

**CAPE & ISLANDS REGIONAL DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE COUNCIL QUARTERLY MEETING
TRAINING**

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MA PROBATION SERVICE MISSION STATEMENT

The Massachusetts Probation Service's mission is to increase community safety, support victims and survivors, and assist individuals and families in achieving long term positive change

MA PROBATION SERVICE

105 probation departments

Victim Services Unit

Community Justice Support Centers
(20)

Electronic Monitoring Center

Trial Court Community Service Program

Pre-Trial Services Unit



VICTIM SERVICES UNIT

- Victim Services Coordinators – 9 throughout the state
- Travel throughout assigned region
- Provide advocacy, court accompaniment, notification, referrals to resources in the community, crisis intervention, safety planning, certification for notification of release and access to CORI
- Victim Contact Information

PROBATION & VICTIM BILL OF RIGHTS

- Victims have the right to know the conditions of probation
- Victims have the right to know what probation officer is supervising the probationer
- The victim has the right to receive from the probation department a copy of the schedule of restitution payments and the name and telephone number of the probation officer or other official who is responsible for supervising the defendant's payments. If the offender seeks to modify the restitution order, the offender's supervising probation officer shall provide notice to the victim and the victim shall have the right to be heard at any hearing relative to the proposed modification.
- To confer with the probation officer prior to the filing of the full presentence report
- The right to be heard at any time deemed appropriate by the judge



INFORMATION SHARED WITH VICTIMS OF CRIME

- Conditions of probation
- Name of probation officer & phone number
- Significant Violations of Probation (VOP)
- Outcomes of VOPs including modifications to conditions of probation*
- After hours ELMO/SCRAM (GPS & Remote Breath Device) warrants
- Follow up of ELMO/SCRAM after hours warrants – next business day
- Information shared in open court (this does not apply to Juvenile Court)
- Travel permits*
- Motions – motions to terminate, motions to modify*

* = may change depending in juvenile court.

INFORMATION
THAT **CANNOT** BE
SHARED WITH
VICTIMS OF
CRIME*

*this information cannot be shared by probation during the probationary period however some information may be accessible by other post convictions agencies under various circumstances.

- CORI (CORI must be provided by DCJIS)
- Sex Offender level (information must be disclosed by Sex Offender Registry Board website/police department)
- Address
- Phone number
- Employment
- Schedule of office visits, schedule of drug tests and/or community service location
- Progress within programs
- Personal and/or medical information
- Information pertaining to other criminal matters
- Information pertaining to other victims/witnesses

PROBATION SUPERVISION

- Probation officers supervise the conditions set forth by the court
- The type of supervision level is determined by the judge at disposition. There are four types of supervision – pre-trial probation, DUI, administrative, risk/need supervision

PROBATION SUPERVISION

COURSE OF ACTION FOR VIOLATIONS

- Corrective action
- Administrative hearings
- Violation of Probation Proceedings – significant violation
 - Criminal and non-criminal (technical)

POSSIBLE OUTCOMES OF A VIOLATION

- Admonishment by the judge
- Added or modified conditions
- Extension of probation
- CWOFF revoked
- Suspended or split sentence
- Committed sentence

ELMO

EQUIPMENT

- GPS Technology
- Flashing lights and vibrations are used to indicate battery levels and zone violations.
- Types of Conditions Imposed:
 - Inclusion and exclusion zones
 - Curfew
 - Home confinement/lock down



ELMO – EXCLUSION ZONES

EXCLUSION ZONES

- Areas where offender/probationer **CANNOT GO**
- Zones **MUST** be set by the court – will be written in conditions and GPS order
- Offender/probationer **MUST** know where zones are located
- 600 feet minimum
- Zones can be drawn (around highways, or to conceal an address) and do not have to be circular

EXCLUSION ZONE EXAMPLES

- Victim's home, school, work, daycare, camp, transportation (T stations), healthcare, place of worship, etc. however must be listed in the conditions
- Zones can be towns, counties, etc.
- Offenders/probationers can be given permission to drive through zones on certain routes (ex: Rt. 495)

ELMO – AFTER HOURS WARRANTS

After Hours Warrants

- Ordered by Warrant Management Unit (WMU)
- Reasons for warrant:
 - Strap Cut
 - Unable to connect
 - Battery death
 - Exclusion/inclusion zone violations
 - Positive test results/missed test
 - New arrest

Victim Notification

- ELMO Center calls victim
- Cannot disclose reasoning for warrant or the last known location of the offender/probationer
- Warrant sent to police department of the town in which the victim lives (if known)
- ELMO notifies the MPS VSU, VSU follows up with the victim the next business day



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