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A Message from the Director

After serving many years with the Arkansas State Crime Lab and the Arkansas State Police, I was honored to be given the opportunity to continue serving law enforcement as Director of the Criminal Justice Institute. Since joining the Institute in April, I have greatly enjoyed getting to know all of the CJI staff and instructors who work closely together to provide guidance and support within the Arkansas law enforcement community. I have also had the opportunity to observe many of the Institute's programs and have been impressed by the positive response we receive daily from program participants.

It has always been the goal of the Criminal Justice Institute to provide Arkansas law enforcement with exemplary service and diverse course offerings. To ensure we are meeting this goal, we will soon be distributing a survey to your agencies that will allow you to provide feedback on the effectiveness of our programs and services and to target areas where you feel further support and resources are needed.

The survey will be mailed to you in mid-September. We are including a pre-paid envelope with the survey so that responses can be returned to an independent analyst at no charge to your agency. I encourage you to take the time to complete this survey, as it will play a key role in defining our future course offerings and services.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (501) 570-8040. I have had the great fortune of working with many of you in the past, and I am looking forward to continuing working with all of you in the future to create a better and safer Arkansas.

Sincerely,

Jim Clark

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New CJI Program Helps Chiefs of Police and Communities Fight the Meth Epidemic

The Criminal Justice Institute, in cooperation with the Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police (AACP) and with support from Senator Blanche Lincoln and federal grant funding, has developed a unique training program designed to assist Arkansas chiefs of police in battling the State's growing Methamphetamine problem.

The first course was recently held in Russellville, Arkansas, and is one of several to be held throughout the State during 2004. The training provides chiefs of police with information and tools to assist them in effectively combating the growing threat of Meth in their communities, including information on available training, funding and treatment resources. It also provides key information on the unique dangers Methamphetamine production brings to law enforcement personnel and communities throughout Arkansas.

"This program is a true success story," remarked AACP President Montie Sims. "It brings together safety, environmental, treatment, and enforcement components and provides essential information on federal, state and local resources available to attack the Meth problem in our communities."

Last year, Arkansas was in the top five states per-capita nationwide for methamphetamine lab seizures. These labs present serious problems to the communities where they're located, creating an extremely hazardous setting along with a potential environmental nightmare. For every one ounce of Meth produced, nearly 1 pound of toxic waste is produced. While Meth labs continue to be a problem in rural areas, many are now found in urban settings.

According to Dr. Cheryl May, Assistant Director at the Criminal Justice Institute, this training seminar is but one of several aimed at combating Arkansas's Meth problem.



"We've developed and are conducting five separate training courses across the State to help law enforcement meet the challenges of the Meth problem," says Dr. May. "These courses, which are available to all Arkansas law enforcement, enhance both officer safety and effectiveness when dealing with Methamphetamine related offenses."

Police officers statewide are encouraged to contact Chris Stafford, the CJI Methamphetamine Program Coordinator at 1-800-635-6310 to inquire about Meth training, or visit www.cji.net on the Web for the latest course schedule.

SANE Program at UAMS Provides Assistance To Law Enforcement in Cases of Sexual Assault

Because doctors and nurses are often insufficiently trained to perform the medical/legal examination required for a victim of sexual assault, law enforcement agencies are increasingly requesting assistance from sexual assault nurse examiners (SANEs). SANEs are registered nurses that have the advanced educational and clinical preparation needed to provide comprehensive care and perform medical/forensic examinations for victims of sexual assault. Due to the advanced training and high volume of exams performed, the SANE can also augment the sexual assault case by serving as an expert witness.

To maintain the highest standards of practice, the SANE Program at UAMS also requires their SANE nurses to:

- Pass the International Association of Forensic Nursing SANE-A Board
- Participate in monthly SANE meetings
- Participate in Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) meetings
- Obtain continuing education, including case review
- Develop and implement local and regional medical and multidisciplinary trainings

These standards support the belief that providing a higher standard of evidence collection and care can speed a victim's recovery, prevent secondary injury and/or illness, and ultimately increase the prosecution of sex offenders and reduce the incidence of rape.

In Arkansas, the SANE Program, in cooperation with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Emergency Department, has implemented a community-centered, multi-agency Sexual Assault Response Team to assist local agencies in providing victim care and services in a

seamless manner from disclosure to closure. The team includes representatives from law enforcement, the prosecuting attorney's office, the Attorney General's Office, the Arkansas Commission on Child Abuse, Rape and Domestic Violence, the Arkansas State Crime Lab, and victim advocates.

Feedback from the law enforcement communities that have utilized the program's services reveal that they appreciate:

1. Prompt care (no waiting, 24/7 availability)
2. Their expertise and credibility within the judicial community
3. The comprehensive forensic record, complete with diagrams, that is released to law enforcement, along with the sexual assault evidence collection kit (no waiting for a subpoena or medical records)
4. The advanced techniques used to obtain evidence

To better serve victims across the State, the SANE Program has expanded their program by delivering training to nurses, law enforcement, and other SART members as well as the general public. Earlier this year, the program provided training to 20 nurses and another training program is being planned for next year. Law enforcement officers are encouraged to talk to your local hospital about sending nurses to the SANE training.

