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A Message from the Director



Since the inception of the Criminal Justice Institute (CJI) in 1988, we have taken great strides to provide educational programs and services designed to fulfill the unique needs of Arkansas law enforcement. Now, to ensure we continue meeting this standard of excellence, we are seeking comments and suggestions from law enforcement professionals throughout the State regarding CJI's programs and services.

The Criminal Justice Institute recently mailed surveys to all Arkansas law enforcement agencies in an effort to gauge our successes and our shortcomings in the past several years. Based on your feedback, we hope to tailor our future course offerings and services to meet the current and anticipated needs of Arkansas law enforcement. We also hope to discover how our services and programs have impacted your agency. For instance, which courses were helpful and, in return, which courses did you feel needed to be revamped? Are there new programs or services you would like to have available to your agency that haven't been offered by the Institute in the past?

Since the tragic events of 9/11, counter-terrorism training has become increasingly important to law enforcement agencies across the Nation. Unfortunately, constraints that are common to all law enforcement agencies, including a shortage of personnel, funding, and resources, are particularly challenging to agencies in Arkansas. The Criminal Justice Institute is investigating ways that we can help your agency gain access to the resources it needs to receive this type of training. If you know of a program or service that would help your agency better prepare to combat terrorism, please share your suggestions with us on the back of this survey.

In the upcoming months, we will be making important decisions about the course offerings for 2002-2003. **Your feedback is vital to this decision-making process.** If you have not received a copy of the survey or need additional surveys for your personnel, contact Ricky Tompkins at (501) 570-8056. Or, if you have questions about the survey or would like to talk with me in further detail, please feel free to call me anytime at (501) 570-8040.

The staff of CJI is always available to you and is truly dedicated to ensuring the success of your law enforcement agency. We look forward to serving you in the upcoming year!

Sincerely,
Donald H. Kidd

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CJI Successfully Delivers First Advanced Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program

Eighteen law enforcement investigators from around the State have successfully completed the **Advanced Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program**, a new 3-month program designed to provide graduates of our Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program with additional knowledge and skills in documenting, processing, and interpreting the physical evidence recovered from a crime scene.

Program requirements include attending a 3-day class session once a month for three consecutive months; successfully completing written and practical examinations that are administered at the end of each class session; and completing additional reading assignments and practical exercises. To graduate from the program, participants are expected to score 80% or better on both a final written examination and a final practical that requires the participant to examine, document, process, and interpret physical evidence recovered from a mock crime scene.

Students who successfully met all of the above criteria are:

- ◆ **Keith Blakemore** (Arkansas Game and Fish Commission)
- ◆ **Todd Crowson** (Bryant Police Department)
- ◆ **Todd Dew** (Magnolia Police Department)
- ◆ **Barbara Dimon** (Little Rock Police Department)
- ◆ **James Dixon** (Pulaski County Sheriff's Office)
- ◆ **David Dwight** (Benton County Sheriff's Office)
- ◆ **Stephen Hillhouse** (Siloam Springs Police Department)
- ◆ **Richard Hunter** (Miller County Sheriff's Office)
- ◆ **Richard Kennett** (Mountain Home Police Department)
- ◆ **Randy Mauk** (Lonoke Police Department)
- ◆ **Scott Paulhamus** (Little Rock Police Department)
- ◆ **Debbie Rushin** (Jacksonville Police Department)
- ◆ **Linda Scrimshire** (Malvern Police Department)
- ◆ **Michelle Smith** (Jonesboro Police Department)
- ◆ **Patrick Thessing** (North Little Rock Police Department)
- ◆ **David Virden** (Russellville Police Department)
- ◆ **Steve Weaver** (Van Buren Police Department)
- ◆ **Stuart Woodward** (Arkansas State Police)

Our congratulations are extended to each of the graduating participants as well as the agencies they represent. We also thank each of the chief law enforcement executives who sponsored these officers for the confidence they have expressed in the programs offered by our Forensic Sciences and Computer Education Center.

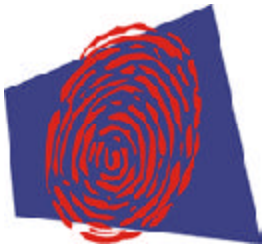


A student in the Advanced Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program utilizes a camera and tripod to document vital evidence at a mock crime scene.

