



**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2005**  
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The County of Dukes County Courthouse, owned by the County (above) and State Beach, managed by the County (below).





**COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY  
COMMISSION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT  
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This fiscal year the County Commissioners continued working on multiple goals, with County Manager E. Winn Davis, that included encouraging more citizen involvement, public education, more frequent meetings with the Town Selectmen and County Advisory Board, promoting cooperation between the towns and county in regards to island wide issues, as well as a variety of other issues both small and large. With the implementation of the county's new website, communication and dissemination of both new and previous information was greatly enhanced.

Some highlights of the fiscal year (July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005) include:

- ❑ Appointed Dr. Ilene Klein as the 1<sup>st</sup> Associate Commissioner for Health Care Access to investigate and promote health care options for the residents of Dukes County
- ❑ Oversaw the emergency dredging of the Little Bridge and improved Handicapped access at State Beach
- ❑ With the help of Oak Bluffs, received \$1,000,000 for rehabilitation purposes from the Mass Community Development Block Grant, thus improving the housing stock
- ❑ Created a Rural Health Network Planning group to help assess medical needs and services through a \$85,000 grant

Many of these areas will be ongoing endeavors, but with the continued support of our dedicated and talented employees and the leadership of Mr. Davis, we expect to continue to provide these, and hopefully many other, beneficial and necessary services throughout not just the next year but for years to come.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John S. Alley, Chairman  
Dukes County Commissioners





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MANAGERS REPORT  
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Fiscal Year 2005 was an extremely busy year and one of great change to the County of Dukes County and how we do business. We developed a new, interactive, colorful website – [www.dukescounty.org](http://www.dukescounty.org)



- that links us to the towns and all the activities that the County of Dukes County is responsible for. It includes a meeting calendar and automatic email of calendar changes, posting of minutes, and a marvelous search engine to help the viewer find a topic or a name in seconds. We post news items and have a professional slide show of the Vineyard. We also have broken down the main architecture of the website into four areas: Residents; Visitors; Businesses; and Of Interest To All.

We also changed the Water Testing Laboratory into a new Health and Environment Department, expanding our focus to more general public health needs of an island. To that end, we partnered with the Wampanoag Tribe to continue water testing with them, but expanded our activity by contracting our services to the Health Department of Oak Bluffs to assist them in Food Licensing Inspections.

This year I requested the County Commissioners create a new position, unique to the County of Dukes County-an Associate Commissioner for Health Care Access. This Associate Commissioner would serve as our liaison and coordinator with the Dukes County Health Council, Martha's Vineyard Hospital and the Health and Environment Department. The County is very lucky to have had Ilene J. Klein, M.D. a gifted practitioner volunteer her services. Another Associate Commissioner, Frank Honey, as the Associate Commissioner for Elder Affairs ran a great symposium in May of 2005 highlighting Community Services for Elders that the state is responsible for. He had Secretaries and Undersecretaries for the Blind, Deaf, Elderly, and Handicapped come to the County to provide information to caregivers and citizens alike, that was filmed by MVTV and had the advantage of "signing" to facilitate the presentation to the hard of hearing.

This year we ran a Hurricane Preparedness Seminar, organized by our Emergency Management Director Chuck Cotnoir that was facilitated by NOAA and was held in the Regional High School Auditorium. Sheriff Michael A. McCormack undertook to fill a void in our educational mission this year when the state chose not to pay for GED testing on the Vineyard. The Sheriff utilized his GED teacher, who is hired for inmates, to also run the GED program for residents.

This year we renewed our county meetings with our sister county Nantucket and we foresee more regular meetings. We share much of the same issues and we believe that in unity there is strength. We also co-sponsored the 214<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of the United States Coast Guard with Congressman Delahunt. Finally, I must note, with considerable sadness, the loss of my Executive Assistant, Brian Kinal, who resigned on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May 2005.

Respectfully Submitted,  
E. Winn Davis



## COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY APPOINTMENTS, OFFICERS, & EMPLOYEES



Front Row, from left, County Manager E. Winn Davis, County Commission Chairman John Alley, Commissioner Nelson Smith, Vice Chairman Robert Sawyer. Back row, from left, Commissioner Leslie Leland, Commissioner Leonard Jason Jr., Commissioner Paul Strauss, and Commissioner Roger Wey (Photo by Lt. Donald Rose)

### DUKES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

John S. Alley, Chairman	West Tisbury	Jan. 5, 2005
Robert M. Sawyer, Vice Chairman	Tisbury	Jan. 3, 2007
Leonard Jason Jr.	Chilmark	Jan. 5, 2005
Leslie H. Leland	West Tisbury	Jan. 3, 2007
Nelson W. Smith	Edgartown	Jan. 3, 2007
Paul A. Strauss	Oak Bluffs	Jan. 3, 2007
Roger W. Wey	Oak Bluffs	Jan. 5, 2005

Commissioners serve for four years. Terms expire on the first Wednesday in January following the election.

### DUKES COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD FOR EXPENDITURES

John Early, Chairman	West Tisbury
Richard Combra	Oak Bluffs
Warren Doty	Chilmark
Tristan Israel	Tisbury
Arthur Smadbeck	Edgartown
Carl Widdis	Aquinnah
Kris Lombard	Gosnold

One selectman from each town, appointed annually, comprise the Advisory Board

## COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Title	Appointee	Term expires
County Manager	E. Winn Davis	Indefinite
Steamship Authority Governor (3 years)	Marc Hanover	Dec. 31, 2007
Legal Counsel (3 years)	Marcia Mulford Cini	Dec. 31, 2008
Associate Commissioner Health Care Access	Dr. Ilene Klein	Dec. 31, 2005
Assoc. Comm. for Affairs Concerning Handicapped Persons	Anson Krickl	Dec. 31, 2005
Assoc. Comm. for Affairs for Elderly Persons	Vacant	Dec. 31, 2005
County Commission's Rep. on the MVC	Paul Strauss	Dec. 31, 2005
Emergency Management Director	Chuck Cotnoir	Dec. 31, 2005
Delegate to Pilgrim RC&D Area Council	Robert Culbert	Dec. 31, 2005

<b>Martha's Vineyard</b>	Jesse Law III, Chair	Dec. 31, 2005
<b>Airport Commission</b>	John Alley, Vice Chair	Dec. 31, 2005
3-year terms	Francis Daly	Dec. 31, 2007
	William Mill	Dec. 31, 2006
	Norman Perry	Dec. 31, 2006
	T.J. Hegarty	Dec. 31, 2005
	Nelson Smith/ Leslie Leland*	Dec. 31, 2005

\* Commissioner Leland was appointed to fill the remaining term of Commissioner Smith when he resigned

## Dukes County Regional Housing Authority

3-year terms except governor's appointee (5)

Mark Seward, Chair	Oak Bluffs	Dec. 31, 2006
Abbe Burt, Vice Chair	Tisbury	Dec. 31, 2006
Melissa Norton, Treasurer	Edgartown	Dec. 31, 2007
Molly Flender	Chilmark	Dec. 31, 2006
Derrill Bazzzy	Aquinnah	Dec. 31, 2006
Ernie Mendenhall	West Tisbury	Dec. 31, 2006
Anthony J. Bongiorno	Governor appointee	Jan. 05, 2011
Leo Frame	Island-wide	Dec. 31, 2007
David Vigneaut	Director	

## Dukes County Health Council

One or two year terms

Tad Crawford, Chair (to Dec 04)	Dr. Ilene Klein	Lt. Donald Rose
Cindy Mitchell, Chair (as of 01/04)	Dr. Antonio Teixeira	Robert Sawyer
Jacque Cage (Coord Comm)	Michele Lazerow	Jane Cleare
Terry Appenzellar, Treasurer	Dr. Charles Silberstein	Dr. Patrick Donegan
Rhonda Cohen, Vice Chair	Bob Tonti	Judy Flanders
Olga Church	Timothy Walsh	Ken Chisholm
Cindy Doyle	Carlin Hart	Winn Davis (ex-officio)
David Holmberg, student	Les Leland	Susan Wasserman
Patsy McCornack	Chris Knowles	Jo Ann Murphy
Paddy Moore	Cathy Brennan	Michael LaPolla
Rev. Mary Jane O'Connor-Ropp	Nancy Gilfoy	Kathy Rose
Mike Dutton	Fred Rundlet	Frank Honey



## **COUNTY OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES**

### **Elected officials**

#### **County Clerk**

**Register of Deeds** (6-year term)

**Sheriff** (6-year term)

**Treasurer** (6-year term)

### **Office holder**

Joseph E. Sollitto Jr.

Dianne E. Powers

Michael A. McCormack

Noreen Mavro Flanders

### **Term expires**

Jan. 3, 2007

Jan. 3, 2007

Jan. 5, 2011

Jan. 7, 2009

The terms of the above officials end on the first Wednesday of the January following the election.