To arrange for training, CEUs, resource information, or to find out how your community can get involved in this program, contact Pamela Tabor at 501-686-SANE or SANE@uams.edu.

Attorney General's Office to Present Law Enforcement Summit in Little Rock

Attorney General Mike Beebe is hosting a one-day Law Enforcement Summit at the Clear Channel Metroplex Event Center in Little Rock on **Tuesday, October 12th, 2004**. The Summit's focus is on crimes against children, with special emphasis on child-fatality investigations, a multi-agency approach to child protection, and Internet Crimes Against Children.

Registration for the conference is open to all law enforcement officials, prosecutors, and criminal justice personnel. The registration fee is \$25 per person. Training materials, lunch and morning refreshments are included in the fee. Registration will begin at 7:45 a.m. and the summit will conclude at 4:30 p.m.



The training will be conducted by nationally recognized consultants for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Course credit has been applied for through the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy and the Arkansas Bar Association.

Individuals who would like to register for this training opportunity should contact Carol Robinson or Rachel Ellis at 1-800-448-3014 or (501) 682-1020 prior to Friday, September 24, 2004.

CJI Receives Byrne Grant Funding To Expand Drug Training in Arkansas

With support from State Drug Director Keith Rutledge and the Arkansas Drug and Alcohol Abuse Coordinating Counsel, the Criminal Justice Institute recently received federal funding from the Edward Byrne Grant Program to develop and deliver advanced Methamphetamine and drug training to Arkansas law enforcement officers statewide. This funding enables the Institute to continue the Methamphetamine Awareness training program that Senator Blanche Lincoln initiated funding for in FY02 and FY03. These trainings will further enhance the efforts of Arkansas law enforcement in combating the serious drug problem facing the State, a problem which poses a serious threat to both rural and urban communities.

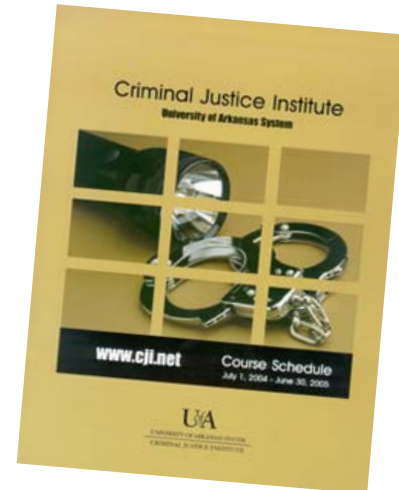
The following courses are currently being offered under this program:

- **Meth-Related Crime and Violence**
- **Basic Methamphetamine Issues for Parole/ Probation Officers**
- **The Arkansas Methamphetamine Challenge—An Information Focus for Chiefs of Police**
- **Advanced Drug Investigations**
- **Managing Methamphetamine Issues—An Information Focus for Arkansas Sheriffs**
- **Advanced Clandestine Laboratory Field Sampling and Evidence Preparation**
- **Undercover Drug Investigations**

For more information, contact Dr. Cheryl May or Chris Stafford at (501) 570-8000.



Educators and legislators across the State recently came together in Little Rock to participate in *A Day for Dialogue: A Conversation on Education and Its Role in Helping Reach Our State's Potential*. Jim Clark, Director of the Criminal Justice Institute, served as a presenter at the event, sharing information with participants about the strides law enforcement has made in higher education. (Pictured from left to right: **Dr. Alan Sugg**, President of the University of Arkansas System; **Mr. Jim Clark**; **Representative Herschel Cleveland**, Arkansas House Speaker; and **Representative Bill Stovall**, Arkansas House Speaker-designee.)



The 2005 CJI Course Schedule is now available and can be viewed on-line at

www.cji.net

To request additional copies for your agency, contact the Criminal Justice Institute at

(501) 570-8000

Stay Informed!

Often, the Criminal Justice Institute is asked to assist other criminal justice organizations in the State by disseminating important notifications and updates throughout the Arkansas law enforcement community. Utilizing our e-mail database is the most effective and cost-efficient means we have of doing this, as it allows us to forward information instantaneously to law enforcement professionals across the State.

To ensure your organization is receiving these updates, please send the name of your agency and a current e-mail address to Beth Green at bagreen@cji.net. If your agency does not have access to e-mail and/or the Internet, please contact Jimmy Nobles at (800) 635-6310 for information about our Internet project.



Governor's Office Hosts Two New Websites that Simplify Grant Research

The Governor's Office has implemented two new programs to assist Arkansas communities research grant availability within the State.

