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A Message from the Director



A key mission of the Criminal Justice Institute is to provide quality education and training in advanced law enforcement topics that will assist the law enforcement officers of Arkansas in enhancing their profession and serving their communities. Consistent with this mission, the Institute has recently been working with the University of Arkansas System and two and four-year educational institutions in the State to develop new college degree programs in Law Enforcement Administration and Crime Scene Investigation.

In February, a meeting is scheduled at the Criminal Justice Institute with representatives of both two and four-year colleges to develop partnerships that will provide these unique educational programs for law enforcement. To ensure that all Arkansas officers have the opportunity to participate in these programs, we are hoping to develop partnerships with institutions in numerous geographical locations across the State. If mutually acceptable agreements can be reached between the Criminal Justice Institute and the two and four-year colleges, our next step is to present the developed educational proposals to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education this summer. After approval by the Higher Education Coordinating Board, these programs could be a reality as early as the fall semester of 2003.

While law enforcement officers will be required to take general education requirements at the area college of their choice, Criminal Justice Institute courses will provide more than half of the college credit hours required for the degree programs that will be granted by educational institutions that enter into a partnership with us. These programs will provide an unparalleled opportunity for those officers wishing to start or enhance their education. Additionally, many officers may be able to receive financial assistance to help pay for their general education hours.

It is our belief at the Criminal Justice Institute that these programs will be of great benefit to those officers who wish to advance their knowledge and skills and also their education specifically in the field of law enforcement. There is a critical need for more educational opportunities for Arkansas law enforcement officers. We intend to continue working to make these educational opportunities available to each of you.

Sincerely,
Donald H. Kidd
Director, CJI

Nominations for the Arkansas Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of 2002 are being accepted until March 4, 2003. See page six for details...

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CJI Hosts Focus Group to Discuss Methamphetamine Enforcement Issues in the State

Thanks to the efforts of Senator Blanche Lincoln and her staff, the Criminal Justice Institute recently received an award from the U.S. Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), to deliver education and training that will enhance the ability of Arkansas law enforcement officers to identify, safely respond to, and investigate illicit methamphetamine production.

A focus group consisting of 24 experienced federal, state, and local law enforcement representatives met in December 2002 to discuss the types of courses most needed. The majority of participants noted an overwhelming need for basic methamphetamine awareness and safety education for front-line officers and first responders. In response, 20 one-day classes will be offered at seventeen locations across Arkansas over the next nine months. Scheduled delivery dates include February 7th at the Criminal Justice Institute in Little Rock and February 27th at Arkansas Tech University in Russellville.

To register, or for more information, please contact Dr. Cheryl May at 501-570-8052/cpmay@cji.net or Amy Horst at 501-570-8067/awhorst@cji.net.



Dr. Cheryl May gives focus group participants a brief overview of CJI's new *Arkansas Clandestine Methamphetamine Laboratory Project* and describes the guidelines for the focus group session. The focus group recommended the development of a one-day curriculum focusing on recognition and safety issues for first responders. To benefit the greatest number of officers, the curriculum developed will be delivered at numerous locations around the State.



Front Row (Left to Right): Gregory B. Shapiro, Robert Bersi, Bobby O'Brien, Connie Bartlett, Dolores J. Baker, Scott Goodwin, Dan Curtis, Jody Spradlin, Alan Story, Michael Davis, and Simon Haynes. **Back Row (Left to Right):** Johnny Smith, Shawn Stillian, David Dallas, Steven Strayhorn, Stanley James, Harold Huey, Richard C. LeBow, Bill Crawford, Chris Harris, Mike Knoedl, Dan Kerr, Ken Sullins, Ragan Hernandez, and Siegfried Lewis.

New Pedestrian/Bicycle Crash Investigation Course to be Offered at CJI

The Law Enforcement Management Center (LEMC) will be hosting a special course entitled **Pedestrian/Bicycle Crash Investigation** the week of May 5–9, 2003. This forty-hour course will be conducted at the Criminal Justice Institute, and participants will be selected from letters of nomination submitted by agency heads. The class size will be limited to a maximum of 30 students.

Upon completion of this course, the student will have developed a technical understanding of pedestrian dynamics and behavior during pedestrian/bicycle and motor vehicle collisions. The participant will be able to recognize, interpret, and prepare physical evidence for identifying vehicle, medical, and pedestrian behavior during such collisions. A prerequisite for this course is graduation from a basic crash investigation class. The student will obviously have a need for the understanding of basic crash investigation mathematics.

