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Sheriff's Office Awarded \$30,000 Substance Abuse Grant

Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian announced today that the Middlesex Sheriff's Office has been awarded the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment grant by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security.

With the awarded funds the Middlesex Sheriff's Office will provide inmate programming that focuses on substance abuse problems. The program will develop the inmate's cognitive, behavioral, social, vocational and other skills to address substance abuse issues. Approximately 75-80% of the inmate population at the House of Correction in Billerica self-reports alcohol and substance issues.

This new program will join the myriad of other inmate programs within the Middlesex House of Correction in Billerica that aim to educate and rehabilitate inmates and prepare them for successful re-entry into society. Other inmate programs include, Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Gang Transition Program, Violence Intervention Program, Parenting Classes, GED Diploma Program, Culinary Arts Vocational Training and many more.

This \$30,000 grant extends from February 14, 2011 through February 29, 2012.

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