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REPORT OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

During Fiscal Year 2007, the County Commissioners and County Manager, E. Winn Davis, worked on a wide range of issues. In October 2006, a goal-setting meeting, which included the Dukes County Advisory Board, was held. The top priorities were:

- Public relations
- Communication
- Grant writing
- Revenue enhancement
- Economic development
- Budget process/transparency
- Reducing administrative redundancies in regional agencies
- Energy

These goals were forwarded to the Charter Study Commission, which was elected in November of 2006. The 23-member commission, which was chaired by William O'Brien III of Oak Bluffs, hit the ground running. Several meetings with the county manager and department heads helped the commission understand the current charter, while workgroup meetings with town leaders and other counties opened up discussion for the future goals of Dukes County

Also in the fall of 2006, a prescription card for all citizens of the county was launched. Through the National Association of Counties, this program provided a 10-15% discount for prescription medication. By the end of the fiscal year, our citizens had saved more than \$15,000, when purchasing medications using the card.

Norton Point Beach breached in FY2007. Several meetings with Federal, State and town officials offered little resolution for the forces of nature. The issues of a split beach, as well as preservation of endangered species, resulted in an agreement with The Trustees of Reservations for their management of Norton Point.

Other beaches owned and managed by the county were the attention of the Barrier Beach Task Force and the Eastville Beach Committee. These groups saw that the beaches were cleaned, grass was planted and maintenance plans were put in place with the cooperation of the towns of Oak Bluffs and Tisbury.

A major accomplishment of Fiscal 2007, was the resolution of a seven year discourse between the County Commissioners, Airport Commissioners and Federal Aviation Administration. In the end, the airport's enterprise fund paid the county \$141,000 for past support and the county paid \$85,000 for rent to the airport's enterprise fund for the use of the land on which the County Administration Building is situated. A 20-year lease was signed as part of the agreement.

Despite the successes of the fiscal year, in June of 2007 Dukes County saw the resignation of its fourth County Manager since the 1995 effective date of the Home Rule Charter. E. Winn Davis led the county for nearly four years. I would like to thank him for his dedication and service.

Respectfully submitted,
Noreen Mavro Flanders
Acting County Manager

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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

John Early / Skipper Manter	West Tisbury
Ron DiOrio	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
County Manager	E. Winn Davis	Indefinite
Steamship Authority Governor (3 years)	Marc Hanover	Dec. 31, 2007
Legal Counsel (3 years)	Marcia Mulford Cini	Dec. 31, 2008
Associate Commissioner Health Care Access	Dr. S. Patrick Donegan	Dec. 31, 2007
Assoc. Comm. for Affairs Concerning Handicapped Persons	Anson Krickl	Dec. 31, 2007
Assoc. Comm. for Affairs for Elderly Persons	Hans von Steiger	Dec. 31, 2007
County Commission's Rep. on the MVC	Paul Strauss	Dec. 31, 2007
Emergency Management Director	Chuck Cotnoir	Dec. 31, 2007
Delegate to Pilgrim RC&D Area Council	Thomas J. Hegarty	Dec. 31, 2007

Martha's Vineyard	Norman L. Perry, Chair	Dec. 31, 2009
Airport Commission	John Alley	Dec. 31, 2007
3-year terms	John Coskie	Dec. 31, 2007
	Fred Condon	Dec. 31, 2008
	Constance R. Teixeira	Dec. 31, 2008
	James Craig	Dec. 31, 2008
	Francis E. Gildea, Vice Chair	Dec. 31, 2008

Dukes County Regional Housing Authority	3-year term (governor's appointee 5 years)	
Harvey Beth, Vice Chair	Oak Bluffs	Dec. 31, 2009
Laura Barbera, Treasurer	Tisbury	Dec. 31, 2009
Melissa Norton Vincent	Edgartown	Dec. 31, 2007
Zelda Gamson	Chilmark	Dec. 31, 2009

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Richard Skidmore	Aquinnah	Dec. 31, 2009
Ernie Mendenhall, Chair	West Tisbury	Dec. 31, 2009
Anthony J. Bongiorno	Governor appointee	Jan. 05, 2011
Leo Frame	Island-wide	Dec. 31, 2007
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

E. Winn Davis, County Manager
 Jennifer Randolph, Executive Assistant
 Jo Ann Murphy, Veteran's Agent
 T.J. Hegarty, Rodent Control Officer
 Steve Berlucchi, Engineer (Engineering Department operated until December 2007)
 Chuck Cotnoir, Emergency Management
 Eric Goldwire, Maintenance

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

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Geoffrey Freeman, Airport Operations Supervisor/Firefighter
Eric Hatt, Airport Operations Supervisor/Firefighter
Jamie Gaspar, Airport Operations Supervisor/Firefighter 4
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, Ground & 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

* resigned

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
Rebecca Townes, Communications Officer
Steven Mathias, Communications Officer
Cyndie Jeremiah-Taylor, Communications Officer
Elizabeth Gilmore, Communications Officer*
Susan Cook, Communications Officer*

