelle Whitlock
Loretta Goodwin	

LUNCH BUDDIES WRAP UP ANOTHER YEAR

Central and Richland County office Lunch Buddies finished another year and sent their kids on to Middle School at a lunch celebration held at CiCi's Pizza. Those Lunch Buddies were:

Loretta Goodwin, Jodi Gallman, Cathy Foust, Donna Brice, Marguerite Brown, Donnie Rogers, Paige Mathias, George Whitehead, Deon Wilform, Tommy Evans, Peter O'Boyle, Jackie Smith, Shaunita Grase, Sam Glover, Tivona Taylor Rice, and Natarsha Adams.



SCPPA Spring Conference

Mario Paparrazi, a nationally known consultant and expert on community supervision programs, was one of the guest speakers at the spring conference of the South Carolina Probation and Parole Association held in Columbia.



C.O.D.E.

Connecting Our Deployed

Employees

By Jodi Gallman, Director of
Community Affairs

We are fortunate in that we currently only have one staff that is deployed. Take a moment to send a note of support to Chaplain Tim Williams.

Cards and letters can be sent to
Chaplain Tim Williams
Wounded Warrior Battalion-East
PSC Box 20008
Camp Lejeune, N.C. 28542-0008

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Stay connected!

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Mark Your Calendars

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AUGUST

Enjoy one of South Carolina's eight national parks to experience our preserved history, hiking, camping, fishing and the scenic outdoors during National Parks Month. The entire family will enjoy picnic areas, gardens, whitewater rafting, and an abundance of wildlife.

SEPTEMBER

During National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month and throughout the year, the Department plays a vital role in the fight against addiction. By educating the public about addiction, steps to recovery and the importance of treatment, we will continue to make a positive impact in the community.

OCTOBER

SCDPPPS joins in the national thrust to raise awareness about the effects of domestic violence in the home, community and the state. Our mission is clear the rights of victims must be protected while providing public safety. During *Domestic Violence Awareness Month*, we recommit to ending violence within our homes, our communities, and our country.

SLED Walterboro Office Opens

SCDPPPS is part of a multi-agency effort to crack down on gangs and violent criminals and representatives participated in a news conference and opening of the SLED Regional Office in Walterboro, South Carolina recently. (From left): Regional Director Schwann Scott, Deputy Director Mike Nichols, SLED Chief Reggie Lloyd, AIC Jay Lemacks, and Special Operations Supervisor Randy Bumgarner.



AGENCY MISSION

To **prepare** offenders under our supervision toward becoming productive members of the community;
to **provide** assistance to the victims of crimes, the courts and the Parole Board; and
to **protect** public trust and safety.

AGENCY MOTTO
PREPARE, PROVIDE AND PROTECT