DNA Evidence and Solving Cold Cases

Advances in DNA technology have increased the crime solving potential of biological evidence recovered from crime scenes. When recognized and appropriately documented and collected, DNA evidence can be used to identify viable suspects where no prior suspect existed, convict the guilty, and exonerate the innocent.

Because limited or degraded biological samples can now be analyzed, advances in DNA technology are also breathing life into old, cold, or unsolved cases. Evidence that was previously unsuitable for DNA testing may now yield a DNA profile valuable to the investigation. To aid law enforcement in maximizing the potential value of DNA evidence to unsolved/cold criminal cases, the Crime Scene Issues Subcommittee of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence has prepared a publication that will be made available within the next several months through the National Institute of Justice—*Using DNA Technology to Solve Old Cases: A Guide for Law Enforcement*. If you are interested in receiving this publication, please contact Ms. Barbara Huston or Dr. Cheryl May at (501) 570-8060.



Instructor Profile: David P. Coy

The Forensic Sciences and Computer Education Center (FSCEC) has been blessed with top quality instructors who are committed to our program, our missions, and Arkansas law enforcement professionals. One instructor who fits this description is David P. Coy, a twenty-seven year veteran of law enforcement who has been a valued instructor for the FSCEC since 1997. While he is currently Forensic Photographer for the Forensic Sciences Division of the Scottsdale, Arizona Police Department, Dave has also served Arizona as a Crime Scene Analyst and Field Supervisor and was a Sergeant with the Marion, Ohio Police Department. He regularly shares his expertise with others by instructing classes such as Major Crime Scene Investigation, Collection and Preservation of Physical Evidence, Crime Scene Search, and Crime Scene Photography.

Dave became involved in teaching when he realized that little formal training was available to police officers from small departments. "Coming from a small department, I found that most of the training you get is from other officers who are passing their mistakes on to you, and it gets compounded over the years," said Dave. "When I was asked by Dr. May to join the team at the Criminal Justice Institute, I jumped at the opportunity to help."

Since joining the FSCEC, Dave has provided instruction in FSCEC courses such as Basic Crime Scene Processing, Basic Crime Scene Photography, and Advanced Crime Scene Photography, and is an instructor in the Crime Scene Photography session of our Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program. Of all of these courses, the Basic Crime Scene Photography course is his favorite one to teach. "I feel that photography is one of the greatest tools we use in crime scene investigation and one of the scariest for most people. Most people have no exposure to technical photography, and I love seeing the 'lights go on' when the students realize what they can do with their cameras to document the evidence at crime scenes."

When asked what he enjoys about teaching at the Forensic Sciences and Computer Education Center, Dave said, "The enthusiasm, dedication, and friendliness of the staff, along with the enthusiasm of the students and the state-of-the-art equipment provided by the Criminal Justice Institute." Dave's enthusiasm has been a tremendous asset to our forensic program. We are grateful for the quality education he assists us in providing for Arkansas law enforcement.

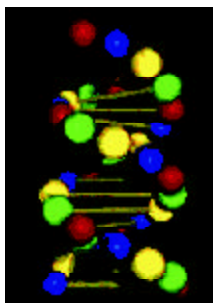
Upcoming FSCEC Courses

February 2002

- Bloodstain Pattern Documentation
- Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program, Week 2
- Introduction to Computers
- Using Microsoft Excel
- Using Microsoft Word

March 2002

- Basic Crime Scene Processing
- Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program, Week 3
- Internet Researching and E-mail
- Using Microsoft Access
- Using Microsoft PowerPoint



CJI Student Receives IAI Crime Scene Certification

Ms. Barbara Dimon, Crime Scene Specialist for the Little Rock Police Department and graduate of Session I of our Advanced Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program, recently passed the International Association for Identification's (IAI) Level I Crime Scene Certification examination.

We are very proud of her for achieving this outstanding professional accomplishment, and we *strongly* encourage all graduates of our Crime Scene Technician Program to take the IAI Crime Scene Certification examinations.

