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Report for the Chair of the Commissioners

2008 was a very busy year for the County. In August of 2007 the previous county manager Winn Davis retired. The Commissioners advertised for this position, conducted interviews and decided to advertise again. This process was completed at the beginning of 2008 with Russell Smith being selected in March.

At the same time Noreen Mavro Flanders, County Treasurer was appointed acting county manager. She deserves much credit for carrying out the additional responsibilities.

The Dukes County Charter Commission, established in 2007 was still active. The County Commissioners were part of the Commission and put in many hours attending the Charter bi-monthly meetings as well as the sub-committee meetings. These additional meetings continued until May 2008 with the Charter's Final Report.

In March I was asked to negotiate with Russell Smith his employment contract. This was accomplished and Russell officially started work on April 22, 2008 as a contract employee. A job performance review was conducted after 6 months – a positive review resulted and Russell was appointed as a full time county manager January 1, 2009.

During the year the Commission reviewed and updated the beach rules and regulations for the Sylvania State Beach after conducting public meeting.

On State beach 100s of plantings were done in areas where vehicles were parking and turn onto the dunes. These plantings help with beach erosion.

The County continued to work with the Friends of Sengekontacket and the Oak Bluffs and Edgartown Shellfish Departments on issues like water quality, eelgrass, dredging, kite flying regulations, protection of piping plovers etc.

Working with the towns and state on replacement of the Little bridge and the Big bridge along with the dredging.

The County has been dealing with the leaking roof at the courthouse.

The County has been very involved with the possible take over of the Sheriff's department by the State. This is still ongoing. The County is especially concerned about the un-funded liabilities.

Much progress was made for the betterment of the County government. We have a very pro-active Board of Commissioners and a county manager who brings enthusiasm, diligence and hands on work approach to the job.

Sincerely,
Les Leland
Chair of the County Commissioners

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Appointments, Officers, Employees

DUKES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

John S. Alley, Chairman	West Tisbury	Jan. 7, 2009
Tristan Israel	Tisbury	Jan. 5, 2011
Leonard Jason Jr.	Chilmark	Jan. 7, 2009
Leslie H. Leland	West Tisbury	Jan. 5, 2011
Carlene Gating	Edgartown	Jan. 5, 2011
Paul A. Strauss	Oak Bluffs	Jan. 5, 2011
Roger W. Wey	Oak Bluffs	Jan. 7, 2009

Commissioners serve for four years. Terms expire on the first Wednesday in January following the election.

DUKES COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD FOR EXPENDITURES

Skipper Manter	West Tisbury
Ron DiOrion	Oak Bluffs
Frank Fenner	Chilmark
Denys Wortman	Tisbury
Arthur Smadbeck	Edgartown
Jim Newman	Aquinnah
Kris Lombard	Gosnold

One selectman from each town, appointed annually, comprise the Advisory Board

COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Title	Appointee	Term expires
Acting County Manager	Noreen Mavro	
	Flanders	Until April 08
County Manager	Russell H. Smith	Since April 08
Steamship Authority Governor (3 years)	Marc Hanover	Dec. 31, 2010
Legal Counsel (3 years)	Marcia Mulford Cini	Dec. 31, 2008
Associate Commissioner Health Care Access	Dr. S. Patrick Donegan	Dec. 31, 2008
Assoc. Comm. for Affairs Concerning Handicapped Persons	Anson Krickl	Dec. 31, 2008
Assoc. Comm. For Youth	Michael Joyce	Dec. 31, 2008
	Christina Wylie	Dec. 31, 2008
	Mark Reppert	Dec. 31, 2008
Assoc. Comm. for Affairs for Elderly Persons		
County Commission's Rep. on the MVC	Paul Strauss	Dec. 31, 2008
Emergency Management Director	Chuck Cotnoir	Dec. 31, 2008
Delegate to Pilgrim RC&D Area Council	Thomas J. Hegarty	Dec. 31, 2010
Cape Light Compact representative (3 years)	Peter Hefler	Dec. 31, 2010
National Incident System Point of Contact	Michael McCormack	Dec. 31, 2008
Assistant to the Nat. Incident System Point	Charles Cotnoir	Dec. 31, 2008
Cape Cod Municipal Health Group (3 years)	Noreen Mavro Flanders	Dec. 31, 2010
	Dr. James Weiss	Dec. 31, 2010
	Michael M. Dutton	Dec. 31, 2010

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**Martha's Vineyard
Airport Commission**
3-year terms

Norman Perry	Dec. 31, 2009
John Alley	Dec. 31, 2010
John Coskie	Dec. 31, 2010
Fred Condon	Dec. 31, 2008
Connie Teixeira	Dec. 31, 2008
James Craig	Dec. 31, 2008
Franci E. Gildeau	Dec. 31, 2008

Dukes County Regional Housing Authority

3-year terms except governor's appointee (5y.)

Harvey Beth, Vice Chair	Oak Bluffs	Dec. 31, 2009
Laura Barbera, Treasurer	Tisbury	Dec. 31, 2009
Melissa Norton Vincent	Edgartown	Dec. 31, 2010
Zelda Gamson	Chilmark	Dec. 31, 2009
Richard Skidmore	Aquinnah	Dec. 31, 2009
Ernie Mendenhall, Chair	West Tisbury	Dec. 31, 2009
Anthony J. Bongiorno	Governor appointee	Jan. 05, 2011
David Vigneaut	Director	

Dukes County Health Council (One or two year terms)

Tad Crawford	Jane Cleare	Maxwell Nunes
Cindy Mitchell	Susan Wasserman	Dan Pace
Julia Burgess	Chris Knowles	Matt Poole
Sharon Clauss-Zanger	Cindy Doyle	Dedie Wieler
Rhonda Cohen	Terry Appenzellar	Judy Flanders
Olga Church	Dr. S. Patrick Donegan	Ken Chisholm
James Ferriter	Patsy McCornack	Winn Davis (ex-officio)
Thomas Bennett	Nancy Gilfoy	Terry Young
Sarah Kuh	Jacque Cage	Jo Ann Murphy
Paddy Moore	Linda Swanson	
Bob Tonti	Henry Burkin	
Karen Meeks	Ron McLaren	

COUNTY OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES

Elected officials	Office holder	Term expires
County Clerk	Joseph E. Sollitto Jr.	Jan. 3, 2008
Register of Deeds (6-year term)	Dianne E. Powers	Jan. 3, 2013
Sheriff (6-year term)	Michael A. McCormack	Jan. 5, 2011
Treasurer (6-year term)	Noreen Mavro Flanders	Jan. 7, 2009

The terms of the above officials end on the first Wednesday of the January following the election.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Russell H. Smith, County Manager
Jennifer Randolph, Executive Assistant
Jo Ann Murphy, Veteran's Agent
T.J. Hegarty, Rodent Control Officer
Eric Goldwire, Maintenance

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MARTHA'S VINEYARD AIRPORT

Sean C. Flynn, C.M. Airport Manager
Deborah H. Potter, C.M. Assistant Airport Manager
Michael Eldridge, Water & Wastewater Chief Operator
Elaine L. Graves, Financial Administrator
Beth Durawa, Airport Operations Clerk
Darren Gilbert, Airport Operations Clerk
Arthur Marx, Airport Operations Clerk
Geoffrey Freeman, Airport Operations Supervisor/Firefighter
Eric Hatt, Airport Operations Supervisor/Firefighter
Jaime Gaspar, Airport Operations Specialist/Firefighter
Richard Michelson, Airport Operations Specialist/Firefighter
E. Ralph Smith, Airport Operations Specialist/Firefighter - Coordinator
Marques Rivers, Airport Operations Specialist/Firefighter – Coordinator
Gary Coates, Airport Operations Specialist/Firefighter
Jesse Olson, Airport Operations Specialist/ Firefighter
Ryan Collins, Airport Operations Specialist/ Firefighter
Robert Oslin, Airport Operations Specialist/Firefighter
Paul Ronhock, Airport Operations Specialist
David Oliveira, Grounds and Facilities

RETIREMENT OFFICE

Kelly McCracken, Administrator
Barbara Rogers, Senior Financial Clerk

REGISTRY OF DEEDS

Dianne E. Powers, Register
Debra Levesque, Assistant Register
Patricia Law, Clerk
Jessica Burnham, Clerk

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Michael A. McCormack, Sheriff
David J. O'Sullivan, Special Sheriff
Cynthia Higham, Clerk

CIVIL PROCESS

Linda J. Hanover, Lieutenant

DRUG INFORMATION BUREAU

Robert Ogden, Captain

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Susan Schofield, Supervisor

Linda Cook, Sergeant

J. Robert Brown, Sergeant

Kathryn Mercier, Sergeant

Nicole Gazaille, Sergeant

Suzanne Cioffi, Communications Officer

Sarah Townes, Communications Officer

Elizabeth Gilmore, Communications Officer

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Karen Ballard, Communications Officer
Trulayna Rose, Communications Officer
Paula Stropole, Communications Officer
Michael Krauthamer, Communications Officer
Renee Ward, Communications Officer
Susan Cooke, Communications Officer

JAIL/HOUSE OF CORRECTION

Durwood Araujo, Asst. Deputy Superintendent
Patricia Sheehan, Asst. Deputy Superintendent
James Neville, Captain
Donald Rose, Sergeant
Eric Bettencourt, Sergeant
Russell Ventura, Sergeant
Steven Pupek, Sergeant
John McCarron, Sergeant
Nancy Brown, Correctional Officer
Jared Meader, Correctional Officer
Daniel Townes, Correctional Officer
Phillip Fuentes, Correctional Officer
Simone Damaceno, Correctional Officer
Michael Buckley, Correctional Officer
Teejay Roginski, Correctional Officer
Michael Trance, Correctional Officer
Carlton Woods, Correctional Officer
Roger Inman, Correctional Officer
Marc Rivers, Correctional Officer
Marinko Vukota, Correctional Officer
Sarah Saltonstall, Nurse

Christopher Hargy, Food Service Manager

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

David Murphy, Captain
Eric Perry, Lieutenant
Kelli-Ann Stewart, Sergeant
Hope Tripp, Treatment Manager

TRANSPORTATION OF PRISONERS

Randolph Ditson, Lieutenant

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Noreen Mavro Flanders, Treasurer
Carol Grant, Asst. Treas./Parking Clerk
Tammy Matchem, Senior Financial Clerk

VINEYARD HEALTH CARE ACCESS

Sarah Kuh, Health Access Coordinator
Mary Leddy, Health Access Specialist
Maria Mouzinho, Health Educator
Carol Seale, Access Financial Clerk
Michelle Nepton, Enrollment Specialist

