



MJPS Newsletter

Winter 2009

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Message from the President

Greetings to all!

The MJPS Executive Board recently met and one of the major concerns was the impact of the economy on the attendance at the Spring Conference in April. Now more than ever, counties are struggling with decreased budget and all the issues that go along with that.

We hope that you will still be able to attend the conference! The MJPS Spring Conference continues to provide some of the best training available at the low cost of \$75. Please let someone on the executive board know if you need help convincing your supervisor(s) to let you attend. There has already been talk of doubling up on rooms and sharing transportation.

During our meeting we also discussed using telephone-conferencing for the executive board meetings, as well as, district program meetings. This will save money in terms of time and travel, and we hope that this capability will increase the likelihood of new faces on the board. Please consider serving on the MJPS executive board - we need to elect two new members in April!

As the economy continues to struggle, we will all feel the impact both personally and professionally. It is doubtful that the jail populations will decrease as tensions and stress levels increase. All of us will need to figure out how to do **more with less**.

With creativity, hope, and a little bit of fun we can continue to have a positive impact in the lives of those we serve in county jails. Now more than ever, it is important to keep ourselves recharged and healthy in order to avoid burnout. Linda Berghuis (Kandiyohi County) has been very busy lining up speakers and activities that guarantee a great conference in April! All the information you need to register and reserve rooms is found in this newsletter.

Message from the President, continued

I am hoping to see all of you, April 21-23 at The Lodge in Baxter. The executive board and I hope that the Spring Conference will provide just that “space” we all need for some great training, inspiration, and re-creation of our energy and attitude. See you there!

Janet Adams
Goodhue County Program Coordinator
President, MJPS



Next Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 3rd
10:00am
Stearns County Jail
All Members Welcome!

Spring Conference April 21-23rd

The Spring Conference is fastly approaching. You will find the conference agenda (*subject to changes*) and registration form on the following pages.

Take note of some changes this year:

Get your registration in early (by March 31st) for a chance to win a night at The Lodge.

Single Day registration is now available.



Get your room reservation **before April 7th** so you can take advantage of the **\$79.00 rate**. Once again this price includes a water park pass.

Check out their website for hotel information:

www.lodgehotelsbrainerd.com

What is there to do in Brainerd/Baxter area? Too much to list. Check out the following Brainerd Lakes Chamber Welcome Center if you are coming up Highway 371 or visit www.explorebrainerdlakes.com to find out many of the great things that this area has to offer.

MJPS Spring Conference
April 21st – 23rd 2009
“The Lodge at Brainerd Lakes”
6967 Lake Forest Road Baxter, MN 56401
877-687-5634

Tuesday April 21st

1500 – 1830 **Early Registration**
**Sign-up sheets for early morning warm-up activities on Wednesday.*

1600 – 2200 **Water park open for MJPS conference goers**

1800 – 1930 **Site tour and presentation at MN Teen Challenge**
Departing from the hotel lobby at 1800 hours.

OR

1800 – 1930 **Crow Wing County Jail Tour**
Departing from the hotel lobby at 1800 hours.

Location: White Sand Room

1930 – 2030 **District Meetings – What’s working, what’s not – break into District groups**

2030 – 2200 **Networking / Poolside Mezzanine – B-I-N-G-O ~ Prizes**

Wednesday April 22nd

0700 – 0745 **Morning Registration**

0715 – 0745 **Early morning warm-up – Brainerd YMCA Instructor - Dealing w/stress**
(Non-strenuous)

Location: White Sand Room

0745 – 0815 **Rolls & Juice ~ Sponsored by: Blue Pages**

0815 – 0845 **Welcome ~ Jerry Negan, Crow Wing County Jail Administrator**
MJPS President – Janet Adams
MJPS Training Officer – Linda Berghuis
***Announcement of Early Bird Registration winner – 1-Night stay @ The Lodge**

