SAVIN Savvy – Quick tips for County Corrections Staff

PA SAVIN (Statewide Automated Victim Information Notification) enables county prisons to be in compliance with select notification requirement of the Crime Victims Act (18 P.S. § 11.214) by providing registered users with automated telephone or e-mail notifications of any change in an inmate's incarceration status including release, transfer or escape. It also provides round-the-clock access to the custody status of offenders in a county jail, state prison or under state parole supervision to any interested parties.

OMS (Offender Management System) code entries for offender movement trigger the phone and/or e-mail notifications. Codes can be added or adjusted if the corresponding notifications to the registrants are incorrect. Example: An inmate is transferred to a state facility but the notification that goes out says that he or she has been "released." Coding experts at Appriss, the vendor of PA SAVIN, can resolve OMS issues so that the codes used will provide the correct information for your records and also send out the correct notices to registrants.

THE EOL (Emergency Override Line) must be used if SAVIN service has been interrupted and an inmate with registrations for notification is released, escapes or is transferred. This can be done via phone or Internet. Appriss will fax the instructions for doing EOLs by phone to the jail when service is disrupted, along with a list of offenders who have registrations against them. If any of the offenders are released and the EOL is not used, then the notifications will not go out until service is restored. For the safety of the registrants, *please be sure to use the EOL any time there is a service outage.*

www.VineWatch.com is a secure website for Corrections staff, Victim/Witness Coordinators and PCCD staff that provides inmate status, registrant information, reports and the ability to do an EOL online if PA SAVIN service is disrupted and notifications are not going out automatically. Users must have an account to sign in. To get an account, or to have your inactive account re-set, please contact your Agency Administrator in the jail, the Program Coordinator listed below, or call Appriss at 866-277-7477. Appriss answers 24/7.

ANYONE can search for an inmate and/or register to receive notifications of any changes in an inmate's incarceration status. Crime victims should go to www.pacrimevictims.com to get comprehensive information on rights and services, including the Victim's Compensation Assistance Program (VCAP) and the ability to register for PA SAVIN. Other interested parties can search and/or register through the VineLink website: www.vinelink.com.

SCHEDULE an informational session for your facility to brush up on PA SAVIN and VineWatch facts or have any SAVIN questions answered by contacting:

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