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Florida Association of
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Training Florida's Community Corrections Professionals



President's Message

The summer seems to have flown by and before you know it many of us will be eating that Thanksgiving turkey and participating in all the Christmas and Holiday festivities! Before we get to carried away thinking of all the upcoming holiday season events...let's recap the awesome 2022 FACC Annual Training Institute held in Orlando this past July 2022. It was great having a face-to-face training institute with the ability to interact, network, and most importantly enjoy the great training that was provided. I am proud of our FACC Board of Directors and Education Committee providing such a dynamic institute serving the members of FACC. The 2022 Annual Training Institute exhibited and supported the mission of FACC in promoting excellence in community corrections through quality training, networking, and leadership!



Michael Anderson

Regional Director

Florida Department of Corrections

Speaking of leadership, I wish to publicly thank Isabel Perez-Morina, our current Past President for the wonderful job she has done for the past four years in her term as President of the Florida Association of Community Corrections. During her term of President, she led FACC through extraordinary and challenging times in not just FACC's history, but in our profession's history. With her leadership, FACC continues to thrive and fulfill the goals of our association. Past President Perez-Morina will continue to be a driving force on the Board of Directors assisting in many capacities. We greatly appreciate her commitment, contributions, and leadership that she provides to FACC.

I also want to thank the men and women who serve in the Community Corrections profession that are the unsung heroes of the criminal justice profession. The commitment and dedication that Community Corrections professionals contribute to public safety in our communities are second to none. We have exceptional field staff and leaders within our ranks of Community Corrections. This was evidenced by the recognition of Correctional Probation Senior Officer Cassia Kranz receiving the 2022 FACC

Community Corrections of the Year Award. In addition, Linda Brooks, Manager of Community Corrections for Orange County Corrections was recognized with a FACC Lifetime Achievement Award. Both were recognized at the July 2022 FACC Annual Training Institute.

During the 2022 Annual Training Institutes Business Meeting a new executive board was inducted. Lisa Zucker will be taking the reigns as Vice President and Chairperson of the Education Committee with primary programming responsibility for the annual training institute and other training offerings. John McMahon, a Past-President of FACC is now the Treasurer and will be handling the ledgers and fiscal matters of the association. Iris McDonald ran unopposed and continues as the FACC Secretary keeping stellar meeting minutes and keeping association business documents posted for safe keeping.

I am honored to serve as the President of FACC and look forward to the innovative ideas from new members now on the Executive Board. Also, we look forward to the addition of new members to the Board to gain representation in areas where we have not had FACC participation for quite some time. In closing, the new Executive Board greatly appreciates the support from all the Board of Directors, the general membership, our corporate sponsors, training institute vendors and all the agencies/organizations that have given their commitment to support the Florida Association of Community Corrections!

On behalf of the FACC Board of Directors, THANK YOU for all that you do contributing to public safety as Community Corrections Professionals!

Be kind and take care of each other!

Mike Anderson,
President, Florida Association of Community Corrections

About FACC

Executive Board

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Mission Statement

To promote excellence in community corrections through quality training, networking, and leadership.

The primary goals of the association shall be to:

- Provide quality, state-of-the-art training & education. Promote communication and networking among membership and community corrections organizations
- Increase public awareness and the acceptance of the effectiveness of community corrections in prevention, reduction, and deterrence of criminal and delinquent behavior
- Encourage and promote the growth of FACC
- Provide representation to decision makers on community justice issues
- Facilitate partnerships and affiliations with other justice components to enhance public safety
- Assist community corrections agencies in responding to the needs of victims
- Advocate and support implementation of evidence-based practices

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GPS Monitoring of Offenders

A Review of GPS Monitoring of Offenders as a condition of supervision. What are the Pros and Cons; How is it used by Florida Department of Corrections?



Part II

For Part I please reference the FACC [Summer 2022 Newsletter](#)!

Methods

The purpose of this research was to understand Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) use of Global Positioning System (GPS) for offender tracking and to determine its effectiveness. It was also done to determine if its use should be expanded.

Data was gathered through literature research and surveys of correctional professionals with GPS experience within the Florida Department of Corrections. Those who were surveyed included the FDC Administrators for each judicial circuit and a randomly selected High Risk Supervision Officer and their supervisor from each of the 20 judicial circuits across Florida. There were 14 survey questions designed to establish the experience and professional opinions of those being surveyed to help determine if FDC's current GPS practices, current GPS policies, and current GPS technology being used is assisting with public safety by increasing offender compliance with conditions of supervision and by reducing future crime and victimization.