0845 – 0930 **Keynote Speaker – Roger Revak ~ “You Make All Things Possible”**

0930 – 1000 **Vendors Breakout**

1000 – 1100 **Lori Lofroan & Jeff Pollreis – The Corrections/Child Support Connection**

1100 – 1215 **Vendors Breakout**

Location: Sands Ballroom

1145 – 1300 **Luncheon**

Location: White Sand Room

1300-1330 **Members Business Meeting
2009 Elections / 2010 Spring Conference planning**

1330 – 1430 **Don Rothstein ~ Drugs & Gangs**

1430 – 1445 **Break**

1445 – 1545 **Anna Meyer – NAMI – National Alliance on Mental Illness – Discharge Planning**

1545 – 1615 **Captain Greg Stehn - Kandiyohi County Jail – Programs From The Outside In**

1600 – 2200 **Water park open for MJPS conference goers**

1900 – 2100 **Networking: Poolside Mezzanine OR Bar B-I-N-G-O 7-9pm in the lodge restaurant**

Thursday April 23 ~

Location: White Sand Room

0730 – 0800 **Rolls & Juice Sponsored by: Reliance**

0800 – 0900 **Joseph Hobson – Inmate Religious Rights**

0900 – 0915 **Break**

0915 – 1015 **COL Kevin S. Gerdes of MN National Guard - Reintegration Program**

1015 – 1030 **Break**

1030 – 1130 **MN Crisis Intervention Team – Crisis Incidents Involving The Mentally Ill.**

Location: Sands Ballroom

1130 – 1300 **Awards Banquet & Election Results**

Turn in evaluations before you leave.



MJPS SPRING CONFERENCE

Member

DATE; APRIL 21-23, 2009
THE LODGE OF BRAINERD LAKES; BAXTER, MN

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Attendee Information:

First Name / Last Name: _____ Title: _____

Agency/Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Business Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Registration Fee

Early Bird Registration Fee - \$75.00 (received by March 31, 2009) _____
** Will be eligible for a gift certificate for a 1-Night stay at The Lodge*

Regular Registration Fee - \$75.00 (postmarked or faxed after March 31, 2009) _____
**Is not eligible for gift certificate.*

Single Day Registration @ \$50.00 each _____ **Wednesday** _____ **Thursday** _____

*NOTE: Registration fee includes continental breakfast and lunch for both days.
 Single day registration includes continental breakfast and lunch for that day only.*

Planning Information

Do you plan to attend the Conference Lunch Banquet on the Thursday 4/23/09? Yes No

Note: If there is a chance that you think you will not be staying for the meal please answer "no" now.

Each year we pay **hundreds of dollars** for meals that we ordered but are not used.

Total: _____

VOUCHERS AND CHECKS PAYABLE TO: *Minnesota Sheriffs Association*

Enclosed is my voucher # _____ or check # _____
(Submit payment or vouchers for groups together - each person must complete a registration form)

_____ Please bill me. Submit the invoice to: _____

We understand that circumstances arise that may require you to cancel. However, no full refund will be made unless a written request is received on or before April 13, 2009; after that date 50% of the conference fee will be refunded up until April 21, 2009. NO refunds will be made after April 21, 2009.

Application for the “Kay Siebrass” Program of the Year Award

Each year the MJPS Executive Board asks facilities to nominate any of their programs that they feel are deserving of the “Kay Siebrass” Program of the Year Award.

Six criteria are used in the selection process, and they are as follows:

- use of volunteers
- cost effectiveness
- innovations
- utilization of community resources
- on-going programs
- provides new skills

Please use this form to nominate one of your programs

Program Title: _____

Program Facilitators: _____

Institution or County: _____

Program Coordinator: _____

Description of Program: Use whatever format you wish to present your nomination, be sure to include the required criteria.

