



# The Commissioner

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## MEET YOUR COMMISSIONERS



Duane Anstaett

Duane Anstaett, Vice President, Delivery, for KCP&L, brings over 26 years of utility experience to his job. He started his career at KCP&L working for 14 years in various engineering and distribution positions. He left KCP&L for about six years when he worked as Senior Vice President of PAR Electric for five years and one year as Utility Services Manager for CLS. He returned to KCP&L in November, 2006 as Manager, Contract Management with a promotion to Resource Management Director in April, 2011.

Duane is an active member of the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church and has previously served as a member of the board for the Heartland Tree Alliance as well as over three years as a member of the Missouri One Call board. He also serves as

Director of the Exploring division of the Boy Scouts.

He is a Registered Professional Engineer in Missouri, has a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Missouri at Kansas City, an M.S. in Engineering Management from the University of Kansas and is working toward a Doctorate in Organization and Leadership through the University of Phoenix.

"I am replacing Bill Herdegen as KCP&L's representative on the Crime Commission," Anstaett said of his joining our organization. "He told me it was a very interesting and fun board to be on and ultimately, the goal of making our community a safer more secure place to live work and visit is not

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only beneficial to the community but also to my family and KCP&L.”

Duane further stated, “I have been asked to participate in the Second Chance Program so I expect to learn much more about that. I would also like to use my role as Director of Exploring with the Boy Scouts to help recruit future police officers.”

Criminals should beware of this Crime Commission member as he holds a black belt in Tae Kwon Do and was a two-time High School All American. He also enjoys scuba diving and learning “interesting facts.”

We hope that Mr. Anstaett’s tenure on the Crime Commission will be interesting as well.

## Crime Stoppers is a Gas!

By Kevin Boehm



Ferrellgas “Bobtail” Crime Stoppers Truck

On Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, Ferrellgas introduced its newest community involvement “bobtail” delivery truck. The company has more than a dozen trucks that each highlights a charitable organization. A portion of the sales of gas from each truck goes to benefit that charity. The new addition to that fleet of benevolence is decorated with the logo of our Crime Stoppers program and its colors. Ferrellgas dedicated this truck to its Division President, Boyd McGathey, who is a member of both the Crime Stoppers Board and the Crime Commission and to the memory of his daughter, Amber. Boyd said that proceeds from the truck to Crime Stoppers should be in excess of \$10,000 each year over the next 10+

years. We were fortunate to have the truck on display at our annual Crime Stoppers/Bill Grigsby Memorial Golf Classic on August 19<sup>th</sup>. We owe a huge Thank You to Ferrellgas and Boyd!

Speaking of the annual golf tournament, thanks to the hard work of golf committee chair Todd Harrison, his committee, and over a dozen volunteers, the 19<sup>th</sup> edition of the tourney raised nearly \$49,000! The weather was fantastic, just as Todd had ordered back in March. The teams enjoyed themselves during both play and the awards banquet immediately after. Quik Trip’s help was

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HUGE – as usual – by coming through with water and beer when supplies began to run low, and we want to express our thanks as well to Jazz, A Louisiana Kitchen, for their sponsorship of the banquet. In addition, KMBC TV-9 did three live spots from the 9<sup>th</sup> hole that morning with reporter Brenda Washington.

The 2013 Crime Stoppers USA Conference, held in Grand Rapids, Michigan August 11<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>, was successful both in terms of training and recognition for our Greater KC Crime Stoppers TIPS Hotline. The national board meetings went well with a busy agenda and many good discussions relative to moving CSUSA forward as an organization. We are pleased to report that we added new CSUSA board members and our region (Region 9) remained intact with a new Regional Director, Charles Taraboletti from Crime Stoppers of Bartelsville/Washington County in Oklahoma. While there were a myriad of issues to address we believe that CS USA should limit its immediate focus to training and fund development.

As for the conference itself, our coordinator, Det. Kevin Boehm, moderated a session on “Elements of

a Great Crime Stoppers Coordinator” with panelists from Florida, Indiana and Washington state. Additionally, Boehm participated in a panel of coordinators from urban programs of 500,000 in population or larger. In this class Boehm spoke on our program’s law enforcement agency liaison program, monthly attendance of the Metropolitan Police Chiefs and Sheriffs Association, our fund raising events, media relationships and our emerging marketing plan. On night two of the conference the awards dinner was held. CSUSA presented a total of seven awards, five of which went to Missouri Crime Stoppers programs; two to St. Louis and three to our program! We won the Best Radio Media Presentation for a segment we did with Darci Blake of 710AM Kcmo and 103.7FM. We also brought home the Best Print Public Service Announcement for a feature in our own *Kansas City’s Most Wanted* newspaper.

Finally, Det. Kevin Boehm was honored as the Coordinator of the Year, winning among coordinators of programs from throughout the USA. Congratulations to our program, its media supporters, and most of all, our board.