In an attempt to have a large percentage of the surveys distributed returned with honest responses, the survey questions were anonymous utilizing SurveyMonkey. A weakness in the data collected from the surveys are the responses are mostly based on professional opinions unless the responder researched specific data.

Results

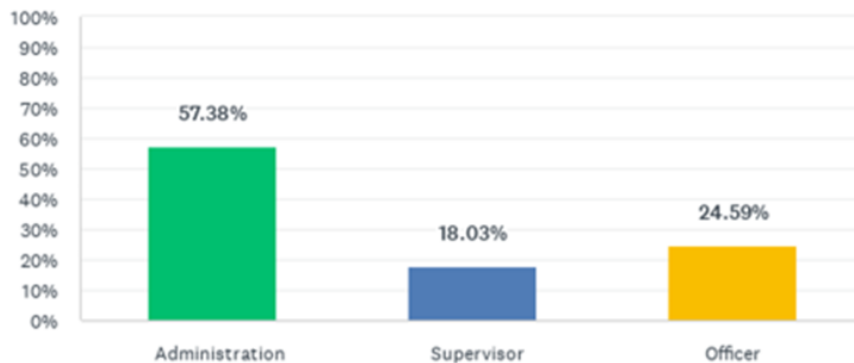
A total of seventy-seven (77) surveys were sent out to correctional professionals within the Florida Department of Corrections. There were sixty-one (61) surveys completed for a response rate of 79.2 %.

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Question # 1 of the survey was to determine the position currently held by person completing the survey. All 61 surveys received provided a response to this question. 57.38 % were administrators, 18.03 % were supervisors, and 24.59 % were officers.

Q1: Select the below position you currently hold with your agency.

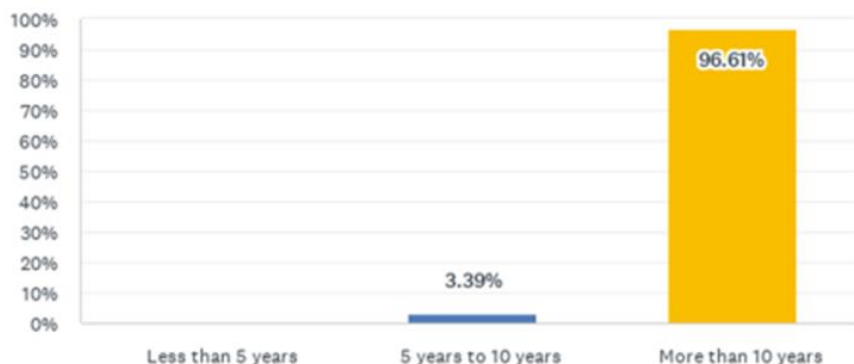
Answered: 61 Skipped: 0



Question # 2 of the survey was to determine the amount of experience those surveyed had in supervising offenders. 59 surveys received provided a response and 2 skipped this question for a response rate of 96.7 % for question # 2. 96.1 % of those who responded had more than 10 years of experience with supervising offenders. 3.39 % had between 5 years and 10 years of experience. None of those who responded had less than 5 years of experience.

Q2: Select the below that represents your amount of experience with supervising offenders.

Answered: 59 Skipped: 2

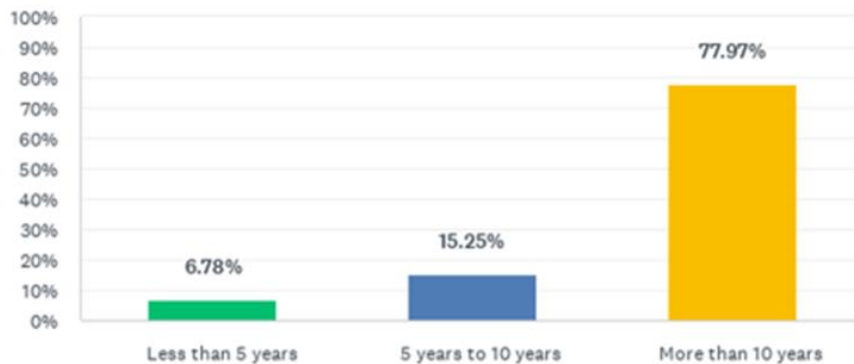


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Question # 3 of the survey was to determine the amount of experience those surveyed had with GPS supervision of offenders. 59 surveys received provided a response and 2 skipped this question for a response rate of 96.7 % for question # 3. 77.97 % of those who responded had more than 10 years of experience with GPS supervision of offenders. 15.25 % had between 5 years and 10 years of experience. 6.78 % of those who responded had less than 5 years of experience with GPS supervision of offenders.

