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## A Message from the Director

One of the greatest challenges currently facing the Arkansas law enforcement community is the steady increase in methamphetamine manufacturing and distribution across the State. This increase, coupled with the growing number of people who abuse the highly addictive drug, is threatening to overwhelm law enforcement professionals who are forced to battle the problem with limited resources.



While methamphetamine abuse has traditionally been defined as a law enforcement problem, in reality, the scope and depth of the problem is much greater. Meth labs pose a variety of hazards, both to the natural environment and to citizens within a community. Once a lab is discovered, the cost of clean up can be overwhelming. In Arkansas, it can cost from \$2,000 to \$10,000, depending on its size. The human cost cannot be measured for methamphetamine abuse destroys more than just the user—it destroys families. According to Arkansas CARES, eighty percent of State child abuse and neglect administrators report substance abuse as one of the top two problems affecting child abuse and neglect reports. More than 73% of neglect-related fatalities are associated with parental alcohol and drug abuse.

Recently, the Criminal Justice Institute was honored to be involved in organizing the Arkansas Methamphetamine Summit, an event that was designed to bring representatives from all areas of the public sector together for the first time to coordinate and implement a statewide plan that will effectively reduce methamphetamine abuse in Arkansas. Professionals representing a variety of fields, from law enforcement and prosecution to community treatment and education, were present at the Summit. This collaborative approach allowed everyone involved to voice their concerns on the way we are currently addressing the meth problem and to discuss new approaches that may effectively reduce the burden on our criminal justice community, including an increased emphasis on treatment and education. Overall, the Summit was a great success, and I expect that new policies and procedures will soon be implemented as a result.

Henry Ford once said, "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." I am confident that by continuing to work together, we *will* make a difference.

Sincerely,

**New Grants Are Now Available  
for Arkansas Law Enforcement.**

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## General Wesley Clark Speaks to ARKANSAS LEADER Graduates

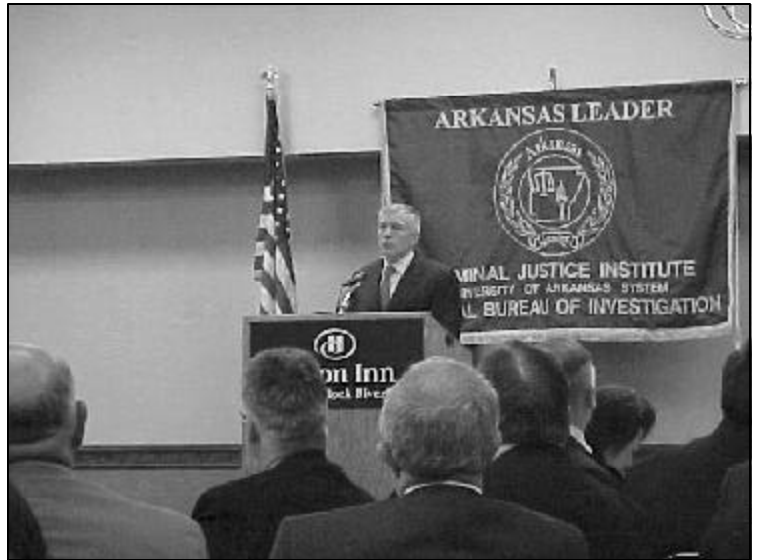
For the eleventh session of the *ARKANSAS LEADER* program, the Criminal Justice Institute was pleased to have General Wesley K. Clark deliver closing remarks to its law enforcement graduates, a group that consisted of chiefs of police and sheriffs from Arkansas and surrounding states.

General Clark, an Arkansas native, served as the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe from July 1997 through May 2000. In this position of leadership, he was in command of NATO's military forces in Europe and was responsible for safeguarding an area extending from the northern tip of Norway to the eastern border of Turkey. While serving as Supreme Allied Commander, he also assumed the role of Commander in Chief of U.S. European Command, a position in which he commanded U.S. military activities in 89 countries and territories covering more than 13 million square miles of Europe, Africa, and the Middle East and involving approximately 109,000 American Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines. During his career, he has been the recipient of numerous awards and military decorations, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Nation's highest civilian honor.