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Listing of Property

Town/Description	Street Address	Map/Lot	Area	Assessed Value
<u>Edgartown</u>				
Courthouse	81 Main Street	20D.121	18135 sf	1,343,500
Jail/House Correction	145 Upper Main St	20C.11.02	9020 sf	389,300
Jail/House-vacant	12 Pine Street	20C.11.11	10010 sf	42,000
Jail/House-vacant	16 Pine Street	20C.11.12	10010 sf	42,000
Jail/House-vacant	20 Pine Street	20C.11.13	10775 sf	42,800
Entrance to Norton Pt Beach	South Beach Park	52.62	7.0 AC	16,600
Vacant Lot	Norton Point Beach	51.49	246.7 AC	410,900
Vacant Lot	Aero Avenue	45.59	33000 sf	115,500
Vacant Lot	Aero Avenue	45.85	22500 sf	100,400
M. V. Airport		24.01.0	385.6 AC	4,624,900
M. V. Airport		24.01.4	1050 sf	22,600
M. V. Airport		24.01.5	280 sf	4,800
M. V. Airport		24.01.7	1360 sf	17,600
Edg-WT Road		28.14	4800 sf	45,400
<u>Oak Bluffs</u>				
Eastville Beach	Beach Road	6.17	5.2 AC	607,500
Extension Serv/4-H	New York Avenue	4.87	1.3 AC	286,900
<u>Tisbury</u>				
Vacant Lot	Owen Little Way	-J-8	5180 sf	29,700
Beach jointly owned with Town of Tisbury		32C.1.0	36000 sf	49,300
Beach jointly owned with Town of Tisbury		32D.1.0	36400 sf	26,900
<u>West Tisbury</u>				
M. V. Airport	10 Hangar Road N	28.1.15		83,900
M. V. Airport	27 Hangar Road N	28.1.7	.459 AC	135,200
M. V. Airport	55 Edgartown Road	28.1.2		202,300
M. V. Airport	71 Airport Road	28.1.0	410.34 AC	24,587,800
M. V. Airport-Comm MA	54 Airport Road	28.1.1		205,600
M. V. Airport-FAA	66 Airport Road	28.3.0	.459 AC	940,500
Total Assessed Value			\$34,373,900.00	

In addition to managing the property listed above, the Joseph S. Sylvia State Beach (104.2 acres), owned by the Department of Environmental Management, and is managed by the County of Dukes County.

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REPORT OF THE ACTING COUNTY MANAGER

To the Citizens of the County of Dukes County.

On May 23, 2007 E. Winn Davis resigned as County Manager effective September 13, 2007. We thank him for his four years of service to the County of Dukes County.

Mr. Davis had previously asked me (County Treasurer) to serve as his Deputy County Manager. His last day in the office was August 17, 2007 and on August 29, 2007, the County Commissioners appointed me as Acting County Manager until a new manager was selected.

Since the 2006 County Charter Study Commission had not yet made its final recommendations, the current County Manager form of government according to M.G.L. Chapter 35 Section 18A would dictate the role of the new manager. A Search Committee was formed to advertise, interview and select a new County Manager. After two rounds of advertising and reviewing resumes, island native Russell H. Smith was selected as the new county manager. Since he was still employed as Legislative Liaison for Representative Eric Turkington, Russell began as a four day a week employee on April 22, 2008.

However, much happened during FY08 in the time between Mr. Davis' departure and Mr. Smith's arrival.

- At the request of Health Agent, Matthew Poole a short-term term mosquito program was implemented for the summer of 2007. T.J. Hegarty of the County's Integrated Pest Management program was in contact with the Cape Cod Mosquito District and state officials. He was able to procure services and supplies free of charge for this pilot program. Mosquitoes that were trapped were tested for Triple E and West Nile virus. The results were negative for all.
- There was continued dialogue with the towns and 2006 Charter Study Commission regarding the role of county government to aid in solving regional needs.
- A letter was sent to Governor Deval Patrick and our legislators regarding a County rooms tax.
- Sent a letter to our legislators requesting they file a bill that would allow the county to borrow to repair the courthouse roof. Register of Deeds, Dianne Powers acts as the building manager. She has spent many hours researching the warranty of the failed roof as well as finding a contractor to give the county an estimate to repair or replace it.
- The firm that the county hired for engineering services to the towns, Baseline Engineering, terminated its contract effective January 4, 2008.
- The Youth Task Force (under the auspices of the County's Health Council) received a grant to begin operations from the Attorney General's office. They will be located in the administration building.
- The commissioners agreed to accept a grant on behalf of the Medical Reserve Corps from Massachusetts Association of Health Boards
- During FY08 the county hosted the following seminars:
 1. MassFair Plan - Representatives explained how homeowners' insurance rates are set.
 2. Access Program brought in experts on the Massachusetts Connector health insurance plan to explain the responsibility of employers under the new laws regarding health coverage.
 3. Congressman Delahunt's office brought down people to explain "How to Research and Apply for Grants"

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4. Thomas Hegarty of the IPM department invited state officials to discuss “Introduction to Integrated Inspectional Services, Rodent Control and Bed Bug threat to Hotels, B&B’s and Homes in Massachusetts”
- The following appointments were made:
 - Associate Commissioner for Community Health –S. Patrick Donegan, MD
 - Associate Commissioner of Handicap Affairs – Anson Krickl
 - Associate Commissioners for Youth Affairs – Michael Joyce, Christina Wylie and Mark Everett
 - Martha’s Vineyard Commission – Paul Strauss
 - Representative to the Steamship Authority – Marc Hanover
 - Pilgrim RC&D – Thomas J. Hegarty
 - Medical Reserve Corps – Charles Cotnoir
 - Asst. Representative to the SSA for Emergency Affairs – Charles Cotnoir
 - Emergency Management Director – Charles Cotnoir
 - Cape Light Compact – Peter Hefler
 - Cape Cod Municipal Health Group Board – Noreen Mavro Flanders, James Weiss, and Michael Dutton, Alternate
 - National Incident System – Sheriff Michael McCormack
 - Assistant – Charles Cotnoir
 - Housing Authority – West Tisbury – Ernest Mendenhall

On February 15, 2008, a special meeting of the county commissioners was held so that Sheriff Michael McCormack could report on Governor Deval Patrick’s bill (H4498) to have the state take over the seven remaining county sheriff departments. Sheriff McCormack stated that although he strongly believes in county government, he is supporting this bill to stabilize his budget process. Questions regarding real estate, the communications center, unfunded liabilities, and maintenance of effort were answered by the Sheriff. County Treasurer/Acting County Manager, Noreen Mavro Flanders has been working with Sheriff McCormack to minimize the impact on the county should this pass. The county commissioners voted on March 13, 2008, to write a letter in opposition to this bill. Subsequently, H4498 was sent for further study, which basically killed it for the FY08 session.

I would like to thank everyone who supported me while I was juggling two positions in the county. The county commissioners, Erin Leighton and especially Assistant Treasurer Carol M. Grant and Senior Financial Clerk, Tammy Deese who stepped up to the plate in to be sure everything was covered in the Treasurer’s office.

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen Mavro Flanders
Acting County Manager
County Treasurer

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REPORT OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

I have held the position of the County Manager since April 2008. Since my arrival in April until the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2008) I worked on the following issues:

The Charter Study Commission has been studying the viability of County Government for the last year and a half. Their final report came out on May 29, 2008. They recommended that the County Manager form of County Government be maintained. Abolishment of the County was not recommended because of the negative financial ramifications and the disruption of services that it would cause. Preliminary work has begun to implement their administrative and other recommendations.

The County has been working with the towns of Oak Bluffs, Edgartown and the Barrier Beach Task Force to adopt new regulations for the use of Joseph Sylvia State Beach. A permit process was created for the use of the beach by private parties with over 50 people, along with regulations to protect the public use of the beach and the environment, while allowing private parties. These regulations were vetted in each town and public hearings were held.

The end of the year saw the departure of Executive Assistant Jennifer Randolph. She has been an asset to the County and instrumental in bringing the new County Manager up to speed.

Commissioner Paul Strauss of Oak Bluffs resigned effective June 30, 2008. The County thanks him for his service and wishes him well in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell H. Smith
County Manager

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Dukes County Emergency Management Report

Emergency Management is the governmental function that coordinates and integrates all activities necessary to build sustain, and improve the capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from or mitigate against threatened or actual natural disasters, acts of terrorism or other manmade disasters.

This year, 2008, the Dukes County Emergency Management Agency was active in the area of forging new alliances in the emergency management field and continued to build on those associations that had been formed in previous years.

A presentation was made to the Island Fire Chiefs regarding a proposal to furnish a county-owned vehicle, equipped with radios, that could be used as a communications station during incidents that required more than one department to be deployed.

The director became a member of the South East Port Safety and Security Group, which deals with the maritime issues of the safety of mariners and shipping and with issues of maritime security dealing with terrorism.

Relationships were formed with the Barnstable Radio Amateur Club (Ham Radio), The Dukes County Communications Center, The Martha's Vineyard Commission, the Martha's Vineyard Law Enforcement Council Tactical Response Team, the Cape and Islands Health Coalition, the American Red Cross, and the Island Salvation Army.

The County Public Health Committee, the Martha's Vineyard Emergency Management Directors' Association, Island Flu Planning Committee, were participated with, throughout the year.

The County Commissioners endorsed the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan for Dukes County on the recommendation of the emergency management director. The Martha's Vineyard Commission prepared this plan.

Several other county emergency plans were developed for use during emergencies.

Several pieces of equipment were acquired by the county from the excess government property division of the Federal Government this year. The county acquired two small trailers and a 400-gallon water tank trailer, all at no cost to the county.

The County Emergency Manager finished his 1-year term as the Chairman of the Emergency Management Directors Association.

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Several of the director's areas of responsibility that were added in previous years were continued this year, Assistant to the County National Incident Management System (NIMS) Coordinator, Steamship Authority Representative's Assistant for Emergency Affairs, and Representative to the Martha's Vineyard Medical Reserve Corps. The Director again executed the duties required for the logistical support for the Annual island-wide Flu Clinic. The duties of Scribe for accident incidents at the airport continued as well.

Email emergency management bulletins sent this year to county employees and members of the Charter Committee included the flu response e-pamphlet, "Flu: What you can do-Caring for people at home", several winter storm warning messages, winter storm preparation guidance, spring flooding preparation guidance, and several tropical storm warnings along with preparation and recovery documents.

Projects this year included the installation of Packet Radio equipment and computer software, which allow a ham radio operator to send and receive text messages over a radio that is attached to a computer.

Another project that was worked on was the completion of a nationwide emergency management professional's survey. This survey was designed by the federal government to help them decide which areas of education would be of most use to emergency managers at the local level.

The county's radiation kits were given an overhaul and recalibration by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency through a relationship formed with Barnstable County.

An agreement was forged with the Island American Red Cross for the storage of an American Red Cross Rapid Response Trailer to be stored by the Dukes County Emergency Management Agency.

In concert with the Island Health agents, the DCEMA participated in a "Healthy Homes" seminar, which was hosted by the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head.

The director attended a broadband summit hosted by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, which featured the undersecretary of the Federal Communications Commission as the main speaker.