Q3: Select the below that represents your amount of experience with GPS supervision of offenders.

Answered: 59 Skipped: 2



Question # 4 of the survey was to determine if the practices of the Florida Department of Corrections with GPS supervision is assisting in identifying technical violations that would not otherwise be identified through traditional supervision only. 58 surveys received provided a response and 3 skipped this question for a response rate of 95.08 % for question # 4. 96.55 % responded yes and 3.45 % responded no.

Q4: In your professional opinion, are your agency's practices with GPS supervision assisting in identifying technical violations that would not otherwise be identified through traditional supervision only?

Answered: 58 Skipped: 3

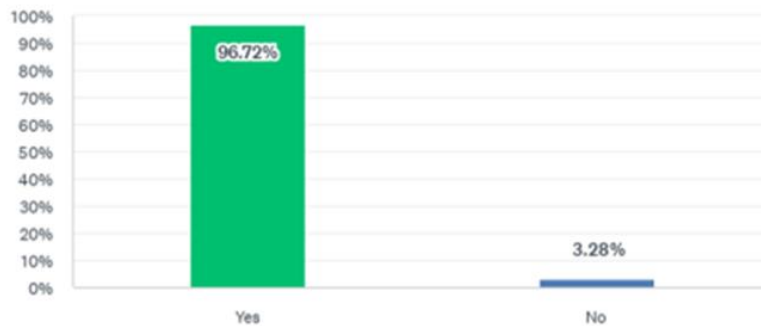


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Question # 5 of the survey was to determine if the practices of the Florida Department of Corrections with GPS supervision is assisting holding offenders accountable to their conditions of supervision. All 61 surveys received provided a response to this question. 96.72 % responded yes and 3.28 % responded no.

Q5: In your professional opinion, does you agency's current GPS supervision practices assist in holding offender accountable to their conditions of supervision?

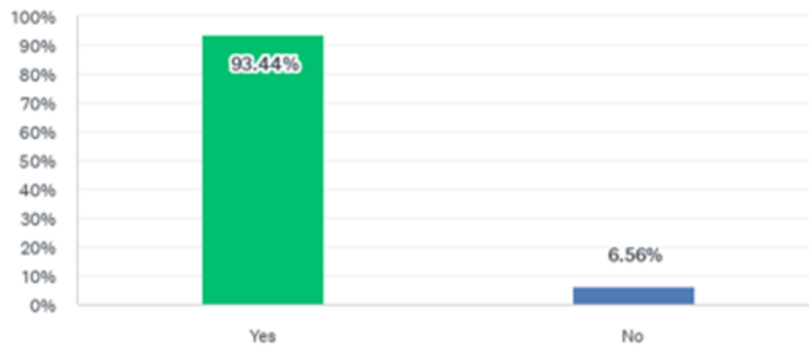
Answered: 61 Skipped: 0



Question # 6 of the survey was to determine if offender's illegal behaviors/activities are reduced because of being supervised with GPS. All 61 surveys received provided a response to this question. 93.44 % responded yes and 6.56 % responded no.

Q6: In your professional opinion, are offender's illegal behaviors/activities reduced because of being supervised with GPS?

Answered: 61 Skipped: 0

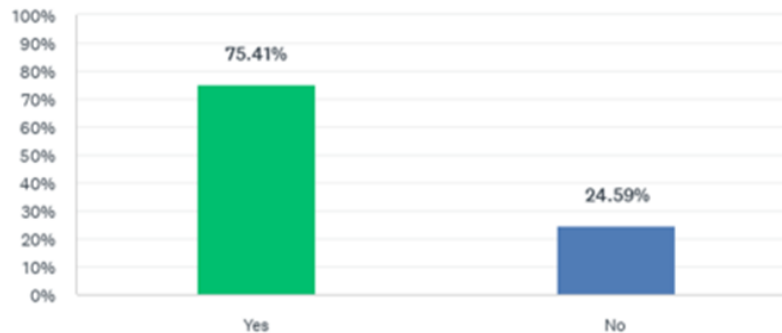


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Question # 7 of the survey was to determine if offenders are arrested less for committing new criminal law violations than those on traditional supervision only. All 61 surveys received provided a response to this question. 75.41 % responded yes and 24.59 % responded no.

