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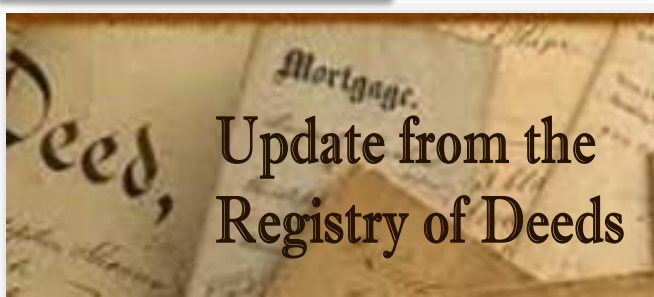
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## Reauthorization of the JJDPA

First enacted in 1974, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA) has been due for reauthorization since 2007. More than 35 years after its enactment, the JJDPA is one of the most successful standard-setting statutes at the federal level and at its heart recognizes the value of citizen-driven efforts to prevent and stem delinquency. It remains the landmark federal statute-and single most influential piece of federal legislation- providing substantive safeguards for youth who come into contact with the juvenile justice system. On April 30, Sens. Chuck Grassley and Sheldon Whitehouse introduced the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2015. This is considered a legislative priority for NACo and the organization is requesting NACo members to urge their senators to co-sponsor the newly introduced act (S.1169). *~Click here to read the platform position regarding reauthorization of the JJDPA. ~Click here for the full NACo article by Austin Igleheart.*

NACo's 80th Annual Conference and Exposition is coming soon! The event will be held at the Charlotte Convention Center in Mecklenburg County, Charlotte, North Carolina on July 10th through the 13th. *~Click here for more info or to register.*

## Update from the Registry of Deeds

President Susan Bulay of the Registry of Deeds Association reports LD 756 (HP 509), An Act To Enhance the Address Confidentiality Program Regarding Property Records, has been voted ought to pass as amended by the Committee on Judiciary. Other projects include record storage via microfilm at the Maine State Archives which will be a substantial savings for some counties, property fraud alert service that emails a property owner when a document is recorded with their name on it, and a Veterans Honors Rewards Program promoting discounts available to veterans from local businesses.

*~Click here to read the full report.*

## CODE RED

Keeping citizens informed.

COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION ENROLLMENT
Cumberland County, ME

Cumberland County Regional Communication Center (CCRCC) recently introduced CODERED as the County's emergency alert system through two system test calls. The test call messages encouraged citizens to opt-in their cell number and/or email address to receive emergency messages on their cell phone.

All public safety agencies in Cumberland County will have the ability to send both emergency and non-emergency text messages to land lines, cell phones and email addresses. Future actual emergency alert notices may say or show the name of your community's public safety agency as the agency sending the message."

The CODERED emergency alert system is available to all 28 communities in the County and is used to send both emergency and non-emergency messages. Types of emergency messages sent by the system will include:

- Missing person alerts
- Sever Weather (Hurricane/Tornado) alerts
- Dangerous/Escaped Felon alerts
- Evacuation notices for gas leaks/fires/dam breaches

## Maine Association of Registers of Probate

Kennebec County Register of Probate Kathleen Ayers reports the Association will be meeting on June 19th at the Kennebec County Government Center. Marty Hahn, from Icon systems in Georgia will address the group regarding the progression of the electronic filing system.

In other news, recent Maine Supreme Judicial Court rule changes in 2014 and 2015 have once again changed some of the landscape for the Probate Courts. The Association has been working diligently to enhance the new E-filing system through its Technology Committee and to conform procedures through the Uniform Practice Committee. New updates are expected soon.

There have been over 30 bills this session that concern the Probate Courts, which has kept the Legislative Committee engrossed. This will be discussed at the meeting as well as changes in the Indian Child Welfare Act that were enacted in February.

## Memorial Day in Piscataquis County

Every Memorial Day the Piscataquis Sheriff's Office is glad to be part of honoring those who have given so much. Leading four parades, directing traffic at three of them and providing the honor guard for ceremonies in Sangerville, Guilford, Abbot and Dover, They are humbled to be able to serve their communities this way. The picture above shows is some of the parade crew gathering for an early breakfast at Spencer's Restaurant before hitting the road.

## Meet Chef Tom Juray

Chef Tom Juray cooks for and with the 'trustees' at the Androscoggin County Jail. In many ways, Tom faces the same challenges as most chefs, decisions about ordering, menu scheduling, equipment maintenance and the actual food preparation itself. Juray, with the help of one full-time cook, one part-time cook and a dozen or so inmates, prepares three meals a day for close to 200 inmates and staff. *~Click here to read the full article by Deborah Carroll.*

## 9TH ANNUAL SENIOR EXPO

Sheriff Troy Morton and Chief Deputy Will Sheehan had the pleasure of being part of the Senior Expo that was held May 22nd at the Cross Center in Bangor. They worked the Triad booth answering questions on identity theft, Wandering Program, E-911 signs and of course they had the Drug Take back. This was a great Expo with a lot of positive feedback from seniors. ~See photo below.

TRIAD — DRUG DROP OFF / 911 HOUSE NUMBERS — Fraud — Safety

Penobscot County SHERIFF — 911

## 2015 Convention of Maine Counties Update

The Convention Planning Committee has been working to schedule speakers, trainers, activities and entertainment. Invitations to vendors have been sent and the menu selections have been made! Registration will be open soon. Please watch for an email with the details. This year, MCCA will offer the option to register online. Don't worry, those who like paper will be able to mail in their form and check as usual. Also, look for an email requesting participation in a brief opinion survey to determine a few convention details. *~Click here for more info about the MCCA Convention.*