Projects that were also worked on this year included the continuation of the Martha's Vineyard Medical Reserve Corps formation.

The county's Gulfstream Trailer was loaned to the West Tisbury Police for use during the annual agricultural fair for use as a Public Safety support vehicle.

An interesting meeting with the Washington DC based "Council for Excellence in Government" was attended in Boston and several valuable networking connections were made.

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency asked the county to distribute the "2008 Emergency Guidebook", a Hazardous Material Guide.

Several flu pandemic containment and mitigation exercises, the island flu clinic, and the annual airport accident exercise were all exercises that were participated in this year.

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The director trained as a driver and radio operator for the Police Chiefs Association Command Vehicle and completed various Incident Command Courses mandated for emergency managers by the Federal and State governments.

The director performed duties as the Acting Administrator for the Martha's Vineyard Medical Reserve Corps and attended several Regional and state-wide meetings.

It has been a very rewarding and successful year

Respectfully submitted

Charles (Chuck) Cotnoir

emergencymanagement@dukescounty.org

IN THE EVENT OF AN ISLAND EMERGENCY LISTEN TO:

**Radio WMVY
92.7 FM**

**Cable TV
Station 14**

Safety Tips

- ❑ **Know your location!**
Be sure you know your location so you can direct help to arrive.
- ❑ **Display your HOUSE Numbers**
To help rescuers find your home quickly, your house number must be displayed in a prominent location. Street numbers should be at least 4 inches high. Turn on a light to guide rescuers.
- ❑ **Help others Help you!**
Use your Cell Phone to list In Case of Emergency "ICE" phone numbers. They can be easily identified by preceding the name or number with a space and the letters "ICE" -
example: _ICE Joyce Wife
The space or underscore will position the ICE phone number first in the phone directory.



Dukes County Emergency Management Agency
Dukes County Administration Bldg. Airport Rd. Edgartown, MA
Mail: RRT BOX 190 Vineyard Haven, MA, 02568
Phone: 508 690 3611 FAX: 508 690 3649
e-mail: emergencymanager@dukescounty.org

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ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT – was operational until December 2007
No report for FY2008 was submitted.



DUKES COUNTY HEALTH COUNCIL

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HEALTH COUNCIL

THE DUKES COUNTY

COUNCIL

OVERVIEW:

The Dukes County Health Council, founded in 1966 by the Dukes County Commissioners, is a coalition of 37 appointed members representing consumers, public officials, health care practitioners and agencies of Martha's Vineyard.

Currently there are representatives from the Hospital, Community Services, VNA, Hospice, Whole Health Alliance, Island Health, Access Program, and Windemere. Other representatives include, the Superintendent of Schools, Elder Services, Wampanoag Tribe, Edgartown Board of Health, Veteran's Agent and Associate Commissioner of Health Care.

Much of the year was spent crafting the vision and mission statements listed below. In addition, the Health Council reviewed the goals and developed a model to aid its' committees in completing their work.

VISION:

Our vision is a healthy community with seamless, complementary, coordinated and accessible health and wellness services for the residents of Martha's Vineyard.

MISSION:

The Dukes County Health Council is a coalition of community members, public officials, health practitioners, and health organizations working together to promote community-wide health and wellness.

GOALS:

1. Facilitate the work of the Health Council, including sustainability of current programs and development of new programs and approaches.
2. Foster and promote the organizational support and collaboration needed to develop an integrated primary care system for Martha's Vineyard.
3. Actively support and facilitate, where needed and requested, initiatives undertaken by individual members of the Health Council that are directly compatible with the mission of the Council.
4. For the Health Council's standing committees and workgroups: a) establish the leadership development and succession planning needed to ensure sustainability; and b) actively support and facilitate their plans and programs.
5. Support the development of plans and programs designed to increase the health care delivery capacity of our community, including recruitment, housing, professional development and retention.

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6. Establish and maintain liaisons with regional health and human services collaboratives and networks and receive reports.

MODEL TO GUIDE THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL AND ITS COMMITTEES:

Model includes needs assessment, program planning and development, program implementation and evaluation, gathering data, seeking funding to support program planning and implementation, and evaluation in ways that clearly identify community need and produce measurable outcomes.

HEALTH COUNCIL COMMITTEES/PROGRAMS: CHAIR 3/7/08:

- | | |
|--|-----------------|
| • Coordinating Committee | Dedie Wieler |
| • Primary Care Working Group | Chris Knowles |
| • Oral Health Working Group | Sarah Kuh |
| • Mental Health & Substance Abuse | Tom Bennett |
| • Elder Affairs Committee | Jacque Cage |
| • Youth Task Force | Cindy Doyle |
| • Nominating Committee | N/A |
| • Rural Health Scholars Advisory Committee | Patsy McCornack |
| • Vineyard Health Care Access Program | Sarah Kuh |

Health Council Members

<p><u>CONSUMERS (8-10)</u> Ellie Beth Tad Crawford Max Nunes Cynthia Doyle Janet Holladay Patsy McCornack Dan Pace</p>	<p><u>PUBLIC OFFICIALS (5-6)</u> Matt Poole, Edgartown Board of Health Ron MacLaren, Wampanoag Health Services Jacque Cage, Elder Services James Weiss, Superintendent of Schools County Commissioner or Its Representative</p>
<p><u>PRACTITIONERS/PROFESSIONALS (6-8)</u> Judy Flanders Chris Knowles Karen Meeks Jayne Beitman Gayle Poggi Oceana Rames Paddy Moore Jane Cleare</p>	<p><u>COMM HEALTH ORG (8-10)</u> Cindy Mitchell, Island Health Bob Tonti, VNA Terry Young, Hospice Rex Jarrell, Whole Health Alliance MVCS (2-3) Tom Bennett Julia Burgess Sharon Claus-Zanger MVH/Windemere (2-3) Dedie Wieler Ken Chisholm Jay Ferriter, Acting for Tim Walsh</p>
<p><u>EX OFFICIO MEMBERS (8):</u> Pat Donegan, Assoc. Commissioner, Public Health Anson Krickl, Assoc. Commissioner, Handicapped Affairs Hans von Steiger, Assoc. Commissioner, Elder Affairs Sarah Kuh, Director, VHCAP Jo Ann Murphy, Veteran's Agent</p>	

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DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY (DCRHA)

346 State Road, P.O. Box 4358, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Phone: 508-693-4419

The Dukes County Regional Housing Authority provides affordable year-round rentals and rental assistance, homebuyer training and lottery support, waitlist management, monitoring services and advocacy and collaboration with town committees, island organizations, local businesses and concerned individuals working to create the housing options needed to maintain our Island community.

The Housing Authority's support of affordable homeownership in FY08 included the **lottery** of 9 homes developed by the Island Affordable Housing Fund at Jenney Way in Edgartown. Assistance with the lottery criteria, participant certification, lottery preparation and **Homebuyer Education** is also currently being used by town Housing Committees in Edgartown, Chilmark, Tisbury and Oak Bluffs, the Island Housing Trust and private developers for upcoming lotteries. We also maintain the **Island Affordable Homebuyer Clearinghouse** to publicize homebuyer opportunities and the **Martha's Vineyard Subsidized Housing Inventory** to assist in assuring future protection of existing affordability restrictions. This year the Inventory was used to assist Tisbury and Aquinnah tax assessors in their assessments of affordable properties in their towns.

On July 1st 2007 the 4 other Island towns joined Aquinnah and Chilmark in utilizing Community Preservation Act funding to add town based subsidies to those provided through the Island Affordable Housing Fund. The Housing Authority now facilitates **68 Rental Assistance subsidies** across the Island. The Housing Authority also offered **57 units of rental housing** on nine properties in 4 towns; oversaw the **32 Accessory Apartment** program in West Tisbury; used Tisbury CPA funding to continue **rehabilitation of 9 apartments**; assisted Edgartown in their rent-up of the **Morgan Woods** complex of 60 apartments; assisted Housing Committees in Aquinnah, Oak Bluffs and West Tisbury in their development of rental opportunities; maintained a **Rental Housing Waitlist** numbering close to 300 applicants; and partnered with other organizations that offer assistance with rent, utilities and apartment rehabilitation to Island renters and their landlords.

The Housing Authority manages the **Vineyard Housing Office** on State Road in Vineyard Haven as a clearinghouse for rental and homeownership opportunities and a focus for islanders working together on housing issues. The VHO currently is home to the Housing Authority, the Island Housing Trust, the Island Affordable Housing Fund, and Habitat for Humanity of Martha's Vineyard and offers a website, **www.vineyardhousing.org**, as a comprehensive resource for affordable housing on Martha's Vineyard.

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Dukes County Registry of Deeds

81 Main Street, P.O. Box 5231, Edgartown, MA 02539

Phone: 508-627-4025, Fax: 508-627-7821

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We experienced another decline in Registry business during FY 2008. The revenues show an 18% decrease in fees collected by the Registry of Deeds. This trend reflects the state of the real estate market and general economy. The 3-year comparison included below illustrates the shift in revenues.

	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Copies and Postage	62,179	55,276	46,847
Plans	1,850	1,650	1,210
Recorded Land Recording	169,996	148,567	123,770
Land Court Recording	63,497	61,778	54,715
Excise to County	194,297	166,490	142,085
Registry Interest	402	309	141
Excise Interest	<u>906</u>	<u>783</u>	<u>439</u>
	493,127	434,853	369,207

The availability of Dukes County records on line continues to be an asset to the services we provide and we continue to add to that service. The website address is www.masslandrecords.com. Currently we have the Grantor/Grantee indexes available on line back to 1984 and document images are available from 1993 forward. With the availability of technology fund monies we are actively scanning older documents and continue to increase the available inventory. Assistant Register Debra Levesque, Jessica Burnham and Patricia Law remain available to provide expert assistance to our customers and myself.

The Registry of Deeds is located on the first floor of the Courthouse in Edgartown. The hours of operation are 8:30AM to 4:30PM, Monday through Friday. Documents are accepted for recording from 8:30AM – 12:30PM and 1:30PM - 4:00PM, Monday through Friday.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne E. Powers
Register of Deeds



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Dukes County Rodent Control Program

9 Airport Road, P.O. Box 3764, Edgartown, MA 02539

Phone: 508-696-4888, Fax: 508-696-3841

E-mail: tjhegarty@dukescounty.org

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It was a busy year for the Rodent Control Program. We surpassed \$20,000.00 in revenues while providing more service to all the Island towns.

After a year long dialog with the All Island Boards of Health Agent's and there respective boards, the County of Dukes County and Matthew Osborne, Field Coordinator, MA Arborviris Program; a program to trap, identify and test mosquito's from the entire Island for West Nile Virus and EEE; Eastern Equine Encephalitis was started in Late June.

This project was equally funded by the 6 Island towns with the State providing traps, test tubes, mailing materials, freeze packs, postage and testing fees and the County Integrated Pest management Director doing the work.