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JAIL/HOUSE OF CORRECTION

Durwood Araujo, Asst. Deputy Superintendent
Patricia Sheehan, Asst. Deputy Superintendent
James Neville, Captain*
Marinko Vukota, Captain
Donald Rose, Lieutenant
Eric Bettencourt, Sergeant
Jared Meader, Sergeant
Steven Pupek, Sergeant
John McCarron, Sergeant
Nancy Brown, Sergeant
Erika Weron, Sergeant
Daniel Townes, Correctional Officer
Phillip Fuentes, Correctional Officer
Simone Damaceno, Correctional Officer
Kevin Donovan, Correctional Officer
Travis Bissey, Correctional Officer
Michael Trance, Correctional Officer
Norman Graham, Correctional Officer
Albert Robinson, Correctional Officer
Marc Rivers, Correctional Officer
Katherine Upton, Education Facilitator
Sarah Saltonstall, Nurse
Christopher Hargy, Food Service Manager

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

David Murphy, Captain
Eric Perry, Lieutenant
Kelli-Ann Stewart, Sergeant
Carolyn Kildegaard, 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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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, 2007, the Dukes County Emergency Management Agency made significant strides in the areas of communicating emergency warning information to County employees and other entities who do business with the County Emergency Management Agency and several new relationships with other agencies in the emergency management arena were expanded.

This was also the year that the Dukes County Charter Committee researched our county's operations with a final goal of determining if county government should be abolished or stay in operation and if so, to determine ways to improve on the existing operations. The Dukes County Emergency Management Agency contributed a lengthy document outlining the usefulness and necessity of the county emergency management function.

Several county emergency plans were developed for use in emergencies. A Continuity of Operations plan and a Continuity of Government plan were submitted for approval. The county emergency manager was given the additional duty of coordinating the retrieval and dissemination of shelter information to and from the island emergency managers and a plan was developed for this purpose

New equipment valued at over \$50,000 was added to the inventory of the Emergency Management Agency this year from excess government surplus property. The county acquired a 2/12 ton Army truck for relief supply delivery, an accompanying trailer, a 400 gallon water tank trailer, a 28 foot Gulfstream trailer for incident support, and a step van for transporting firefighters during wildfires. The only cost incurred by the county was for the transportation of the Gulfstream trailer.

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

Several of the areas of responsibility that were added to the Director in previous years were continued this year. The responsibility for the logistics of the Annual island-wide Flu Clinic was again performed by the Director as well as the duties of Scribe for accident incidents at the airport.

The emergency management and warning system that was initially designed as employee bulletins was expanded to include the members of the Charter Committee. Bulletins included warnings of ice and snow storms and information bulletins on power outage safety tips, health and product recall bulletins, and other general emergency preparation items.

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Projects that were worked on this year included the continuation of the Martha's Vineyard Medical Reserve Corps formation, which is hosted by the county and pandemic planning with the island Board of Health agents, the island Emergency Managers, and the Martha's Vineyard Hospital. Considerable energy was expended preparing plans for an outbreak of H5N1 (bird flu) that is circling the globe, at this time

A summer storm wreaked havoc on the county owned Norton Point Beach . Floodwaters completely removed approximately 300 yards of sand-based roadway on Norton Point Beach. The open space created was 300 yards wide, 200 feet from the bay to the ocean and has varying depths of between 8 and 17 feet along it's breadth. The county emergency management agency was instrumental in focusing attention on this disaster and for attaining significant disaster recovery aid for the Town of Edgartown.

Work continued on the County Public Health Committee.

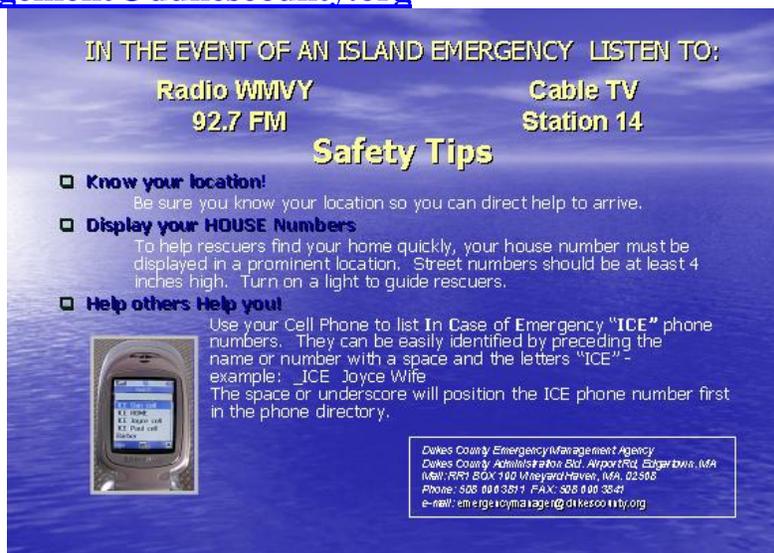
Several interesting computer programs were installed in the office this year. A program called Hurrivac, which is a program to help emergency managers forecast, track and react to hurricane activity was installed in the county office and a program called Pictometry, which displays aerial views of the island, was also installed in the office. This program is very useful while fighting wildfires or containing hazardous material accidents

Exercises that the were attended or were participated in were flu pandemic containment and mitigation exercises, appendices to the island flu clinic which included bussing elderly clients to the annual flu clinic, and the annual airport accident exercise.

