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Local Prosecutor Mark Richardson Teaches At Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (MAPA) Fall Training Conference

JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI (September 4, 2014)--Mark Richardson, Cole County Prosecuting Attorney was invited to participate as a faculty member at the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys 2014 Annual Meeting and Statewide Training Conference at Tan-Tar-A Resort held August 26-29, 2014. The programs are designed to keep prosecutors current on continuing legal education requirements.

Richardson was asked to present during the “Best Practices in DWI Prosecution - No Refusal Policies and Electronic Search Warrants” session. Richardson spoke on the “No Refusal” policy which was put in place in 2009 for driving while intoxicated arrests in Cole County. Richardson explained the work he did to obtain the cooperation of Cole County’s Circuit Court Judges and area law enforcement agencies to implement the No Refusal Policy.

The No Refusal Policy means the prosecutor’s office assists law enforcement officers in obtaining a search warrant for a suspected drunk driver’s blood when the driver refuses a breath test.