### 2013 CRIME STOPPERS/BILL GRIGSBY GOLF TOURNEY



## Everyone Deserves a Second Chance!

By Ron Smith

The Second Chance Program Risk Reduction Center celebrates its third anniversary this year. On August 1, 2010 the Second Chance Program (SCP) opened the door to the Risk Reduction Center at the campus of Pioneer Community College, and received its first clients shortly thereafter. Since that time SCP has helped over 1200 individuals with resource information and direct services to finding employment, housing, maintaining sobriety, and reconnecting with family. The public safety and recidivism reduction work of Second Chance is ongoing; to help former offenders successfully reintegrate back into the community and workforce of Greater Kansas City after prison.

Recently, SCP received grant awards for continuation funding for one year from the Missouri Department of Corrections through its Missouri Reentry Process (MRP). The awards were for direct services to clients under the Kansas City Community Reentry Project and the MRP Housing Program. Also, one year of operational funding was received for the SCP Risk Reduction Center from the City of Kansas City under Justice Assistance Grant. Second Chance continues to seek alternative funding for sustainability and programming expansion of wrap around reentry services for Greater Kansas City.

SCP is working cooperatively with Johnson County Kansas Corrections to provide offender mentoring services for in-custody and post-release clients. A Department of Justice request for "Reentry Mentoring" proposals was responded to earlier in the year, and funding may be available in October to assist with resource and personnel expenses. Encouraging preliminary contacts have been made with the faith community and the Kansas Department of Corrections Mentor Coordinator for the Eastern Region to support the effort. Should Johnson County Corrections and Second Chance be awarded the DOJ grant, a program may be in full swing by early 2014.

In September, on behalf of the Metropolitan Reentry Coalition, Second Chance was again pleased for the second year to assist the Kansas City International Visitors Council (KCIVC). The project involved greeting several Latin American dignitaries and was part of the International Visitor Leadership Program; sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State. SCP coordinated two panel presentations at the Kauffman Conference Center regarding "Engaging Underserved and At-risk Youth." A particular focus of discussion was concerning children of incarcerated parents and family challenges associated with prison. The panelist represented professional criminal justice practitioners, non-profit service providers, volunteers, and former offenders who were all part of the Reentry Coalition Network. The foreign countries represented were: Argentina, Colombia, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

Reverend Ladell Flowers, SCP Advisory Board Member, was a featured guest speaker in September at the "Child and Family Development Conference" at the University of Central Missouri. Rev. Flowers offered an enthusiastically well received presentation on "Spirituality, Faith, and Recovery." Barry Mayer, Vice President, Crime Commission and Ron Smith, SCP Director, attended the conference to support Rev. Flowers and meet with others to learn about reentry initiatives in Missouri. Mr. George Lombardi, Director, MO Department of Corrections, delivered the keynote address.

Ms. Deborah Neal, Mentor Coordinator and Community Liaison, is leaving Second Chance to spend more time with family and travel. We'll miss Deborah's passion for reentry, her consistent hard work, and her insight for matching healthy mentor-protégé relationships. Thank you, Deborah for the productive last three years with Second Chance.

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Second Chance Program Director Ron Smith, at podium, moderates a re-entry panel for representatives of several South American nations. The panel mainly targeted strategies for at-risk youth. The panel members included, from left, Officer Marta Hayes, KCPD, Roxana Shaffe from Literacy KC, Christina Hernandez from the Guadalupe Centers, Inc., Kim Hubbard-Stewart from Missouri Probation & Parole, and Mel Bockelman with Jackson County Juvenile Court.



(R to L) Barry Mayer, Rev. Ladell Flowers of Dismas House, and Ron Smith

## SAFE IS SOUND

By Sonny Wilson

The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Larry Stewart/SAFE golf tournament was held May 20<sup>th</sup> at Lakewood Oaks Golf Club with 152 golfers and was sponsored by Ferrell Gas and Boyd McGathey. Boyd was presented with a Life Time Membership to SAFE for his donation of \$5,000. The net proceeds were a little over \$29,000. The winner of the police motorcycle raffle was announced, Paul Strohbehn of Rinebeck, Iowa, and Miss Madelyn Petree, daughter of KC, Mo police officer Chris Petree, was announced as the winner of the Ed Wynn / SAFE Memorial Educational Scholarship.

Lenexa, Ks police officer Bob Schluben notified SAFE in early December of 2012 that he was going

to run in a marathon every weekend of 2013 to raise money for the organization. As of this report he has just completed his 35<sup>th</sup> marathon in Wausau, Wisconsin. To date, he has run approximately 925 miles and raised over \$11,000 for SAFE. Most people never run one marathon in a lifetime, let alone one every weekend for a year.

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Guns N Hoses charity boxing event is scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be held at the KC Convention Center in the Grand Ballroom. Go to [www.kansascitygunsnhoses.com](http://www.kansascitygunsnhoses.com) for additional information.

SAFE Executive Director Sonny Wilson presents board member Boyd McGathey with a lifetime membership plaque at the annual SAFE golf tournament.