The Rodent Control Department sponsored a free continuing education seminar in May. Attending were the all island Boards of Health, Boards of Health members from all of the Cape Code towns and over 14 PCO's (Professional Pest Control Operators).

Featured speakers were John Meaney, Principal Health Inspector, City of Boston Inspectional Services Department, Kevin Moran, B.C.E. Entomologist / Tech, Residex and Sheila Haddad, Senior technical Sales rep; Bell Laboratories, Inc

As the economy continues it's down ward trend the phone is ringing with more requests for service.

Sincerely,

T.J. Hegarty, County of Dukes County Integrated Pest & Rodent Management.

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Veteran's Agent

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In FY08, The Veterans Services Department assisted 121 cases, including financial and medical assistance. The total amount expended was \$63,627.61. We can expect 75% of this money to be reimbursed next year by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This year \$55,118.90 was reimbursed for last years services to veterans and their dependents under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 115, as amended. The amount received from Federal VA expenditures through pensions and compensations was \$1,239,336.00 as of December 8th, 2008.

We lost 19 veterans this past fiscal year. All were buried with Military Honors and with a representative from the Veterans Services Office and the Veterans of Martha's Vineyard present.

Veterans participated in 4 parades this past fiscal year: Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Holy Ghost Society Parade and Veterans Day. Our guest speaker for Memorial Day this year was Major General Joseph C. Carter, Adjutant General Massachusetts National Guard.

We also participated in the Wreaths Across America Program sponsored by Worcester Wreath Company, which has been decorating wreaths on graves at Arlington National Cemetery for 17 years. Seven ceremonial wreaths were placed to remember those who served, honor their sacrifices, and teach our younger generations about the high price of our freedoms. Specially made wreaths for Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines and POW/MIA were placed on memorials during a unique ceremony that was coordinated simultaneously at over 350 participating locations all across the Country and around the World. American Legion Post 257 in Vineyard Haven conducts this ceremony at Oak Grove Cemetery at the Directory for the Avenue of Flags.

We thank the membership of the American Legion Post 257 in Tisbury for the use of their space at Seamen's Bethel Annex for the satellite Veterans Office.

I continue to write every month on veterans benefits for the 55 Plus Times, be involved with the Dukes County Health Council, go to all veterans organizational meetings, go to training with the Department of Veterans Services and MAC meetings at the Bedford VA. I am still sending care packages to island soldiers with the help and generosity of the people of Martha's Vineyard, especially Ms. Estelle Burnham of Edgartown. As of this date we have 9 island men serving in Iraq and numerous others serving in the U.S. and around the world. If you know of someone serving please call my office with the address.

The Women's Veterans Network is still looking for women veterans in Massachusetts. There are 28,000 women veterans in Massachusetts. If you know a woman veteran please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Murphy
Director of Veterans Services

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Office of the Martha's Vineyard Parking Clerk

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Fiscal Year 2008 saw significant changes.

Beginning in August of 2007 I began meeting with the Selectmen in each Town and with the County Commissioners. The main purpose of these meetings was to provide information on changes in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90 Section 20A1/2. The most significant change was the increase in the maximum fines allowed. The \$35.00 fine increased to \$50.00 and the 3rd fine of \$15.00 increased to \$20.00. The towns individually decided on its increases, if any. Each Town now has its own fine schedule. The County decided to follow Edgartown's fines. These new fines were implemented in June 2008.

Plymouth County Parking Department continues to do a great job in processing our tickets. A total of 13,147 new tickets were processed during FY 2008. Access via computer modem to our data at Plymouth County enables us to assist those with parking ticket problems and/or questions immediately.

Our online access to the Registry of Motor Vehicles enables us to clear and mark tickets electronically. This real time updating continues to be a very important tool in helping those in non-renewal status.

Income to the Parking Clerk is derived from a 15% share in fines collected. During FY 2008, \$266,072.00 was collected in fines.

Joseph Sollitto, Hearings Officer, is available at the Dukes County Courthouse, Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 10:30 for those wishing to protest tickets within 21 days. Written protests are accepted if procedures detailed on the front of tickets are followed.

I wish to thank Noreen Mavro Flanders, Joe Sollitto, Tammy Deese, Dukes County Communication Center and all the Island Police Departments for their continued help.

Respectively submitted,

Carol M. Grant
Martha's Vineyard Parking Clerk

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Office of the Sheriff

P.O. Box 252, Edgartown, MA 02539
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Sheriff Michael A. McCormack is the county's chief law enforcement officer. The Office of Sheriff is one of the oldest known to law, and from its earliest times, the Sheriff has been the chief officer for the preservation of peace within his or her county. It is an Office of high trust, and has continued from times of antiquity, predating all other forms of policing.

Deputy Sheriffs, sworn officers under the Office of the Sheriff, perform a variety of functions to assist the Sheriff in the daily performance of his duties. These functions include service at the Dukes County Jail & House of Correction, the Communication Center, the Drug Information Bureau, Community Corrections, the Beach and Boat Patrol, the Intermittent Police Officer Academy, Transportation of Prisoners, and Civil Process.

The Sheriff's Deputies are also members of the Sheriff's Honor Guard, the Drug Task Force; and participate in the Anti - Litter Program, the D.A.R.E. Program, the TRIAD program, and Project Lifesaver. Numerous community service details, for such organizations as the American Red Cross, Hospice, the Agricultural Society, and the Visiting Nurses Association, are performed annually by Deputy Sheriffs.

Deputy Sheriffs have formed the Dukes County Deputy Sheriffs' Association, an organization which raises considerable monies to support various island programs and youth organizations. In addition, this association awards a college scholarship each year to three graduating seniors.

The Sheriff's Deputies are asked to serve the community with Integrity, Professionalism, and Respect.

TRIAD, Community Corrections, 3-1-1 Non-Emergency Telephone System and Project Lifesaver continue to thrive.

Triad is a partnership with senior citizens, the Sheriff, law enforcement agencies, and community service providers that meets to discuss and address public safety concerns of senior citizens. These meetings are held weekly on Thursday at the Tisbury Senior Center.

Community Corrections is a partnership between the Sheriff's Office and the Trial Court of the Commonwealth that establishes an alternative to incarceration for offenders while on Probation. This program offers GED education, life skills education, substance abuse counseling, and provides accountability, by utilizing four levels of supervision; from administrative supervision to home confinement.

The 3-1-1 Non-Emergency Telephone System reduces the workload at the 9-1-1 dispatch center while providing a more efficient method with which the public can access Police resources in cases where there is "urgency, but not emergency."

Project Lifesaver is an electronic tracking system for patients with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, autism or individuals with a history of wandering away from home. The program consists of a bracelet worn by the patient and is used to track individuals in order to search and rescue them when they become missing.

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As part of our ongoing effort to reduce recidivism we continue to implement a re-entry plan of supervision and services developed with each offender, through collaboration with public and private criminal justice and human service agencies, from the first day of incarceration through transition, reintegration and aftercare in the community.

This Individual Service Plan focuses on areas such as substance abuse, education, physical and mental health, family relationships, employment and housing. Our goal remains to provide the most appropriate programming for offenders that will lead to successful re-entry.

Through the assistance of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety the Sheriff has received a grant from the Federal Government's Homeland Security Agency to replace the current Communication Center with a new center located next to the existing center at the Martha's Vineyard Airport. The project is currently in the design & build phase.

With a site chosen at the Martha's Vineyard Airport the Sheriff continues to pursue the goal set forth by the Dukes County Jail Task Force, to seek funds for the construction of a much needed replacement facility.

Sheriff McCormack serves as President of the Martha's Vineyard Chiefs of Police Association, and a Past President of the Massachusetts Sheriff's Association.

The following is a detailed report from the various divisions of the Office of the Sheriff:

CIVIL PROCESS DEPARTMENT:

FY 2008 saw the successful completion of the service of Civil Process.

The supervisor of Civil Process executes personally or through deputies assigned to the department all orders from the courts including seizures, attachments, arrests, warrants, searches, forfeitures, keepers, escorts and evictions. Monies collected from these services are entered into a special County Treasurer account. Twenty Five percent of every type of service under Chapter 262, Section 8 with the exception of mileage is sent to the Office of the State Treasurer.

The following is a summary of some services for FY 2008:

Attachments	29
Capias	78
Writ of Execution	40
Demand on Execution	6
Evictions	7
Letters	39
Notice to Quit	34
Notice to Show Cause	7
Motions	6
Notices	4
Order of Notice	79

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Diligent Searches	92
Orders	7
Postings	2
Out of State service	25
Trustee summons	4
Subpoenas	174
Summons	481
Small Claim notices	3
Notice of Evection	2
Sheriff's Sale	2

The Civil Process Office is now located at 84 Main Street in the Courthouse, 2nd floor, Room 201 in the Sheriff's Office. All Civil Process will be handled at this new location. To contact this office, call 627-3511.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER DIVISION:

Statistics	Fiscal Year 2008
Log entries, calls received & dispatched:	23,915
Alarms:	2,471
Teletype Items:	54,490
Totals:	80,876

Under the direction of Sheriff Michael A. McCormack, the communications center is a regional central dispatch for all the towns located within the County of Dukes County. These include Aquinnah, Chilmark, Edgartown, Gosnold, Naushon, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, and West Tisbury. The departments include Local and State Police, Fire, Harbormasters, Shellfish, Ambulances, Emergency Medical Technicians, Trustees of Reservations, Animal Control, Search and Rescue, Menemsha Coast Guard, Emergency Management,, Environmental Police, Local & State Highway, Town Water and Parks Departments (lifeguards).

We currently dispatch in excess of 2,471 alarms for private residences, businesses and municipal buildings. Alarms are dispatched to us from central monitoring stations. Some of the signals that are monitored include burglary, fire, CO, freeze, line trouble, medical emergency, panic, pump failure and many more.

We continuously make many corrections on E-9-1-1 street address discrepancies on residences and businesses alike. With the assistance of the individual town's assessor's offices, these have been corrected through the Verizon database. We encourage all citizens to verify their E-9-1-1 address with us by calling our non-emergency number 693-1212. Making sure that your residence or business is listed with the correct E-9-1-1 address will ensure and expedite the proper agency response to your location.

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In October 2007, new 911 equipment was installed in our 911 center. During the first week in September, the State 911 Telecommunications Board (SETB) trained all our dispatchers in the use of this equipment off-island. On October 18, 2007 we went live with the new equipment. All 911 centers in Massachusetts were upgraded by the beginning of January 2008. The new equipment has many usual features one being that when someone calls 911 from a cell phone, the Call is routed directly to our facility and we are able to see the location of the cell caller.

We analyze all our 911 calls at the end of each fiscal year. The calls are broken down into 2 categories: emergency and non-emergency. Of the 5,013 calls we received 2,201 were actual emergencies, 2,812 were non-emergencies.

All of our personnel are required to be trained, tested and certified in Emergency Medical Dispatch, CPR, and the Law Enforcement Agencies Processing Systems computer. All employees are required to be re-tested and certified biennially. Additionally, all new employees are required to attend a five-week Telecommunicator Public Safety Academy off-island.

