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THIS MONTHS GUEST SPEAKER

This months guest speaker
**JEFFERSON COUNTY
ADULT
PROBATION**



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**NEXT MEETING
SEPT 20TH
7:00 PM**

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A LETTER TO CPAAA FROM DOUG
RAFFLE TICKETS ARE AVAILBLE
CPAAA VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION
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ITS ALMOST SUMMER

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The Jefferson County Community Supervision & Corrections Department (CSCD) serves the following county and district courts;

- 252nd District Court
- 279th District Court
- 317th District Court
- County Court at Law #2
- County Court at Law #3
- Criminal District Court
- Drug Impact Court

Judge's that preside over the courts listed above possess the authority to sentence adult offenders to a term of community supervision. The Jefferson County CSCD is responsible for supervising the offenders and monitoring their compliance with the conditions set forth by the court.



Jefferson County Courthouse Built in 1931
County Seat - Beaumont

Divisions of the Jefferson County CSCD

Court Services encompasses a combination of Pre-Sentence Investigation(s) and Supervision.

- **PSI:** Serving the county and district courts, three basic functions exist in P.S.I.; preparation of P.S.I. reports required by the Courts for sentencing purposes, preparation of incarceration packets and serving as liaison between the Courts and the Probation Department.

Generally referenced as the **Intake Unit**, this unit also includes the **Transfer Out** division.

- **Intake:** Processes cases that are received from the Felony or Misdemeanor courts in Jefferson County as well as probationers transferring into Jefferson County from other jurisdictions.
- **Transfer Out:** Monitors offenders who have their probation cases transferred to other jurisdictions within the state and also outside of the state of Texas.

The **Jefferson County Drug Intervention (J.C.D.I.)** Unit also includes the Drug Rehabilitation Orientation Program (DROP), Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facility (SAFPF) caseloads and Pre-Trial Diversion.

- **JCDI:** out-patient drug and alcohol treatment in a Drug Court setting for clients who are addicted or abusing substances. Average length of stay in JCDI is one year.
- **DROP:** a monitoring and education program that consists of random urinalysis testing and substance abuse assignments. Average length of the program is 4 - 6 months.
- **SAFPF:** A long term treatment program for drug and alcohol addiction consisting of 6-12 months in a SAFPFF Facility followed by approximately 90 days in a residential treatment center and finishing with up to nine months in a supportive out-patient program.

- **Pre-Trial Diversion:** Clients are approved for this program by the District Attorney and usually consist of first time offenders. Clients must report to a supervising officer, abide by a set of probation rules including curfew, attend classes that address their needs and pay a program fee. Average length of stay in the pre-trial diversion program is one year.

Intensive Supervision Probation relates to specialized services that exist for specific risk(s) and/or need(s) of an offender. They are as follows;

- **High/Medium Risk Caseloads:** Offenders who are extremely high risk with histories of violent or assaultive offenses are assigned to these caseloads. Frequent contact is made with families, employers, and law enforcement and treatment agencies that address substance abuse and anger management. These offenders are directed into cognitive classes, job search, and GED testing to aid them in redirecting their behavior. Law enforcement is utilized in making "curfew checks" in the home. Officer's are trained specifically to supervise this type of offender.
- **High/Medium Need Caseload:** The intent of this caseload is to target offenders with high to medium needs such as food, clothing, and shelter by providing access to the available community resources. The caseload mainly consists of single parents or pregnant women who have unstable living arrangements and are in need of a valid ID/DL, social security card or General Equivalency Development (GED). Other offenders on this caseload are high school students or offenders with physical/mental disabilities. (Unemployment is not the target for this caseload).
- **Mental Health Initiative caseload:** This caseload provides supervision to offenders who have a clinical diagnosis of a mental illness. Officers are trained specifically to supervise this type of offender. They also have a team approach with the local mental health professionals who are involved in their treatment plan. The Officer has frequent contact with the offender and the Forensic Case Management Team to assist with keeping the offender stable while in the community.
- **Intellectually Developmentally Delayed Caseload:** Offenders on this caseload generally have an IQ of 70 or below and may have physical disabilities and/or substantial limitations to their self-care. They may suffer from a degenerative disorder such as dementia caused by a head injury or disease. Officers are trained specifically to supervise these offenders. They work closely with the local mental health professionals who are involved in their treatment plan. The Officer has frequent contact with the offender and the Service Provider to assist with keeping the offender stable while in the community.
- **Sex Offender Caseload -** Registers offenders with the Department of Public Safety, corresponds with local law enforcement for sex offender registration purposes, works in close conjunction with law enforcement to ensure compliance with registration, collects DNA samples for the Department of Public Safety sex offender database, administers polygraphs, monitors computer and internet activities of sex offenders, monitors treatment plan to ensure compliance, attends quarterly case staffings with a local Psychologist who specializes in treatment of Sex Offenders and attends weekly meetings at the Garth House.
- **Community Service Restitution (CSR):** All defendants on probation are required to perform community service restitution in accordance with the level of their offense. The Jefferson County CSCD employs staff members to coordinate the program and maintains contracts with over 75 non-profit and governmental agencies where defendants perform CSR work. The CSR staff also conducts special projects throughout the year to assist area food pantries and schools with supplies.