## MCSP HAS NEW LOGO AND LOOK AT CLEAN UPS

By Barry Mayer & Wendy Steinhaus

The Metropolitan Community Service Program continues to be very busy assisting the community clean-up. Our clients have been in over 200 neighborhoods this year in both Missouri and Kansas “Helping Our Community.” As of the end of August this year, over 1,500 cases with over 56,000 hours of community service ordered. MCSP has coordinated the completion of over 35,000 hours so far this year; a 64% completion rate which equates to over \$703,000 of cost free labor made available to the community. When it was time to replace our old protective vests for the workers this August, MCSP took full advantage to update its logo....be on the lookout at a neighborhood or by-way near you.

MCSP can be relied on by KC Municipal’s Housing Court to help out older defendants of neighborhood preservation codes violations. This summer’s project has been to remove an old 200’

Kentucky Coffee Tree threatening a neighbor’s house. The location was 125 Garfield. It utilized 4 community service workers and some volunteer help. Thanks to MCSP Supervisor Wendy Steinhaus, the owner is no longer in violation and MCSP clients had an opportunity to participate in a unique positive work experience to “Help Our Community”.

We aren’t done yet “Helping Our Community”. In August, MCSP clients helped finish giving the Jackson County Sheriff’s Department Whatsoever Community Center worksite at 1201 Ewing a fresh coat of paint.

We also have a home paint project on Campbell that we are finishing up, so MCSP is using the workers assigned to it by the courts to help make our neighborhoods a better place for residents and businesses and therein, a safer place as well.



The new MCSP logo stands out on safety vest.



MCSP workers apply a base coat to a needy home.

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MCSP workers clear a dangerous tree on Garfield.



MCSP clients spruce up the Whatsoever Center.

## MCSP Adds New Face

MCSP welcomes Ms. Glenda Russell to its staff of case managers assisting court ordered community service clients get connected with positive work experiences that benefit the community. Glenda was this year's MCSP Blue Hills Youth Program Coordinator. She did an excellent job working with 26 youth from that neighborhood which included community service projects at the neighborhood's community garden, doing neighborhood block clean-ups and volunteering at Harvesters Food Network.

Glenda has worked for the City of KCMO in environmental management, as a community organizer for Swope Community Builders and the City and has been a team leader for Full Employment Council, coordinating youth and young adults in their career readiness programs. Glenda has a Bachelor of Business Administration

Degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

At the same time we wish former MCSP worker Jason Welch well as he leaves to pursue a new career.

Glenda Russell



## On Call and On the Ball

You have a tip on a crime and dial 816-474-TIPS. But just exactly who is the voice at the other end of the line? Chances are if you call on a weekday that voice will belong to either Crime Stoppers Coordinator Detective Kevin Boehm, or even more likely, to Assistant Coordinator Mike West or newly hired part-time Call Taker Lee Voss.

Mike West is a familiar face to most people involved with Crime Stoppers. He first came to the hotline on injury “light duty” status from KCPD more than 16 years ago. Upon his retirement from the department he was hired as a part-time TIPS call taker.

A 29 year veteran of KCPD, Mike worked at the Metro and South Patrol Divisions and also with the Burglary Unit as a Field Investigator. He earned numerous awards and commendations as an officer including the department’s Distinguished Service award and KMBC TV’s Silver Award for Valor, both honors coming from a 1990 incident in which he and another officer pulled five people from a fully involved raging car fire. His actions saved the lives of four of the five occupants. In 2006 Mike earned the Crime Commission’s President’s Award and in 2004 he received recognition for taking one of the two tips that provided the information that led

to the arrest and conviction of the suspect in the Ali Kemp murder case in Leawood.

Part of Mike’s duties now includes helping to coordinate the golfing aspect of our annual golf tournament and preparing the annual Metro Chiefs and Sheriffs Association directory.

“I enjoy the flexible hours and the rewarding feeling I get when I get a good tip. It’s still fun,” Mike said of his Crime Stoppers duty.

Lee Voss, also a retired KCPD officer, came to the hotline in May. Lee was with KCPD for over 26 years and served in the Metro, East and Central Patrol Divisions. She was also an instructor for the department’s Professional Training Section which oversaw in-service training for officers.

“I loved patrol,” she said of her time as a KC cop. “I loved the adrenaline rush of catching a bad guy.”

So far she is finding her Crime Stoppers time rewarding as well.

“I’m glad that I am doing something that still helps put criminals behind bars,” she said.

In her spare time Lee enjoys doing word puzzles, spending time with her family, especially her nieces and nephews, and is active in her Catholic Church.

Welcome aboard, Lee!



Mike West



Lee Voss

## Crime Commission Fall 2013 Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
September 22:	Jeff Taylor/SAFE Run	Riverside, MO
October 12:	Crime Stoppers Arrowhead Event	Arrowhead Stadium
October 17:	Crime Commission Annual Luncheon	Downtown Marriott Muehlbach Hotel
October 26:	(Tentative Date) Crime Stoppers Shredit Fundraiser	Independence, MO Bass Pro Parking Lot
November 2:	SAFE Guns 'N Hoses Boxing Event	Bartle Hall, KC, Mo
December 2:	Crime Commission Annual Holiday Luncheon and Meeting	Westin Crown Center

For more information on any of these events contact Jamie Hallam at the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission at 816-960-6800 or at [jhallam@kc-crime.org](mailto:jhallam@kc-crime.org).

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