The leadership experience General Clark has gained in his career allowed him to share both words of wisdom and encouragement to *ARKANSAS LEADER* graduates. His speech focused on the new challenges that law enforcement will face in our Nation's fight against terrorism and the skills that law enforcement professionals, particularly agency heads, must cultivate to effectively lead their agencies in this fight.

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General Wesley Clark delivers closing remarks to law enforcement leaders and community representatives attending the Law Enforcement Management Center's *ARKANSAS LEADER* graduation ceremony.

## New Grants are Now Available for Arkansas Law Enforcement

Arkansans for Drug Free Youth (ADFY) will be awarding a total of \$50,000 in mini-grants to law enforcement agencies statewide for enforcement efforts towards the prevention of underage drinking. The source of these funds is the State of Arkansas, ABC Enforcement.

Grant requests should focus on one of the following applications:

- Compliance Checks
- Special Events
- Bar Patrols
- Other innovative programs that focus on prevention of underage drinking and driving.

If you are interested in applying for a mini-grant, please advise via e-mail at [qfletcher@adf.org](mailto:qfletcher@adf.org) or by calling (888) 313-0388. ADFY will send you a formal Request for Proposal with details of the grant opportunities. The grant period will run from September 1, 2002 through August 31, 2003. **The deadline to submit your Request for Proposal is July 31, 2002.**

## Graduates of ARKANSAS LEADER, Session XI



**Front Row (Left to Right):** William C. Delaney, Janet J. Harrington, Gary Dennis, Ronnie Elmore, Sammy Webb, Dennis J. Washington, Don Blankenship, Daniel Torres, Robert Walker, Rick Hoyt. **Middle Row:** John Griffin, Tim C. Bayani, Danny Alexander, Lloyd Franklin, John E. Day, Carlos A. Corbin, Roy Brown, Ken Heroman, Rick West, Ricky Roberts. **Back Row:** Bob Holder, Charles Raulston, Sam Holcomb, Wayne Ruthven, S.D. Roff, Bobby Southard, Michael R. Whitmore, Eric Frank.



**Arkansas State Police Trooper Jimmie White** (pictured in the center) passed away in the line of duty on June 1, 2002. Trooper White, who instructed courses in the DRE program of the Criminal Justice Institute, was an exemplary law enforcement officer and an exceptional person. He will be sorely missed by the Arkansas law enforcement community. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends in this difficult time.

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## Preparing for Disaster: The Importance of the Incident Command System



When multiple agencies respond to a crisis, chaos frequently ensues. As law enforcement, fire, medical, and media organizations begin arriving on the scene, each with their own personnel and command structure, many first responders find themselves asking the question, "Who's in charge here, anyway?"

To avoid this type of confusion, the Incident Command System (ICS) provides an effective means for managing emergency situations that warrant a multi-agency response. The system ensures that all responding agencies work together in a coordinated effort for a swift response and efficient, safe use of resources.

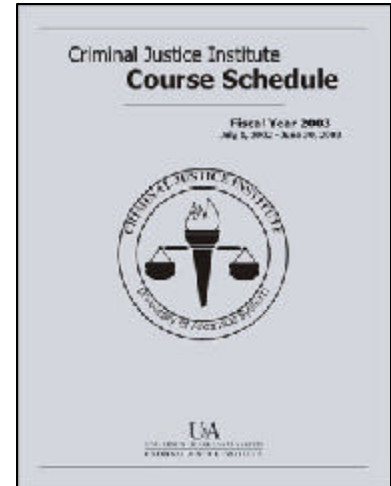
ICS has been in existence since the 1970s, when a series of major wild fires in California resulted in municipal, county, State, and Federal fire authorities collaborating to form the Firefighting Resources of California Organized for Potential Emergencies (FIREScope). FIREScope examined the problems inherent to multi-agency response, which included nonstandard terminology, nonstandard communications, lack of consolidated action plans, lack of designated facilities, and an inability to expand and contract as required. As a result of FIREScope's efforts, the original ICS model was developed. Although originally designed for response to wildfires, ICS evolved into a system that is appropriate for any critical incident response, including HAZMAT incidents, wide-area search and rescue missions, natural disasters, and events of terrorism.

