



Board Member Imboden (center) holding the plaque presented by the Lackawanna Reentry Program team members.

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Imboden retires from PBPP, Reentry Court

The Board's Lackawanna County Reentry Program team lost a valuable and passionate member in December with the retirement of Board Member Jeffery Imboden. Imboden, whose career included 25 years with the Board and 12 years with county adult probation and parole, retired on December 16 from a distinguished career in criminal justice.

In 2013, Imboden began working with the Reentry Program following the retirement of Board Member Judith Viglione. When the program was established in 2008, it was the Board's second reentry program of the five current programs.

While attending his last program session on December 10, members of the team presented Imboden with a plaque recognizing his "unwavering commitment...true passion...and selfless dedication" to the program and the Board.

Since graduating from college, Imboden gravitated to the more vulnerable populations in society – boys on juvenile probation, mental health offenders, and drug and alcohol addicts. His career in public service

began long before his foray into the criminal justice field as a VISTA volunteer, crisis center counselor, teacher and coach. Helping others and teaching seem to be in his blood.

Imboden's career with the Board began in 1985 as a state parole agent in the Lancaster Sub Office and in 1994 he was named the Board's State Parole Agent of the Year. However, his first job in the criminal justice system was as an adult probation and parole officer in Lebanon County.

He left the Board in 1997 to return to Lebanon County as the chief for the probation and parole office. In 2003 Imboden returned to the Board when he was nominated to serve as a member, was confirmed by the Senate and re-confirmed in 2009.

Imboden's colleagues like to characterize him as gritty – kind of rough, maybe a little coarse, and definitely determined, resolute, tenacious.

Everyone is familiar with his motto because they've heard it expressed in almost every conversation: public safety, public safety, public safety.

They admire his honesty, integrity and courage and especially his commitment to the highest standards of decision making that is beyond reproach.

During his career with the Board, Imboden had a significant impact on the operations of the agency. He was instrumental in continuing, along with his colleagues, the Waymart Mental Health Reentry Committee to address the needs of the most serious mentally ill offenders, who require a high level of community resources.

One of the most impactful changes to the operations of the Board was his idea for the implementation of a waiver process for parole revocation hearings. Today, 82% of parole violators waive their right to a hearing. This greatly streamlines the process and saves resources, but more significantly, as Imboden says, it means that 82% of violators know their agent did their job right and they admit their guilt.

As a parole agent and Board Member he was an annual guest lecturer at Millersville University for criminal justice classes.

His class on “Supervision Skills and Caseload Management” was one of the most popular at the Basic Training Academy. He called it “street survival skills.”

Imboden’s passion for public safety and extensive knowledge of probation and parole will be missed by his colleagues on the Board as well as agency employees.

Reentry Program Graduation

In November, as part of the Lackawanna County Specialized Courts graduation at the Lackawanna College in Scranton, three parolees graduated from the Board’s Reentry Program.

During the graduation ceremony, Common Pleas Judge Michael Barrasse presented a plaque to Board Member Imboden, who would be retiring in December, for his service and passion that makes the reentry program a success.

The graduation was one of the largest in Lackawanna County’s history - graduating 69 county offenders and three state offenders.

One of three state graduates, parolee Trochinsky has been in the program since July of 2014. He stated that you have to take it one day at a time and that the team was supportive of his reentry. He is glad that he experienced the reentry program and feels it will be beneficial for him going forward.

Parolee Walsh has been in the program since August of 2014. At the graduation he said he is grateful for the experience and credits Agent Meyer, Supervisors Spears and Wilson, and Board Member Imboden for guiding him and being supportive of his recovery.

Right to Left: Program graduates Walsh and Trochinsky, Parole Board Member Imboden, and Parole Supervisor Spears.