Training programs that were attended included a three day Hazardous Material course hosted by the Wampanoag Tribe, various Flu Pandemic exercises and various Incident Command Courses mandated for emergency managers by the Federal and State governments.

Respectfully submitted
Charles (Chuck) Cotnoir

emergencymanagement@dukescounty.org



IN THE EVENT OF AN ISLAND EMERGENCY LISTEN TO:

Radio WWVY
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 Stop 1204 100 Vineyard Haven, MA 02546
Phone: 508 690 3811 FAX: 508 690 3844
e-mail: emergencymanagement@dukescounty.org

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DUKES COUNTY HEALTH COUNCIL

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HEALTH COUNCIL

THE DUKES COUNTY
COUNCIL

Overview

The Dukes County Health Council is a 35-member committee of community health providers and consumers created in 1996 under the auspices of the Dukes County Commission to identify a community vision and direction for health care on Martha's Vineyard.

Since 1998, the Health Council had focused its energies on creating an Island Health Plan, through the design, development and introduction of an insurance plan to serve the needs of the un-insured and under-insured residents of Martha's Vineyard. Once the Island Health Plan progressed to the final development stage, a separate not-for-profit organization was charged with overseeing its implementation. To avoid any conflicts of interest several long-standing members of the DCHC resigned to join the new non-profit organization and a re-building of the DCHC began.

After rebuilding the membership, the Health Council members remained committed to the original vision: "to promote community-wide health and wellness through the creation of a cooperative, integrated network of health care for Martha's Vineyard".

Committees

The Council is perhaps best known for its efforts to improve access to care through the Vineyard Health Care Access Program (VHCAP) and the development of affordable insurance through the Island Health Plan (IHP).

Equally important, but less well known are those Health Council committees and task groups designed to address health needs in our community that are either unfunded or simply inadequately addressed. These include:

- The Primary Care Working Group
- The Behavioral Health Network
- The Chronic Illness Network
- The Geriatric Care Management and Service Access Study Team
- The Prevention & Wellness Committee
- The Oral Health Working Group
- The Rural Scholars Program
- The Youth Task Force

The valuable contributions to the Island and its many health and wellness related endeavors could not be accomplished without the hard work of the many volunteers of the Dukes County Health Council.

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Youth Task Force

Mission

The Youth Task Force mission is to reduce substance use and other and other risky behaviors by promoting community-wide health and wellness for youth and families through a cooperative integrated network of youth, parents, health practitioners, health and social service organizations, public officials, educators, law enforcement officers, and other community members.”

Vision

Our vision is a mobilized MV community with a culture that values substance abuse prevention

Activity

The Dukes County Health Council formed the Youth Task Force (YTF) in 2004 in response to concerns over findings of Youth Risk Behavior Surveys (YRBS 2000 and 2002) that documented levels of substance use and other risky behaviors among Martha’s Vineyard youth to be significantly higher than state and national levels.

In 2004 the YTF raised funds and conducted a follow-up YRBS. In the summer of 2005, after studying and inventorying existing data and resources, the YTF engaged senior associates from the Heller School for Social Policy and Management of Brandeis University to facilitate a broader community-wide assessment and planning process. Under the Heller School leadership two day long community forums brought together over 75 Island stakeholders. The forums included students, parents, teachers, therapists, guidance counselors, administrators, members of the clergy, law enforcement, and representatives from the Brazilian community and Wampanoag Tribe along with representatives of non-profits that work with youth and families. Through this process the YTF recruited and engaged a broad-based coalition of community partners who identified and agreed on youth substance abuse problems and were committed to finding solutions. This process resulted in The Blueprint for Community Youth Development, Phase 1 of a strategic plan. Five Working Groups (Parent (Education, Substance Abuse, After School/Out of School Activities, Mentoring, and Resource Mapping) were established to implement the strategic plan, inventory existing programs and services and identify gaps.

In July 2006 the YTF applied for and received a technical assistance grant for strategic planning services from Southeast Center for Healthy Communities (SCHC), an organization funded through the US Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services to provide assistance in planning and implementing environmental strategies for substance abuse prevention. Through regular meetings and specially scheduled sessions the SCHC increased the YTF Coalition’s capacity through trainings in the science of prevention, cultural competency, social norms theory and coalition development. The result of these efforts was the development of a 5-year strategic substance abuse prevention plan utilizing environmental strategies to address the community’s youth substance abuse problems.