While fire and EMS personnel nationwide have embraced this concept, ICS adoption by the law enforcement community has been limited at best. However, due to recent events in our country, specifically the school-based shootings, this trend may soon change. When tragedy struck Columbine High School in 1999, more than 1,000 law enforcement, fire, and EMS personnel responded to the scene. This multi-jurisdictional and multi-agency response greatly taxed law enforcement's ability to react in the most appropriate manner. Managing resources of this magnitude, safely and efficiently, requires extensive planning on the part of those expected to respond. The ICS model ensures that adequate planning takes place *before* a crisis occurs.

Training on the Incident Command System is readily available. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides an on-line course on their website at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/is195.htm>. Here you'll find course materials that can be easily downloaded and disseminated to your personnel.

The Criminal Justice Institute also has a CD-Rom available entitled *Computer-Assisted Instruction for Incident Command System (ICS): Self-Study Course*. This multi-media program, produced by FEMA in cooperation with the United States Army Reserve, provides the user with a basic explanation of the Incident Command System, including organizational structure, positions and functions, responsibilities, and considerations. To borrow a copy of the CD-Rom from the CJi Library, contact Gayle Harper at (501) 570-8062.

## CJI Course Schedule Now Available



The *Criminal Justice Institute Course Schedule for Fiscal Year 2003* is now available. Within its pages, you'll find a complete listing of the new education programs that will be available to Arkansas law enforcement from July 2002 to June 2003. Some of our new courses include:

- **Background Investigations of Police Applicants**
- **Crime Scene Courtroom Testimony**
- **K-9 Administration**
- **Major Case Management for Rural Agencies**
- **Law Enforcement Response to the Mentally Ill**
- **Advanced Techniques in Property Room Management**
- **Law Enforcement Response to WMD Incidents (Train-the Trainer)**
- **Managing Media Relations**

If you have not yet received a copy of this schedule, please contact us at 570-8000 or access the schedule on-line at [www.cji.net](http://www.cji.net).

## Training in Methamphetamine Investigations Will Soon Be Available to Arkansas Law Enforcement

Since 1995, the number of clandestine methamphetamine laboratories identified and seized by law enforcement in the U.S. has increased substantially. While historically the largest numbers of clandestine labs and super-labs have been seized in California, in 1999 Arkansas attained the status of the state with the highest number of “meth” lab seizures per capita in the Nation. In the year 2000, 780 clandestine methamphetamine labs were seized in Arkansas, with seizures estimated to surpass 1,000 in 2001.

Illicit methamphetamine activities pose a significant problem in each Arkansas community. Many of the chemicals used in this process are highly flammable, and their inadequate disposal can create significant environmental problems. Given the magnitude of the clandestine methamphetamine laboratory problem in Arkansas and the safety threat raised for numerous public servants and communities in our State, education and training in the identification and safe response to illicit methamphetamine production is greatly needed. Providing needed training can assist Arkansas law enforcement in improving the quality of life of the citizens they serve and protect.

Through a new grant recently awarded to the Criminal Justice Institute, an education and training program in methamphetamine investigations will soon be available to Arkansas law enforcement. The purpose of this program is to develop a curriculum focusing on investigative and safe response techniques to clandestine methamphetamine laboratories. The curriculum will be developed in a collaborative effort with first responders, and its content will be based on the input of an Arkansas law enforcement focus group. Once the curriculum is developed, it will be delivered around the State to 500 law enforcement professionals.

The enhanced knowledge and skills attained by the participants will be valuable in enhancing the successful adjudication of individuals involved in the illicit manufacture and distribution of methamphetamine in Arkansas. Accomplishing this goal will assist law enforcement in reducing the distribution of illicit methamphetamine in Arkansas and subsequently negatively impact use by decreasing the availability of this controlled substance. For more information on this program, contact Dr. Cheryl May at 1-800-635-6310.



## CJI Presents New Seminar for First Responders

**Safety Issues for First Responders at Explosive/CBW Events and Mass Disasters**, a one-day course hosted by the Forensic Sciences and Computer Education Center, will be presented at CJI on **August 6, 2002**.