Send your completed application to:

Mary Herman, MJPS Past President
Benton County Jail
P.O. Box 159
Foley, MN 56329
320-968-8263
Fax: 320-968-6347
mary.herman@co.benton.mn.us

Application deadline is March 27, 2009



Upcoming Training

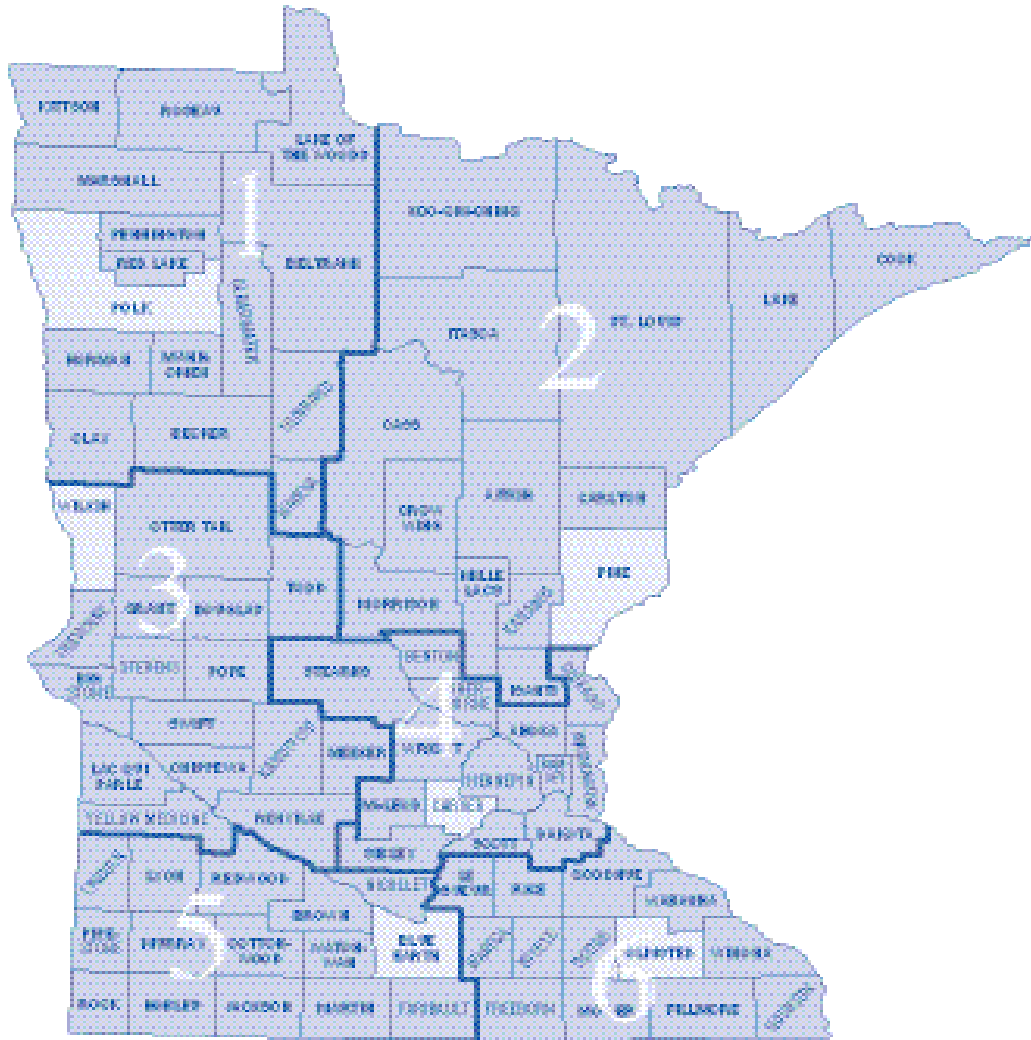
2009 MJPS Fall Conference

Date to be Determined

at

**The New
Wright County Jail**

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Please feel free to contact any board member with any questions or concerns!

Has someone new started in your Programs Department?

MJPS would like to send them a padfolio to welcome them as a new member.

Contact Janet Adams, MJPS President