An assessment of the Vineyard community identified the following risk factors that need to be addressed: 1) Vineyard parents have favorable attitudes & involvement in alcohol and other drug use, 2) Vineyard community laws and norms are favorable towards youth ATOD, and 3) the Vineyard community is not mobilized to prevent youth ATOD use. To reduce adolescent substance abuse these issues need to be addressed to change the environment in which MV youth grow and develop. Specifically, we have to 1) strengthen and coordinate substance abuse community efforts on the Vineyard and 2) mobilize the Vineyard community toward substance abuse prevention. The YTF has built a coalition of key community stakeholders who have worked together to define the problem, develop a strategic plan to address it and are mobilized to work toward the implementation. The next step was raising the funds to hire a YTF Coalition Coordinator to coordinate the activities of the YTF Coalition, support the implementation of the strategic plan, and sustain the YTF Coalition’s efforts.

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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.

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's support of affordable homeownership this past year included effort on **lotteries** of 4 homes developed by the Island Housing Trust in Tisbury and the homesite offered by the Town of Aquinnah. Assistance with the lottery criteria, participant certification, lottery preparation and **Homebuyer Education** is currently being used by town Housing Committees in Edgartown, Chilmark, Tisbury and Oak Bluffs. 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.

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.

The DCRHA Board of Directors:

ERNIE MENDENHALL, Chair, *West Tisbury*

HARVEY BETH, Vice Chair, *Oak Bluffs*

LAURA BARBERA, Treasurer, *Tisbury*

ZELDA GAMSON, *Chilmark*

RICHARD SKIDMORE, *Aquinnah*

MELISSA NORTON VINCENT, *Edgartown*

LEO FRAME, *Representative at Large*

DAVID VIGNEAULT, Executive Director

TERRI KEECH, Administrator

LINDA JOHNSON, Administrative Coordinator

JAMES O'BRIEN, Property Manager

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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

e-mail: registry@dukescounty.org

We experienced another decline in Registry business during FY 2007. The revenues show a 13% decrease in fees collected by the Registry of Deeds. This is the first year the Excise revenues have not made up for the decrease in recording fees, which is indicative of the real estate market across the country. The 3-year comparison included below illustrates the shift in revenues.

	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Copies and Postage	72,261	62,179	55,276
Plans	4,075	1,850	1,650
Recorded Land Recording	190,399	169,996	148,567
Land Court Recording	62,859	63,497	61,778
Excise to County	172,272	194,297	166,490
Registry Interest	574	402	309
Excise Interest	<u>1,219</u>	<u>906</u>	<u>783</u>
	503,659	493,127	434,853

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 1999 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. We can be reached during those hours at 508-627-4025. Our FAX number is 508-627-7821 and our email address is registry@dukescounty.org.

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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As I write this report it will be a matter of days before the sixth anniversary of the new revised County of Dukes County Rodent County Program.

This past year again saw record revenues for the County Rodent Control program.

This May the County hosted a Mosquito Education seminar; Gabrielle Sakosky, Cape Code Mosquito Control Entomologist, Walter Montgomery, Director Northeast Mass Mosquito Control Wetland District and Jeff O'Neill, Central Life Sciences, Zoecon professional products Division were the featured speakers.

This free educational program was open to the Board of health Agents and public officials from Dukes County.

As we start our 7th year I want to again thank all of the commissioners and town officials who have supported the Rodent Control Program.

I would like to remind all that the County Rodent Control program is available to all no matter what your income. This program is funded / subsidized with your tax dollars. The price you pay or don't pay reflects this.

Consumer Education and an Integrated Pest Management Program still remains the foundation of the County of Dukes County Rodent Control Program.

Respectfully submitted;

T.J. Hegarty
Rodent Control Officer

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Veteran's Agent

9 Airport Road, Edgartown, MA
P.O. Box 465, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568
Phone: 508-693-6887, Fax: 508-696-3841
E-mail: vetsagent@dukescounty.org

As per Massachusetts General Law Chapter 115, Section 3, The Director of Veterans Services is the person charged with taking applications for veterans' benefits and for providing financial and medical assistance to qualified needy veterans and their dependents. She is responsible for assisting veterans in obtaining federal benefits, and acts as the veterans' burial agent for her district and arranges for proper internment of deceased veterans in accordance with state regulations (108 CMR). Her job is to serve local veterans in whatever way she can.

In FY07, the Veterans' Services Department assisted 115 cases, including financial and medical assistance. The total amount expended was \$79,518.63. We can expect 75% of this money to be reimbursed next year by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This year \$56,302.92 was reimbursed for last years services to veterans and their dependents under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 115, as amended.

The federal Veterans' Administration provided an additional \$1,117,152.00 through pensions and compensation. This is the last year that we will be able to get verification of this amount due to the HIPPA laws for confidentiality.