Q7: In your professional opinion, are offenders on GPS supervision arrested less for committing new criminal law violations than those on traditional supervision only?

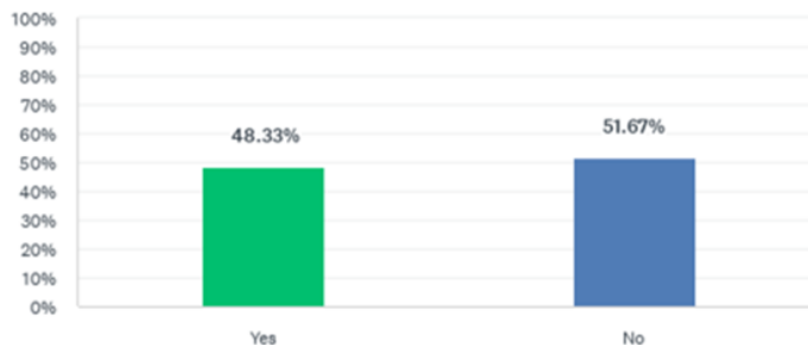
Answered: 61 Skipped: 0



Question # 8 of the survey was to determine if those who completed the survey have experienced improvements with some GPS limitations such as cost, equipment failure, and lost or poor signals. 60 surveys received provided a response and 1 skipped this question for a response rate of 98.36 % response for question # 8. 48.33 % responded yes and 51.67 % responded no.

Q8: Cost, equipment failure, and other technology issues such as poor or lost signals are some limitations of GPS supervision. Have you experienced improvements with these limitations?

Answered: 60 Skipped: 1

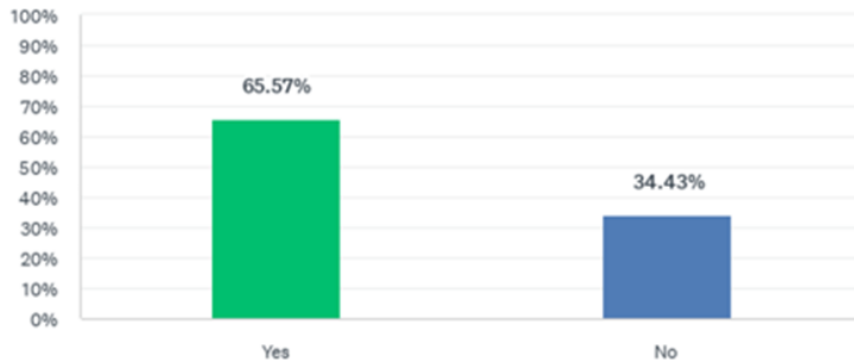


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Question # 9 of the survey was to determine if recent technological advancements are improving the effectiveness of GPS supervision of offenders. All 61 surveys received provided a response to this question. 65.57 % responded yes and 34.43 % responded no.

Q9: In your professional opinion, are recent technological advancements improving the effectiveness of GPS supervision of offenders?

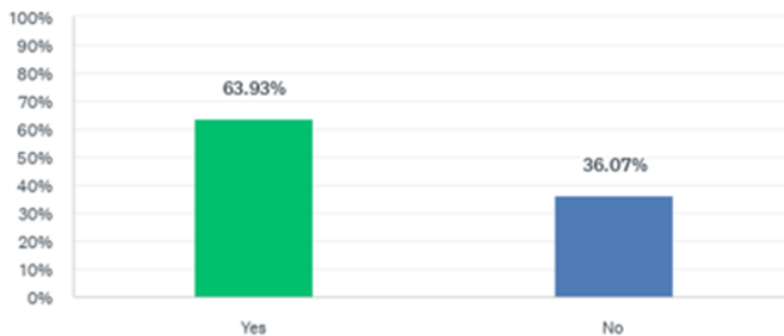
Answered: 61 Skipped: 0



Question # 10 of the survey was to determine if additional legislation should be added to Florida Statute requiring additional offense types to require mandatory GPS supervision. All 61 surveys received provided a response to this question. 63.93 % responded yes and 36.07 % responded no.

