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MDJS UNAVAILABLE

The Magisterial District Judge System (MDJS) will be unavailable on Sunday, November 11th from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm due to scheduled maintenance. In addition, the desktop applications (Microsoft Word and JNET) will not be accessible.

Please make sure you have a sufficient supply of blank forms, particularly manual receipts and criminal court case related forms if you anticipate doing case processing during this downtime. You can obtain blank forms by selecting Option 70 on the MDJS from either inside or outside of a docketed case.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ENHANCEMENT ACCOUNT **(EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 10th)**

Effective November 10th, a new cost code and fine type has been added to the MDJS to implement provisions of Act 30 of 2007 (42 Pa. C.S. § 3575), relating to the establishment of the Criminal Justice Enhancement Account (CJEA). Only the changes that impact the MDJS are described in the following paragraphs.

Cost Code

A \$50 cost of prosecution fee will be assessed to a case when a defendant accepts an Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD). A new cost code, CA28 – COMM-CJEA (Criminal Justice Enhancement Account), has been created with a set amount of \$50.00. The cost will be automatically added to the case balance when a final charge disposition of ARDO is recorded and the final charge disposition date is greater than November 10, 2007. Conversely, the cost will be removed from the docketed case balance if the final charge disposition is subsequently canceled.

In addition to assessing the new cost to cases when the defendant has accepted ARD, cost code CA28 will also be assessed when a defendant enters a guilty plea for a violation of 35 P.S. § 780-113(a)(16). The cost will be automatically added to the case balance when a final charge disposition of GP is recorded and the final charge disposition date is greater than November 10, 2007.

Fine Type

All fines imposed for offenses under Chapters 41 (except summary offenses under 18 Pa.C.S. § 4105), 47, 49 (Subchapter A only), 57, and 76 under Title 18 will be directed to the new CJEA. The statute table has been updated to associate new fine type F71 to the applicable offenses. Regardless of the officer type, F71 will disburse 100% of the fine money for these offenses to the Department of Revenue with an account code of COMM-CJEA (Criminal Justice Enhancement Fund). *Please note that summary offenses under 18 Pa.C.S. § 4105 (relating to bad checks), and offenses under Subchapter B of Title 49 are excluded from the list of offenses, and will continue to have fine types of either FE or F19.*

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OFFICER RECORD UPDATE

In a continuing effort to keep complete, accurate, and current records for officers maintained in the MDJS, AOPC will deactivate officers who have been maintained prior to January 1, 2006 and have no case filings ever recorded at a magisterial district court. The deactivation is purely an administrative cleanup of records and is no reflection or determination as to an officer's authority to file a citation or complaint. Since the officer records are being deactivated and not deleted, they can be reactivated upon your request or need.

For your information, a listing of officers who are candidates for deactivation has been placed in the statewide directory under the file folder "MDJS Documentation." The deactivation will occur November 14th.