

**Bristol County District Attorney's Office**  
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**Press Release**  
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As part of an ongoing effort to keep Bristol County's children active, healthy and away from crime, District Attorney Sam Sutter announced today that his Second Annual Free Fall River Basketball Clinics will take place this Saturday.

The free clinics, which are being co-sponsored by the Fall River Mayor's Office and School Department, will take place at the Spencer Borden Elementary School, 1400 President Avenue.

The lead instructor for the clinic will be former Providence College All-American and Boston Celtic great Ernie DiGregorio. Mr. DiGregorio will be assisted by members of District Attorney Sutter's staff and by members of the B.M.C. Durfee Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball teams. The clinics are free and open to both boys and girls.

The free clinic will be broken down into three segments: 7 and 8-year-olds will take the court from 9 a.m.-9:50 a.m.; 9 and 10-year-olds will be instructed from 10 a.m.-10:50 a.m.; and those between 11 and 14-years-old will take the court from 11 a.m.- noon.

This Saturday's free basketball clinic is one of many free sports clinics held each year in all four of Bristol County's cities. District Attorney Sutter's office has been holding free basketball and tennis clinics for area youths during the past two years, and later this year will be unveiling its first annual free baseball clinics.

District Attorney Sutter began offering free tennis clinics to youth in Fall River in 2000 while he was a private attorney.

The Second Annual Free Fall River Basketball Clinics are the sixth free basketball clinic in Bristol County offered by the district attorney, and the tenth overall free sports clinic. During his first 26 months in office, the district attorney has held two free tennis clinics in New Bedford, two free tennis clinics in Fall River, a free tennis clinic in Attleboro, two free basketball clinics in Taunton, and one free basketball clinic in Fall River, New Bedford and Attleboro.

The free sports clinics are an extension of District Attorney Sutter's successful Volunteer Initiative. Since District Attorney Sutter announced the initiative at his office in October of 2007, his prosecutors, managers and other staffers have spent more than 3,900 hours volunteering their time with about three dozen different agencies throughout Bristol County. Through the first 18 months of the program, more than 80 members of Sutter's office have volunteered their time after work hours. Several members of Sutter's office have also volunteered their time to assist the district attorney at the various free youth sports clinics held in each of the county's four cities and at other special events during the past 24 months. During his first full fiscal year in office, District Attorney Sutter drastically slashed spending in the Community Affairs Unit, while also doing much more with the unit in this era of limits on governmental spending.

Residents can register for the clinics by picking up a registration form at the Spencer Borden Elementary School, the Fall River Boys and Girls Club, the Bank Street Armory or the Bristol County District Attorney's Fall River Office at 218 South Main Street. Parents or guardians may also download the registration form directly from <http://www.bristollda.com/DA/Events.htm>.

For any questions or registration issues, please contact Brian Rose at 508-997-0711.

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