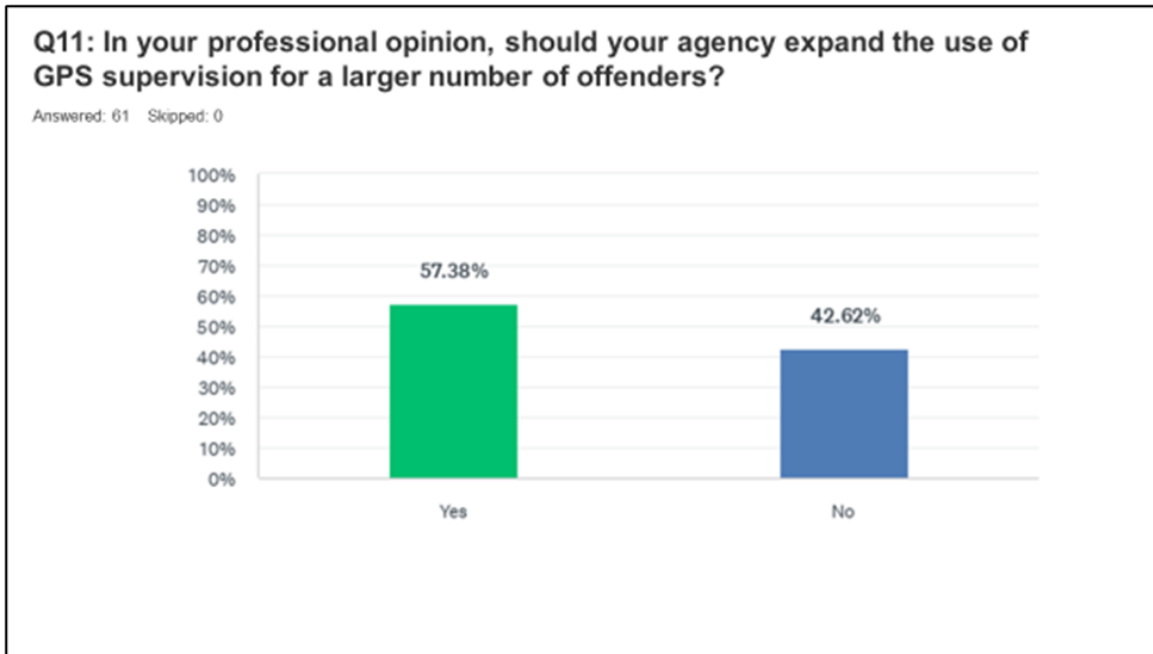
Q10: Most offenders that are on GPS are on supervision for a sex offense and are statutorily required based on their offense. In your professional opinion, should more legislation be enacted to require more offense types to require mandatory GPS?