The M.A.P. Program (Mapping Arkansas' Progress) is an online database of grants that have been awarded within Arkansas communities. You can use different filters for your search, such as searching by county, city, grantee, grant agency and the year the grant was awarded. This database can be found at:

www.arkansas.gov/governor/map

The T.A.P. Program (Targeting Arkansas' Potential) features a comprehensive listing of all state grant programs, allowing you to see the diverse funding resources provided by the State. This site also provides a link for you to search through a listing of federal grant programs through the White House website. This listing can be found at:

**[www.arkansas.gov/governor/map/
available.php](http://www.arkansas.gov/governor/map/available.php)**



Grant Writing Workshop Coming to Hot Springs

Grant Writing USA, in partnership with the National Park Community College, will present a two-day grant writing workshop in Hot Springs, **September 20-21, 2004**. The workshop will be held from 9:00am-4:00pm daily at the National Park College, located at 101 College Drive.

This workshop is suitable for beginning and experienced grant writers who desire to increase their fundraising competitiveness and broaden their funder focus. It is designed to enhance performance in the areas of grant writing, grant maker research and relations, program planning, and personal and organizational excellence.

Course topics include:

- Components of a grant proposal package
- Customizing a proposal
- Approaching a funding source
- The difference between government and foundation proposals
- Reporting on a grant's progress and impact
- Developing relationships with grant makers
- What to do if your proposals denied
- Finding funding

Tuition includes all materials and is \$349. Seating is limited, online reservations are necessary, and walk-ins are not allowed. Tuition payment is not required at the time of enrollment.

For more information,
visit the Grant Writing USA website at
<http://GrantWritingUSA.com>

Rick Dickinson Graduates from CJJ's New Degree Program

Through coursework completed at the Criminal Justice Institute and the Black River Technical College, **Rick Dickinson** has successfully completed an Associate of Applied Science degree in Law Enforcement Administration, making him the first Arkansas law enforcement officer to graduate from this new program.

Rick, a Marmaduke native, has worked for the Arkansas State Police for more than 28 years and has served in numerous capacities, including Highway Patrol Trooper, Public Information Officer, Training Officer, and Investigator for the Criminal Investigation Division. He currently holds the distinction of being the Arkansas State Police's "Top Gun," having won their last Statewide combat shooting competition. He currently serves as the Company Commander for Criminal Investigation Division Company "F," headquartered in Jonesboro. Previously, Rick obtained a degree in Criminal Justice from Black River Technical College and is also a graduate of the Criminal Justice Institute's School of Law Enforcement Supervision.

In September 2003, the Criminal Justice Institute began partnering with two-year and four-year Arkansas colleges and universities to offer certificate and degree programs in crime scene investigation and law enforcement administration. Both programs of study are available exclusively to Arkansas law enforcement personnel who are actively employed within a criminal justice organization in the State. To successfully complete a program, participants are required to take special courses through the Criminal Justice Institute along with general education courses from participating colleges and universities. **For more information on these programs, contact the Criminal Justice Institute at (501) 570-8000.**

ASA Announces New Executive Board

Sheriff Danny Hickman of the Boone County Sheriff's Office was named President of the Arkansas Sheriff's Association (ASA) at the ASA 2004 Summer Convention held July 19th-21st in Eureka Springs, AR. Sheriff Hickman, a second generation sheriff, is currently serving his third term in Boone County.

Other members of the ASA Executive Board are as follows:

Sheriff Marty Montgomery,
Immediate Past President

Sheriff Larry Mills, 1st Vice-President

Sheriff Ronnie Baldwin, 2nd Vice-President

Sheriff Carl McBee, Executive Secretary

Sheriff Gerald Dutton, Secretary of the Treasury

Sheriff Danny Russell, Financial Chairman



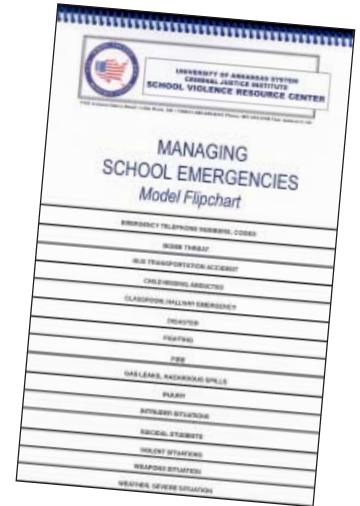
Betty Williams crosses the finish line at the Little Rock Marathon held March 7th, 2004. Betty, who is a member of CJJ's Fiscal Department, completed the half marathon in 2 hours 49 minutes and 33 seconds, a total of 13.1 miles.

Managing School Emergencies Flipchart to be Distributed Throughout Arkansas Schools

Under Act 648 of 2003, school districts are required to have emergency plans in place to provide for the safety of employees and students in the event of a terrorist attack or a war.

To assist Arkansas educators in meeting this requirement, the Criminal Justice Institute's School Violence Resource Center has created the *Managing School Emergencies Model Flipchart*, a guide designed for the classroom to assist educators in responding to critical incidents. The flipchart provides educators with quick access to procedures, telephone numbers, and emergency codes, thus ensuring that when a crisis situation occurs, they're ready to act.

With support from the Arkansas Department of Human Services and State Drug Director Keith Rutledge, copies of the flipchart will soon be distributed to every K-12 school in the State. For more information about the flipcharts, contact Tom Canady at 800-635-6310. For access to additional resources on school safety, visit our website at www.svrc.net.



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