## **COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

E. Winn Davis, County Manager

Brian Kinal, Executive Assistant

Robert Culbert, Beach Manager

Nathan Durawa, Asst. Beach Manager

Kendra Read, Water Lab Assistant

Jo Ann Murphy, Veteran's Agent

T.J. Hegarty, Rodent Control Officer

Steve Berlucchi, Engineer

Chuck Cotnoir, Emergency Management

Karen Odgen, Search and Rescue

Eric Goldwire, Maintenance

## **MARTHA'S VINEYARD AIRPORT**

William Weibrecht, Airport Manager

Sean C. Flynn, C.M. Assistant Manager

Elaine Graves, Administrative Assistant

Beth Durawa, Operations Clerk

Ryan Collins, Operations Clerk

Arthur Marx, Operations Clerk

Geoffrey Freeman, Ops. Supervisor/ARFF

Richard Michelson, Ops. Supervisor/ARFF

Gary Coates, Ops. Specialist/ARFF

Adam Freidman, Ops. Specialist/ARFF

Ralph Smith, Ops. Specialist/ARFF

Eric Hatt, Ops. Specialist/ARFF

Christopher Oteri, Ops. Specialist/ARFF

Robert Oslyn, Ops. Specialist/ARFF

Marques Rivers, Ops. Specialist/ARFF

Jaime Gaspar, Ops. Specialist/ARFF

Paul Ronhock, Ops. Specialist

John Tate, Grounds and Facilities

David Oliveira, Grounds and Facilities

Kenan Chaplin, Airport Operations Asst

Christopher Silva, Airport Operations Asst

Jonathan Ingalls, Airport Operations Asst

Adam Queen, Airport Operations Asst

(Acting Manager effective 05/2005)

## **RETIREMENT OFFICE**

Cynthia Schilling, Administrator

Kelly McCracken, Senior Financial Clerk

**REGISTRY OF DEEDS**

Dianne E. Powers, Register  
Debra Levesque, Assistant Register  
Connie Murphy, Clerk  
Jessica Burnham, Clerk

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

Michael A. McCormack, Sheriff  
David J. O'Sullivan, Special Sheriff  
Cynthia Higham, Clerk

***CIVIL PROCESS***

Linda J. Hanover, Lieutenant

***DRUG INFORMATION BUREAU***

Robert Ogden, Captain

***COMMUNICATIONS CENTER***

Susan Schofield, Supervisor  
Linda Cook, Sergeant  
J. Robert Brown, Sergeant  
Joyce Alley, Sergeant  
Kathryn Mercier, Sergeant  
Nicole Gazaille, Communications Officer  
Suzanne Cioffi, Communications Officer  
Sarah Townes, Communications Officer  
Shelly Reed, Communications Officer  
Elizabeth Gilmore, Communications Officer  
Rachel LeBlanc, Communications Officer  
Karen Ballard, Communications Officer

***JAIL/HOUSE OF CORRECTION***

Durwood Araujo, Asst. Deputy Superintendent  
Patricia Sheehan, Asst. Deputy Superintendent  
James Neville, Captain  
Robert Cavallo, Sergeant  
John McCarron, Sergeant  
Eric Bettencourt, Sergeant  
Steven Pupek, Sergeant  
Donald Rose, Sergeant  
Russell Ventura, Sergeant  
Nancy Brown, Correctional Officer  
Daniel Townes, Correctional Officer  
Phillip Fuentes, Correctional Officer  
Sean Kelleher, Correctional Officer  
Michael Buckley, Correctional Officer  
Jared Meader, Correctional Officer  
Michael Trance, Correctional Officer  
Teejay Roginski, Correctional Officer

Carlton Woods, Correctional Officer  
Roger Inman, Correctional Officer  
Marinko Vukota, Correctional Officer  
Marc Rivers, Correctional Officer  
Sarah Saltonstall, Nurse  
Christopher Hargy, Food Service Manager

*OFFICE OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS*

David Murphy, Captain  
Eric Perry, Lieutenant  
Kelli-Ann Stewart, Sergeant

*TRANSPORTATION OF PRISONERS*

Randolph Ditson

**TREASURER'S OFFICE**

Noreen Mavro Flanders, Treasurer  
Carol Grant, Asst. Treas./Parking Clerk  
Tammy Matchem, Senior Financial Clerk

**VINEYARD HEALTH CARE ACCESS**

Sarah Kuh, Health Access Coordinator  
Mary Leddy, Health Access Specialist  
Maria Mouzinho, Health Educator  
Carol Seale, Access Financial Clerk



**(Picture of Staff on the annual trip to Gosnold)**



## COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY

### Listing of Real Property

Town/Description	Street Address	Map/Lot	Area	Assessed Value
<b><u>Edgartown</u></b>				
Courthouse	81 Main Street	20D.121	18135 sf	1,343,500
Jail/House Correction	145 Upper Main St	20C.11.02	9020 sf	389,300
Jail/House-vacant	12 Pine Street	20C.11.11	10010 sf	42,000
Jail/House-vacant	16 Pine Street	20C.11.12	10010 sf	42,000
Jail/House-vacant	20 Pine Street	20C.11.13	10775 sf	42,800
Entrance to Norton Pt Beach	South Beach Park	52.62	7.0 AC	16,600
	Norton Point Beach	51.49	246.7 AC	410,900
Vacant Lot	Aero Avenue	45.59	33000 sf	115,500
Vacant Lot	Aero Avenue	45.85	22500 sf	100,400
M. V. Airport		24.01.0	385.6 AC	4,624,900
M. V. Airport		24.01.4	1050 sf	22,600
M. V. Airport		24.01.5	280 sf	4,800
M. V. Airport		24.01.7	1360 sf	17,600
Edg-WT Road		28.14	4800 sf	45,400
<b><u>Oak Bluffs</u></b>				
Eastville Beach	Beach Road	6.17	5.2 AC	607,500
Extension Serv/4-H	New York Avenue	4.87	1.3 AC	286,900
<b><u>Tisbury</u></b>				
Vacant Lot	Owen Little Way	-J-8	5180 sf	29,700
Beach jointly owned with Town of Tisbury		32C.1.0	36000 sf	49,300
Beach jointly owned with Town of Tisbury		32D.1.0	36400 sf	26,900
<b><u>West Tisbury</u></b>				
M. V. Airport	10 Hangar Road N	28.1.15		83,900
M. V. Airport	27 Hangar Road N	28.1.7	.459 AC	135,200
M. V. Airport	55 Edgartown Road	28.1.2		202,300
M. V. Airport	71 Airport Road	28.1.0	410.34 AC	24,587,800
M. V. Airport-Comm MA	54 Airport Road	28.1.1		205,600
M. V. Airport-FAA	66 Airport Road	28.3.0	.459 AC	940,500
<b>Total Assessed Value</b>			<b>\$34,373,900.00</b>	

In addition to managing the property listed above, the Joseph S. Sylvia State Beach (104.2 acres), owned by the Department of Environmental Management, and is managed by the County of Dukes County.



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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY/SAR**

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Emergency Management Report Fiscal Year 2005 (July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005):

The Dukes County Emergency Management Agency continued to improve its services to the County this year. Although we did not have any significant Hurricane activity this year, 2005 was one of the most active seasons. There were 31 named storms this year, with 15 Hurricanes. Two of these hurricanes, named Katrina and Rita were the most deadly and costly to the United States, wreaking havoc to the Gulf Coast infrastructure, thousands of deaths, and costing billions of dollars in damages.

The County Emergency Management Agency, for its part, tracked all of these storms with a new computer program called *Hurrivac*, provided by the National Weather Service (NWS), and provided this information to the towns and the Red Cross. This is a real time, hurricane-tracking program that allows us to download information directly from the NWS. It has features that allow us to view the latest advisories, mapping, moving the storm ahead in hourly increments, single or multi-track plot modes, wind and rainfall forecasts, historical track displays, evacuation timing, tide gauges, and coordinates measurement tools that allow us to see just how close a storm track will pass the island.

Also, in 2005, the department became an administrator for a Mass Dept of Health computer communication and alerting system call HHAN (Health & Homeland Alerting Network). This State-run system is designed to alert members of the health care community, Emergency Managers, and others to events or threats of a health nature. The agency was given permission by the MDPH to initiate a pilot program that would test this system on a regional basis for functions other than health emergencies. As of the end of 2005, the system functions have been set up and it remains to be seen if it can be adopted for Island-wide use.

We also added a dedicated HAM radio capability to the County's Emergency Management Agency's assets. This year has been a good one for the Martha's Vineyard Emergency Managers Association, which the County hosts. One of the achievements of this body, made up of the Emergency Managers from the County, each Town, the Wampanoag Tribe, and the American Red Cross, was to come to an agreement that the County representative would be an information coordinating and dissemination body between the towns, tribe, and the Red Cross during emergencies. Another achievement was a Memorandum of Understanding signed by all the towns and the tribe regarding Shelters.

Search and Rescue (SAR) was unlike prior years, where July 2004 to June 2005 saw a shift in the type of requests for aid as the largest percentage of the call out requests were for individuals with existing medical issues (dementia, substance abuse.) There was also one request for mutual aid from the West Tisbury Fire Department for assistance during an Airport Alert (possible airplane crash.)

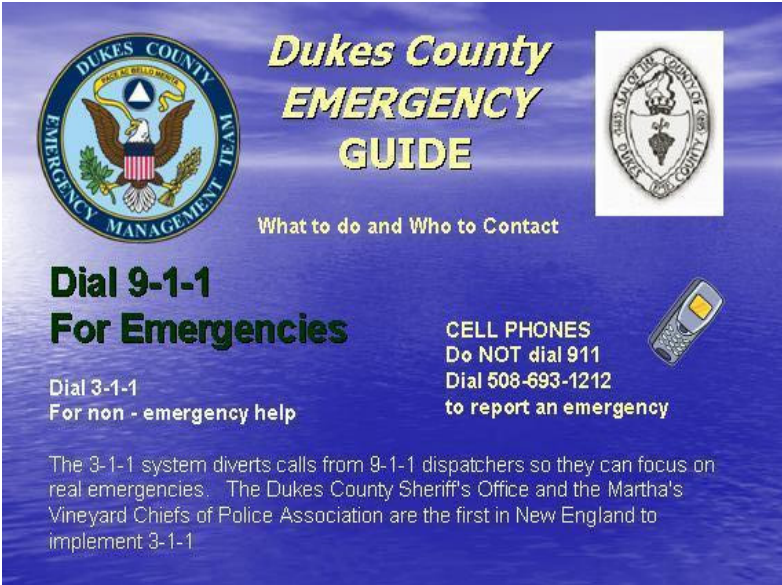


There was one regional request for a Human Remains Detection (HRD) dog to aid in a multi-agency operation regarding a cold case investigation of a missing Brockton teenager. The search was inconclusive but is still under investigation. Classes offered included topics such as Compass Navigation and Map Interpretation, Search Techniques and Tactics, Special Equipment and Probability of Detection (POD.)