Answered: 61 Skipped: 0

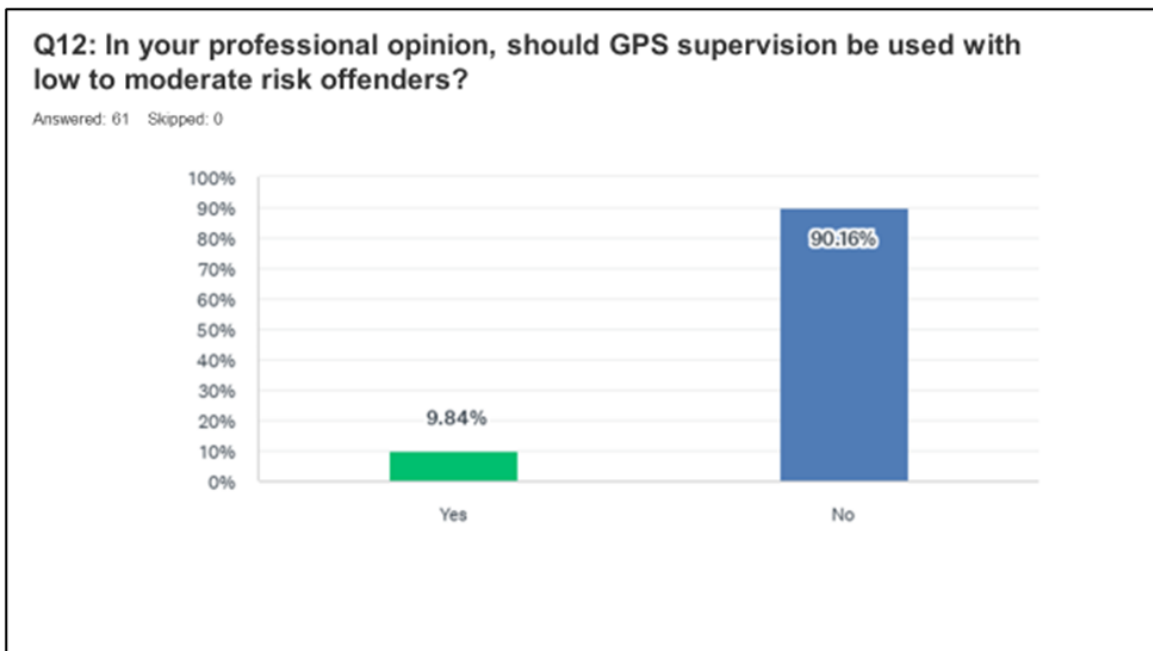


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Question # 11 of the survey was to determine if the Florida Department of Corrections should expand the use of GPS supervision of a larger number of offenders. All 61 surveys received provided a response to this question. 57.38 % responded yes and 42.62 % responded no.



Question # 12 of the survey was to determine if GPS supervision should be used with low to moderate risk offenders. All 61 surveys received provided a response to this question. 9.84 % responded yes and 90.16 % responded no.

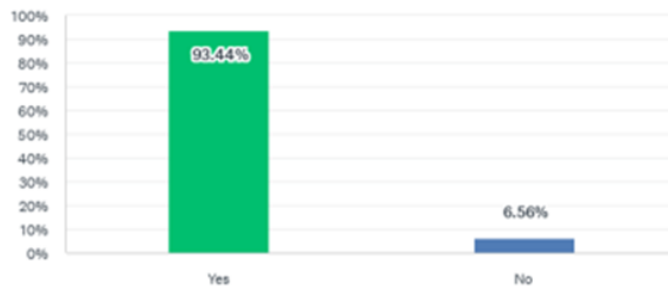


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Question # 13 of the survey was to determine if the Florida Department of Corrections current GPS practices, current GPS policies, and the current GPS technology being used assist with public safety by increasing offender compliance with conditions of supervision and by reducing future crime and victimization. All 61 surveys received provided a response to this question. 93.44 % responded yes and 6.56 % responded no.

Q13: In your professional opinion, does your agency's current GPS practices, current GPS policies, and current GPS technology being used assist with public safety by increasing offender compliance with conditions of supervision and by reducing future crime and victimization?

Answered: 61 Skipped: 0



The survey concluded with Q14 that gave those who completed the survey an option in a sentence or two to indicate any improvements the Florida of Corrections needs for effective supervision of offenders. 34 surveys received provided a response and 27 skipped this option for a response rate of 55.73 % response for Q14.

The 34 surveys with responses for Q14 fell into 7 categories. 21 surveys indicated a need for improvements with equipment/technology. 4 indicated a need for more training. 1 indicated a need for more staffing. 2 indicated a need for more compensation. 1 recommended a need to expand to use for additional violent offenders. 5 provided positive comments without any recommendations.

Discussion

The responses to the surveys completed reveal that those administrators, supervisors, and officers who completed the survey have significant correctional experience in supervising offenders and supervising offenders utilizing GPS technology. The survey revealed that 96.61 % of these correctional professionals had more than 10 years of experience in supervising offenders and 77.97 % of them have more than 10 years of experience with the supervision of offenders with GPS.

GPS Monitoring of Offenders

The survey results regarding the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) use of GPS tracking of supervised offenders are consistent with what the literature indicates. Previous studies have concluded that supervising offenders using GPS tracking can be effective, it can assist in reducing new criminal activity, and it can assist in identifying technical violations. 96.72 % of the survey responses indicate that the current GPS supervision practices of FDC assists with holding offenders accountable to their conditions of supervision and 96.55 % of the responses indicate that their practices assist in identifying technical violations that would not otherwise be identified. 93.44 % of the respondents also indicate that offender's illegal behaviors and activities are reduced, and 75.41 % indicates that offenders on GPS supervision are arrested less for committing new law violations. 93.44 % of the respondents also responded yes that the practices, policies, and the current technology being used assists with public safety by increasing offender compliance. The literature reveals that technological advancements have improved the effectiveness of using GPS tracking with supervising offenders. The results from the survey support this as well. 65.57 % of the respondents indicate that recent technological advancements have improved the effectiveness of GPS supervision of offenders.