Personnel employed at the Communications Center during fiscal year 2008 were Supervisor Major Susan Schofield, Sergeant Linda Cook, Sergeant Robert Brown, Sergeant Kathryn Mercier, Sergeant Nicole Gazaille, Deputy Sarah Townes, Deputy Maria Williams, Deputy Elizabeth Gilmore and Deputy Georia Costa. Other personnel employed during the fiscal year were Steve Mathias, Troy Vanderhoop, Tekla Silva and Joanne LaPierre.

Remember, if you have an emergency while you are on Martha's Vineyard, dial 9-1-1. It is important to speak clearly and provide the dispatcher with your name, the telephone number you're calling from, the nature of the emergency, an exact location with directions including cross streets. Please, DO NOT hang up the phone until the dispatcher acknowledges that she/he has all the information needed. We wish to reiterate the importance for all real estate agents to provide all rental properties with the telephone number, E-9-1-1 street address for the property and specific directions on how to get emergency personnel to the location. Health care workers should also know this information for any clients that they may be responsible for. This information should be placed near the telephone. In the event that an emergency should arise, this will ensure an expedited response.

FOR EMERGENCIES, TO HELP STOP A CRIME, REPORT A FIRE, OR SAVE A LIFE, DIAL 9-1-1.

CELL PHONE CALLS TO 9-1-1 THAT ARE MADE FROM MARTHA'S VINEYARD WILL NOW BE ROUTED DIRECTLY TO OUR FACILITY.

FOR "URGENCY BUT NOT EMERGENCY" DIAL 311.

FOR NON-EMERGENCY CALLS DIAL (508) 693-1212.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS CENTER:

INTRODUCTION

The Dukes County Community Corrections Center is an Intermediate Sanctions Program sponsored by Sheriff Michael A. McCormack and the Dukes County Sheriff's Office in collaboration with the Office of Community Corrections in the Trial Court of Massachusetts.

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The mission of the Dukes County Community Corrections Center is the establishment of intermediate sanctions programs which offer a continuum of services for Probation, Parole, the Department of Corrections and Sheriff's Inmates.

The Center offers the following services:

- Substance Abuse Counseling and Education
- Adult Basic Education and GED services
- Life Skills and Job Readiness Training
- Random Drug/Alcohol testing
- Electronic Monitoring
- Community Service

The Center provides probationers with educational programming, life skills and vocational instruction, and substance abuse treatment programming. Each participant is provided the opportunity to help him or herself without having to be incarcerated. This type of programming allows the participant to serve their sentence as mandated by the presiding justice. It also gives the center the opportunity to prepare the participant for integration back into the community.

PROGRAMS

The center currently offers classes in addiction education, relapse prevention, stress management, communicable disease prevention, GED/Adult Education classes, Life skills, counseling as well as A.A. and N.A. meetings.

Programming at the Center consists of:

Level IV-24 hour restriction

- Electronic Monitoring
- Random drug and alcohol testing
- Community Service (Community Corrections Center)
- Structured program services

Level III- Daily Accountability

- Electronic Monitoring (optional)
- Random drug and alcohol testing
- Community Service (Community Corrections Center)
- Structured program services

Level II-Standard Supervision

- Random drug/alcohol testing
- Community Service (Community Service Program)

Level I-Financial Accountability

- Community Service (Community Service Program)

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From July 2007 to June 2008, the Center received a total of twenty-four (24) referrals. Of those referrals, two (2) were Level IV probation referrals, eighteen (18) were Level III Male Probation referrals, two (2) were Level III Female Probation referrals, and two (2) were Level III Male Sheriff referrals. Twelve (12) participants successfully transitioned to a lower sanction level.

Program Manager David A. Murphy leads the Community Corrections Center team with the support of Assistant Manager Eric Perry, Administrative Assistant Kelli Stewart as well as the treatment staff which consists of Treatment Manager Jeremy Norton, Substance Abuse Counselor Roberta Lima, Job Developer Matt Burke, and GED/Adult Basic Education facilitator Carol Petkus.

Massachusetts Trial Court employees Brian Kennedy and Nathan Durawa are in charge of Community Services.

CENTER MILESTONES

The center successfully transitioned twelve (12) participants to a lower sanction. Two (2) male from IS Level IV to IS Level III. Ten (10) males from IS Level III to Level II. Eight (8) of those males were from the Edgartown District court and two (2) were from the Sheriff's Office.

The center assisted three (3) participants in obtaining their GED.

DRUG TESTING

Level II, Level III and Level IV participants receive mandatory random drug testing for both drugs of abuse and alcohol. In FY 08, seven hundred and fifty three (753) samples were tested for drugs of abuse.

The center uses Syva/Dade Behring's ETS Plus batch analyzer to test for drugs of abuse and the Intoximeter 5000 to test breath for alcohol.

ELECTRONIC MONITORING

Electronic monitoring continues to be a useful tool for promoting public safety. During FY 08, five (5) male participants were involved with electronic monitoring. The center continues to assist the Office of the Commissioner of Probation with its implementation of Electronic Monitoring Island wide.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

During FY 08, Level II, Level III and Level IV participants participated in community service projects island wide. Six thousand two hundred and ninety five (6295) hours of community service were completed. Five thousand six hundred and forty six (5646) were completed by males and six hundred and forty nine (649) hours were completed by females. Community service crews completed projects for various local non-profit organizations.

CONCLUSION

The Center's goal is to enhance public safety and maximize opportunities for substance abuse treatment, provide education and lifeskills for participants, address specific gender and cultural issues, provide opportunities for aftercare and provide links to further services in the community.

The Dukes County Community Corrections Center will service its participants under the direct supervision of Pamerson Ifill, Regional Program Manager from the Office of Community Corrections.

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DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION UNIT:

The Dukes County Sheriff's Office Drug Abuse Prevention Unit completes its nineteenth year of operation. It is responsible for the administration of the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program, D.A.R.E. Operation Ropes Challenge Course, statistical data management, inter-department and community relations in drug and alcohol educational development and implementation, grant generation and management, and other duties as assigned by Sheriff Michael A. McCormack.

The D.A.R.E. program continues in the island school system, enjoying support from all agencies involved and has now graduated over 3,860 students. The unit continues to provide the core 5th-6th-grade program in four elementary schools. The Sheriff's Office also provides adventure base counseling to selected 5th, 6th and 8th grade students throughout the Island, culminating in participation at the D.A.R.E. Operations Ropes Challenge Course. It also continues to offer a relationship with the YMCA teen center, with collaboration in the teen options program, as well as a female pre-teen peer group in the spring and fall of 2009. The program provides a forum for at risk youth to learn life skills in conflict resolution, communication skills, problem solving and appropriate response to stressful situations during social interaction with peers and adults. The D.A.R.E. Operations Challenge Ropes Course has continued to provide instructional pieces to Island teachers, offering education in adventure based counseling course operation and utilization of adventure learning in the classroom. It has also provided adjunct programming to support several religious affiliated youth groups. The DARE program will introduce a new child identification program in the elementary schools in the spring of 2009, as well as establish programming in the High School, through utilization of new elements and equipment on the Ropes Challenge Course.

Due to the elimination of grant funding in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Drug Abuse Prevention Unit has sought and been provided funding and services by private entities and local businesses on the Island of Martha's Vineyard. Through these charitable donations and the support of the Sheriff's Office, the D.A.R.E. Program continues to grow and develop as a valuable tool in the prevention of drug abuse and violence. Through fund raising efforts in the past year the DARE Operation Challenge Ropes Course has expanded the physical plant with several upgrades and new elements on the current course to include a new Helix Rock wall climbing tower and swing shot system. The new elements and programming has been piloted in the 8th. Grade during the fall of 2008 and will be introduced to the High School level in the spring of 2009, which will expand the Drug Prevention Unit's ability to service the community of Martha's Vineyard.

HOUSE OF CORRECTION AND JAIL:

In fiscal year 2008 the Dukes County Jail and House of Correction admitted 1263 inmates who resided for 9994 days. These figures reflect an average daily population of 28 They also reflect an average daily admission of 4 persons.

The following table illustrates the number of admissions, inmate days and average daily population for the last five years.

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	Inmates admitted	Inmate days	Average daily population
FY 07	1278	8976	24.60
FY 06	1098	10364	28.39
FY 05	1098	10305	28.39
FY 04	1245	12155	33.30
FY 03	1351	10237	28.05

This next chart illustrates the category and the number of charges of the 1263 admissions.

Category	Number of charges
Alcohol	476
Property	103
Violent	202
Drug	119
Other	363

The inmate Labor Program in conjunction with the State Department of Public Works continues into its thirteenth year. This program provides inmates with the opportunity to utilize their time and help reintegrate into the community. In the last twelve years this program has provided over 37000, man hours to help keep the roadways of Dukes County free of litter.

Several religious groups, Alcoholics Anonymous, Anger Management, Book Club and Fathers Group are amongst the volunteer groups associated with the inmates of the Dukes County House of Correction and Jail. These volunteers play an important role in reintegrating the inmates back into the community. The Sheriff recognizes and applauds the commitment of these volunteers.

TRAINING DIVISION:

The current status of the Dukes County Sheriff's Office Training Division continues to utilize resources made available to us including our own training division and staff, new training facility consisting of a Training Director, in-house instructors, at the same time utilizing training staff from other Massachusetts County Sheriff's Offices, and the Massachusetts Department of Corrections training personnel, when needed or appropriate. The MSAETC has recently coordinated regional training throughout the state to better serve all counties with continued available training programs.

The Dukes County Sheriff's Office continues to maintain it's level of efficiency by having our full-time training officer, now Vice-Chair of the Massachusetts Sheriff's Association Education & Training Committee (MSAETC) attend monthly meetings where valuable information is shared. These monthly meetings are scheduled throughout the Commonwealth in various counties. All necessary changes in law, or new and innovative training methods are discussed and implemented into Massachusetts Sheriff's lesson plans. All lesson plans are recognized and accepted by the County elected Sheriff's and the Massachusetts Department of Correction.

The training goals of the Dukes County Sheriff's Office continue to be, not only to meet, but to exceed the minimum standards set forth by the Massachusetts Department of Corrections, as well as staying current with any changes in the law.

In FY 2008, the Dukes County Sheriff's Office has implemented new and innovative forms of training for it's employees, including having a separate training station where officers and staff can complete

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on-line training sessions. Also included, is a direct connection and use of the Massachusetts State Police On-Line Academy, where officers and staff can improve in areas of law enforcement by taking many on-line classes, which has been included in our in-service training hours..

The Dukes County Sheriff's Office maintains it's integrity by following the recommendations and direction set by the American Correctional Association, American Jail Association, Municipal Police Training Committee, Massachusetts Standards Committee, the National Institute of Corrections, and the National Sheriff's Association.