We all look forward to next year for more progress in integrating Emergency Management services into the community.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Charles J. Cotnoir, Director  
Dukes County Emergency Management Agency

Karen Ogden  
SAR Team Leader



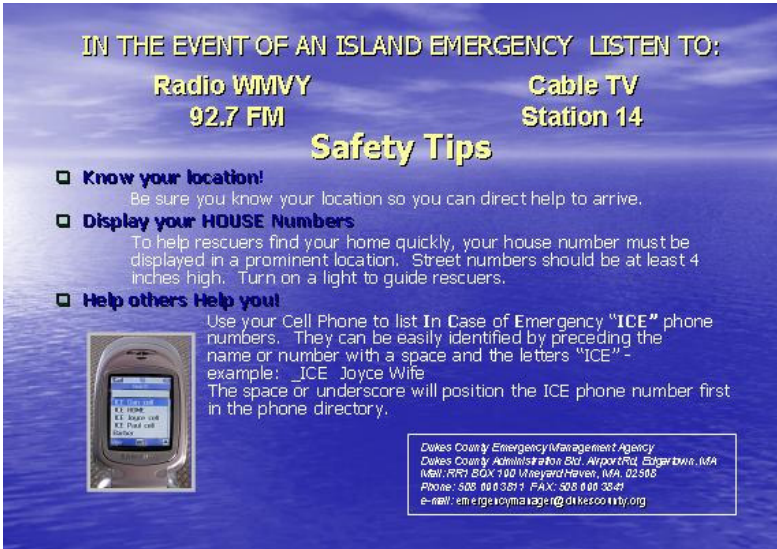
The poster features a blue background with a white eagle logo on the left and a circular seal on the right. The title 'Dukes County EMERGENCY GUIDE' is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below the title, it says 'What to do and Who to Contact'. The main heading 'Dial 9-1-1 For Emergencies' is in large, bold, white letters. To the right, there is a small image of a cell phone. Below the heading, it says 'Dial 3-1-1 For non-emergency help'. To the right of this, it says 'CELL PHONES Do NOT dial 911 Dial 508-693-1212 to report an emergency'. At the bottom, there is a paragraph of text explaining the 3-1-1 system.

**Dial 9-1-1 For Emergencies**

Dial 3-1-1  
For non-emergency help

CELL PHONES  
Do NOT dial 911  
Dial 508-693-1212  
to report an emergency

The 3-1-1 system diverts calls from 9-1-1 dispatchers so they can focus on real emergencies. The Dukes County Sheriff's Office and the Martha's Vineyard Chiefs of Police Association are the first in New England to implement 3-1-1.



The poster has a blue background with a white eagle logo on the left. The title 'IN THE EVENT OF AN ISLAND EMERGENCY LISTEN TO:' is in large, bold, white letters. Below the title, it says 'Radio WMVY 92.7 FM' and 'Cable TV Station 14'. The main heading 'Safety Tips' is in large, bold, white letters. Below the heading, there are three bullet points: 'Know your location!', 'Display your HOUSE Numbers', and 'Help others Help you!'. Each bullet point has a short paragraph of text explaining the tip. At the bottom left, there is a small image of a cell phone. At the bottom right, there is a box containing contact information for the Dukes County Emergency Management Agency.

**IN THE EVENT OF AN ISLAND EMERGENCY LISTEN TO:**

**Radio WMVY 92.7 FM**

**Cable TV Station 14**

**Safety Tips**

- Know your location!**  
Be sure you know your location so you can direct help to arrive.
- Display your HOUSE Numbers**  
To help rescuers find your home quickly, your house number must be displayed in a prominent location. Street numbers should be at least 4 inches high. Turn on a light to guide rescuers.
- Help others Help you!**  
Use your Cell Phone to list In Case of Emergency "ICE" phone numbers. They can be easily identified by preceding the name or number with a space and the letters "ICE" - example: \_ICE Joyce Wife  
The space or underscore will position the ICE phone number first in the phone directory.

Dukes County Emergency Management Agency  
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e-mail: emergencymanager@dukescounty.org



- OAK BLUFFS:    BLINKER ROUNDABOUT – Supervised the consultant selection process for design.  
                      BEACH ROAD BRIDGES – Coordinating proposed bridge design with Mass Highway.  
                      CIRCUIT AVE. SIDEWALKS – Designed, produced bidding documents, and plans for the construction of sidewalks.  
                      LAGOON POND DRAWBRIDGE – Advising Town Officials on Mass Highway’s proposed bridge replacement.  
                      COUNTY ROAD DRAINAGE – Designed & supervised construction done by town  
                      HARBOR BULKHEAD – Consulted with Harbormaster for bulkhead replacement
- TISBURY:        LAKE ST. / LAKE TASHMOO – Completed construction of Lake St./Lake Tashmoo Pier.  
                      FRANKLIN ST. RESURFACING – Completed design, permitting, and bid contract for the resurfacing of Franklin St. for \$425,000 in State Funds.  
                      PLANNING BOARD – Consulting.  
                      HISTORICAL DISTRICT SIDEWALKS – Continued prelim. survey for construction plans.
- W. TISBURY:    STATE ROAD PATHWAY PROJECT #2 – Continued survey for the future pathway beside the road project from Indian Hill Rd. to Humphrey’s Bakery.  
                      SCHOOL TENNIS COURTS – Designed, produced bidding documents, advertised project for construction, and supervised construction.

The County Engineering Office is located at the Martha’s Vineyard Airport County Administration Building, 9 Airport Rd., (across from the Hot Tin Roof) in Edgartown. Office hours are from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stephen Berlucchi, P.E. – County Engineer



## **DUKES COUNTY HEALTH COUNCIL**

### **Annual Report FY 05**

**HEALTH COUNCIL**

**THE DUKES COUNTY  
COUNCIL**

#### **Overview**

The Dukes County Health Council is a 35-member committee of community health providers and consumers created in 1996 under the auspices of the Dukes County Commission to identify a community vision and direction for health care on Martha's Vineyard.

Since 1998, the Health Council had focused its energies on creating an Island Health Plan, through the design, development and introduction of an insurance plan to serve the needs of the un-insured and under-insured residents of Martha's Vineyard. Once the Island Health Plan progressed to the final development stage, a separate not-for-profit organization was charged with overseeing its implementation. To avoid any conflicts of interest several long-standing members of the DCHC resigned to join the new non-profit organization and a re-building of the DCHC began.

After rebuilding the membership, the Health Council members remained committed to the original vision: "to promote community-wide health and wellness through the creation of a cooperative, integrated network of health care for Martha's Vineyard".

#### **Committees**

The Council is perhaps best known for its efforts to improve access to care through the Vineyard Health Care Access Program (VHCAP) and the development of affordable insurance through the Island Health Plan (IHP).

Equally important, but less well known are those Health Council committees and task groups designed to address health needs in our community that are either unfunded or simply inadequately addressed. These include:

- The Primary Care Working Group
- The Behavioral Health Network
- The Chronic Illness Network
- The Geriatric Care Management and Service Access Study Team
- The Prevention & Wellness Committee
- The Oral Health Working Group
- The Rural Scholars Program
- The Youth Task Force

Some highlights of the efforts of the various committees throughout the fiscal year included:

- Creation of the DCHC web page on the County's website
- Applying for the Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant (awarded later)
- Continued support for the Island Health Plan

- Sponsoring 6 health care forums
- Sponsoring 5 UMass medical students for the Rural Scholars program
- Collaboration with the Lighthouse Health Access Alliance
- VHCAP receipt of grant to assess and design an oral health plan

The valuable contributions to the Island and its many health and wellness related endeavors could not be accomplished without the hard work of the many volunteers of the Dukes County Health Council

### **Dukes County Health Council– 2005 Members**

#### **Consumers (8-10):**

Terry Appenzellar (Treasurer)  
Olga Church  
Rhonda Cohen (Vice Chair)  
Tad Crawford (Chair through Dec 04)  
Cindy Doyle  
David Holmberg - *Student*  
Patsy McCornack  
Paddy Moore  
Rev. Mary Jane O'Connor-Ropp – *Minister*  
Dr. Antonio Teixeira

#### **Public Officials (6):**

Jacque Cage (Coord Comm) – *MV Director, Elder Services of the Cape & Islands*  
Mike Dutton – *All-Island Selectmen*  
Carlin Hart – *Martha's Vineyard Public Schools*  
Les Leland – *Dukes County Commissioner*  
Frederick Rundlet - *Director, Wampanoag Health Services*  
Lt. Donald Rose - *Dir. of Trng, Sheriffs Dept*  
Bob Sawyer - *Dukes County Commissioners*

#### **Practitioners (6 - 8):**

Jane Cleare (Coord. Com.) - *Psychologist*  
Pat Donegan, M.D. *Physician*  
Judy Flanders - *Nurse*  
Ilene Klein, M.D. - *Physician*  
Michele Lazerow, D.C. - *Chiropractor/ Acupuncturist*  
Charles Silberstein, M.D. - *Psychiatrist*

#### **M. V. Hospital (1):**

Timothy Walsh - *Chief Executive Officer*

#### **Windemere (1):**

Ken Chisholm – *Acting Executive Director*

#### **M.V. Community Services (2):**

Chris Knowles – *Director of Finance, MVCS*  
Susan Wasserman – *VP, Board of Directors*

#### **Community Health Organizations (4-6):**

Cathy Brennan (Secretary.) - *Director, Hospice*  
Nancy Gilfoy – *President, Whole Health Alliance*  
Michael LaPolla, R.N.- *Director, AIDS Alliance*  
Cynthia Mitchell (Elected Chair Jan 05) – *Executive Director, Island Health Plan*  
Kathy Rose (Secretary) - *Chief Executive Officer, Visiting Nurse Association*  
Bob Tonti – *Executive Director, Foundation for Island Health*

#### **Additional County Representatives (3)**

Frank Honey – *Assoc. County Commissioner, Elderly Affairs*  
Andy Krickl – *Assoc. County Commissioner, Handicapped Affairs*  
Jo Ann Murphy - *County Agent, Veteran's Affairs*





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The Dukes County Water Testing Laboratory changed directions and became the Health and Environment Department as of July 2004, the beginning of Fiscal year 2005.

