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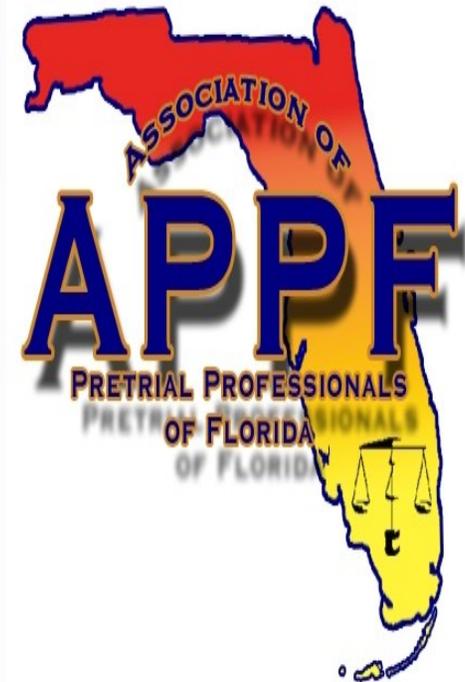


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National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies (NAPSA) Code of Ethics

- Assist the criminal justice system in its dealings with pretrial defendants to the best of my ability and conduct myself as a professional at all times;
- Respect the dignity of the individual, be they defendants, victims, or fellow criminal justice professionals;
- Respect the dignity and integrity of the court;
- Respect the presumption of innocence of all defendants, until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, and uphold the fundamental right of every accused person who has been arrested and is facing prosecution under the U.S. criminal justice system;
- Pledge that the information I provide to the court and the decisions I make are as accurate and objective as possible;
- Treat all people equally regardless of race, national origin, disability, age, gender, sexual orientation or religion;
- Protect the confidentiality of all information obtained, except when necessary to prevent serious, foreseeable, and/or imminent harm to a defendant or other identifiable person (s);
- Avoid impropriety or the appearance of impropriety;
- Avoid any conflicts of interest and will not evaluate, supervise and/or provide services to anyone I have an existing relationship with, nor enter into a personal or business relationship with anyone I evaluate, supervise or provide services to;
- Continue to pursue my own professional development and education to further my expertise in the field;
- Promote the growth of pretrial services, as well as encourage and cooperate with research and development in advancing the field;
- Respect and promote the fundamental principles and professional standards which guide pretrial services and will implement these best practices to the extent I am able;
- Refrain from providing legal advice to any pretrial defendants; and lastly,
- Promise to conduct myself as an individual of good character who will act in good faith in making reliable, ethical judgments.

The Association of Pretrial Professionals of Florida (APPF)



HISTORY OF PRETRIAL SERVICES

The first pretrial services program in the country, the Manhattan Bail Project, was established in New York City in 1961. The purpose was to assist judges in making release decisions that were more consistent and less dependent on release through financial means. The experiences of the Manhattan Bail Project launched what became known as the Bail Reform Movement, during which statutes across the country were rewritten to emphasize a preference for releasing arrestees on their own recognizance pending final disposition of their charges. For this change to occur, verified information about the arrestee was deemed critical and pretrial screening and supervision programs were created to respond.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Pretrial agencies are designed to intervene and work with defendants at any point from arrest through final disposition and differ depending on the county and agencies operating them. Many pretrial agencies are operated by the courts, sheriff's offices and probation departments, and are proven cost-effective ways to assist courts and law-enforcement officials.

Pretrial agencies' services may include but are not limited to the collection, verification and investigation of demographic and criminal history information, assessment of risk and need for defendants facing criminal charges, determination of indigence for appointment of counsel, presentation of compiled information to the court to aid in the release decision, review of non-sentenced defendants for release or resolution of the case for jail management, monitoring of cases from arrest to disposition, enforcement of conditions during the pretrial stage with violations reported to the court, court date reminders to reduce failure to appear rates, early identification of eligible defendants for diversion programs and management of cases to facilitate early disposition and facilitate timely case closure.

HISTORY OF APPF

The Association of Pretrial Professionals of Florida (APPF) began in 1989 and was formerly known as the Florida Association of Pretrial Professionals.

PRIMARY GOAL

The APPF is dedicated to providing pretrial practitioners with the tools needed to expand, educate, and enhance their programs.



EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Board is composed of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications Director and Regional Directors. All board members are on a volunteer basis and dedicate themselves to a minimum of three years of service to the board. The board's aims are to provide education and training opportunities across the state to pretrial practitioners to enhance the knowledge and professionalism in the pretrial field.

The APPF has long served as a means of provided a process by which pretrial practitioners can share information and ideas to better the field and unify across the state.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership includes access to training opportunities, education, information sharing, and an opportunity to network with pretrial services staff.

Your membership contribution provides critical support to ensure that APPF can continue to serve as a valuable resource to pretrial programs in Florida.

As an APPF member, you may vote in elections; run for elected positions; serve as a regional representative, and volunteer time on one of the many committees.

APPF needs your support, join today!!!

APPF memberships are available in several formats, depending on the size of your organization. Below you will see the 2013 membership rates and classifications:

Individual Membership \$25.00

Organizational Memberships:

2 – 10 Members- \$75.00

11 – 20 Members- \$125.00

21 – 30 Members- \$175.00

31 + Members- \$225.00

TRAINING

The APPF) has joined a partnership with the Florida Police Accreditation Coalition (FLA-PAC) where pretrial agencies have been graciously afforded the opportunity to host training in conjunction with FLA-PAC conferences. A statewide training is held annually, as well as with conferences typically three times a year in varied regions of the state.

The board makes all efforts to provide meaningful, relevant and up-to-date training available in the pretrial field.