The literature explains that the use of GPS by FDC increased after the Florida Legislature passed the Jessica Lunsford Act (JLA) in 2005 requiring mandatory GPS monitoring of certain sex offenders. In the survey questions regarding additional use by FDC, 57.38 % of the respondents believe the use of GPS should be expanded for a larger number of offenders and 63.93 % of the respondents believe there should be more legislation enacted for more offense types to require mandatory GPS. The survey did not ask what types of offenses should require it but 90.16 % of the respondents indicate they don't believe it should be used with low to moderate risk offenders.

The literature indicates that limitations of GPS supervision are costs, equipment failures, and technology issues such as poor or lost signal. Only 48.33 % of the survey respondents indicate that they have experienced improvements with these limitations. Additionally, 21 of the 34 respondents who provided the optional response for improvements identified equipment or technology as areas needing improvements.

The responses to the survey support that Florida Department of Corrections' current utilization and practices with GPS tracking of offenders are assisting in supervising offenders, holding offenders accountable, and assist in public safety. The responses also provide recommendations for improvement.

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Tom Magorrian is the Regional Director for Region I Community Corrections with the Florida Department of Corrections. He has been with the department since 1996 where he started as an intern and has worked in every position working his way up to Regional Director.. Director Magorrian currently over sees 16 counties in Region I. He is a Blue Courage Inclusive Leadership and a Heartmath instructor.

Opioid & Stimulants Awareness Event

On Friday, September 9, 2022, the 20th Judicial Circuit, with technical assistance from the Opioid Response Network, hosted an Opioid & Stimulants Awareness Event for our Treatment Courts Teams!

During the session, we heard from an Addiction Specialist about current statistics and challenges of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and Stimulant Use Disorder (SUD), stigma, engagement and retention in the recovery process, and the importance of collaboration; a Sergeant from the Lee County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit provided a snapshot of local trends; and two Drug Court graduates with OUD and SUD diagnoses spoke about their addiction and recovery journeys!



Lee County Treatment Courts was heard on September 20, 2022, in front of the Lee County Board of County Commissioners for a Ceremonial Resolution naming September as Opioid and Stimulants Awareness Month in Lee County. The resolution ensured that September shall be known as a month of awareness, training, and action regarding opioids, stimulants, and treatment for related substance use disorders.



FDC Region III – Trainers Institute



Region III Community Corrections training staff proudly joined Community Corrections, Institutions, and Inspector General training staff throughout the state to participate in the annual Trainers Institute in Orlando, FL. During the training, staff participated in a presentation on the DART Simulation Training System. Dr. Lisa Grossman discussed the ARMOR (Acquired Resilience for Mastering Operational Response) program and how it can assist with stress regulation and performance. Assistant Bureau Chief of Field Operations Phillip Law presented information about the instructor updates to firearms effective September 2022. Additional meeting items included "Boss Mode" training by Russell Stoval, "Document Training" by

Roger Bartless, and "Lessons in Leadership" by Chief John DeBell. Staff Development presented the new Online Learning Community (OLC) and the new tools available within the system. The conference was an excellent networking opportunity for Region III Community Corrections training staff to meet other trainers throughout the state and gain instrumental knowledge regarding ideas, concepts, and best practices.

Statewide News

Region IV FDC and FCCD Participate in Local Back to School Bash



On Saturday, August 6, 2022, Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency Chapter 10, Region IV Community Corrections Office, and Bridges at Northwood in collaboration with Orthodox Zion Primitive Baptist Church conducted a successful Back to School Bash. Volunteers from the Department worked alongside various community organizations attending the event and aided in giving out backpacks, school supplies, uniforms, and preparing and distributing lunch to 332 children in the local community. The event was a great success and provided many students with the items they will need to start the school year off right. This was a wonderful example of community involvement and many thanks to everyone that participated!



Check Out This Podcast!



Joe Arvidson

The Criminologist Podcast

The Paragon Group LLC

Host Joseph Arvidson brings criminologist, practitioners, academics and those with lived experiences from around the world together to discuss the age-old dilemma of responding to society's criminal element. Merging established correctional policy with emerging desistance models, this show illustrates how adopting a holistic lens and constantly questioning established approaches can best serves justice involved individuals. Please take a few minutes to listen to Episode 114: Our Interview with Julie Truschel of the Supervision Around the World (SAW) project!

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Agency Spotlight



The Department's Office of Community Corrections is responsible for the supervision of more than 146,000 offenders throughout Florida. These adult offenders are monitored and supervised by probation officers located in 130 probation offices.