Month	Number Of Samples	Testing Value
June-04	25	1,250.00
July-04	61	2,675.00
August-04	4	165.00

This redirection was a major change to the Laboratory aspect of the department. The lab officially closed July 1, 2004, however due to a project that was already in process with the Chappaquiddick Island Association we kept the lab open until early August.

The Chappaquiddick Island Association project began in June and ran until early August. The project involved the testing of the private wells on Chappaquiddick. Through out the project the lab analyzed 91 water samples and brought in \$4090.

The graph shown above illustrates the number of samples that were analyzed during each month and the testing value of the analyses.

While conducting the Chappaquiddick Island Associations project I kept the lab open to private samples that wanted to test through the lab. During July and August, I analyzed 15 private samples and took in \$865.00.

After the lab finished with the Chappaquiddick Island Association project, the lab closed its door. We then began to work along side the Wampanoag Environmental Lab. A contractual agreement was put into place with the Wampanoag Lab for \$18,000.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kendra Read



**DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL  
HOUSING AUTHORITY (DCRHA)**

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The Dukes County Regional Housing Authority (DCRHA) continues to serve the citizens of Martha's Vineyard through provision of rental situations and homebuyer opportunities, advocacy in Town, regional and state processes and collaboration with Town committees and Island housing organizations that create the housing supports necessary to the maintenance of our Island community.

This year saw an increase in **Affordable Homebuyer** activity with the lottery of 5 homes in Tisbury, 1 home in Edgartown and plans for the lottery of 4 lots in West Tisbury, 2 homes in Oak Bluffs and 3 additional homes in Tisbury by the end of the calendar year. The DCRHA certifies lottery participants and supports the Towns, the Island Housing Trust (IHT) and private developers in the preparation and execution of their lotteries. Additionally, the DCRHA offered a **Homebuyer Education** training with presentations by Marcia Cini, Esq., Jeanne Odgen of the Sovereign Bank and Philippe Jordi of the IHT to 80 individuals interested in better understanding the home buying process. We continue to maintain the **Island Affordable Homebuyer Clearinghouse Database** in order to publicize lotteries and other types of homebuyer assistance available to Island families trying to purchase and maintain their own homes.

An agreement between The Regional Housing Authority and the Town of West Tisbury adds the management of 20 **Accessory Apartments** recently created by a Town zoning by-law to the 48 apartments we currently own and/or manage. This past year we completed the purchase of the **Lake St. Apartments** from the Town of Tisbury and completed a refinancing of the **Lagoon Pond Apartments**, also in Tisbury, that allowed for a reduction in rents. Through the generous support of the Island Affordable Housing Fund and The Town of Chilmark's Community Preservation Committee, the **Rental Conversion Program** provides affordable year-round housing to over 50 Island families. The program consists of a subsidy of up to 50% of the rent for eligible families and individuals and certification services to homeowners in return for year-round rental of their properties. The DCRHA also maintains a **Rental Housing Waitlist** and partners with other organizations that offer rental assistance such as the Housing Assistance Corporation and Community Action Committee of the Cape and Islands.

This past year, The Regional Housing Authority assisted with the passage by the State of a public law signed by Governor Romney as Chapter 445 of the Acts of 2004 and known as **The Martha's Vineyard Affordable Housing Covenants**. The law affirms the strain placed on our community by exorbitant home prices and allows for affordability restrictions up to almost twice the family income utilized as a standard elsewhere in

Massachusetts. Originally voted into existence as a proposal to the State Legislature by all six Towns in 2002, the covenants will return to Town meetings this next year where approval would allow each Town another tool to be used at their discretion in their preservation of homebuyer opportunities for generations of working Island families to come.

The **Vineyard Housing Office** on State Road in Vineyard Haven continues to grow as a central place for Islanders working together on housing issues and as a clearinghouse for rental and homeownership opportunities. The VHO currently is home to the Regional Housing Authority, the Island Housing Trust, the Island Affordable Housing Fund, Habitat for Humanity of Martha's Vineyard and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Martha's Vineyard and offers a website, **[www.vineyardhousing.org](http://www.vineyardhousing.org)** as a comprehensive resource for affordable housing efforts on Martha's Vineyard.

The DCRHA Board of Directors:

LEO FRAME, Chair, *Island-wide*  
ABBE BURT, Vice-Chair, *Tisbury*  
MELISSA NORTON VINCENT, Treasurer, *Edgartown*  
ERNIE MENDENHALL, *West Tisbury*  
RICHARD SKIDMORE, *Aquinnah*  
HARVEY BETH, *Oak Bluffs*  
ZELDA GAMSON, *Chilmark*  
ANTHONY J. BONGIORNO, *State Appointee*

DAVID VIGNEAULT, Executive Director  
TERRI KEECH, Administrator  
BARBARA SMITH HOFFMAN, Administrative Coordinator  
JAMES O'BRIEN, Property Manager

Respectfully Submitted,  
David Vigneault



**COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY  
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We experienced a decline in Registry business during FY 2005. The total number of documents processed by the Dukes County Registry of Deeds dropped by 2,790 resulting in a 26 % decrease in recording revenues. Due to the increase in Excise revenues, the final numbers for all revenues during for FY 2005 reflect an 8% overall decrease from FY 2004. The 3-year comparison included below illustrates the shift in revenues.

	<b>FY 2003</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>
Copies and Postage	49,710	68,749	72,261
Plans	5,252	4,875	4,075
Recorded Land Recording	222,432	241,687	190,399
Land Court Recording	74,421	76,167	62,859
Excise to County	119,166	146,610	172,272
Registry Interest	759	1,240	574
Excise Interest	<u>2,194</u>	<u>1,646</u>	<u>1,219</u>
	473,934	540,974	503,659

This has been a year of change for the Dukes County Registry. Thanks to the availability of the Technology Fund monies, we were able to upgrade our computer system to the model adopted by the Secretary of State's office. This system is quite different from our old one, but we hope that the change will be a positive one for all. One key component of this system is the availability of Dukes County records on line. The website address is [www.masslandrecords.com](http://www.masslandrecords.com) . Currently we have the Grantor/Grantee indexes available on line back to 1984 and document images are available for the past couple of years. We are working on scanning older documents into the indexes and hope to have much more inventory available soon. Assistant Register Debra Levesque, Connie Murphy and Jessica Burnham remain available to provide expert assistance to our customers and myself. I cannot say enough about how well the staff worked to make the transition from one system to another as smooth as possible.

The Registry of Deeds is located on the first floor of the Courthouse in Edgartown. The hours of operation are 8:30AM to 4:30PM, Monday through Friday. Documents are accepted for recording from 8:30AM until 4:00PM, Monday through Friday.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dianne E. Powers  
Register of Deeds



**COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY  
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It has been 4 years now and the reactivated County of Dukes County rodent Control Program had its largest revenues this FY year with receipts over \$12,000.00

I would like to thank everyone in the new County Administration building and the County Commissioners for helping out in all the little things that go toward making this a successful program.

Advertising or the lack of it seems to be the biggest detriment to the program.

The 12' inflatable rat has proven a large success at the Edgartown 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, The Tisbury Street Fair and the Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Society Fair in August Drawing large crowds to The County booth at the fair.

I continue to work co-operatively with the various town boards of health offices who do not hesitate to call.

The cooperation of all is needed for our continued success. If you think you have rats or mice in your home or property or business please phone T. J. Hegarty, County of Dukes County Rodent Control officer.

**REMEMBER: RATS OR US.**

Respectfully submitted,  
T.J. Hegarty





**COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY  
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In Fiscal Year 05, the Veterans' Agent assisted 69 cases. The total amount expended was \$45,031.68, of which 75 percent is reimbursable by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The total amount of reimbursement this year was \$22,528.26. Under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 115, as amended, veterans and their dependents were granted assistance.

This summer I had an assistant working in my office through the VA work study program. William Camacho is a retired Navy Chief and was a valuable resource for this office. To be in the VA work-study program you must be receiving VA education benefits for full-time or 3/4 time training in a college degree program, vocational, or professional program. Bill was working on his Master of Science in Human Services Degree.

Veterans' participated in 4 parades this year: Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Holy Ghost Society Parade and Veterans' Day. For Veterans' Day in partnership with Hospice we held a Compassion Sabbath service at the Old Whaling Church honoring all deceased veterans. In February at the Hebrew Center a special Shabbat Service was held to honor the four chaplains who went down on the USS Dorchester. On a happier note, we performed welcome home ceremonies for three returning Iraqi veterans: Chris Russell, Robert Dickson and Randy Dull.

Over the past year I joined the cape in a program to support our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan by sending supplies. We adopted a whole platoon plus anyone with ties to Martha's Vineyard. As of this date, we have sent a total of 812 lbs of supplies. I could not have done this with out the support of the community and veterans' organizations, also everyone who volunteered to pick up supplies, help package and donate. Thank you everyone for your support. As of this date we still have 3 soldiers serving in Iraq but three more have been activated. If you know of someone serving please give me a call.

I continue to be involved with the Dukes County Health Council, go to all veterans organization meeting, training with Department of Veterans Services and MAC meetings at the Bedford VA.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jo Ann Murphy  
Director of Veterans Services



**COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY  
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### **The Airport Structure and History**

The Martha's Vineyard Airport Commission is responsible for the care and operation of the Airport, and the one square mile of land upon which the airport is located. The seven member volunteer commission is appointed to three-year terms by the County Commission, representing a cross section of experience and backgrounds. The Martha's Vineyard has approximately fifteen full-time and up to eight part-time employees who operate the airport and its service components, implement policy, and ensure compliance with state and federal guidelines for public airports.

Originally constructed by the Navy as a training field for pilots during World War II, the airport was transferred to Dukes County for the purposes of operating a civilian airport. Since 1947, the property has served this role, and hosted many other tenants and activities. The property had remained largely unchanged until the late 1990's, when the construction of a new passenger terminal building and airport business park was completed. The airport now hosts more than 75 private businesses with a combined peak employment of nearly 750 people. Annually the airport services over 250,000 passengers and approximately 60,000 aircraft operations.