Agency administrators who are interested in sending students should submit a letter of nomination to Mike Mashburn at the Criminal Justice Institute. Letters can be mailed to 7723 Asher Avenue, Suite B, Little Rock, AR 72204 or faxed to (501) 565-3081. Follow-up information will be secured at a later date when the student has been admitted to the class.



The Criminal Justice Institute Library continues to grow and improve...

New resources for the law enforcement community, including books, magazines, and videos, are continuously being added throughout the year. In addition, the library features a computer workstation complete with the Internet, which may be used by library patrons for research and access to government documents.

Out-of-town Arkansas law enforcement agencies can e-mail or telephone their resource requests to the Criminal Justice Institute (CJI), and we will mail materials directly to the agency. (The agency will be responsible for mailing the items back to the Institute.) There is a limit of five (5) books or three (3) videos per person at one time. Items may be checked out for a period of two weeks but, if needed, may be renewed by phone or e-mail for an additional two weeks.

**Requests should be sent to: Gayle Harper
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(800) 635-6310**

In your request, please include your name, agency, and a telephone number where you can be reached.

For more information, log on to our website at www.cji.net. Under the "Resources" link, you will find a comprehensive list of the most recent books and videos, complete with descriptions, that have been added to the CJI Library.



Coming Soon From FSCEC...

March

- Crime Scene Investigation**
*(UA Community College at Hope)
- Introduction to Computers**
- Bloodstain Pattern Documentation**
- Using Microsoft Word**
- Methamphetamine Awareness, Identification and Safety for First Responders**
*(Phillips Community College/ UA, Helena)
*(Hot Springs Police Department)
*(Pine Bluff-Location TBA)

April

- Introduction to Computers**
- Death Investigation Issues for Law Enforcement and Coroners**
*(Bentonville Police Department)
- Crime Scene Courtroom Testimony**
- Safety Issues for First Responders at Explosive/CBW Events and Mass Disasters**
- Using Microsoft Excel**

*All courses will be at CJI unless otherwise indicated. For more details, call us at 570-8000 or see the *CJI Course Schedule* on-line at www.cji.net.

IS YOUR AGENCY RECEIVING FUNDING FROM THE COPS OFFICE?

If so, you may benefit from a training seminar the COPS office will be holding at various locations across the country between January and September 2003.

The **Regional Grants Management Training Seminars** are 1½ day programs designed specifically for people who are responsible for the programmatic and financial administration of grants awarded from federal programs administered by the COPS Office. All topics will be taught and presented by knowledgeable and experienced COPS officials. Topics to be covered during the Regional GMT Seminars include, but are not limited to, the application review process, grant conditions, grantee financial reporting requirements, methods of payments, matching requirements, closeout procedures, monitoring responsibilities, supplanting, and audits.

One of these seminars will be held in Dallas, TX, at the Omni Dallas Hotel at Parkwest from April 1-2, 2003. Seminar attendees will be responsible for all costs associated with their participation in the seminar, including transportation, lodging, and meals. There is no seminar fee.

For additional information, see www.ilj.org/grants_manage/2003/ or call Shelley Baker at 202-353-9708.



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Arkansas Law Enforcement Would Benefit From Additional Training in SFST Procedures

According to statistics released by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Arkansas stands at 25th in the nation for drunken-driving fatalities. The State experienced 611 fatal crashes in 2001. Of these 611, 193 (32 percent) were alcohol-related. This could be considered “the bad news,” however it must be pointed out that over the last three years, our State’s alcohol-related fatality rate has fallen by 13 percent, while the national rate held steady. This can be attributed to a strong public awareness campaign in conjunction with professional DWI enforcement.

The Highway Safety Program at the Criminal Justice Institute (CJI) offers statewide certification courses for law enforcement officers in DWI Detection, Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST), Traffic Occupant Protection Strategies (TOPS), and the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) program, along with several other traffic safety-related programs. CJI receives funding for this program from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) through a grant administered by the Arkansas State Police. This certification training is available, at no cost to you, throughout the State of Arkansas.

Feedback and instructor observations during past presentations of these programs has resulted in several areas of concern worth mentioning.

