

Survey to Chief APOs

Issue: Terminology Used for Individuals Under Supervision

Question (from Philadelphia):

In our mission statement we refer to our population as offender. So our mission states: we protect the community by intervening in the lives of the offender by holding them accountable. The APPD holds the offenders accountable by enforcing the Orders of the Court. Through a balance of enforcement and treatment strategies, the APPD affords offenders the opportunity to become productive abiding citizens. The APPD also provides assistance to the victims of the offenders that we supervise.

There has been some concern expressed about our referring to our population as “offender.” We have been asked to change it to “persons on probation and/or parole.”

Can you let me know what other counties are doing and how do they refer to their client base population? Thank you.

<u>Adams County</u>	Offenders
<u>Allegheny County</u>	Offenders
<u>Berks County</u>	Offender
<u>Blair County</u>	Offenders
<u>Bradford County</u>	Offender
<u>Bucks County</u>	Offender or Probationer/Parolee
<u>Carbon County</u>	Offenders
<u>Dauphin County</u>	Offender (both in juvenile and adult)
<u>Delaware County</u>	Client or Offender
<u>Erie County</u>	Offenders
<u>Fayette County</u>	Traditionally here they have referred to our people as defendants, but we have been transitioning to offender.
<u>Lackawanna County</u>	Offender or Probationer/Parolee
<u>Lancaster County</u>	Client or Offender
<u>Lebanon County</u>	Offender (both juvenile & adult). Have heard Reentrants & 2 nd Chancers
<u>Lehigh County</u>	Offenders
Luzerne County:	Offender (both juvenile & adult). Politically incorrect these days

Montgomery County Offender. Personally, I like “persons on probation and parole”. Beats the heck out of reentrant”

Northampton County Offenders

Perry County Offender

Schuylkill County Client or Offender

Warren County Offenders

Westmoreland Co. Offender

York County Individual Under Court Supervision or Client