The Martha's Vineyard Airport continues to update and modernize airport facilities, equipment and processes to increase safety, improve customer service, and administrative efficiency. The Airport Commission, Management and Staff are dedicated to providing a safe, reliable and efficient travel option to the public, while remaining a self-sufficient asset for the island. The Airport is financially self-supporting, with revenues offsetting annual expenses. Private construction and development on Airport property also generates tax revenues directly for Edgartown and West Tisbury and provides direct and indirect benefits for all island towns.

### **Grant Funded Capital Improvements**

The Martha's Vineyard Airport has several on-going grants including a short term Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the seven year period ending in 2010 developed specifically to address Airport issues with the first several CIP projects being related to environmental permitting as described below.

The Martha's Vineyard Airport was required through this ENF process to develop an in depth study referred to as an "Environmental Impact Report (EIR)" which will concentrate on several major areas of identified concern including; groundwater quality, protected and rare species, archeological and historical concerns, and vehicle traffic impacts. The Airport received a second Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant from the FAA and MAC to complete this study.

To date, the Martha's Vineyard Airport has received more than \$24 million dollars in grant funds from FAA and MAC programs since 1991, with a similar investment scheduled in the future.

A major project undertaken this fiscal year was the construction of the SE Parking ramp which included the relocation of Taxiway A, to meet wing tip clearance safety requirements, and the expansion of the run-up area of Runway 24 to accommodate airport users. The additional ramp space will be available for parking overflow, the development of a cargo area for business users such as FedEx/UPS, and additional hangars as needed. The first phase of the project will be completed in the next fiscal year with subsequent ramp and hangars being erected sometime thereafter.

### **Aviation Activity**

Fuel sales at the Airport remain steady at near record levels. Some of this increase is attributable to the increasing popularity of fractional aircraft ownership, whereby aircraft are essentially "time shared." These programs have become increasingly popular with regular visitors and island property owners by offering lower capital acquisition costs and higher aircraft utilization to obtain customer savings. In general, the programs have been especially popular in the northeast metropolitan markets, which generate the majority of travelers to the island.

### **Airline Service**

Airline service during the year remains steady with Cape Air remaining the predominant carrier serving Boston, Providence (seasonally), New Bedford, Hyannis, and Nantucket. Boston and Providence's Green Airport continued to offer the mainstay of connections for both the business and pleasure traveler. Cape Air remains the vital year round link and continues to be the Airport's primary carrier accounting for nearly 80% of all the airport's scheduled airline passengers.

US Airways Express carriers Colgan Air and PSA Airlines returned with seasonal service to the Vineyard from Washington DC (DCA) and LaGuardia (LGA). These routes were served with higher capacity turbo-prop aircraft in the 40-50 seat range. Increasing demand during peak periods and the increases in terminal capacity has allowed for the super quiet "regional jets" to serve the Vineyard, which are capable of carrying 50-100 passengers. The new aircraft are extremely popular with travelers because of reduced travel time and increased comfort.

### **Car Rental Services**

Budget and Hertz Car Rental continued to provide rental car services at the airport. The lack of a rental car service facility has been identified as a major hindrance to customer service, and has been identified as a priority within the Airport's Capital Improvement Program. The ability of the agencies to quickly return a car to service upon return is integral to providing service while reducing the total number of vehicles required to meet demand.

### **Aircraft and Flight Services**

The Airport continues to host several aviation service businesses at the Airport, including Direct Flight, Flywright Aviation and J&B Corporate Jet Services. These aviation partners provide air charter transportation, flight instruction, and aircraft catering services to island visitors and residents year round.

### **Customer Service, Sales and Processing**

In response to customer comments, a new focus on attending to our customer's needs is clearly paying off. Additional staffing and equipment continues to have a positive impact on customer satisfaction and has resulted in an increase of aviation fuel sales.

Aviation fuel sales, a primary source of the revenue used to offset airport operations expenses, showed continued growth as a result of staff's customer focused efforts. Sales of aviation gasoline and jet fuel continued to another high level mark. Jet fuel now accounts for approximately 75% of the total aviation fuel sales. The net revenue from fuel sales accounts for approximately 30% of Airport operating revenues.

The four refueling vehicles obtained last year as are functioning as intended by decreasing servicing delays during peak periods through increased operational efficiency. The communications technology now present in each vehicle now which allows for data to be transmitted from the vehicle to the customer service desk thereby expediting sales transactions, increasing vehicle utilization and reducing aircraft time on the ground.

### **Airport Business Park and Non-Aviation Development**

The Airport Business Park has seen substantial activity during the past year with the completion of several new buildings the release of the four remaining non-aviation parcels within the Airport Business Park which completes the current phase of development at 100% occupancy.

The Airport Master Plan Update identified additional land areas adjacent to the Airport Business Park and along Airport Road for potential commercial development. These areas, along with a proposed site to accommodate a new Dukes County Jail, are being reviewed within the scope of the Environmental Impact Report, and if approved would likely become available by 2006.

The Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission, through previous and continuing capital investments made during in the early 1990's to study, design and construct infrastructure associated with the Airport and Airport Business Park development, considers the project to be a tremendous success. The original concept of deriving revenue from non-aviation property leases to offset Airport operating expenses, while accommodating commercial development not well suited for in-town locations, has proven viable and is being replicated throughout the state.

### **Martha's Vineyard Airport Water and Wastewater Services**

The Martha's Vineyard Airport, in response to environmental permitting associated with Airport developments planned in the late 1980's, identified two improvements required

prior to development of the Airport Business Park or construction of a new terminal facility. These two improvements were the establishment of a municipal water supply and the construction of a waste water treatment facility, to serve the entire airport property, which were ultimately required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

The current Waste Water Treatment Facility was permitted for operation in 1992 and constructed with grant funds from the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission (MAC). The plant is required to undergo a permit review every five years, which last occurred in December of 2002. The new permit started February of 2003. The plant's original design was to be constructed in two phases, allowing for future expansion to meet increasing demand as occupancy on the Airport increases. Through the same MAC grant, the Airport's independent water supply well was decommissioned, and a new water supply was installed along Barnes Road to provide water to the Airport through an agreement with the Town of Oak Bluffs.

The Airport completed the work related to the additional grant of \$450,000 received from MAC during FY2003, to make infrastructure improvements related to the water and waste water systems. A project was undertaken to replace the failing clay waste collection system pipes in the terminal area, which had been a source of sand and water infiltration in recent years. Additionally the water mains installed by the Navy in the 1940's were replaced in this terminal area, improving fire service flows formerly restricted by pipe corrosion. The project utilized cutting edge construction techniques including "pipe bursting" and "directional drilling" technology to reduce cost and minimize service impacts during the project by eliminating widespread trenching and pavement repair. Approximately 2500 feet of World War II era infrastructure remains active in the water and waste water systems. These areas are scheduled for upgrade during 2003-2005, as development projects occur in the corridor between Airport Road and the Business Park.

### **Wastewater Treatment Facility**

The plant treats millions of gallons of wastewater throughout the fiscal year as well as processing some 8,000 pounds of biological solids that is disposed of as solid waste off island. The facility also maintains a network of monitoring wells around the periphery of the facility to monitor potential groundwater quality impacts. These wells are tested regularly and continue to remain significantly below all regulatory and compliance thresholds including nitrogen discharge, total dissolved solids, and numerous other concerns.

### **Water Services**

As a result of the previous amendment to the agreement between the Airport and The Town of Oak Bluffs, the Airport is now a licensed "reseller" of water to customers located on Airport Property. The Airport is responsible for the maintenance and testing of the water distribution system for all of the airport's users and tenants. Meters are installed on all service connections and are read on a monthly basis. The Airport and its tenants normally consume nearly 6 million gallons of water for a variety of purposes including construction testing, fire protection, training, irrigation, and commercial uses.



Periodic testing of the water distribution system has consistently demonstrated regulatory compliance including specific tests for coliform, lead and copper, all of which remain well below the threshold for safe drinking water standards.

Martha's Vineyard Airport Water and Wastewater Services Staff  
Michael Eldridge, Chief Operator  
Massachusetts Wastewater Treatment – MA License #4870  
Waste Collection Systems Operator – MA Certification # C-3322  
Drinking Water System Operator - MA License #8745

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sean C. Flynn, C.M.  
Acting Manager, Martha's Vineyard Airport



**COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY  
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The office of the Martha's Vineyard Parking Clerk handles parking violations for all six Towns on Martha's Vineyard. Fiscal year 2005 was busy as usual.

Plymouth County Parking Department continues to do a superb job in processing our tickets. Access via computer modem to our data at Plymouth County enables us to assist those with parking ticket problems and/or questions immediately.

Our online access to the Registry of Motor Vehicles enables us to clear and mark tickets electronically. This continues to be a very important tool in helping those in non-renewal status.

Income to the Parking Clerk is derived from a 15% share in fines collected. Fiscal year 2005 collected \$275,739.00. During that period we processed 17,055 tickets totaling \$213,292.00.

Thanks to the efforts of County Manager, E. Winn Davis, the County of Dukes County's Web Site is up and running. The Martha's Vineyard Parking Clerks' site has answers to many frequently asked questions concerning parking violations. This site will be very helpful in explaining to motorists with parking violations what options are available.

Joseph Sollitto, Hearings Officer, is available at the Dukes County Courthouse, Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 10:30 for those wishing to protest tickets within 21 days. Written protests are accepted if procedures detailed on the front of tickets are followed.

I wish to thank Noreen Mavro Flanders, Joe Sollitto, Tammy Matchem and all the Island Police Departments for their continued help.

Respectively submitted,  
Carol M. Grant  
Martha's Vineyard Parking Clerk



## **COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF**

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Sheriff Michael A. McCormack is the county's chief law enforcement officer. The Office of Sheriff is one of the oldest known to law, and from its earliest times, the Sheriff has been the chief officer for the preservation of peace within the county. It is an Office of high trust, and has continued from times of antiquity, predating all other forms of policing.