We lost 24 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 year: Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Holy Ghost Society Parade and Veterans' Day. This Memorial Day was extra special as we dedicated a monument to the 4 island soldier's killed in Vietnam: John R. Painter Jr, Daniel S. Bettencourt, Jon L. Grimmitt, and William T. Hagerty. Members of their families were present to lay the wreath on the monument. We also had a quest speaker from the Providence VA Regional office: Mr. Richard Earley. Besides being a National Service Officer for the Mass Department of Veterans Services Mr. Earley is the past President of the Massachusetts Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and has served on the National Board of the Vietnam Veterans of America.

I continue to write an article every month on veterans benefits for the MV 55 Times, be involved with the Dukes County Health Council, go to all veterans organizational meetings, go to training with Department of Veterans Services and MAC meetings at the Bedford VA. I am still sending care packages to the troops. As of this date we have six island men serving: 6 in Iraq and 1 in Kosovo. If you know of someone serving please give call my office with the address.

This year I was asked to be on the Women Veteran's Network Steering Committee. The committee is working to find all 28,000 women veterans in Massachusetts and inform them of their benefits. 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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The office of the Martha's Vineyard Parking Clerk handles parking violations for Dukes County and all six Towns on Martha's Vineyard. Fiscal Year 2007 was busy as usual.

Plymouth County Parking Department continues to do a great job in processing our tickets. They are extremely accommodating. 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 continues to be a very important tool in helping those in non-renewal status.

Our website was visited 5,040 in 2007 compared to 506 in 2006.

Income to the Parking Clerk is derived from a 15% share in fines collected. Fiscal year 2007 collected \$244,508.00. Our office alone collected \$62,435.00 for 2,331 tickets. During this same period we processed 16,494 tickets totaling \$219,508.00.

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 the 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

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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

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worn by the patient and is used to track individuals in order to search and rescue them when they become missing.

Through the assistance of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety the Sheriff has received a grant from the Federal Governments 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 2007 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 2007:

Attachments	30
Capias	100
Writ of Execution	41
Demand on Execution	3
Evictions	5
Letters	11
Notice to Quit	40
Notice to Show Cause	11
Motions	6
Notices	3
Order of Notice	53
Diligent Searches	69
Orders	1
Postings	4
Out of State service	18
Trustee summons	11
Subpoenas	300
Summons	381

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Small Claim notices

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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	<i>Fiscal Year 2007</i>
<i>Log entries, calls received & dispatched:</i>	20,297
<i>Alarms:</i>	2,420
<i>Teletype Items:</i>	51,126
<i>Totals:</i>	<hr/> 73,843

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 2,420 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.

We analyze all our 911 calls at the end of each fiscal year. The calls are broken down into 4 categories: emergency, non-emergency, misdial/errors test/hit calls. Of the 4,031 calls we received 1,669 were actual emergencies, 898 were non-emergencies, 859 were misdial/errors and 605 were test/hit calls.

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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.

Personnel employed at the Communications Center during fiscal year 2007 were Supervisor Major Susan Schofield, Sergeant Linda Cook, Sergeant Robert Brown, Sergeant Kathryn Mercier, Sergeant Nicole Gazaille, Deputy Sarah Townes, Deputy Steve Mathias, Deputy Maria Williams and Deputy Elizabeth Gilmore. Other personnel employed during the fiscal year were Rebecca Townes and Cyndie Jeremiah-Taylor.

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 FIRST GO TO STATE POLICE IN FRAMINGHAM WHO WILL TRANSFER THE CALL BACK TO US. FOR ALL OTHER NON-EMERGENCY OR CELL PHONE EMERGENCY CALLS DIAL (508) 693-1212.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS CENTER:

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.

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

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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)

From July 2006 to June 2007, the Center received a total of twenty-nine (**29**) referrals. Of those referrals, four (**4**) were Level IV probation referrals, two (**2**) were Level III Probation referrals with Electronic Monitoring, twelve (**12**) were Level III Male Probation referrals, two (**2**) were Level III Female Probation referrals, and nine (**9**) were Level III Male Sheriff referrals. Seven (**7**) participants were removed from programming and twenty-two (**22**) participants successfully transitioned to a lower sanction level.

Program Manager David A. Murphy leads the Community Corrections Center team with the aid of Assistant Manager Eric Perry, Administrative Assistant Kelli Stewart as well as the treatment staff which consists of Treatment Manager Jeremy Norton, Substance Abuse Counselors Monte Pearse and Betty Doherty, 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.

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CENTER MILESTONES

The center successfully transitioned twenty-two (22) participants to a lower sanction. One (1) male from IS Level IV to IS Level III. Twenty (20) males and one (1) female from IS Level III to Level II. Twelve (12) of those males and one (1) female were referred from Probation, and nine (9) were from the Sheriff's Office.

For FY07, the center received an increase in funding which allowed the hiring of 2 new staff people. A 40 hour position for a Job Developer/Lifeskills facilitator and a 15 hour Substance Abuse Clinician were added to compliment the current treatment staff.