Our satellite office is located in **Port Arthur**, serving offenders in the community of which they live and work. The location of the office increases the opportunity for compliance which may serve to reduce violations and/or recidivism. Our staff is motivated to provide the best quality service to meet the needs of offenders and the community that we serve. Staff is further dedicated to the revitalization project to improve South County At Large by referring offenders and other individuals to local employment training programs. The Port Arthur office is able to provide basic direct supervision to misdemeanor and felony offenders. For those offenders that have been identified as needing specialty services, including substance abuse and mental health needs, delivery of those services are provided here as well as Driving While Intoxicated and Texas Drug Education Classes.

The **Jefferson County Women's Center** is a residential facility housing 60 female adult non-violent felony and misdemeanor offenders in lieu of incarceration in TDCJ. The Women's Center program incorporates Evidence Based Practices and focuses on diversion from the institutional division. The program is designed to meet the traditional mission of protection of the community and rehabilitation of the offender and the additional mission of diversion from the institutional division while addressing the unique needs and risks of female offenders.

- While in the Center, the ladies participate in a number of rehabilitative programs aimed at their diversion and successful reintegration into the community. Among the programs are substance abuse intervention, cognitive programming and pro-social problem solving to overcome criminal thinking, community service, employment, education/GED, family dynamics, anger management, budgeting and other basic life skills that enable women to remain crime free. The Center uses progressive sanctions in dealing with behavior issues. The length of stay in the program is three to twenty-four months with an average of seven months.
- Upon entry, each resident is assessed by a licensed professional counselor and a registered nurse. Those probationers with mental health needs receive services from Jefferson County MHMR. Probationers with substance abuse issues will either participate in the Jefferson County Drug Intervention Program or Right Choice Adult Outpatient Program. Eligibility criteria for entry in the Women's Center are that the offender is an adult female, on felony or misdemeanor probation, not sentenced or placed on probation for a felony offense under Title 5 of the Penal Code, not caused serious bodily injury or death of another as result of the commission of the offense, not used a deadly weapon during the commission of the offense or flight from the offense and that the offender is employable.
- Jefferson County Women's Center not only serves Jefferson County, but 55 other jurisdictions in Texas. The Women's Center offers Texas judges an alternative sentencing tool as recommended by the Judicial Advisory Council.

Supervision Officers interview and appropriately assess **felony and misdemeanor** offenders, establishing risk(s) and identifying criminogenic needs to develop supervision plans with specific objectives to attain, monitor compliance with court ordered conditions, and communicate with the specific Court as the need arises. Offenders are assisted in meeting those objectives with guidance, encouragement and referrals to other resource agencies as necessary, as a means for the offender to become a productive and law abiding citizen. Supervision Officers also have a duty to protect the community by keeping the Judge informed in a timely manner of any infractions or violations committed by the offender.

Well, I made it. One kidney lighter, and I'd tell anyone it's not a good way to lose weight. But it's done, and I'm glad to have been a part of it. There were three pairs of donor/recipients that went to surgery that day, and all of the others are doing fine. At this point, five weeks later, I'm almost to the point that it's like nothing happened and I'm back to normal and ready to go back to work... Oh yeah, that's another thing.

I am trying to get used to the retirement thing, and I'd have to say it's not going to be a huge problem. I have slept until 10 AM a few times last week just because I could. At the same time, I have been keeping busy and getting more accomplished than I did while working at the station, even on light duty. I do miss being a police officer, but it's done, and I'm glad to have been a part of it too.

I plan on attending the CPAAA meetings, since I have been granted membership. Mainly, it's a way to keep up with all of you who have meant so much to me the past few years. I feel fortunate to be able to do so. Besides, I wouldn't miss the Christmas party. I worry that my not attending would result in a surplus of banana pudding. I promise to do my part with the pudding problem. I probably won't do the CIA thing. I've written enough parking citations in my lifetime, and it's not the part of police work that I miss.