Deputy Sheriffs, sworn officers under the Office of the Sheriff, perform a variety of functions to assist the Sheriff in the daily performance of his duties. These functions include service at the Dukes County Jail & House of Correction, the Communication Center, Drug Information Bureau, Community Corrections, Beach and Boat Patrol, the Intermittent Police Officer Academy, Transportation of Prisoners, and Civil Process.

The Sheriff's Deputies are also members of the Sheriff's Honor Guard, the Drug Task Force; and participate in the Anti - Litter Program, the D.A.R.E. Program, and the TRIAD program. Numerous community service details, for such organizations as the American Red Cross, Hospice, the Agricultural Society, and the Visiting Nurses Association, are performed annually by Deputy Sheriffs.

Deputy Sheriffs have formed the Dukes County Deputy Sheriffs' Association, an organization which raises considerable monies to support various island programs and youth organizations. In addition, this association has awards a college scholarship each year to two graduating seniors. The Sheriff's Deputies are asked to serve the community with Integrity, Professionalism, and Respect.

Three partnership programs started by Sheriff McCormack continue to thrive: Triad, Community Corrections, and 3-1-1 Non-Emergency Telephone System. Triad is a partnership with senior citizens, the Sheriff, law enforcement agencies, and community service providers that meets to discuss and address public safety concerns of senior citizens. These meetings are held monthly on the first Thursday at the Tisbury Senior Center. Community Corrections is a partnership between the Sheriff's Office and the Trial Court of the Commonwealth that establishes an alternative to incarceration for offenders while on Probation. This program offers GED education, life skills education, substance abuse counseling, and provides accountability, by utilizing four levels of supervision; from administrative supervision to home confinement. The 3-1-1 Non-Emergency Telephone System reduces the workload at the 9-1-1 dispatch center while providing a more efficient method with which the public can access Police resources in cases where there is "urgency, but not emergency."

The Sheriff continues to pursue the goal set forth by the Dukes County Jail Task Force, to seek funds and a site for the construction of a much needed replacement facility. A temporary expansion of the Jail & House of Correction has been completed. This addition temporarily houses eight inmates, and expands the program space, dinning area, and visiting room.

Sheriff McCormack continues to serve as the President of the Massachusetts Sheriff's Association, an organization of all Sheriffs from the fourteen counties in Massachusetts, who meet at least monthly to discuss statewide public safety issues. Sheriff McCormack also service as President of the Martha's Vineyard Chiefs of Police Association. The following detailed reports are from the various divisions of the Office of the Sheriff:

### **CIVIL PROCESS DEPARTMENT:**

FY 2005 saw the successful completion of the service of Civil Process. The supervisor of Civil Process executes personally or through deputies assigned to the department all orders from the courts including seizures, attachments, arrests, warrants, searches, forfeitures, keepers, escorts and evictions. Monies collected from these services are entered into a special County Treasurer account.

The following is a summary of some services for FY 2005:

Sheriff Sale	2
Attachments	19
Capias	75
Writ of Execution	26
Demand on Execution	6
Evictions	7
Letters	18
Notice to Quit	37
Notice to Show Cause	16
Diligent Searches	85
Orders	5
Postings	5
Out of State service	24
Trustee summons	11
Subpoenas	162
Summons	419
Small Claim notices	3

The Civil Process Office is now located at 84 Main Street in the Courthouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Room 201 in the Sheriff's Office. All Civil Process will be handled at this new location. To contact this office, call 627-3511.

## **COMMUNICATIONS CENTER DIVISION:**

<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Fiscal Year 2005</i>
<i>Log entries, calls received, &amp; dispatched</i>	<i>31,525</i>
<i>Alarms:</i>	<i>2,417</i>
<i>Teletype Items:</i>	<i>55,029</i>
<i>Totals:</i>	<i>88,971</i>

Under the direction of Sheriff Michael A. McCormack, the communications center is a regional central dispatch for all the towns located within the County of Dukes County. These include Aquinnah, Chilmark, Edgartown, Gosnold, Naushon, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, and West Tisbury. The departments include Local and State Police, Fire, Harbormasters, Shellfish, Ambulances, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's), Trustees of Reservations, Animal Control, Search and Rescue, Menemsha Coast Guard, Civil Defense, Environmental Police, Local & State Highway, Town Water and Parks Departments (lifeguards).

We currently dispatch in excess of 2,417 alarms for private residences, businesses and municipal buildings. Some of the alarms are monitored directly through us and others are dispatched to us from other central monitoring stations. Some of the signals that are monitored include burglary, fire, freeze, line trouble, medical emergency, panic, pump failure and many more.

We continuously make many corrections on E-9-1-1 street address discrepancies on residences and businesses alike. With the assistance of the individual town's assessor's offices, these have been corrected through the Verizon database. We encourage all citizens to verify their E-9-1-1 address with us by calling our non-emergency number 693-1212. Making sure that your residence or business is listed with the correct E-9-1-1 address will ensure and expedite the proper agencies response to your location.

We analyze all our 911 calls at the end of each fiscal year. The calls are broken down into four categories: emergency, non-emergency, misdial/errors test/hit calls. Of the 4,818 calls we received 2,114 were actual emergencies, 1,240 were non-emergencies, 951 were misdial/errors and 513 were test/hit calls.

All of our personnel are required to be trained, tested and certified in Emergency Medical Dispatch, CPR, and the Law Enforcement Agencies Processing Systems computer. All employees are required to be re-tested and certified biennially.

Personnel employed at the communications center during fiscal year 2005 were Supervisor Major Susan Schofield, Sergeant Linda Cook, Sergeant Robert Brown, Sergeant Kathryn Mercier, Sergeant Nicole Gazaille, Deputy Sarah Townes, and Deputy Susan Cooke. Other personnel employed during the fiscal year were Elizabeth Gilmore, Suzanne Cioffi, Laura Rose, Troy Vanderhoop and Renee Ward.

Remember, if you have an emergency while you are on Martha's Vineyard, dial 9-1-1. It is important to speak clearly and provide the dispatcher with your name, the telephone number you are calling from, the nature of the emergency, an exact location with directions including cross streets. Please, **DO NOT** hang up the phone until the dispatcher acknowledges that she/he has all the information needed. We wish to reiterate the importance for all real estate agents to provide all rental properties with the telephone number, E-9-1-1 street address for the property and specific directions on how to get emergency personnel to the location. Health care workers should also know this information for any clients that they may be responsible for. This information should be placed near the telephone. In the event that an emergency should arise, this will ensure an expedited response.

FOR EMERGENCIES, TO HELP STOP A CRIME, REPORT A FIRE, OR SAVE A LIFE, DIAL 9-1-1. CELL PHONE CALLS TO 9-1-1 THAT ARE MADE FROM MARTHA'S VINEYARD WILL FIRST GO TO MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN FRAMINGHAM WHO WILL TRANSFER THE CALL BACK TO US. FOR ALL OTHER NON-EMERGENCY OR CELL PHONE EMERGENCY CALLS DIAL (508) 693-1212.

### **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS CENTER:**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The Dukes County Community Corrections Center is an Intermediate Sanctions Program sponsored by Sheriff Michael A. McCormack and the Dukes County Sheriff's Office in collaboration with the Office of Community Corrections in the Trial Court of Massachusetts.

The mission of the Dukes County Community Corrections Center is the establishment of intermediate sanctions programs that offer a continuum of services for Probation, Parole, the Department of Corrections and Sheriff's Inmates.

The Center offers the following services:

- Substance Abuse Counseling and Education
- Adult Basic Education and GED services
- Life Skills and Job Readiness Training
- Random Drug/Alcohol testing
- Electronic Monitoring
- Community Service

The Center provides probationers with educational programming, life skills and vocational instruction, and substance abuse treatment programming. Each participant is provided the opportunity to help him or herself without having to be incarcerated. This type of programming allows the participant to serve their sentence as mandated by the presiding justice. It also gives the center the opportunity to prepare the participant for integration back into the community.



## **PROGRAMS**

The center currently offers classes in addiction education, relapse prevention, stress management, communicable disease prevention, GED/Adult Education classes, Life skills, counseling as well as A.A. and N.A. meetings.

Programming at the Center consists of:

### *Level IV-24 hour restriction*

- Electronic Monitoring
- Random drug and alcohol testing
- Community Service (Community Corrections Center)
- Structured program services

### *Level III- Daily Accountability*

- Electronic Monitoring (optional)
- Random drug and alcohol testing
- Community Service (Community Corrections Center)
- Structured program services

### *Level II-Standard Supervision*

- Random drug/alcohol testing
- Community Service (Community Service Program)

### *Level I-Financial Accountability*

- Community Service (Community Service Program)

From July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, the Center received a total of thirty-seven **(37)** referrals. Thirty-six **(36)** were Level III referrals and one **(1)** was a Level IV referral. All thirty-seven **(37)** of those referrals were male. Twenty-five **(25)** of those participants successfully transitioned to a lower sanction level.

Program Manager, Captain David A. Murphy, leads the Community Corrections Center team with the aid of Assistant Manager Lt. Eric Perry, Administrative Assistant Sgt. Kelli Ann Stewart as well as the treatment staff which consists of Carolyn Kildegaard the Treatment Manager, Monte Pearse the Substance Abuse Counselor, and Katie Upson the GED/Adult Basic Education facilitator.

Trial Courts employee Brian Kennedy is in charge of Community Services.

## **CENTER MILESTONES**

- The center successfully transitioned two **(2)** participants from IS Level IV to Level III

- The center successfully transitioned twenty-three **(23)** male participants from IS Level III to Level II
- The center assisted four **(4)** participants in acquiring their GED
- The center is assisted fourteen **(14)** participants with taking parts of their GED tests

### **DRUG TESTING**

Drug testing remains the most utilized component of the center. Level II, Level III and Level IV participants receive mandatory drug testing for both drugs of abuse and alcohol. In FY 05, Nine hundred and twenty-seven **(927)** samples were tested for drugs of abuse. Please see **Attachment A** for a complete set of drug testing statistics. The center uses Syva/Dade Behring's ETS Plus batch analyzer to test for drugs of abuse and the Intoximeter 5000 to test breath for alcohol.