CJI and the ASA Receive Funding to Promote Drug Awareness Throughout Arkansas

Pfizer, Inc., a research-based pharmaceutical company, has awarded a two-year grant to the Criminal Justice Institute (CJI) and the Arkansas Sheriff's Association (ASA) to promote drug awareness in Arkansas communities. Funding provided to CJI will be used to supplement *Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals* (DITEP)—a program developed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) through funding provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Although DITEP was originally designed for law enforcement professionals, this program will now be utilized within school systems and incorporated as a protocol to be used with students suspected of drug impairment. Police officers who are certified by the NHTSA as drug recognition experts will teach educators and school nurses to identify signs of methamphetamine use in students. In addition, school counselors will learn to effectively talk to parents about suspected drug use and educate them on corresponding drug laws and treatment services. By providing training to school officials and health care professionals, it is anticipated that drug usage will drop significantly in schools that employ this aggressive evaluation and detection program.

Funding provided to the ASA will allow the organization to continue conducting the *Community Meth Seminar* in Arkansas communities. The ASA, with assistance from Vickie Critcher of Grubbs, AR, developed the *Community Meth Seminar* to educate the general public on the prevalence and dangers of methamphetamine use in Arkansas communities. The goal of the seminar is not only to increase the general public's awareness of the drug epidemic in Arkansas, but also to open lines of communication between the general public and law enforcement agencies as an avenue to lower the use and manufacturing of methamphetamine. Once lines of communication are opened, the ASA will be able to help create community groups to battle local drug problems.

For questions about the DITEP program, contact Rick Davis at (501) 570-8034, or, for questions about the *Community Meth Seminar*, contact Joey Potratz at (501) 758-0020.



25 Officers Graduate from the School of Law Enforcement Supervision



We would like to extend our congratulations to the participants of the School of Law Enforcement Supervision, Session XVIII. After four weeks of intense instruction, they successfully completed the program and participated in graduation ceremonies held on December 7, 2001, at the Riverfront Hilton in North Little Rock. Dr. Jack Lassiter, Executive Vice President of the University of Arkansas System, was the featured speaker for the event.

Session XVIII Graduates



James Bailey
Dana Bowers
Robert Burkhart
Ernest Bush
Mike Butler
John Classen
Darin Clay
Jeffrey Davis
Rick Dickinson

Rick Endsley
David Grant
Charles Hobbs
Susan Holland
Barry Humphries
Jeff Jester
W.J. "Bill" Kruse
Scott McFarland
Mike Peters

John Serrette
Billy Smith
John Teeter
Ross Thompson
Tanya Washington
Eric Wilkins
John Williams

Arkansas Leader Program Becomes FBI Regional Command College

The Criminal Justice Institute's (CJI) *Arkansas Leader* program has been designated as one of seventeen Regional Command Colleges officially recognized by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

The FBI Academy created Regional Command Colleges to provide valuable training opportunities to chief executives and second-in-command officers from small law enforcement agencies. The command college is a 40-hour course with three (3) primary areas of instruction: management, legal issues, and media relations.

"The designation of the *Arkansas Leader* program as a Regional Command College by the Federal Bureau of Investigation is very exciting. It reinforces our belief that participation in *Arkansas Leader* by law enforcement executives is a notable accomplishment," says Mike Mashburn, CJI Assistant Director. "With Command College recognition, graduates of *Arkansas Leader* are now eligible to become members of the Law Enforcement Executive Development Association. This is an extremely useful networking opportunity, an arena in which they can access the knowledge and experience of other administrators across the Nation."

The Criminal Justice Institute and the Little Rock Division of the FBI have co-sponsored the *Arkansas Leader* program for the last ten years. The next session of *Arkansas Leader* will be held from May 12-17, 2002. For more information, contact Mike Mashburn at (501) 570-8042.

CJI Receives Continuation Funding for Sexual Assault Education Project



The Criminal Justice Institute (CJI) received continuation funding from the Violence Against Women Office (VAWO), Office of Justice Programs (OJP) to deliver sexual assault education to law enforcement nationwide. This cooperative agreement continues the delivery of the management curriculum developed previously and funds the development and delivery of a sexual assault investigation curriculum. Participants in the training sessions are limited to VAWO S.T.O.P. grantees.

