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CSOSA'S COMMUNITY SUPERVISION SERVICES AND THE ELECTRONIC MONITORING UNIT SUPPORTING PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE COMMUNITY.

CSOSA'S CJAN NETWORK

By: Lawrence E. Jordan

CSOSA's Associate Director Thomas Williams explained that since the creation in 1997, and its certification as an independent federal agency on August 5th, 2000 the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) has been implementing a community -based approach to offender supervision in the District of Columbia. Contrary to past models of community supervision in DC, CSOSA's approach to community supervision is grounded in the idea that public safety is our most important outcome. To support the concept of public safety, we have established better accountability among offenders by having a greater presence in the community to ensure swift and fair responses to offender noncompliance. CSOSA provides pre-sentence reports to the judiciary, and post-sentence reports for felony convicted offenders to the Bureau of Prison to assist in the designation process.

CSOSA has established nine community offices that utilize sophisticated geographic mapping to ensure that the individuals that are being supervised receive guidance and support in the neighborhoods where they live. CSOSA supervises via kiosk, direct contact, drug surveillance, electronic monitoring, and /or a combination of these methods. Kiosk oriented supervision is for individuals that have not demonstrated a high risk to the community. Electronic monitoring style of supervision/intervention is designed to monitor the movements of individuals that presented behavior that deem them a greater risk to public safety, or possibly utilized as a motivational tool to comply with supervision standards. If you've seen a transmitter trapped around someone's ankle, it is a good bet that they are being electronically monitored by any one of five agencies that utilize this tool.

CSOSA's manager of the Electronic Monitoring Unit, Jessica Hines, explained its use and effectiveness extremely well in the April 28th, CJAN Forum. A person's exact location, speed of travel, facsimile to churches, schools, and business can be viewed in real time. This tool has crime prevention benefits, crime solving potential, and a great motivator for an individual to want to do the right thing while on supervision. All CJAN members enjoyed the presentation.

Community Supervision Officer (CSO) Melissa Shelton was photographed explaining some of the nuances of community supervision to community members.

CSOSA's Jessica Hines expertly and proficiently delivered an extremely detailed and informative presentation about the usage and the intricacies of the Electronic Monitoring Unit.

Photo Gallery: "CSOSA Supervision and the Electronic Monitoring Unit CJAN"

ANC Commissioner Nightingale was totally engaged in the CJAN presentation, and she had many questions and offered a multitude of suggestions to the facilitators and other attendees.

CSOSA Senior CSO, Kelly M. Jones was extremely prepared when she was asked to make a brief presentation about CSOSA by one of the regular CJAN attendees. CSO Jones handled it with ease.

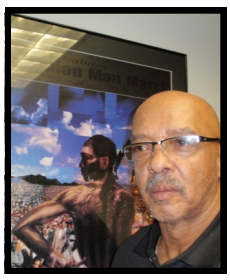
CSOSA Associate Director Tomas Williams deftly fielded many of the questions that CJAN members had, while connecting the dots between Supervision and the Electronic Monitoring Unit.

Sixth District community leaders Constance Woody (l) , Jo Anne Prue (c), Cheryl Foster (left) and others appeared to be enjoying the presentation at the CJAN meeting.

CSOSA 2015 Events and Announcements

- 4/28/2015 "Supervision and the Electronic Monitoring Unit CJAN Forum", 100-42nd Street, NE; 6:30PM-8:30PM
- 5/12/2015 "Woodland Terrace Resources & Solutions CJAN Forum Collaboration," Allen AME Church 2498 Alabama Avenue, SE; 6:30PM-8:30PM (7th District CJAN)

A Message for the Sixth District



Neighbors and residents of the Sixth District:

Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency's (CSOSA) mission remains to increase public safety, prevent crime, reduce recidivism, and support the fair administration of justice, in close collaboration with the community. In the Sixth District, we intend to achieve our objectives through the support of pro-social activities, and the strict accountability towards the men and women that we supervise.

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