Yardley Theolien facilitated a training session at the center on June 12, 2007. Court staff, law enforcement, members of the bar, and community vendors attended the educational format to give them the opportunity to better understand the services that are available at the center.

The center assisted two (2) participants in acquiring their high school diplomas instead of a GED and also assisted one (1) participant in obtaining his 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 07, eight hundred and seventy-nine (879) 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 07, six (6) male participants were placed on electronic monitoring. The center continues to assist the Office of the Commissioner of Probation in its implementation of Electronic Monitoring Island wide

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

During FY 07, Level III and Level IV participants participated in several community service projects island wide. Five thousand eight hundred and ten (5810) hours of community service were completed. Community service crews completed projects for various local non-profit organizations.

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 Yardley Theolien, 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 eighteenth 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 3,700 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. The ropes course adventure based counseling program has also provided services to High School students by incorporating selected skills and initiatives into the physical education and health curriculum, as well as, providing a team building and organizational skills unit to the student government and a specialized teen counseling support program. It also continues a relationship with the YMCA teen center and again collaborated in a teen options program as well as a female pre-teen peer group in the spring and fall of 2007. 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.

Due to the elimination of grant funding in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Drug Abuse Prevention Unit has sought and been provided funding 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 is expecting to expand the physical plant with two new elements in the spring of 2008, which will broaden its ability to service the community of Martha's Vineyard.

HOUSE OF CORRECTION AND JAIL:

In fiscal year 2007 the Dukes County Jail and House of Correction admitted 1278 inmates who resided for 8976 days. These figures reflect an average daily population of 24.60 They also reflect an average daily admission of 3.51 persons.

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

Inmates admitted	Inmate days.	Average daily population
FY 06 1098	10364	28.39
FY 05 1098	10305	28.39
FY 04 1245	12155	33.30
FY 03 1351	10237	28.05
FY 02 1273	9987	27.36

This next chart illustrates the category and the number of charges of the 1278 admissions.

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Category	Number of charges
Alcohol	498
Property	103
Violent	202
Drug	119
Other	356

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 34000, man hours to help keep the roadways of Dukes County free of litter.

Several religious groups, Alcoholics Anonymous, Anger Management, the Book Club and Parents read aloud (taping stories for their children) are amongst the volunteer groups associated with the inmates of the Dukes County House of Correction and Jail. In the past Fiscal year the Sheriff has started many new programs, Culinary Arts, C.P.R. classes, Life Skills, Writing Classes, and Lecture Series. These volunteers play an important role in reintegrating the inmates back into the community. The Sheriff recognizes and applauds the commitment of these volunteers.

The inmate Education Program continues to develop with five inmates participated in receiving there GED and three other inmates participating in distance learning program with Cape Cod Community College.

Sheriff McCormack continues to pursue the construction of a new facility to replace the current building that was built in 1873.

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, consisting of several instructors, training staff from other Massachusetts County Sheriff's Offices, and the Massachusetts Department of Corrections training personnel. 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 attend the monthly Massachusetts Sheriff's Association Education & Training Committee (MSAETC) 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.

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In FY 2007, the Dukes County Sheriff's Office successfully completed the first ever Dukes County Correctional Officer's Academy. This 6 week 160 hour program is certified by the Massachusetts Sheriff's Association Education & Training Committee. Those graduating were Officers Travis Bissey, Ryan Maciel and Albert Robinson.

The Dukes County Sheriff's Office maintains its 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:

The Transportation Section has been head by Lt. Randolph M. Ditson for the past five years. He is responsible for the timely movement of inmates/arrestees to the Courts in Dukes County and rest of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to correctional facilities, health care facilities on and off island. The Dukes County Sheriff's Office transports inmates/arrestees under the authority of Mass. General Laws Chapter 37, Section 24 and 25. During FY2007 the Dukes County Sheriff's Office Transported 1,215 inmates or arrestees.

	To	From	Total
Courts			
On island	450	270	720
Off island	58	47	110
Correctional Facilities			
Off island	64	24	88
Health Care Facilities			
On island	142	142	284
Off island	7	7	14
Escorted Furloughs	2	2	4
Totals:	723	492	1,215
Adult males	1,133		
Adult females	68		
Juvenile males	14		
Juvenile females	0		

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Vineyard Health Care Access Program

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In FY2007, the County's Vineyard Health Care Access Program ("Access Program") was an active participant in Massachusetts' historic health care reform initiative. With the implementation of health care reform, which began in July 2006, Access Program services have expanded. We are now the primary outreach and enrollment site for all of the state's new health coverage programs on the Island, with a grant from the state that supports these services and activities. Over 500 previously uninsured Islanders were enrolled in the new affordable insurance program, Commonwealth Care, from the start of the program in October 2006 through June 2007. Additional expansions allowed more children to get coverage through MassHealth and adults to get access to dental care.