The course is designed to give first responders an introduction to hazards they now face with the increasing risk of responding to a terrorist event. With topics such as *Exercising Scene Safety and Control*, *Searching Techniques*, and *Explosives Recognition*, this course will benefit patrol officers, detectives, investigators, crime scene specialists, and agency supervisors.

**Space is limited. Register today!**

For more information, call Barbara Huston at 1-800-635-6310.



**Officer Robert Maack** gets a new partner—his daughter, 18-month-old Ashlynnne Kate. Robert is a patrolman for the Little Rock Police Department, where he has served for eight years.

# Book Review

## American Jihad: The Terrorists Living Among Us

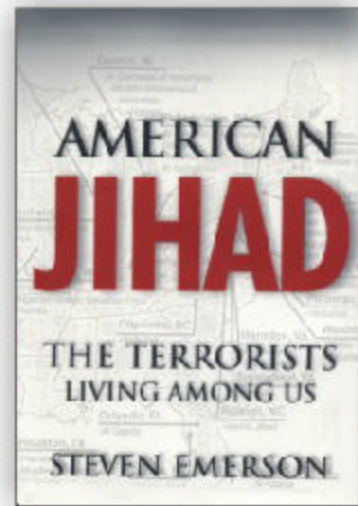
*Written by Steven Emerson*

*Reviewed by Donald H. Kidd*

Steve Emerson, hailed as the Nation's leading expert on Islamist terrorism, has been tracking the spread of terrorist networks in America since 1993. In his book, *American Jihad*, Emerson details information about terrorist cells in eleven American cities, from Florida to Boston to Denver to Houston, that are affiliated with Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda network. Some of the top officials of Hamas—the main Islamist movement in the Palestinian territories—have been based in America, and the movement has supporters in Texas, California, New Jersey, Virginia, and Illinois. The University of South Florida played host to key members of the infamous organization known as the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, with one of its faculty members even leaving the country to accept that group's top leadership role after his predecessor was assassinated. Hizballah, a radical Shiaa group formed in Lebanon, has been tied to cells in North Carolina and Michigan, from which it allegedly drew funds and attempted to procure military equipment.

This book details the Islamist terrorist monetary sources, their ties to charitable foundations, and the organizations that support them. Counter-terrorism officials have acknowledged that Emerson's book demonstrates that he has a great deal of reliable and accurate information about the secret terrorist networks on American soil. This is a frightening book that must be read by law enforcement professionals who need to understand the threat within our borders.

Emerson's book, *American Jihad*, and the corresponding PBS video, *Terrorists Among Us—Jihad in America*, are currently available in the CJI Library.



# In The Spotlight

## Van E. Dyer

**VAN E. DYER** began his career in law enforcement in 1963 as a patrolman in Plano, Texas. It was during his tenure with the Plano Police Department that Van experienced one of the most “intense” moments in his career. “It was a dark and stormy night,” says Van, “and I was a young police officer, very young, but seasoned with almost two years of on-the-job training. It was late—very late. It was 3 a.m., the in-between hour. My job was to check the doors of the businesses downtown. What I found was interesting. There on the ground were coins—nickels, dimes, quarters—and packages of cigarettes—Winston, Pall Mall, Lucky Strike, (you get the picture). Something was not right, and I knew it. I called for backup. I would rather have had a “frontup,” but I accepted the responsibility. It was an old store, or rather three old stores with the walls knocked out to make one big store. Inside were a grocery store, a clothing store, and a hardware store. It had an old wooden floor that creaked when you walked on it. It creaked very loud, I mean very, very loud (I hope you get the picture here) because even over the roaring in my ears, I could here the creaking. It was hard to see anything in the store because the shelves were so high, so I had to check out every aisle separately. Halfway down one of the aisles, my backup, from somewhere behind me, yelled, “Look out! He’s above you.” All my training paid off. I wheeled around, found my target, and fired. The mechanical Santa Clause was not damaged at all.”