The National Training Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence (NTCDSV), located in Austin, Texas, will be collaborating with CJI to coordinate the project. The NTCDSV is a nationally recognized victim advocacy organization that designs, provides, and customizes training and consultation, influences policy, promotes collaboration, and enhances diversity with the goal of ending domestic and sexual violence. With their assistance, two tracks of instruction will be offered to law enforcement agents across the Nation.

The management level curriculum, Track I, will be delivered to 100 participants. This two-day educational conference will be presented at five regional locations. One of the five sessions will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas. A few of the topics included in the curriculum are: *Sexual Assault in Rural Areas*, *Review of Sexual Assault Investigations*, and *Legal Issues & Procedural Requirements of Sexual Assault Cases*.

Track II of this project includes the development and delivery of a forensic intensive, hands-on sexual assault investigation curriculum to 60 rural law enforcement officers whose current responsibilities include the investigation of sexual assault offenses. Through this curriculum, law enforcement officers will learn how to properly collect, document, and evaluate potential evidence when investigating a sexual assault. If biological evidence such as hair, skin tissue, semen, blood, saliva, or fingerprints can be recovered and tested, the likelihood of finding an assailant increases significantly, and ultimately, fewer individuals are victimized.

CJI is equipped with an advanced forensic sciences training center where course participants will receive thorough, hands-on training by some of the leading experts in the field of sexual assault investigation. All three sessions will be held at CJI forensic facilities in Little Rock, Arkansas, and law enforcement from Arkansas and across the country will be visiting the CJI facility in Little Rock to benefit from this valuable training opportunity.

For more information on this program, contact Mira Frosolono at (501) 570-8072 or (800) 635-6310.

Arkansas Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer for 2001



To: Chiefs of Police, Arkansas State Police Commanders and Supervisors, County Sheriffs, and National Academy Associates

Sixteen years ago, the Arkansas Chapter of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation initiated a program to recognize an outstanding Arkansas Law Enforcement Officer. The criteria for this award were to be outstanding valor and achievement. We feel that this type of recognition of an officer's outstanding performance by former law enforcement officers will help promote the type of professionalism that our law enforcement community needs today. Our national chapters accepted this program, and law enforcement officers are recognized across the nation by the society.

We need the assistance of the active law enforcement agencies to help our society recognize the outstanding officer by having the chiefs or senior supervisors of the various agencies nominate their officer or officers for the award. A letter nominating an officer and detailing the act of outstanding valor, or the outstanding achievement, will help us designate the officer as a candidate for the award. The members of the Arkansas Chapter will hear the qualifications of the candidates at the March 15, 2002 business meeting, and the outstanding officer will be selected. The officer will be recognized and the award presented at the April 19, 2002 business meeting at the Maumelle Country Club.

To help assure that officers throughout the State have an opportunity to be recognized, we are asking the State Police, the Arkansas Sheriff's Association, the Chief of Police Association, our Arkansas National Academy Graduates Associates, and other related associations, to help us by submitting the names of candidates for the award. **If you have an officer you feel deserves to be nominated, please send a letter to me by no later than March 06, 2002.** This will allow time for additional contact, if needed, and for preparation for the March business meeting.

The Arkansas Chapter will greatly appreciate your consideration in this matter, and we will sincerely consider any qualified candidate submitted for the recipient for our award. Please contact me at:

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Sincerely,
Gary E. McWhorter
Program Coordinator

Clay White Retires From CJI Advisory Board

Mr. Clay White of Hot Springs, AR has retired from the CJI Advisory Board after serving as its citizen-at-large representative from 1997 to 2001. A reception was held in his honor at the Hot Springs Police Department on October 23, 2001, where a number of colleagues were on hand to honor Mr. White, including Hot Springs State Representatives Bob Mathis and Thomas Moore; Lieutenant Bobby Southard of the Hot Springs Police Department and the CJI Advisory Board; representatives from the Hot Springs Police Department, the Garland County Sheriff's Office, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

White, a native of Geary, Oklahoma, has a noble history of service, not only to CJI, but to the Nation and the American public. During World War II, he served as an infantryman at the infamous Invasion of Normandy. Once he returned home from the war, he joined the FBI where he served as a special agent for many years. Even after retiring from the FBI, Mr. White's service to the public didn't end. He was appointed by Governor David Pryor as the first Executive Director of the Arkansas State Crime Laboratory in 1977. He served in this position until May 1980. In November of 1980, Mr. White was elected Sheriff of Garland County and held that office for 12 consecutive years. This impressive history of law enforcement experience made Mr. White a valued member of the Board who will be greatly missed. We wish him the best in his new, well-deserved role—retiree.