In FY 2007, we had 5,845 total client contacts; 2,425 people were approved for/enrolled in MassHealth, Commonwealth Care, Free Care and related programs; we provided prescription assistance to 450 people and provided information, referral, advocacy and assistance services 4,575 times.

Client Services

The Access Program's core service continues to be connecting the Island's uninsured 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; managing the Reduced Fee Plan; and creating access to services like specialty care, vision care and prescription medication assistance. ***In FY 2007, MassHealth, Commonwealth Care and Free Care approvals increased 50% over FY2006.***

The Access Program's discounted care programs continued to provide affordable services to the uninsured. These include the Reduced Fee Plan for primary and alternative care, the Dental Access Program, and the Specialty Network for the Uninsured (SNU). The SNU is a regional program operated under the Cape and Vineyard Community Health Center Network. It has over 60 participating providers; ***over 600 patients received free or discounted specialty care in FY2007.***

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.

Our Emergency Assistance Fund was renamed the David Kurth Memorial Fund this year, in honor of a local Vineyarder who lost his life in 2000 as a result of being uninsured. ***In FY2007 we provided nearly \$14,000 in financial assistance to 450 low-income uninsured or underinsured Islanders.*** The

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Rotary Club of Martha's Vineyard continues its strong support for this program. Other contributions come from individuals and local businesses, including Our Island Club.

This year, with funding from United Way of Cape Cod and the Islands, we expanded this program by adding a development professional who will help us create a sustainable Fund. This effort included the Access Program's first newsletter, which was mailed out in April to coincide with the national Cover the Uninsured Week, a full-page newspaper ad and a donation envelope in the MV Times, and outreach to local congregations.

Health Access Initiatives

Vineyard Smiles: The Dukes County Health Council's Oral Health Working Group provided oversight for an oral health assessment of lower income Islanders in FY 2006, which was funded by the Oral Health Foundation (OHF) of Dental Services of Massachusetts. Following this study, the OHF approved funding for a three-year implementation grant for a children's oral health program called Vineyard Smiles. The funding started in the 2007 school year and supports 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 FY 2007, 249 children received dental care including exams, cleanings, fluoride treatment, sealants and fillings.*** Every K-2 classroom on the Island participated in Tooth Tutoring. ***78 low-income adults received referrals and care coordination via our MV Dental Access Program.*** In February 2007 we held the first annual Vineyard Smiles children's Art Show at the Steamship Authority terminal in Vineyard Haven, with over 100 entries of artwork portraying a "vineyard smile".

Cape and Island Diabetes Disparities Collaborative: This regional program moved beyond its planning phase into implementation in FY 2007. The goal is to provide outreach, assessment, treatment and education for low income to people of color in the region. On the Vineyard our program targets the Brazilian community, members of the Wampanoag Tribe of Aquinnah and members of the African American community. Assessment and treatment is provided primarily at Island Health Care.

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

Administrative Projects: This year we undertook several administrative projects that we are excited to complete. First, we networked our computer system and installed a server. Second, we developed a customized client database that has increased our efficiency substantially. Finally, we developed a manual for operating procedures for the Access Program.

Funding: FY2007 funding sources included the County of Dukes County, Massachusetts' Office Medicaid, 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 such as Our Island Club, and individual donors. The program's total budget for FY2007 was \$280,800.

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Planning for Sustainability

The Access Program's sustainability is identified as a goal in the Dukes County Health Council's workplan. In order to proceed with our sustainability plan, we convened a committee to implement this recommendation in 2007. In the coming year the committee plans to meet with key stakeholders to determine their interest in supporting the Access Program. We will also continue to watch the County Charter review process closely in terms of the implications in changes in the County government structure for the program.

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Respectfully submitted by
Sarah Kuh, Director

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DUKES COUNTY CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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Annual statement of the Dukes County Contributory Retirement System For the year ended December 31, 2006

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Cash	\$ 2,419,846.67
Fixed Income Securities	7,437.50
Equities	12,115,386.35
Pooled International Equity Funds	2,841,407.19
Pooled Domestic Fixed Income Funds	4,498,161.84
Pooled Real Estate Funds	2,820,952.80
PRIT Fund	31,318,174.65
Interest Due and Accrued	3,055.37
Accounts Receivable	<u>511,040.89</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$56,735,463.26</u>

FUNDS

Annuity Savings Fund	17,664,147.69
Annuity Reserve Fund	4,716,464.39
Pension Fund	451,713.16
Pension Reserve Fund	<u>33,903,138.02</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$56,735,463.26</u>

RECEIPTS

Annuity Savings Fund:	
Member Deductions	\$2,407,651.45
Transfers from Other Systems	21,085.59
Member Make-Up Payments	73,662.61
Investment Income Credited to Member Accounts	<u>94,933.68</u>
Subtotal	2,597,333.33

Annuity Reserve Fund:	
Investment Income Credited to Annuity Reserve Fund	<u>125,226.95</u>
Subtotal	125,226.95

