



Sixth District CJAN Newsletter

COMMUNITY JUSTICE PARTNERSHIPS

CSOSA's CJAN NETWORK

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Since Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency's (CSOSA) inception in 1997, and its ultimate certification as a full-fledged independent federal agency, CSOSA has been committed to fulfilling its mission of increasing public safety; reducing crime and recidivism by DC Code offenders via a unique neighborhood-based model of community supervision. A key component of this neighborhood-based model of supervision is establishing and sustaining community justice partnerships with local law enforcement entities and government agencies, elected and neighborhood civic leaders, business and property owners, and the residents in the District of Columbia. Through these partnerships, CSOSA is able to: (1) enhance local law enforcement efficiency through the sharing of critical and strategic information; (2) improve the quality of life for all District residents through the implementation of the CSOSA Community Service Program, a program based on the restorative justice model, that partners with local government service providers (e.g., Department of Public Works and National Park Service) and members of various District neighborhoods to plan and complete a multitude of neighborhood clean-ups and beautification projects; and (3) identify and secure resources in the community that will support the target population during their supervision

and re-entry process. According to Jasper Ormond, CSOSA's Associate Director of Community Justice Programs, "As an agency, CSOSA has experienced success utilizing evidence-based practices to meet the mandates of its mission. Specifically, the Agency's establishment of law enforcement and community partnerships, in conjunction with the committed and hard working staff, has played a key role in meeting benchmarks and moving forward

the CSOSA mission." Assistant Chief Diane Groomes of the Metropolitan Police Department echoed CSOSA's partnership theme as she addressed members of her staff and Sixth District residents at a recent awards ceremony, "... commending police, community, and essential partners for rolling up their sleeves pro-actively and demonstrating a collective will to make the District in general, and the Sixth District safer and more secure for everyone."



Ward Seven Public Safety Town Hall panelists (l-r) MPD Sixth District Commander Robert Contee, CSOSA Acting Director Adrienne Poteat, and DC Office of the Attorney General, Public Safety Division Deputy Robert Hildum contemplate as they prepare to address the community.



Sixth District CAC Banquet attendees Mr. Ben Thomas, Clarice Harvey and Dr. Labat are enjoying the festivities during the 2009 awards presentations.

COMMUNITY JUSTICE ADVISORY NETWORK PARTNERSHIP PHOTO GALLERY



Officer Lewond Fogle of the Sixth District Metropolitan Police Department received recognition as the PSA 603 officer of the Year Award. Sergeant Mary Matthews is also in this photo.



Amin Muslim and Brittney Etheridge from Councilmember Yvette Alexander's Ward Seven Constituent Services Office and others in attendance at the 2009 CAC Awards Banquet.



The Sixth District's Community Prosecutor, Wendy Short is captured presenting to CJAN attendees at a CJAN forum.



Sixth District residents Barbara Johnson and Elizabeth Travers enjoying the "community spirit" at the 2009 CAC Banquet.

Announcements:

- ◆ National Night-out, August 4th, 2009
- ◆ August is Lung Cancer Awareness Month
- ◆ Sixth District CJAN meeting, August 25th, 2009; 100-42nd Street, NE. 6:30PM-8:30 PM.
- ◆ City-wide CJAN Forum, September 30th, 2009; Gallaudet University, Kellogg Center 6:00PM-8:30PM
- ◆ Sixth District CJAN Meeting, October 27th, 2009; 100-42nd Street, NE. 6:30PM-8:30 PM.

A MESSAGE FOR THE SIXTH DISTRICT



A Message From CSOSA's Community Justice Program's Director: As criminal justice professionals, our mission is to partner with the community to create a sense of inclusion, safety, and order for offenders re-entering the community. CSOSA sets boundaries and enforces judicial orders as we supervise offenders in the community. We value the community's willingness to create an environment that nurtures and welcomes the offenders as prodigal sons and daughters. It is important to note that the natural systems within the community are invaluable resources for the offenders that we supervise. As the offenders begin to interact in these systems, it will inevitably foster within them a sense of well-being and acceptance. *Jasper Ormond*

To submit a community announcement, a scheduled activity or for more information about the Sixth District Community Justice Advisory Network, contact: Lawrence E. Jordan at (202) 220-5515 or (202) 220-5320.