Lisa and I would like to attempt to express how grateful we are for the retirement party. I can't remember a single time that I have been so deeply touched. You are all so very generous. I had a feeling that I was undeserving of all the praise because I was just doing my job in a way that had become so very natural to me. It was always very easy for me. You all were the ones who always did the heavy lifting. At any rate, thank you all for an evening I will remember for the rest of my life.

There is, or should be at least one time in every life when something happens which is so overwhelming, and significant that it changes mindset. It's like from that point on life is changed or is seen from a different perspective. I want to tell you all that I have had that significant emotional event. All the volunteers I have had contact with have changed me. You've all heard me say, many times, that I came to PCR from nearly 28 years on the street. A large portion of that time was spent on the graveyard shift. My attitude was cynical, reclusive, and I basically had a bad attitude toward other people. I, like many other officers, saw only the bad parts of society for so long that one tends to forget the good parts. The attitude is like armor. If you expect the worst from people, they won't disappoint. I reached the point long ago where I was never surprised by how poorly people could treat each other, regardless of affinity or affection. Despite my situation and attitude, apparently Lt. Mark Pierce saw something there that even I, (nor many other supervisors), did not. He gave me a chance to do a job that I could never have seen the importance of. I have thanked Mark many times for this chance, but I find that there is no way that I can put into words how much the volunteers that I came to work with have changed my life. I don't have the words to express how important you all are to me. You have shown me a side of humanity long forgotten. I learned to trust people outside

the small closed circle of officers that made up my world. All that has changed by each of you. I am changed because of each of you. I hope that this relationship will never be done, and I am so very very glad to have been a part of it.

Doug Kibodeaux
Retired

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Donation \$5 or 5 for \$20
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In September the Tri Agency Citizens Police Academy Alumni with the help of Pizza Inn and Domino's pizza we were able to feed three Police Departments. Port Neches PD, Nederland PD and Groves PD, Rita Foster 2nd VP and John Theriot 1st VP got this together for them to show our support for our smaller PD departments in our area, 18 Pizza in all.



Nederland Chief Bush & John Theriot



Nederland Domino's



Port Neches Pizza Inn



Pt Neches chief Lemoine



Groves City Marshall Norman Reynolds and Rita Foster and lots of pizza



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**HELP US SELL-
TICKETS FOR
THIS YEARS
RAFFLE**

GREAT PRIZES

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Well it looks like another Cops N Kids is in the books . This event is getting bigger and better every year . The estimate was 4800 for this year . That's a sizeable increase just from last year . Now I know how the guys at the Alamo must have felt when they looked over that wall. At the end of the day it was a huge success. These community outreach programs are designed to reach as many people as possible and it would not be possible without the dedication and the hard work of the CPAAA volunteers . From the cooks to the food prep to the concession stand and the game attendants everyone was needed to make it a huge success . THANKS !!!

This months guest speaker is Jerry Johnson , Director of Jeff County CSCD . You know them as probation department . CSCD stands for Community Supervision and Corrections Department . He will be giving us an overview of the their duties and responsibilities . I think its important to understand how CSCD ties in with local law enforcement . They work side by side with the police as well as the courts , so Mr Johnson can tie all that together for us . This Q & A should be very interesting .

September is the month that the election committee brings the proposed slate for this years election of the board . Nominations may be taken from the floor as well . Mr Dillon will be handling the duties again this year . The nominations will be closed after this meeting . I want to Thank Ronnie Dillon for taking that on again this year .

Raffle tickets are available to sell for the 2016 fund raiser . We have plenty of tickets for you . Again this year our primary goal is to fund scholarships at the LIT Regional Police Academy . Last years raffle sales were really good . We added some more great items this year . John Theriot has been hard at work all year long and it has paid off . If you remember last year I said we were going to shoot for the moon , we didn't end up with a trip to the moon but we got as close as we could with 4 tickets from Southwest Airlines . Plus a choice of a 1911 or a shotgun from Mark Godley and a really nice weekend getaway from L' Auberge Casino . These tickets will practically sell themselves . John and Ronnie and I will have tickets at the meeting for anyone who wants to sell them . Again this year the top ticket seller will receive a 100.00 gift card at our December Christmas party . We have lots of great door prizes to be given away again this year at the party . The meeting will be held off site with the location to be determined .

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting . As always please call me or e mail if you have any questions

Roy Mc Grath

President CPAAA

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