Don Kidd, Director of the Criminal Justice Institute, (left) presents Clay White (right) with a plaque in recognition of White's dedicated service to the CJI Advisory Board.

In The Spotlight

Jimmy Nobles

Jimmy Nobles plays an important role at the Criminal Justice Institute. By coordinating the activities of the BJA Internet Project, he ensures that rural law enforcement agencies across the country have access to free Internet and E-mail service. Having the responsibility of coordinating all of the efforts associated with the Internet program has been rewarding for Jimmy.

"In promoting the use of this technology, I have been given the opportunity to promote communications and sharing of information between law enforcement agencies by use of the Internet and have also been given the opportunity to visit some rural law enforcement agencies across the country to assist in providing technical support and educational services," he says.

Jimmy is no stranger to the law enforcement community. After completing an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Garland County Community College, Jimmy went on to graduate from the FBI National Academy and then graduated from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. Since completing his formal education, Jimmy has accumulated an additional 2,000+ hours of education and training in criminal justice-related topics. He worked with the Hot Springs Police Department for 21 years and retired from the department at the rank of Lieutenant. While at the department, he served for 13 years in Criminal Investigation, 6 years in Patrol, and 2 1/2 years in Support Services.

At CJI, Jimmy continues to provide dedicated service in law enforcement. "I believe the Internet has definitely had an influence within the law enforcement community that will continue to affect policing into the future. I'm proud to have the opportunity to contribute to and influence the use of this technology for the benefit of law enforcement."

When he's not fixing Internet connections and talking to people about hard drives, Jimmy has plenty of other hobbies that keep him busy. He admits having a love for music, both playing it and listening to it. "I really love music, and most people are probably not aware that I play a guitar," he says. "(I don't claim to be good, but I do play), and I can even play a little piano."

He also enjoys reading books, watching movies, jogging, playing basketball and tennis, and spending time with friends. Jimmy is married to Barbara Nobles and has three children: Brian, Jason, and Jennifer, along with three grandchildren: Lindsey, Alyssa, and Zachary.



Current Perspectives on Sex Crimes by Ronald M. Holmes

Thinking Cop Feeling Cop: A Study in Police Personalities by Stephen M. Hennessy

Sex Crimes: Patterns and Behavior by Ronald M. Holmes

Multicultural Perspectives in Criminal Justice and Criminology by James E. Hendricks

Sourcebook on Violence Against Women

Gangs in America III by C. Ronald Huff

African American Classics in Criminology & Criminal Justice by Shaun L. Gabbidon

The Practice of Research in Criminology and Criminal Justice by Ronet Bachman

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Are you BARELY SURVIVING in the Information Age?

Barely surviving is how many criminal justice professionals are feeling as they try to begin the process of implementing new information technologies within their agencies. To make this process easier, the Office of Justice Programs, in cooperation with CJI's National Center for Rural Law Enforcement, REI Systems, and the Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR), has developed a comprehensive website that provides justice professionals at all levels of government with the most current information on information technology developments, initiatives, and practices. At <http://it.ojp.gov>, you'll find up-to-date information on funding sources, standards, implementation strategies, technical assistance providers, privacy considerations, planning techniques, training opportunities, current events, and much more—all conveniently in one place. Check this website regularly to stay informed of the latest news and emerging trends in justice integration.



Counter-Terrorism Information is Now Available On-line

Visit CJI's website at www.cji.net to get the latest information on counter-terrorism efforts in the United States. Here you'll find definitive information on Homeland Security along with links to agencies and resources that can help your agency prepare for counter-terrorism training.



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