This includes offenders released from prison on parole, conditional release, or conditional medical release. It also includes offenders placed on court ordered supervision including regular probation, administrative probation, drug offender probation, sex offender probation, and community control. Correctional Probation Officers also supervise offenders placed on pre-trial intervention. Community Corrections mission is to protect the community by supervising offenders and reporting non-compliance to the sentencing or releasing authority. Correctional Probation Officers enforce standard

conditions of supervision stipulated by statute, as well as special conditions imposed by the court or sentencing authority, including victim restitution, substance abuse and/or mental health treatment programs, and other sanctions or restrictions. Offenders are monitored through field contacts at their residences, employment sites and other locations in the community. Officers conduct investigations, including pre-sentence investigations, other state investigations and violation reports. Officers make appropriate referrals to assist the offender with resources available to complete their term of supervision successfully.

In **Central Office**, there are two bureaus. The primary purpose of the **Bureau of Probation & Parole Field Services** is to provide field staff technical and procedural support including but not limited to assisting staff with the interpretation of statutes, FDC related rules, and procedures to resolve complex supervision issues and questions. The Bureau provides guidance to field staff regarding OBIS, COPS, Case Law Designations, Sex Offender/High Liability supervision, supervision types, programs and requirements, intake, investigations, offender risk system, case management system, security, third party applications, electronic monitoring, and the impact of court decisions or new legislation. The Bureau is responsible for the oversight of the CPO academy and statewide training initiatives. The Bureau also provides information and liaisons with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to clear pending warrants (absconders) for offenders on community supervision.

The primary purpose of the **Bureau of Community Programs and Victim Services** is to provide field staff technical and procedural support including but not limited to assisting staff with the interpretation of ICAOS rules, transfers, retaking offenders under the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision, the Interstate Compact Offender Tracking System (ICOTS), Victim related legislation, and with VINE training and available materials. Staff assists and notifies victims of crimes committed by inmates and offenders under our supervision and provides statewide emergency operations management for the Office of Community Corrections.

There are four **Regional Directors** for Community Corrections that provide direct supervision for 20 judicial circuits. Each of the Regional Directors is geographically located within the region they oversee. Regional Directors provide "boots on the ground" supervision and are intimately involved with the areas they supervise.

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Employee Spotlight

Barbara Haynie

Orange County
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Department



Congratulations to Unit Supervisor Barbara Haynie on being named the OCCD Super Star for May 2022. Her nominator described her as the epitome of a Super Star. "Her enthusiasm to the Sustainability initiative has exceeded expectations," her nominator wrote. Thanks to Barbara's efforts, we now have the water fountain/bottle filling stations in the Admin building and recycling bins on all floors.

Other projects in which Barbara has played a lead role include the recent creation of a staff wellness room and assisting with the transition to the Offender Link case management system in 2015. She is never one to shy away from special projects and openly embraces change.

Barbara started her career at OCCD in 1995 as a Community Corrections Officer. She progressed through the ranks promoting to Senior Community Corrections Officer in 2000 and then to her current role in 2014. Kudos to Barbara Haynie for being a passionate and positive team player.

What is RePath?

RePath is a mobile app developed to assist and guide participants through probation, re-entry & onto better outcomes.

How does RePath help Participants?

- Provides appointment reminders & directions.
- Access to assistive services.
- Receive focused attention & help when needed most.
- Assists with compliance.
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How does RePath help Officers?

- Provides better insights into participant's behavior.
- Accountability - ensures participants are complying with terms.
- Reduces/automates time intensive administrative functions.
- Identifies and focus limited resources on the most at-risk individuals.
- Communicates messages to a mass audience quickly.

FACC Annual Training Institute

FACC Professional of the Year Award

Congratulations to Correctional Probation Senior Officer (CPSO) Cassia Kranz who was nominated and awarded the 2022 Florida Association of Community Corrections (FACC) Community Corrections Professional of the Year Award at the 2022 FACC Institute. This annual award is given to a community corrections staff member for extraordinary service and dedication. Read more about CPSO Kranz [here](#).



FDC Participate in FACC Annual Institute



FDC was pleased to participate in the Death or Prison Podcast, which focuses on rehabilitation and re-entry. Frank Murphy, Dr. Adam Jolly and Tara McCard shared their story and reflected with Florida Association of Community Corrections President Perez-Morina and Regional Directors Magorrian and Patterson on how their probation officers impacted their lives on their journey to rehabilitation. This podcast will be shared with FDC inmates once live.

DEATH OR Prison

Stories of hope for returning to life.