- 1. Far too many officers who stop vehicles and make DWI arrests have not received SFST certification training or are in need of SFST Refresher training.** Problems observed include:
 - Improper administration of SFST tests
 - Lack of adequate documentation for successful prosecution
 - Administering outdated or unacceptable “sobriety” tests
 - Administering their own version of HGN, with no certification
 - No understanding of the benefits of SFST certification
- 2. Case law has been established in different areas of the United States that, in effect, throws out DWI cases if the arresting officer has not been NHSTA-certified in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing.** As a result:
 - DWI defense attorneys are using this argument in increasing numbers, resulting in the dismissal of DWI cases; and
 - Defense attorneys are requesting their own copies of the SFST student manuals and are using details of the proper SFST procedures to cross examine police during their testimony.

3. **There is an increase in instances of drivers being stopped who are under the influence of drugs yet receive no criminal charges due to:**

- Officers' lack of training in properly identifying the drug impaired driver;
- No tests or other means are conducted to establish drug impairment that would result in successful prosecution of such cases; and
- There are too few certified Drug Recognition Experts in the State to properly administer a DRE evaluation that would satisfy the prosecutions burden of proof of impairment sufficient to convict.

We would like to remind you that the Criminal Justice Institute is dedicated to assisting and supporting your agency in its advanced training needs. CJII's Highway Safety Program is prepared to work with you and your neighboring agencies to arrange the following certification training programs:

- **SFST Certification**
- **SFST Refresher**
- **SFST Instructor Development**
- **DRE Certification**
- **DRE Recertification**
- **DRE Instructor Development**

This training is offered at a variety of locations throughout Arkansas on an "as requested" basis. This means that the CJII Highway Safety Program will provide training materials and instructors, as well as travel to your area of the State, to provide this training. We would like a minimum of ten (10) students per class when presenting the SFST programs, therefore combining agencies to participate is strongly encouraged. The DRE course is presented approximately every six (6) months. The instructor development courses are scheduled relative to interest and numbers.

If you are interested in hosting or attending any of these programs contact:

Richard Davis, Program Manager
rodavis@cji.net
501-570-8034, or

Pam Mays, Institutional Assistant
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501-570-8035



Or visit www.cji.net and follow the links to "Special Projects," "Highway Safety Program."

Coming Soon From LEMC

March



Managing Drug Investigations

*Arkansas State University
at Mountain Home



Principles of Supervision

*Fort Smith Police Department



Basic Spanish for Law Enforcement

*University of Arkansas
Community College at Batesville



Crisis Negotiations Managing Media Relations

*El Dorado Police Department



Coping with Law Enforcement Stress

*Pine Bluff Police Department

April



Advanced Supervision

*Fort Smith Police Department



Warrantless Search and Seizure

*Black River Technical College



Managing Informants and Cooperative Witnesses

*Phillips Community College of the
University of Arkansas at Helena



Crime Prevention—A Tool of Community Policing

*Hot Springs Police Department



Managing Interviews and Interrogations

*El Dorado Police Department



Criminal Procedure Update

*Pine Bluff Police Department



The Bulletproof Mind

*Criminal Justice Institute



Law Enforcement Response to the Mentally Ill

*Arkansas State University
at Mountain Home

***All courses will be held at the location indicated.**

For more details, call us at 570-8000 or see the *CJII Course Schedule* on-line at www.cji.net.



Carroll County Deputy John Rains (pictured left) was recently awarded the Arkansas Sheriffs' Association Lifesaving Award by Attorney General Mike Beebe (pictured center) and Carroll County Sheriff C.E. "Chuck" Medford (pictured right) at the Association's winter conference. On May 12, 2002, Deputy John Rains, accompanied by Green Forest Reserve Officer, Carlos Jasso, was dispatched to the scene of a vehicle being swept from a low-water bridge during heavy rains. Upon their arrival, the officers heard cries for help from the darkness. They soon located Heath Hagler clinging to a tree in the swollen creek. Without hesitation and with complete disregard to personal safety, both officers entered the perilous raging waters and were able to get Hagler safely to shore. "In keeping with the time honored, and often unrecognized, standards of law enforcement," said Sheriff Medford, "the quick action of these officers undoubtedly saved the life of that young man."



Chief of Police Mike Blocker, who has retired after serving more than 14 years with the Springdale Police Department, was recently celebrated by his peers at a reception held in his honor (pictured above). We congratulate Chief Blocker on the tremendous job he did during his tenure with the department and wish him all the best in his retirement.

Arkansas Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer for 2002



The Arkansas Chapter of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is again looking for qualified candidates for our annual Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer Award.

The chapter initiated this program to recognize an outstanding Arkansas Law Enforcement Officer. The criteria for this award are outstanding valor and achievement. We welcome recommendations based on the candidate's performance during the 2002 calendar year.

