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CSOSA FACT SHEET

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Community Justice Partnerships

Did You Know?

- CSOSA implemented its first Community Justice Partnership (CJP) in Police Service Area (PSA) 704 in 1998.
- The result of CSOSA's pilot CJP in PSA 704 was a 36 percent reduction in part I crime within the first year.
- CSOSA has formed Community Justice Partnerships with the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) in all 44 Police Service Areas.
- Police Officers and Community Supervision Officers (CSOs) conduct accountability tours to show offenders that they are working together to ensure compliance with conditions of release.
- Community Justice Advisory Networks have been formed in all Police Districts (1-7) within the city.
- In July 2004 CSOSA and the DC Housing Authority entered into an MOU to integrate the Housing Police into the CJP.

Strong partnerships expand the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency's (CSOSA) capacity to effectively supervise individuals on probation, parole and supervised release in the District of Columbia. Since its inception, CSOSA has committed to creating community and criminal justice partnerships that provide the framework for instituting community-based programs that help reduce recidivism among offenders while increasing opportunities for them to become productive members of society.

In November 1998, CSOSA formed its first [Community Justice Partnership \(CJP\)](#) with the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) in Police Service Area (PSA) 704. Within the first year of the initiative, there was a 36 percent reduction in Part I crime.

From October 2000—June 2001, CSOSA trained approximately 3,200 uniformed officers at the MPD Training Academy on the benefits of collaboration between MPD and CSOSA. All new recruits receive this training. Also, CSOSA trains MPD investigators on how to take advantage of the partnership.

Through the CJPs, police officers and Community Supervision Officers (CSO) (formerly known as probation and parole officers) monitor probationers, parolees, and supervised releasees in the community and engage in com-

ensure compliance with conditions of release.

The confluence of CSOSA's community-based supervision with MPD's [Policing for Prevention, a community policing strategy](#), provides swift interventions and timely responses to community concerns. CSOSA and MPD have established CJPs citywide in all 44 PSA's across MPD's 7 police districts.

CSOSA and MPD staff have been working affirmatively to



integrate crime prevention strategies. Police officers and CSOs assigned to the same PSA participate in information sharing. They also conduct Accountability Tours to raise the visibility of the CJP and to reinforce the message that CSOs and police officers are working together and sharing information.

PSA Teams further seek to prevent crime by hosting Mass Orientations, in which police and CSOs as well as staff from the United States Attorney's Office meet with offenders recently ordered or released to community supervision. The orientation sessions emphasize the collaboration between the agencies and offer opportunities for reducing recidivism.

Through the development of networks to help strengthen neighborhoods and prevent crime, CSOSA also identifies resources to help offenders reintegrate into the community. The goal is to increase opportunities for offenders to become productive, law-abiding members of their communities.

Community involvement is the key to our success. This is fostered through [Community Justice Advisory Networks \(CJANs\)](#). Through these networks, consisting of

community members, faith-based organizations and business leaders, community resources are identified, crime prevention strategies are formulated and key public concerns

are resolved in order to improve the quality of life in the community.

CSOSA has coordinated several promising initiatives through these community justice partnerships and networks, including employment opportunities for offenders, domestic violence workshops and community clean-ups that involve residents and offenders.

CSOSA is committed to establishing partnerships and networks with community stakeholders to achieve our common goal of creating a safer environment for the citizens of the District of Columbia.