TRANSPORTATION DIVISION:

Dukes County Sheriff's Office operating under the authority of the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 37 Sections 24 and 25 transports inmates. Inmates are transported to the courts in Dukes County, to other courts within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to correctional facilities, and health care facilities. Lt. Randolph M. Ditson has been the head of this section for the past eight years. In FY2008 there were 1,056 inmate transports as indicated below:

	To	From	Total
Courts			
On island	456	270	726
Off island	57	37	94
Correctional Facilities			
Off island	82	27	109
Health Care Facilities			
On island	57	57	114
Off island	5	4	9
Escorted Furloughs	2	2	4
Totals:	659	397	1,056

Adult males	954
Adult females	86
Juvenile males	5
Juvenile females	1

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Vineyard Health Care Access Program

114 New York Avenue, Oak Bluffs, MA
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Phone: 508-696-0020, Fax: 508-696-7352
E-mail: info@vineyardhealthaccess.org

Massachusetts' groundbreaking health care reform initiative continues to have a major influence on the Vineyard Health Care Access Program's activities. Because health care reform created new affordable health care programs, and because it is now mandatory to have health insurance in Massachusetts, the Access Program has seen a dramatic increase in the number of people seeking our enrollment and coverage maintenance services. ***The Access Program provides enrollment services to 15% of all Martha's Vineyard residents.***

In FY 2008, we had 7,178 total client contacts; 2,524 people were approved for/enrolled in MassHealth, Commonwealth Care, Health Safety Net and related programs; we provided prescription assistance to 250 people; and information, referral, advocacy and assistance services 4,736 times.

Client Services

The Access Program's core service continues to be connecting the Island's lower-income residents with health care. Activities include public benefit health care program enrollment assistance, information and referral and advocacy; referrals to primary care, specialty care and complementary care; helping clients to make appointments and manage medical debt; and creating access to services like specialty care, vision care and prescription medication assistance. ***FY 2008 approvals for affordable insurance programs include Commonwealth Care – 828; MassHealth – 592 children and 495 adults (1,087 total) and Health Safety Net or “Free Care”-- 607; Medicare Part D and Prescription Advantage for seniors and the disabled -- 183.***

The Access Program's discounted care programs continued to provide affordable services to the uninsured. These include the Dental Access Program, the Specialty Network for the Uninsured (SNU) and the Prescription Medication Assistance Program (PMAP). The SNU is a regional program operated under the Cape and Vineyard Community Health Center Network. It has over 80 participating providers in 26 specialties; ***there were 680 patient visits for free or discounted specialty care in FY2008.***

Outreach increased as a result of having grant-funded staff who could conduct additional activities. In addition to public service announcements, distributing fliers, brochures and cards throughout the community, school mailings, presenting to English as a Second Language classes, and networking with health and human service agencies, we held public meetings, conducted outreach to local congregations, were stationed at public locations (i.e. grocery stores) and had regular paid advertisements in the newspaper. We continued our outreach to clients of the Dukes County House of Corrections and the Community Corrections Program.

The David Kurth Memorial Fund provides emergency financial assistance to Islanders with medical-related expenses that they cannot afford, primarily prescription medication. The Fund was insolvent for nearly half of this year, however, after receiving contributions, ***we provided \$4,556 in financial assistance to 112 low-income uninsured or underinsured Islanders.*** The Rotary Club of Martha's Vineyard continues its strong support for this program. Other contributions in FY2008 came from the

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Farm Neck Foundation, the Peter and Elizabeth Tower Foundation; and individuals and local businesses.

Health Access Initiatives

Vineyard Smiles: The Dukes County Health Council's Oral Health Working Group provides oversight for Vineyard Smiles, an oral health initiative which was funded by a grant to Island Health Inc. from the Oral Health Foundation (OHF) of Dental Services of Massachusetts. The program focuses on school-based mobile dental services and dental education for children in Head Start and grades K-12; care facilitation for adults with unmet oral health problems; and a community awareness campaign about the importance of oral health. *In SY 2008, 412 children received dental care including exams, cleanings, fluoride treatment, sealants and fillings.* Every K-2 classroom on the Island participated in Tooth Tutoring. *34 low-income adults received referrals and care coordination via our MV Dental Access Program.*

Local and Regional Initiatives: Access Program employees have been involved in a number of additional health care initiatives including:

- The Dukes County Health Council's Oral Health Working Group
- The MassHealth Training Forum
- The Specialty Network for the Uninsured
- The Tri-County Community of Oral Health Excellence
- Healthy Immigrant Families: Cape & Vineyard Initiative

Sustainability

The Access Program's sustainability is identified as a goal in the Dukes County Health Council's workplan. In FY2008 we convened a committee to implement sustainability activities, including seeking support from local health care providers who are able to get reimbursed from insurers because their patients are covered as a result of Access Program enrollment services. Several meetings were held with the Island's major health care providers to determine their interest in supporting the Access Program, based on models from other access programs in Massachusetts and on the results of our 2006 Sustainability Plan.

The other major area of sustainability effort has been in the area of municipal funding from the County and for the first time, the six Island Towns. Because of fiscal constraints, the County was only able to fund 50% of its share of the Access Program (Department 1500) for FY2009. Each Town had a warrant article that asked voters to decide whether they wished to support Town funding for the Access Program. All six Towns voted in support of funding the program. This maintains the "municipal", or non-grant, portion of the program's budget at \$90,000, which is around one third of the total budget. These efforts are ongoing in order to stabilize the program's financial base for the future.

Funding

FY2008 funding sources included the County of Dukes County, Massachusetts' Executive Office of Health and Human Services, the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation, Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands, United Way of Cape Cod and the Islands, Community Action Committee of Cape Cod & the Islands and local funders including the Rotary Club, local businesses and individual donors. The program's total budget for FY2008 was \$268,000.

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Building at 114 New York Ave, Oak Bluffs

The building at 114 New York Avenue in Oak Bluffs houses the offices of the Vineyard Health Care Access Program. We are able to maintain the building through a combination of County funds, grants, donations and volunteer labor. The County's Integrated Pest Management program provides pest control services to the building. We are fortunate to have to the assistance of the state's Community Corrections program, which helps us to maintain the grounds. The Town of Oak Bluffs Highway Department is considerate enough to plow our driveway when it snows. Volunteers also help with janitorial services. Some repairs to the building, mainly the roof, are needed.

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DUKES COUNTY CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Mailing Address: RR1, Box 862, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Physical Address: 9 Airport Road, Edgartown, MA 02539

Telephone (508) 696-3846 • Fax (508) 696-3847

Annual statement of the Dukes County Contributory Retirement System For the year ended December 31, 2007

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Cash	\$ 2,122,726.23
Fixed Income Securities	1,912.50
Equities	14,128,935.33
Pooled International Equity Funds	1,482,667.06
Pooled Domestic Fixed Income Funds	7,850,944.37
Pooled Real Estate Funds	3,045,375.13
PRIT Fund	35,612,695.49
Interest Due and Accrued	3,601.74
Accounts Payable	(315,829.23)
Accounts Receivable	<u>1,035,247.91</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$64,968,276.53</u>

FUNDS

Annuity Savings Fund	19,636,986.98
Annuity Reserve Fund	4,862,176.09
Pension Fund	422,312.61
Pension Reserve Fund	<u>40,046,800.85</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$64,968,276.53</u>

RECEIPTS

Annuity Savings Fund:	
Member Deductions	\$2,582,275.53
Transfers from Other Systems	75,610.72
Member Make-Up Payments	94,555.38
Member Payments from Rollovers	59,771.49
Investment Income Credited to Member Accounts	<u>104,049.05</u>
Subtotal	2,916,262.17

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Annuity Reserve Fund:

Investment Income Credited to Annuity Reserve Fund	<u>130,535.24</u>
Subtotal	130,535.24

Pension Fund:

Reimbursements from Other Systems	\$ 109,833.29
Received From Commonwealth for COLA	69,717.91
Pension Fund Appropriation	<u>3,015,356.50</u>
Subtotal	3,194,907.70

Expense Fund:

Investment Income Credited to Expense Fund	<u>536,378.71</u>
Subtotal	536,378.71

Pension Reserve Fund:

Pension Reserve Appropriation	\$ 597,455.50
Interest Not Refunded	3,558.82
Excess Investment Income	<u>5,540,340.75</u>
Subtotal	6,141,355.07

TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u><u>\$12,919,438.89</u></u>
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DISBURSEMENTS

Annuity Savings Fund:

Refunds to Members	\$ 250,956.07
Transfers to Other Systems	<u>135,631.86</u>
Subtotal	385,587.93

Annuity Reserve Fund:

Annuities Paid	511,449.14
Option B Refund	<u>28,901.59</u>
Subtotal	540,350.73

Pension Fund:

Pension Paid	
Regular Pension Payments	\$ 2,295,807.91
Survivorship Payments	87,087.00
Ordinary Disability Payments	93,933.36
Accidental Disability Payments	381,586.54
Accidental Death Payments	122,294.90
Section 101 Benefits	23,406.00

Reimbursements to Other Systems	164,202.59
COLAs Paid	<u>55,989.95</u>
Subtotal	3,224,308.25

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Expense Fund:

Board Stipend	\$ 15,000.00
Salaries	120,742.97
Legal Expenses	4,645.70
Travel	4,058.18
Custodial Fees	30,866.96
Fiduciary Insurance	4,206.00
Administrative Expenses	21,223.42
Management Fees	297,313.48
Consultant Fees	<u>20,000.00</u>
Subtotal	536,378.71

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$4,686,625.62

INVESTMENT INCOME

Investment Income Received From:

Cash	\$ 94,374.94
Fixed Income Securities	
Equities	227,971.64
PRIT Fund	<u>1,676,508.55</u>

TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME \$ 1,998,855.13

Plus:

Realized Gain (Profits)	3,515,631.36
Increase in Market Value of Equities	5,415,264.08
Income Due and Accrued on Fixed Income Securities – Current Year	<u>3,601.74</u>

Less:

Loss on Sale of Investments	443,196.05
Decrease in Market Value of Equities	4,175,797.14
Interest Due and Accrued on Fixed Income Securities – Prior Year	<u>3,055.37</u>

NET INVESTMENT INCOME \$6,311,303.75

Income Required:

Annuity Savings Fund	104,049.05
Annuity Reserve Fund	130,535.24
Expense Fund	<u>536,378.71</u>

TOTAL INCOME REQUIRED \$770,963.00

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Net Investment Income	6,311,303.75
Less: Income Required	<u>770,963.00</u>

EXCESS INCOME TO PENSION RESERVE FUND	<u>\$5,540,340.75</u>
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MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	1033
Retired Members, Beneficiaries and Survivors	225

Board Members

Noreen Mavro Flanders	Chairman
Jeffrey "Skipper" Manter	Elected Member
Cynthia L. Schilling	Elected Member
Sharon Willoughby	Advisory Council Representative
Roger Wey	Appointed Member
Kelly McCracken	Retirement Administrator

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To The Citizens of Dukes County:

I hereby submit the Annual Report of the Treasurer of the County of Dukes County for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008.

