

GIS Users Meeting

Agenda
April 4th, 2013

The **Special Topic** for April will be;
“A Kent County Murder Trial; Karl Cotton Jr.”
Presented by;
Brodey Hill, GISP, Geospatial Analyst, Kent County, IT Dept.

“GIS use among Kent County prosecutors and major case detectives has grown over the past year or two. The case that I will be covering was a 1st Degree murder that went unsolved for over a year, in which the prosecutors/detectives had no fingerprints at the scene and literally no 'smoking gun'. The detectives subpoenaed numerous suspects' cell phone records, which contained XY coordinates. Using the provided cell phone GPS coordinates, the Kent County GIS Team was able to plot out the digital trail the suspects left throughout the day of the murder. Comparing this GIS evidence to the hypothesis that the detectives had pieced together, we were able to corroborate the suspected locations of the suspect (and accomplices) throughout the day of the murder, and also place the main suspect at the location of the crime at the time that it occurred. I was subpoenaed by the prosecutor and had to take the stand as an expert witness in the jury trial in January 2013, and created 4-5 maps that were used as exhibits by the prosecutor during the trial.”

The **Afternoon Session** for April will be;
“To Sell or Not to Sell”
Presented by,
Andrew Hartwick, GIS Director, St. Joseph County
and
Trevor Floyd, GIS Analyst St. Clair County

“In today's information age, data are dripping from the cloud, yet our funding resources were printed on a dot matrix. Join the afternoon discussion for a brief catch-up on changes to the enabling legislation and then help brainstorm the key concepts for local fee/free based GIS. Can we maximize our returns or are we selling ourselves short by selling data?”

9:30 – 10:00 Networking (Coffee and doughnuts provided)

10:00 – 12:00 Morning Session

- I - Introductions and Approval of Meeting Minutes
- II - Federal, State, and Association Updates (5 minutes each)
- III - Local, Regional, Vendor Partners, Other Updates (2 minutes each)
- IV - Special Topic
- V - Other Items, and Conclusion

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch on your own.

1:30 – 3:30 Educational Session.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me.

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“Not all those who wander are lost.”