Van left Plano in 1968 to return to his home state and began working for the Arkansas State Police in July of that year. He retired from the Arkansas State Police after 28 years but did not leave the law enforcement profession. He worked for the Arkansas State Police Association and then served as Chief of Police in Bryant for one year. He then joined the Criminal Justice Institute, where he has been since February 2001.

In his position with CJI, Van serves as a law enforcement liaison, promoting increased seat belt usage within the public sector and serving as a resource for law enforcement agencies in their efforts to enforce occupant protection laws. He organizes conferences on traffic safety, helps agencies plan and coordinate media events to announce increased enforcement, and coordinates child safety seat technician and instructor training statewide. “I am very pleased with the response that I have received from the law enforcement community,” says Van. “My relationship with some from the past has helped, but the benefit of working at CJI makes it much easier to get the foot in the door. CJI sets a standard in Arkansas because of the people that work here. The affiliations help, but first class people are what makes CJI a first class institute.”

When he’s not working, Van also enjoys woodworking, gardening, cooking, working around the house, making new friends and visiting with old ones, and freely admits that he really enjoys the TV clicker. He spends a lot of time with his family, who he considers to be one of his life’s greatest successes. “I have a wonderful wife of 33 years that spends a great deal of time and effort in taking care of me,” says Van. “I have two of the greatest sons that a man could ask for who have married two women that are not only beautiful, but smart, energetic, resourceful and tough (you get the picture). I have four of the grandest grandkids that call me “Pop.” And my best friend is a half Yorky and half Pomeranian that is 12 years old and looks like a fuzzy house shoe.”



### BOOKS

#### **Psychology and Policing**

by Peter B. Ainsworth

#### **The Police Officer In The Courtroom: How To Avoid The Pitfalls Of Cross-Examination**

by Don Lewis

#### **Arson Investigation: The Step-By-Step Procedure**

by Thomas J. Bouquard

#### **Clandestine Drug Labs**

by Michael S. Scott

#### **Bullying in Schools**

by Rana Sampson

#### **Fundamentals of Physical Surveillance: A guide for uniformed and plainclothes personnel**

by Raymond P. Siljander

#### **Defensible Policies: Developing, Writing, and Implementing Valid Policies for Problem Oriented Policing**

by Raymond W. Beach, Jr. and James S. O’Leary

#### **Rave Parties**

by Michael S. Scott

### VIDEOS

#### **911 Police Tactics (60 min.)**

#### **Cultural Diversity for Law Enforcement (23 min.)**

#### **K-9 Cop (40 min.)**

#### **Advanced Hostage Rescue (30 min.)**

#### **Police Survival Shooting (60 min.)**

# Tragedy at Columbine: A First Responder's Perspective

Mr. Jamie Crippin of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation recently delivered a presentation entitled "Columbine High School: A Case in Point" to attendees of the Forensic Sciences and Computer Education Center's *Homicide Investigation* program. The school-based shooting that occurred at Columbine in 1999 is one of the greatest tragedies in the history of American education. Within minutes, 13 students and teachers were killed and 24 were wounded at the hand of two Columbine students, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold.

Crippin was one of the first investigators to arrive on the scene and has since been able to identify some of the challenges that were faced by responding law enforcement personnel. Some of the major obstacles were as follows: 1.) No floor plan of the school was available, which caused confusion for officers entering the school. 2.) The school contained more than 200 interior doors and 25 exterior doors, all which had to be cleared before law enforcement could enter. 3.) The media frenzy that soon followed further hindered investigative efforts.

While Crippin's presentation effectively demonstrated the challenges that can damage an investigation, more importantly, he identified policies and practices that can strengthen it. For instance, he credited Columbine's School Resource Officer with acting quickly and showing good judgment, ultimately saving many lives. He noted that perimeters were quickly set, and first responders immediately initiated the Incident Command System, allowing everyone involved in rescue efforts to define their roles and delineate authority.

Because of this presentation, law enforcement students left the Institute with a heightened awareness of what can go wrong (and what can go right) in such large-scale investigations. The FSCEC looks forward to hosting additional presentations by Crippin in the near future.



Jamie Crippin introduces himself to students at the Criminal Justice Institute before beginning his presentation on law enforcement response to mass disasters.

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