All financial records through June 30, 2008 have been examined by Powers & Sullivan, Certified Public Accountants located in Woburn, Massachusetts and were found to be in good order.*

At the close of FY08, the County's general fund reported a fund balance of \$197,000 which was a decrease of \$48,000 in comparison with June 30, 2007. This was primarily due to the use of unreserved fund balance to fund the operating budget.

The original FY08 General Fund budget anticipated a total decrease in revenue of 4.55% with a corresponding 4.61% decrease in expenditures. During the year further downward adjustments of the revenue and expense budgets were made. With the slowing of the economy, the actual year end revenue was \$15,000 less than the adjusted budget expected. However, expenditures were also lower than anticipated due to the termination of the engineering contract as well as the fact that there was no county manager salary paid for seven months of FY08.

I thank Assistant Treasurer Carol M. Grant and Senior Financial Clerk, Tammy Deese for keeping the Treasurer's office afloat while I was Acting County Manager.

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen Mavro Flanders
County Treasurer

* The audit report is available for inspection online at www.dukescounty.org or at the office of the County Treasurer, 9 Airport Road, Edgartown, MA. during normal business hours.

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Martha's Vineyard Airport

RR1 Box 850, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Phone: 508-693-7022

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The Airport Structure and History

The Martha's Vineyard Airport Commission is responsible for the care and operation of the Airport, and the one square mile of land upon which the airport is located. The seven member volunteer commission is appointed to three-year terms by the County Commission, representing a cross section of experience and backgrounds. The Airport Commission has sixteen full-time and up to eight part-time and seasonal employees who operate the airport, its service components, water and wastewater departments that implement policy, and ensure compliance with state and federal guidelines. Originally constructed by the Navy as a training field for pilots during World War II, the airport was transferred to Dukes County for the purposes of operating a civilian airport. Since 1947, the property has served this role, and hosted many other tenants and activities. The property had remained largely unchanged until the late 1990's, when the construction of a new passenger terminal building and airport business park was completed. The airport now hosts more than 75 private business with a combined peak employment of nearly 750 people. Annually the airport serves approximately 225,000 passengers and has approximately 50,000 aircraft operations.

The Martha's Vineyard Airport continues to update and modernize airport facilities, equipment and processes to increase safety, improve customer service, and administrative efficiency. The Airport Commission, Management and Staff are dedicated to providing a safe, reliable and efficient travel option to the public, while remaining a self-sufficient asset for the island. The Airport is financially self supporting, with revenues offsetting annual expenses. Private construction and development on Airport property also generates tax revenues directly for the Town of Edgartown and West Tisbury, and provides significant direct and indirect economic benefit for all of the island's towns.

Grant Funded Capital Improvements

The Martha's Vineyard Airport was awarded several Airport Improvement Program (AIP) planning grants during Fiscal Year 2008, which centered on rehabilitation of the lighting on runway 15-33. AIP Grant funds in the amount of \$836,725 were received from The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission (MAC) to complete a rehabilitation of the lighting on runway 15-33 and to complete an approach and obstruction study associated with the planned runway 6-24 safety area project.

The Federal Aviation Administration's Airport Improvement Program (AIP) is a national program for airport infrastructure and development. The AIP is funded through aviation system user fees, including airline ticket taxes, and taxes on aviation fuels to maintain and develop the infrastructure to meet present and future demand. Projects are then ranked on a nationwide basis according to priorities contained within the appropriating legislation and FAA policy. Eligible project expenses are then typically reimbursed by the FAA at 95% or 95 cents on the dollar, with a 2.5% matching grant

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provided by the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission. Revenues generated by the Martha's Vineyard Airport are then budgeted to fund the remaining 2.5% share of the total project cost.

Aviation Activity

The aviation industry continued in a decline since the tragic events of September 11, 2001, however the Martha's Vineyard Airport remains less affected than many airports of comparable size. The Airport has experienced stability in aircraft operations for the year ending June 30, 2008.

Airline Service

Airline service during the year declined slightly with Cape Air remaining the predominant carrier serving Boston, Providence, New Bedford, Hyannis, and Nantucket. Boston and now Providence's Green Airport continued to offer the mainstay of connections for both the business and pleasure traveler. Cape Air remains the vital year round link and continues to be the Airport's primary carrier accounting for nearly 80% of all the airport's scheduled airline passengers.

US Airways Express carriers Colgan Air and Air Wisconsin returned with seasonal service to the Vineyard from Washington DC (DCA) and LaGuardia (LGA). These routes were served with higher capacity turbo-prop and Jet aircraft in the 35-50 seat range. Increasing demand during peak periods and the increases in terminal capacity has allowed for the super quiet "regional jets" to serve the Vineyard, which are capable of carrying 50-100 passengers. The new aircraft are extremely popular with travelers because of reduced travel time and increased comfort and cabin space.

Car Rental Services

Budget and Hertz Car Rental continued to provide rental car services at the airport.

Aircraft and Flight Services

The Airport continues to host several aviation service businesses at the Airport, including Direct Flight, Flywright Aviation and J&B Corporate Jet Services. These businesses provide air charter transportation, aircraft management and aircraft catering services to the public.

Customer Service, Sales and Processing

Staffing and equipment continues to have a positive impact on customer satisfaction and has resulted in an increase of aviation fuel sales.

Aviation fuel sales, a primary source of the revenue used to offset airport operations expenses, showed continued stability as a result of staff's customer focused efforts. Sales of aviation gasoline and jet fuel increased during the year and totaled more than 928,600 gallons. This is a year over year increase of nearly 9.5%, with the net revenue from fuel sales being greater than FY 2007.

Non-Aviation Development

The Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission, through previous and continuing capital investments made during in the early 1990's to study, design and construct infrastructure associated with the Airport and Airport Business Park development, considers the Airport Business Park project to be a tremendous success. The original concept of deriving revenue from non-aviation property leases to offset Airport operating expenses, while accommodating commercial development not well suited for in-town locations, has proven viable and is being replicated throughout the state.

The Airport has 50 Non-Aviation leases with many playing host to one or more subtenants.

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Airport Commission Members

Frank Gildea Chairman
Constance R. Teixeira, Vice Chairman
John Alley, Commissioner
Fred Condon, Commissioner
John Coskie, Commissioner
James Craig, Commissioner
Norman L. Perry, Commissioner

Airport Staff

Sean C. Flynn, C.M. Airport Manager
Deborah H. Potter, C.M. Assistant Airport Manager
Michael Eldridge, Water & Wastewater Chief Operator
Elaine L. Graves, Financial Administrator
Beth Durawa, Airport Operations Clerk
Darren Gilbert, Airport Operations Clerk
Arthur Marx, Airport Operations Clerk
Geoffrey Freeman, Airport Operations Supervisor/Firefighter
Eric Hatt, Airport Operations Supervisor/Firefighter
Richard Michelson, Airport Operations Specialist/Firefighter
E. Ralph Smith, Airport Operations Specialist/Firefighter - Coordinator
Marques Rivers, Airport Operations Specialist/Firefighter - Coordinator
Gary Coates, Airport Operations Specialist/Firefighter
Jesse Olson, Airport Operations Specialist/Firefighter
Ryan Collins, Airport Operations Specialist/Firefighter
Maynard Davenport, Airport Operations Specialist/Firefighter
Adam Friedman, Airport Operations Specialist/Firefighter
Paul Ronhock, Airport Operations Specialist
Ralph Grant, Ground & Facilities

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Youth Task Force Annual Report 2008

The Youth Task Force (YTF) successfully secured funding from two sources providing long term funding for initiatives in this community to address underage drinking and drug prevention. . In July 2008 the YTF was awarded a three year \$300,000 grant from the Massachusetts Bureau of Substance Abuse Services to continue middle school substance abuse prevention efforts. Beginning in October 2008 the YTF has been awarded a 5 year \$625,000 (\$125,000 @ year) to provide substance abuse prevention targeting high school students and their families. This money is to enlist the support of community wide strategies to have a real impact on this issue in our community.

The coordinator, who was part time until July 2008, was increased to 30 hours per week and thus our ability to access the community increased dramatically. The YTF has begun to work directly within the community through initiatives and strategies.

	As outlined in original grant proposal	Action steps
Goals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthen and coordinate collaborations for substance abuse prevention through community partnerships. 2. Reduce adolescent substance abuse by increasing age of first use and decreasing current use among MV teens. 3. Mobilize the community of MV toward a culture that values and sustains substance abuse prevention. 	<p>The YTF continues to recruit and foster positive relationships with key stakeholders in the community to engage members of the community in the important work of substance abuse prevention. Recently, with the positive publicity, we have been fortunate to have many new recruits to the coalition. Each month, we have had about 2 new people approach the YTF with interest to join. As these individuals approach the YTF, the YTF steering committee meets with them to assess the fit and typically invite them to join the coalition.</p> <p>The YTF has collected accurate data about current use, and has implemented environmental strategies to work with the community on impacting the age of first use.</p> <p>The YTF has hosted a variety of community events as well as community activities to focus on training and education of parents,</p>

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		youth, police and educators focusing on social norms.
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthen and Coordinate YTF Coalition. 2. Correct misperceptions of substance use among 7th & 8th grade students. 3. Design and implement social norms campaign to correct misperceptions of youth substance use and impart the message that most youth are doing the right thing. 4. Increase 7th and 8th grade parents awareness of the risks of youth substance use by sharing teen norms survey results and discussing the influence of misperceptions on substance use to impact community perceptions and counter community laws and norms that are favorable toward adolescent substance use. 5. Provide information, guidelines, and resources for parents and the community. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. YTF has recruited new members and continues to meet regularly to demonstrate reliability and consistency. Presently the YTF has roughly 30 members, of which 20-25 attend the monthly meetings regularly. YTF members have participated in social norms trainings, attended a compliance check training and MADD Youth In Action Training, a Train the Trainer Social norms training and are scheduled for a cultural competency training in March. 2. YTF has collected data about actual use in the middle schools and has saturated the middle school environment with messages to correct the misperceptions in this community. 3. YTF has designed a social norms campaign with positive messaging through a variety of outlets for the middle school youth. 4. The YTF hosted “Chat and Chowder” meetings to share the information from the middle school surveys with parents and educators. At these meetings the social norms theory was introduced to parents and met with a favorable response. A parent survey has been administered, analyzed and shared with the MV parent community. The parent survey data has been available in the local newspaper as well as on their web site. A parent postcard and mouse pad has been distributed to all parents. Through networking, the YTF has attempted to have a presence and information available at many other parent