The members of the Arkansas Chapter will hear the qualifications of the candidates at the March 21st business meeting, and the outstanding officer will be selected. The officer will be recognized and the award presented at the April 18th business meeting at the Maumelle Country Club. **If you have an officer you feel deserves to be nominated, a letter of nomination must be sent to Gary E. McWhorter, Program Coordinator, no later than March 04, 2003.** This will allow time for additional contact, if needed, and for preparation for the March business meeting. Please send your letter to:

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In The Spotlight

DENNY SCHRECK

Denny Schreck, one of the primary law enforcement instructors at the Criminal Justice Institute (CJI), is a strong advocate within the State for advanced education and training in law enforcement. "Officers today, especially younger ones, *want* advanced training," he says, "and I am proud to make it available to those who desire it."



Denny's interest in education began early. After completing his Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Western Illinois University, he spent three years coaching and teaching in Illinois. He soon became intrigued with law enforcement and accepted an appointment to the FBI Academy in 1969. He spent 26 years in the FBI as a Special Agent, where he was able to gain experience in many different areas of law enforcement. (He was one of the original members of the Houston S.W.A.T. team and worked undercover with organized crime members for more than two years.) As early as 1972, he began instructing law enforcement courses for the FBI and continued to do so until his retirement in 1994.

This retirement was to be short lived. He joined the Criminal Justice Institute soon afterwards as a law enforcement instructor for the Law Enforcement Management Center, where he commutes 100 miles a day to deliver advanced management and supervision courses for Arkansas' law enforcement community.

"These types of classes had never been offered to officers in Arkansas before the Institute was established," he says. "Today, over 20,000 officers have attended our classes in topics ranging from management education, forensics, and computers."

In addition to delivering instruction, Denny researches and designs curriculum, facilitates special conferences, serves as a liaison with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, and coordinates the *School of Law Enforcement Supervision* and *Arkansas Leader*.

"Our 'flagship' course, the *School of Law Enforcement Supervision*, a four-week program, is now offered twice a year and is constantly being refined to be as beneficial as possible to each student," he says. "For *Arkansas Leader*, our executive development course, I have had the pleasure of being able to secure nationally renowned presenters for this year's session."

When he's not at work, Denny enjoys being at home in Hot Springs Village with "no wife, no pets, and no responsibilities." An avid golfer, he also enjoys reading, traveling outside of the U.S., exploring beaches, and boating. There are some other interesting tidbits many people may not know about Denny—he can play the accordion, enjoys growing flowers, and keeps his house very neat and clean (unlike his desk at work).



Now Available at the CJI Library...

BOOKS

Community Policing: A Contemporary Perspective (With Study Guide)
by Robert Trojanowicz

Multicultural Law Enforcement: Strategies for Peacekeeping in a Diverse Society
Edited by Robert M. Shusta

Policing and Misconduct
Edited by Kim Michelle Lersch

The Managing of Police Organizations
by Paul M. Whisenand

Officer's DUI Handbook: 2002 State-to-State Case Summaries
by John A. Stephen

Officer's Search & Seizure Handbook: 2002 State-to-State Case Summaries
by John A. Stephen

Courtroom Survival: Making the Traffic Officer a Powerful Witness
by John B. Kwasnoski

Police Traffic Stops and Racial Profiling: Resolving Management, Labor and Civil Rights Conflicts
by James T. O'Reilly

Treating Police Stress: The Work and the Words of Peer Counselors by John M. Madonna, Jr. and Richard E. Kelly



Graduates from Cadet Class E-1-02 of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) (pictured above) were sworn in as Arkansas Wildlife Officers at the Cooperative Extension Auditorium on December 20, 2002. Out of 211 applicants, only twelve were chosen for this prestigious position: Brian T. Aston, Jeremy J. Bishop, Daniel M. Flowers, William M. Guthrie, Aaron R. Hendrix, Kenneth D. Key, Glenn T. Pointfield, Garrett L. Sheets, Nick R. Tuberville, Gerald G. Tucker, Jeremy S. Whiley, and Dameion L. White.

Is something
exciting
going on at
your agency?
A new program?
A new employee?
A special event?



If so, **we want to know about it!**

If you have news, article ideas, or pictures you would like to share with the Arkansas law enforcement community, please contact **Beth Stark** at the Criminal Justice Institute: **(501) 570-8045 or bastark@cji.net**.

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