### **ELECTRONIC MONITORING**

Electronic monitoring continues to be a useful tool for promoting public safety. During FY 05, eight **(8)** participants were placed on electronic monitoring. All eight **(8)** were males. The center continues to assist the Office of the Commissioner of Probation with its implementation of Electronic Monitoring Island wide.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Brian Kennedy led work crews that completed over **5,527** hours of work during FY 05.

Community Service work crews have worked at the following locations:

- Martha's Vineyard Historical Society
- "Great Barn" of West Tisbury
- Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Society
- West Tisbury Cemetery
- Vineyard Healthcare Access
- Mass Highway Dept.
- Nathan Mayhew Seminars
- Tisbury Senior Center
- Windemere Nursing Facility
- Dukes County Courthouse
- Island Children's Memorial
- Chilmark Methodist Church
- West Chop Cemetery Association
- Cirkus Smirkus
- West Tisbury School
- West Tisbury Police Dept.
- The FARM Institute
- All of Dukes County's Beaches
- Dukes County Administration Building

## CONCLUSION

The Center's goal is to enhance public safety and maximize opportunities for substance abuse treatment, provide education and life skills for participants, address specific gender and cultural issues, provide opportunities for aftercare and provide links to further services in the community.

The Dukes County Community Corrections Center will service its participants under the direct supervision of John Monahan, the Regional Program Manager from the Office of Community Corrections.

## ATTACHMENT A

DUKES COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS CENTER: ANNUAL REPORT													
July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	TOTAL
<b><u>Drug Testing</u></b>													
No. Probation Male	62	63	47	63	69	69	72	60	82	67	72	44	770
No. Parole Male	2	0	0	0	1	8	3	3	6	12	15	11	61
No. Step-Down Male (Sheriff)	0	3	6	8	3	2	3	9	4	0	0	3	41
No. Probation Female	2	6	4	3	6	5	4	1	2	5	10	7	55
No. Parole Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. Step-Down Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>927</b>
<b><u>Positive Results - Male</u></b>													
Cocaine	3	6	1	8	6	4	2	2	3	8	6	2	51
THC	2	5	3	6	12	11	3	4	6	6	4	3	65
Opiates	3	4	2	6	7	11	0	1	6	6	6	1	53
Amphetamines	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>TOTAL MALE POSITIVES</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>170</b>
<b><u>Positive Results - Female</u></b>													
Cocaine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
THC	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Opiates	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	4
Amphetamines	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL FEMALE POSITIVES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
<b><u>Negative Results - Male TOTAL</u></b>	<b>57</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>727</b>
<b><u>Negative Results - Female TOTAL</u></b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>49</b>
<b><u>Alcohol Testing</u></b>													
No. Positive Male	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	2	4	2	0	1	15
No. Positive Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
<b>TOTAL POSITIVES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>
No. Negative Male	3	7	3	5	18	10	12	10	8	10	17	11	114
No. Negative Female	2	2	0	0	5	6	7	4	6	5	6	7	50
<b>TOTAL NEGATIVES</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>164</b>

## **DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION UNIT:**

The Dukes County Sheriff's Office Drug Abuse Prevention Unit completes its sixteenth year of operation. It is responsible for the administration of the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program, D.A.R.E. Operation Ropes Challenge Course, statistical data management, inter-department and community relations in drug and alcohol educational development and implementation, grant generation and management, and other duties as assigned by Sheriff Michael A. McCormack.

The D.A.R.E. program continues in the island school system, enjoying support from all agencies involved and has now graduated over, 3,200 students. The unit continues to provide the core 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>-grade program in four elementary schools. The Sheriff's Office also provides adventure base counseling to selected 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 8th and K-2 students throughout the Island, culminating in participation at the D.A.R.E. Operations Ropes Challenge Course. The ropes course adventure based counseling program continues to provide services to High School students by incorporating selected skills and initiatives into the physical education and health curriculum, as well as, providing a team building and organizational skills unit to the student counsel. It has also entered into a relationship with the YMCA teen center and is expecting to collaborate in a teen options program in the spring of 2006. It also continued to provide several island based summer camps with educational alternative programming for their youth participants. For the fifth year in a row, The D.A.R.E. Operations Ropes Challenge Course hosted a day event for the Dukes County Sheriff's Office Community Corrections division, providing services to adjudicated youth from off-island. The program provided a forum for these troubled youth to learn life skills in conflict resolution, communication skills, problem solving and appropriate response to stressful situations during social interaction with peers and adults. The D.A.R.E. Operations Challenge Ropes Course has continued to provide instructional pieces to Island teachers, offering education in adventure based counseling course operation and utilization of adventure learning in the classroom.

Due to the elimination of grant funding in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Drug Abuse Prevention Unit has sought and been provided funding by private entities and local businesses and the Dukes County Deputy Sheriff's Association . Through these charitable donations and the support of the Sheriff's Office, the D.A.R.E. Program continues to grow and develop as a valuable tool in the prevention of drug abuse and violence on Martha's Vineyard.

## **HOUSE OF CORRECTION AND JAIL:**

In fiscal year 2005, the Dukes County Jail and House of Correction admitted 1,098 inmates who resided for 10,364 days. These figures reflect an average daily population of 28.39 They also reflect an average daily admission of 3.01 persons. The next table illustrates the number of admissions, inmate days and average daily population at the jail.

	<b>Inmates admitted</b>	<b>Inmate Days</b>	<b>Average Daily Population</b>
<b>FY 05</b>	<b>1,098</b>	<b>10,305</b>	<b>28.39</b>
<b>FY 04</b>	<b>1,245</b>	<b>12,155</b>	<b>33.30</b>
<b>FY 03</b>	<b>1,351</b>	<b>10,237</b>	<b>28.05</b>
<b>FY 02</b>	<b>1,273</b>	<b>10,237</b>	<b>27.36</b>
<b>FY 01</b>	<b>1,261</b>	<b>13,055</b>	<b>35.77</b>

This chart illustrates the category and the number of charges of the 1,098 admissions.

<b>Category:</b>	<b>Number of Charges</b>
<b>Alcohol</b>	<b>450</b>
<b>Property</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Violent</b>	<b>169</b>
<b>Drug</b>	<b>142</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>263</b>

The inmate Labor Program in conjunction with the State Department of Public Works continues into its thirteenth year. This program provides inmates with the opportunity to utilize their time and help reintegrate into the community. In the last twelve years, this program has provided over 30,173 man-hours to help keep the roadways of Dukes County free of litter.

Several religious groups, Alcoholics Anonymous, Anger Management, the Book Club and Parents read aloud (taping stories for their children) are amongst the volunteer groups associated with the inmates of the Dukes County House of Correction and Jail. In the past fiscal year, the Sheriff has started many new programs, Culinary Arts, C.P.R. classes, Life Skills, Writing Classes, and Lecture Series. These volunteers play an important role in reintegrating the inmates back into the community. The Sheriff recognizes and applauds the commitment of these volunteers.

The inmate Education Program continues to develop with five inmates participated in receiving there GED and three other inmates participating in distance learning program with Cape Cod Community College.

Sheriff McCormack continues to pursue the construction of a new facility to replace the current building that was built in 1873.

### **TRAINING DIVISION:**

The current status of the Dukes County Sheriff's Office Training Division continues to utilize resources made available to us including our own training division and staff, consisting of several instructors, training staff from other Massachusetts County Sheriff's Offices, and the Massachusetts Department of Corrections training personnel. The MSAETC has recently coordinated regional training throughout the state to better serve all counties with continued available training programs.

The Dukes County Sheriff's Office continues to maintain its level of efficiency by having our full-time training officer attend the monthly Massachusetts Sheriff's Association Education & Training Committee (MSAETC) meetings where valuable information is shared. These monthly meetings are scheduled throughout the Commonwealth in various counties. All necessary changes in law or new and innovative training methods are discussed and implemented into Massachusetts Sheriff's lesson plans. All lesson plans are recognized and accepted by the Massachusetts Sheriff's Association and the Massachusetts Department of Correction.

The training goals of the Dukes County Sheriff's Office continue to be, not only to meet, but also to exceed the minimum standards set forth in the Commonwealth of

Massachusetts Regulations governing County Correctional Facilities, as well as staying current with any changes in the law.

In FY 2005, the Dukes County Sheriff's Office graduated one (1) officer, (Officer Erika Weron) who successfully completed the Barnstable County Correctional Officer's Academy eight week program on December 21, 2004.

The Dukes County Sheriff's Office maintains its integrity by following the recommendations and direction set by the American Correctional Association, American Jail Association, Municipal Police Training Committee, Massachusetts Standards Committee, the National Institute of Corrections, and the National Sheriff's Association.

**TRANSPORTATION DIVISION:**

Dukes County Sheriff's Office operating under the authority of the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 37 sections 24 and 25 shall be responsible for the transportation of prisoners or other persons in their custody including those from the divisions or department of the Trial Courts. Inmates are also transported to and from correctional and health care facilities.

In FY 2005 the Sheriff's Office staff transported 1127 inmates in the following manner:

	To	From	Total
Courts			
On Island	382	265	617
Off Island	38	27	65
Correctional Facilities			
On island	32	28	60
Health Care Facilities			
On Island	177	177	354
Off Island	3	3	6
Escorted Furloughs	13	13	26
TOTALS:	645	483	1,128
Adults Males	1,075		
Adult Females	46		
Juvenile Males	4		
Juvenile Females	2		





**COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY  
VINEYARD HEALTH CARE ACCESS PROGRAM**

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In 2005, the County's Vineyard Health Care Access Program was honored to receive the Community Health Leader Award from Health Care For All, a Massachusetts organization that promotes a "health care system that is responsive to all people, particularly the most vulnerable." The Vineyard Health Care Access Program (the Access Program) received the award together with our non-profit partner, Island Health Inc. The award was given in recognition of our efforts to meet the health care needs of low-income uninsured residents of the Island.

Ongoing programs and services, as well as new initiatives, are described below.