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		<p>functions.</p> <p>5. A parent website with information, guidelines, and resources for parents and the community has been designed and launched.</p>
<p align="center">Activities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Hire YTF Coordinator (Jan 2008) 2.Train YTF Members (Feb 2008) 3.Coalition Recruitment.(ongoing) 4. Seek funding for sustainability. 5. Attend Social Norms Conference in July 2008. 6.Design a Teen Norms Survey and survey 7th & 8th Grade students in health class to assess perceptions and beliefs in relation to substance use and analyze data.(January 2008) 7. MS health teachers will conduct classes in all 7th and 8th grades in February / March and again in October/November to share teen norms survey results and give accurate information to correct misperceptions. and implement social norms media campaign to correct misperceptions.(Feb/Mar & Oct/Nov 2008) 8. Hire art director and develop messages. (March 2008) 9. Launch social norms media campaign school and community with media coverage of campaign. (April, May & June 2008) 10. Evaluate social norms campaign, modify messages using current survey data. (September 2008) 11. Design Parent Survey instrument to gather baseline data about parents' beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors in relation to youth substance use and answer questions raised in the YRBS. (February 2008) 12. Host Chat and Chowder Dinners for 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. YTF coordinator was hired in January 2008. 2. YTF held a Social Norms training in February and one in November for all YTF members, facilitated by Southeast Center for Healthy Communities (SCHC). 3. YTF has been successful in recruiting many new members including, parent, student, clergy, medical and business representatives. 4. YTF been awarded both a BSAS and SAMHSA grant in July and November 2008. Each grant provides multiyear funding to continue this work for 3-5 years. 5. YTF was unable to attend the social norms Conference in July as the coordinator had a serious family emergency June-July. 6. The Teen Norms Survey was designed with the help of SCHC and administered in February 2008. The analysis & report was completed by SCHC. 7. MS health teachers incorporated the teen norm survey results into their classes throughout the year, as well as information about social norms through the media campaign

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	<p>all 7th and 8th grade parents. (March 2008)</p> <p>13. Conduct Parent Survey and analyze data. (March 2008)</p> <p>14. Dukes County Associate Commissioners for Youth will update D.C. Commissioners and the community at large on the substance abuse prevention plan at monthly televised D.C. Commission meetings.</p> <p>15. Chaperone guidelines will be distributed to all school parents to address the problem of parents modeling inappropriate behavior drinking alcohol while chaperoning school trips.</p> <p>16. Teen Yellow Pages website, with listing of links to resources, programs, and activities for youth and families including articles with relevant parenting and substance use prevention information.</p>	<p>items. (book covers, posters, mouse pads, pencils, pens, bookmarks etc.)</p> <p>8. Art Director has been retained to develop a logo, and other images for print, as well as working collaboratively with the coordinator to design items for promoting the messages through our social norms campaign.</p> <p>9. Social Norms media campaign has been launched in the schools, and community. This began with YTF presence at community events such as the Tisbury Street Fair, Edgartown School Health Fair and MV Agricultural Fair to familiarize the community with the goals of the YTF and to get feedback from the community about the community needs. In the schools, the YTF began positive promotion of their social norms marketing campaign by providing each middle school student with a book cover and a lanyard with majority messages about middle school student's choices. Through the fall and early winter, two posters and other items such as pens, pencils, bookmarks, mousepads and slap bracelets have been designed and distributed in the schools promoting positive choices. The MV times has offered great coverage of the YTF efforts along the way.</p> <p>10. YTF hosted several focus groups; some co-facilitated by SCHC for HS and MS students to test messages for the poster campaign. During the HS focus group, the YTF provided the youth with a social norms training. From this group we are fortunate to have 11 newly interested and committed youth who would like to pursue</p>
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		<p>future projects with the YTF. The focus groups were instrumental in guiding the selection and development of the poster campaign.</p> <p>11. The parent survey was created in conjunction with the SCHC. The survey was direct mailed and e mailed to all parents of 7th and 8th grade students.</p> <p>12. YTF hosted 4 Chat and Chowder Dinners and found that parents are eager to learn more about and work together to promote the social norms campaign.</p> <p>13. The parent survey produced an impressive return rate (30%), with positive information to use in the Social Norms Campaign. Parent Postcards, and other promotional items have been circulated as well as coverage in the MV Times.</p> <p>14. 2 Youth representatives and 1 adult representative have been appointed to the Dukes County Commissioners as Associate Commissioners for Youth. These individuals have attended meetings periodically to update the commissioners on the work of the YTF.</p> <p>15. Chaperone guidelines have been developed and the School Superintendent has taken responsibility for implementing these guidelines in the schools. Presently, the guidelines are being enforced in many of the schools, but proposed to be put into Island wide policy September 2009.</p> <p>16. Teen Yellow Pages website has</p>
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		<p>been populated with data and resources. The website address is : www.vineyardparents.org and although it is not complete yet – it is functional at this time.</p>
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- 1. Have you accomplished what you had hoped to by the close of the grant term? How closely are you staying to your timeline as outlined in the RFR? Please explain any significant deviations to the timeline.**

This grant has offered us an opportunity to affect change in a small community. We have taken full advantage of the resources that have been made available to us both through the Attorney Generals Office as well as our community. Although we had a slow start to actually producing our products for the social norms media campaign, it was with the conscious effort of making sure that we tested the messages and products and that they are appropriate for our community. This background, bridge building activity has in turn developed a broader network of support in the schools and the community.

We have been successful in accomplishing the activities in our proposal within the parameters of our timeline.

- 2. In your grant application, your coalition put forth a proposed scope of work. Have you deviated from that scope of work? If so, why? Is this due to organizational factors e.g., to staffing changes? Are the deviations systemic e.g., due to difficulties working with specific partners? Is this due to other contextual factors e.g. incidents in the community, history within the community, etc?**

We have not deviated from our scope of work.

- 3. What results have you seen? Were the results what you expected? What result(s) are you most proud of?**

Over the past year, the Youth Task Force has become an organization that is familiar to the community. Our work is trusted and we are welcomed in most communities as a contributor and supporter of substance abuse prevention for youth. This grant has allowed us to evaluate each of our steps along the way. In evaluation, we have been able to make course corrections as we go.

The YTF has begun to change the misperceptions in the middle school youth population. (see Hall Intercept Report) This was a primary goal of our proposal and one which we are so pleased in the recent hall intercept and clicker surveys that we facilitated in the middle schools showed a decrease in the misperception. Additionally, the positive feedback from the community through increased membership and participation at our monthly meetings, frequent newspaper coverage and newly forged police collaboration on projects in our community are indicative of the success of our efforts.

- 4. What data have you collected? What data collection procedures were used? How did you analyze the data you collected? Please include any results or findings.**

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The YTF has a positive working relationship and a contract for services with Healthcare of Southeastern Massachusetts, Southeast Center for Healthy Communities (SCHC). One of the obligations in this contract is for their support in designing tools, methods and analysis for data to evaluate the progress of the YTF.

The Teen Norms Survey administered in February 2008 –

This survey was administered in the homerooms of the middle schools, and provided us with accurate information about use of alcohol and marijuana and perceptions of use in this target population. This survey was analyzed and reported by SCHC. (attached)

The Middle School Parent Survey administered in June 2008 –

This survey was direct mailed and e mailed through Survey Monkey to all Middle School parents on Martha's Vineyard. In addition to the mailing, we sent out reminder postcards with the web address for survey monkey to boost responses. This survey gave us information about protective measures that parents utilize with their youth. This survey was analyzed and reported by SCHC. (attached)

The Coalition Self Assessment administered in February 2008 & January 2009 –

This survey was e mailed to coalition members through Survey Monkey. We had a decent return rate and the results showed strengths in the coalition direction as well as areas for improvement. This survey was analyzed and reported by SCHC. (attached)

Social Norms Focus Groups – September, October 2008 –

The YTF held 5 focus groups. The first focus group was facilitated by SCHC, and the group was comprised of 11 High School Students. This was the first group to test messages and images for the middle school media campaign. This focus group was very productive in both working on the message development as well as building alliances with youth to further the buy in for this age group. (attached)

The YTF Coordinator and volunteers from the YTF facilitated 4 focus groups for middle school youth as we designed the second poster and found this activity very helpful in structuring a campaign that is appealing to middle school students. The posters that we had picked out – were off the mark and we had to listen to the students to reconfigure them to make a better impression. This process was essential in the development of the subsequent posters and promotional item selection.

Hall Intercept Survey – January 2009

The YTF coordinator utilized a hall intercept tool created by SCHC to randomly check in with middle school students about both their perception of use in their age group as well as their ability to recall the message or image from the poster campaign. We were thrilled to see that the majority of the youth surveyed knew that most students did not use alcohol and had seen our messages. (attached)

Clicker Survey – January 2009

The YTF administered a clicker survey in classes during January. Unfortunately we had some difficulty in getting into the schools in December due to the school vacations as well as difficulties with snow days in January. We were successful in facilitating clicker surveys in 4

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middle school classrooms. This was an incredibly positive activity to do with youth, we found the participants very responsive. We found that the majority of the youth are able to recall the messages as well as, their perception of use has decreased. The clickers were a mechanism that the youth were very responsive to and they are interested in participating in future activities.

5. What problems have you encountered? What have been your solutions to these problems?

The YTF struggles with reaching parents in our community. This is a challenge that is not unique to Martha's Vineyard, therefore we continue to look to other communities to learn about strategies that will aid us in mobilizing our parents.

Amidst the positive campaign, messaging about the positive choices that youth are making in our community, our community was stunned to have a high profile heroin bust in a local family's home, involving 5 youth under the age of 24. Although there has been no information around who the consumers of these drugs are, it has opened up the gossipy dialogue in the community, drawing the conclusions that so many youth are now using heroin. The YTF is anxious to have the new YRBS data this winter to address this issue with data.

An additional community blow to our campaign was a recent (December 2008) arrest of a middle school teacher for hosting underage drinking parties at his home for quite some time. The newspaper coverage of this topic will have a dramatic impact on the believability of our positive messaging and will be a hurdle that we are developing strategies to deal with.

6. What lessons have you learned from this project? What, if any, conclusions have you reached?

The lessons learned are:

- It is important to have many messengers in the community. The purpose of a coalition is to encourage different members of the coalition to own the work that we do. The message is trusted and more meaningful from peers and trusted members of different sectors of the community.
- Evaluation is an important component all along the way. Not just at the close of a grant. Through evaluative check ins, course corrections and redirections can be made.
- Parents want support and are concerned about the issue – however it is hard to reach them.
- If youth feel like part of the process, they tend to buy into the message much better.
- There is much more work for us to do!!

7. What are the ways you plan to continue and extend the work of the grant beyond the grant term? Has the sustainability plan outlined in your application changed? What factors have influenced the sustainability plan?

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We are thrilled to be able to continue this work for the next 5 years through funding from the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) as well as the Drug Free Communities (DFC) Grants. The BSAS grant will allow us to continue our work with the 7th and 8th grade students, and the DFC grant will allow us to expand our programs to the 9th – 12th grade population. We believe that the opportunity and success of this Attorney General's has been instrumental in building the momentum and enthusiasm to expand our resources to address this issue in our community.

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