Pension Fund:	
Reimbursements from Other Systems	\$ 88,137.45
Received From Commonwealth for COLA	78,866.68
Pension Fund Appropriation	<u>2,095,430.96</u>
Subtotal	2,262,435.09

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Expense Fund:

Investment Income Credited to Expense Fund	498,946.07
Subtotal	498,946.07

Pension Reserve Fund:

Pension Reserve Appropriation	\$ 1,517,381.04
Interest Not Refunded	4,459.84
Excess Investment Income	6,286,535.31
Subtotal	7,808,376.19

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$13,292,317.63
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DISBURSEMENTS

Annuity Savings Fund:

Refunds to Members	\$ 503,407.39
Transfers to Other Systems	140,271.31
Subtotal	643,678.70

Annuity Reserve Fund:

Annuities Paid	808,880.09
Option B Refund	17,618.62
Subtotal	526,498.71

Pension Fund:

Pension Paid	
Regular Pension Payments	\$ 2,284,472.42
Survivorship Payments	77,555.59
Ordinary Disability Payments	92,352.18
Accidental Disability Payments	360,685.42
Accidental Death Payments	174,692.56
Section 101 Benefits	21,816.48
Reimbursements to Other Systems	112,252.25
COLAs Paid	53,066.01
Subtotal	3,176,892.91

Expense Fund:

Board Stipend	\$ 15,000.00
Salaries	108,254.86
Legal Expenses	9,914.02
Travel	10,870.02
Custodial Fees	28,557.54
Fiduciary Insurance	3,839.13
Administrative Expenses	14,266.36
Management Fees	271,967.14
Consultant Fees	20,000.00
Subtotal	498,946.07

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$4,846,016.39
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INVESTMENT INCOME

Investment Income Received From:

Cash	\$ 70,625.00
Fixed Income Securities	3,718.75
Equities	176,709.06
PRIT Fund	<u>1,367,905.78</u>

TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME \$ 1,620,758.59

Plus:

Realized Gain (Profits)	2,618,272.04
Increase in Market Value of Equities	5,255,215.30
Income Due and Accrued on Fixed Income Securities – Current Year	<u>3,055.37</u>

Less:

Loss on Sale of Investments	98,365.99
Decrease in Market Value of Equities	5,826,311.53
Interest Due and Accrued on Fixed Income Securities – Prior Year	<u>3,541.18</u>

NET INVESTMENT INCOME \$9,497,301.30

Income Required:

Annuity Savings Fund	94,933.68
Annuity Reserve Fund	125,226.95
Expense Fund	<u>498,946.07</u>

TOTAL INCOME REQUIRED \$719,106.70

Net Investment Income	7,005,642.01
Less: Income Required	<u>719,106.70</u>

EXCESS INCOME TO PENSION RESERVE FUND \$6,286,535.31

MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	1009
Retired Members, Beneficiaries and Survivors	223

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



Martha's Vineyard Airport

71 Airport Road, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Phone: 508-693-7022

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 appointed to three-year terms by the County Commission is 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 businesses with a combined peak employment of nearly 750 people. Annually the airport serves approximately 250,000 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 the 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 2007, which centered on the permitting the construction of standard safety areas for runway 6-24.

AIP Discretionary Grant funds in the amount of \$527,900 were received from The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission (MAC) to complete an "Environmental Notification Form (ENF)" which was filed with the State of Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs in June 2008. In addition, this grant provided funds for initial design of the proposed 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 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 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 effected than many airports of comparable size. The Airport has experienced stability in aircraft operations for the year ending June, 30, 2007.

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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 declined during the year and totaled more than 847,750 gallons. This is a year over year decrease of nearly 10%, however the net revenue from fuel sales was similar to FY 2006.

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.

Airport Commission Members

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

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To The Citizens of Dukes County:

The Treasurer's office is responsible for the financial management of the county. Department activities include treasury services, accounting, payroll, accounts payable and benefit administration for all county departments. Unlike cities and towns of the Commonwealth, counties do not have the two positions of treasurer and accountant. Therefore, this office performs both functions.

The Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the standard setting body for all governments in the United States. In accordance with the principles issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, independent auditors Powers & Sullivan examined all financial records through June 30, 2007. They found county records to be without material errors. What follows are pertinent pages of their report to the County Commissioners.*

The FY07 General Fund (the chief operating fund of the county) budget anticipated a total increase in revenue of 3.47% with a corresponding 3.24% increase in expenditures. However, at the close of FY07, the County's general fund reported a fund balance of \$245,000 which was an increase of \$97,000 in comparison with June 30, 2006. This was primarily due to the repayment of prior years' support to the airport.

Moving forward to FY08, we look to the County's Charter Study Commission for guidance in funding the county without further burden on the tax payers of the county. Thank you to the County Commissioners and E.Winn Davis, County Manager for their support during this fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen Mavro Flanders
County Treasurer

* A full copy of the auditors' report is available online at www.dukescounty.org or at the Treasurer's office during normal business hours.