**Client Services**

The Access Program's core service continues to be activities focused on connecting the Island's uninsured residents with health care. These activities include health care program enrollment assistance, information and referral and advocacy; referrals to primary care, specialty care and complementary care; managing the Reduced Fee Plan; and creating access to services like vision care and prescription medication assistance. In FY 2005, MassHealth and Free Care enrollment increased sharply from FY2004, at least in part because the VHCAP provides patient financial assistance services to the Island's new rural health clinic, Island Health Care.

The Reduced Fee Plan operates through the voluntary participation of primary care physicians, specialists and additional practitioners such as podiatrists, counselors, and massage therapists, who discount their rates to a sliding fee scale based on members' income. The Martha's Vineyard Dental Access Program is a sliding fee scale program that relies on the generosity of local dentists who discount their rates for low income Islanders; 40 people benefited from this program in FY2005.

The Rotary Club has made generous contributions since 2001 to our Prescription Medication Assistance Fund. This is an emergency service for uninsured adults who cannot afford prescribed medications; all of the local pharmacies discount their prices for this program. Additional local donors for prescription assistance include the Permanent Endowment Fund of Martha's Vineyard and Chilmark Chocolates.

With support from Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands, we offer assistance to low-income seniors for MassHealth, Medicare questions, prescription programs and medical bill reduction.

Vision care is made possible by an arrangement with the Lions Club. Low-cost exams and free glasses are provided to RFP members and the Lions Club underwrites the cost of this service.

The Access Program is the Island's liaison to the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) for Vineyard residents since the local DTA office closed. We assist Islanders with DTA business including applications for Food Stamps and emergency assistance.

The Access Program offers Oral Health Education services, including providing prevention education programs for preschools and elementary schools.

In FY 2005, we had 3,563 total client contacts; we enrolled 611 people in MassHealth and the Children's Medical Security Plan; assisted in enrolling over 521 people in the Free Care program; provided prescription assistance to over 100 people and provided information, referral, advocacy and assistance services 1,724 times.

### **Outreach**

Outreach continued via public service announcements; distributing fliers, brochures and cards throughout the community; school mailings; presenting to English as a Second Language classes; and networking with health and human service agencies. Access Program staff regularly conducts outreach to clients of the Dukes County House of Corrections and the Community Corrections Program. We also work with the Councils on Aging and enroll seniors in the Prescription Advantage program and MassHealth. We are the contact point for the Martha's Vineyard Dental Center, which is currently closed.

### **Language Access**

In 2005, we facilitated a planning process to examine the needs of limited-English-proficient health care consumers. Close to 200 Brazilian Island residents were interviewed. The survey results were analyzed and summarized in The Brazilian Health Study. The study's final recommendations are: 1) To develop and implement a community-based interpreter program for Martha's Vineyard and 2) To increase the capacity of MV health and human service agencies and institutions to develop culturally and linguistically competent organizations, including organizational self-assessment where appropriate. These goals are being actively pursued with funding from the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation.

### **Local and Regional Initiatives**

Access Program employees have been involved in a number of health care initiatives including:

- The Dukes County Health Council's Primary Care Working Group
- The Oral Health Working Group, for which we are the coordinators, and the Children's Oral Health Promotion Committee;
- The development of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation Community Health Leader program;
- The MassHealth Technical Forum;
- And the Specialty Network for the Uninsured, a regional program operated under the Cape and Island Integrated Network.

**Funding**

FY2005 funding sources included the County of Dukes County, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources Services Administration via Island Health's Rural Health Outreach Grant, the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation, March of Dimes, Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands and local funders including the Rotary Club and the Permanent Endowment Fund of Martha's Vineyard.

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## **DUKES COUNTY CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

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### **Annual statement of the Dukes County Contributory Retirement System For the year ended December 31, 2004**

#### **ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

Cash	\$ 2,181,726.40
Fixed Income Securities	69,807.95
Equities	5,212,582.40
Pooled Domestic Equity Funds	13,725,462.27
Pooled Domestic Fixed Income Funds	14,132,074.42
PRIT Funds	6,598,044.11
Interest Due and Accrued	38,677.18
Accounts Receivable	1,157,133.73
Accounts Payable	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$43,080,698.46</u></b>

#### **FUNDS**

Annuity Savings Fund	\$14,951,543.44
Annuity Reserve Fund	418,426.01
Pension Fund	754,622.92
Pension Reserve Fund	<u>23,190,231.09</u>

**TOTAL ASSETS AT MARKET VALUE** **\$43,080,698.46**

#### **RECEIPTS**

##### **Annuity Savings Fund:**

Member Deductions	\$2,047,676.69
Transfers from Other Systems	7,174.47
Member Make-Up Payments	67,834.18
Investment Income Credited to Member Accounts	<u>79,761.45</u>
Subtotal	2,202,446.79

##### **Annuity Reserve Fund:**

Investment Income Credited to Annuity Reserve Fund	<u>120,008.36</u>
Subtotal	120,000.36

**Pension Fund:**

Reimbursements from Other Systems	\$ 34,122.63
Received From Commonwealth for COLA	114,406.73
Pension Fund Appropriation	<u>1,963,792.00</u>
Subtotal	2,132,321.36

**Expense Fund:**

Investment Income Credited to Expense Fund	<u>235,890.02</u>
Subtotal	235,890.02

**Pension Reserve Fund:**

Federal Grant Reimbursement	\$ 2,758.00
Pension Reserve Appropriation	1,409,073.00
Interest Not Refunded	3,992.64
Misc. Income	2,921.75
Excess Investment Income	<u>3,253,779.01</u>
Subtotal	4,672,524.40

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** \$9,363,190.93

**DISBURSEMENTS****Annuity Savings Fund:**

Refunds to Members	\$ 237,119.83
Transfers to Other Systems	<u>169,182.39</u>
Subtotal	406,302.22

**Annuity Reserve Fund:**

Annuities Paid	<u>423,396.37</u>
Subtotal	423,396.37

**Pension Fund:**

Pension Paid	
Regular Pension Payments	\$ 2,011,353.35
Survivorship Payments	66,289.35
Ordinary Disability Payments	56,295.66
Accidental Disability Payments	337,199.13
Accidental Death Payments	128,806.63
Section 101 Benefits	22,062.36

Reimbursements to Other Systems	<u>102,662.41</u>
Subtotal	2,724,668.89

**Expense Fund:**

Board Stipend	\$ 15,000.00
Salaries	101,667.71
Management Fees	45,955.26
Custodial Fees	1,319.53
Investment Consultant Fees	20,000.00

Legal Expenses	2,591.95
Fiduciary Insurance	536.05
Administrative Expenses	30,750.14
Service Contracts	5,302.00
Furniture and Equipment	98.99
Travel	<u>12,668.39</u>
Subtotal	235,890.02

<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b><u>\$3,790,257.50</u></b>
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### INVESTMENT INCOME

**Investment Income Received From:**

Cash	\$ 21,434.35
Fixed Income Securities	7,437.50
Equities	36,937.48
Pooled Funds	613,808.13

<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	<b><u>\$ 679,617.46</u></b>
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**Plus:**

Realized Gain (Profits)	583,724.22
Increase in Market Value of Equities	3,471,957.18
	9,670.45
Income Due and Accrued on Fixed Income Securities – Current Year	<u>3,867.18</u>
	4,748,836.49

**Less:**

Loss on Sale of Investments	24,052.65
Decrease in Market Value of Equities	1,031,879.57
Interest Due and Accrued on Fixed Income Securities – Prior Year	<u>3,465.43</u>

<b>NET INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	<b><u>\$3,689,438.84</u></b>
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**Income Required:**

Annuity Savings Fund	79,761.45
Annuity Reserve Fund	120,008.36
Expense Fund	<u>235,890.02</u>

<b>TOTAL INCOME REQUIRED</b>	<b><u>\$435,659.83</u></b>
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Net Investment Income	3,689,438.84
Less: Income Required	<u>(435,659.83)</u>

<b>EXCESS INCOME TO PENSION RESERVE FUND</b>	<b><u>\$3,253,779.01</u></b>
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## **MEMBERSHIP**

Active Members	1066
Retired Members, Beneficiaries and Survivors	225

### **Board Members:**

**Noreen Mavro Flanders**  
**Jeffrey “Skipper” Manter**  
**Cynthia L. Schilling**  
**Sharon Willoughby**  
**Roger Wey**

**Chairman**  
**Elected Member**  
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**Member Appointed by Other Members**  
**Appointed Member**



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To the Citizen's of Dukes County:

The Treasurer's Office is responsible for the financial management of the county. Department activities include treasury services, accounting, payroll, accounts payable and benefit administration for all county departments. This office also sells beach stickers, deer permits and collects parking tickets for the entire island. Assistant County Treasurer, Carol M. Grant, is also the Martha's Vineyard parking Clerk a position appointed by the selectmen of each of the island towns.

County Treasurer, Noreen Mavro Flanders, is Chairman of the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group (CCMHG). Formed in 1987 under MGL Chapter 32B Section 12, this trust includes 51 Cape and Islands municipal units and is now a \$100 million dollar business. CCMHG has 9,700 subscribers and self-insures 21,000 lives. On the island alone, we self-insure 2,300 lives. Each spring Tammy Matchem, the Senior Financial Clerk of the County Treasurer's office, organizes an All Island Health and Benefits Fair, which allows employees from all the towns, schools, and districts the opportunity to speak with representatives from the health, dental, prescription drug, and deferred compensation plans as well as the retirement system.

Throughout FY2005, the strong real estate market continued to generate deeds excise and other Registry of Deeds fees. Those fees were a large contribution to the revenue needed to fund the services of the county. Careful budgeting and oversight of expenditures were also factors that led to Fiscal Year 2005 ending with positive balances in the General Fund, Registry of Deeds Fund, Sheriff's Fund, and Airport Fund.

Independent auditors, Powers & Sullivan, have audited the County in accordance with the standards of Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. They examined all financial records through June 30, 2005 and found them to be without material errors. What follows are pertinent pages of their report to the County Commissioners. A full copy of the auditor's report is available online at [www.dukescounty.org](http://www.dukescounty.org) or at the Treasurer's office during normal business hours.

