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## A Message from the Director

**W**e all know there is camaraderie between law enforcement officers that is unparalleled in most professions. Our united effort to serve and protect the people in our communities creates a bond that is not easily broken. Since September 11th, this camaraderie has never been more evident than in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Despite the personal toll they suffered in this disaster, law enforcement officers in Mississippi and Louisiana remained on the front lines as first responders. We were all inspired by their continuing dedication to search and recovery missions and their unwavering commitment to restoring law and order.

In response, law enforcement agencies and organizations across the State of Arkansas worked together to collect law enforcement equipment and supplies to assist them in their valiant efforts. The Criminal Justice Institute was honored to serve as the collection site for donations and received a range of items, from bug spray to bulletproof vests. We would like to thank all of the agencies across the State that participated in this initiative. You were more than generous in your donations.

Special recognition should be given to the North Little Rock Police Department, who graciously offered to deliver these items to Mississippi and Louisiana. As a result, law enforcement officers in both states received much needed items and were grateful to receive them. A more detailed account of this initiative is featured on page two.

Although the publicity surrounding the recent hurricanes has died down significantly, there are still a lot of people who need special assistance. As the holiday season approaches, I encourage you all to do what you can to continue helping those in need. Together, we can all make a difference!

Sincerely,

James T. Clark

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# Arkansas Law Enforcement Supports Their Own in the Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina

**I**n a crisis, local law enforcement officers always serve as first responders on the scene. The response to Hurricane Katrina was no different. Despite the devastating destruction of their agencies and their homes, law enforcement officers in Louisiana and Mississippi continued working around the clock in rescue and recovery efforts. Laboring in extreme conditions, these officers were in dire need of the most basic equipment and clothing items. In addition, many lost their homes and were frantically trying to locate family members in addition to performing their law enforcement duties.

In response, law enforcement agencies and organizations across the State of Arkansas pulled together to collect law enforcement equipment and supplies to send to the Gulf Region. The Criminal Justice Institute, the Arkansas State Crime Laboratory, Olson's Gun Shop, Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS), and various police departments and sheriff's offices across the State donated money for uniforms and gathered basic equipment and supplies to send to the gulf region, including sleeping bags, bulletproof vests, underwear, socks, uniforms, utility pants, lightweight jackets and other needed items.

Mr. Kim Bertram of the Acxiom Corporation learned of Arkansas law enforcement's efforts to assist law enforcement families in the Gulf when he saw officers raising money at Lowe's Home Improvement Store. Bertram, whose wife is from Pass Christian, MS, volunteered to fly the supplies to the Gulf. However, because donations greatly exceeded initial expectations, Bertram instead rented a truck and provided it to the North Little Rock Police Department (NLRPD) to deliver all donated supplies.

NLRPD Officers Larry Mickel and Andrew Miles volunteered to make the trip and left Arkansas with thousands of dollars worth of gift cards and supplies. They made it to New Orleans and delivered the items. Underwear, t-shirts, and socks were the most needed items, with some officers commenting that they hadn't been able to change their clothes in two weeks. Through other donations, police-related supplies were also distributed to officers in Laurel, MS.

In addition, eight NLRPD officers worked for two weeks in the Gautier/Moss Point area of Mississippi and took gift cards and supplies for officers and their families. They were met with open arms and many thanks. One of the sheriffs in the area had tears in his eyes as he accepted the gift cards, which according to his men, was out of his character.

**We would like to give a special thanks to all those agencies and departments in the State who donated money and supplies for this effort. Your donations were greatly appreciated!**



# The SENTINEL Project Kicks Off Cybersecurity Training Program in Little Rock

**P**rotecting vital information from outside infiltration is a growing priority in the war on terrorism. Regardless of whether the threat is from a fourteen-year-old hacker whose motives are mere entertainment or Al-Qaeda operatives seeking strategic information, it is essential that public safety professionals be aware of cyberterrorism threats. Cyber attacks against the critical infrastructure of the United States have increased in severity, frequency, and sophistication at an alarming rate. A prime example of a widespread cyber attack is the recent Zotob worm that affected mostly systems running the Windows 2000 operating system. These types of attacks can threaten services such as public works, communication systems, and computer networks.



The National Center for Rural Law Enforcement of the Criminal Justice Institute created the SENTINEL project, funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, to train public safety personnel in critical technical security issues. This program will be provided to 1,800 public safety professionals on a nationwide scale.



On September 12-16, 2005, 30 public safety professionals participated in the first pilot course of the SENTINEL project, *Prevention, Deterrence, and Recovery*, in Little Rock, Arkansas. At no cost to the public safety agency, participants received vital information concerning network security, policy making, security threats, and useful security tools through both lecture and hands-on exercises utilizing the 30 workstation SENTINEL Mobile Computer Laboratory.



Captain Joel Johnson of the West Memphis Police Department described the training as “an excellent program and training.” Shirley Skulman, Network Administrator for the Sebastian County Courthouse, stated that “the information was valuable, with great instruction and a helpful and friendly staff.”

Future training session locations and dates for *Prevention, Deterrence, and Recovery* will be posted on the SENTINEL website. For more information, visit our website at [www.sentinelproject.net](http://www.sentinelproject.net) or contact Philip Propes at 501-570-8000 or [sentinel@ncrle.net](mailto:sentinel@ncrle.net).

# Jimmie Hefner Joins CJI's Law Enforcement Management Center



**Mr. Jimmie Hefner** has joined CJI's Law Enforcement Management Center (LEMC) as a Law Enforcement Management Specialist. In this position, he will serve as an instructor for various courses in leadership and management and will assist LEMC in creating new programs to enhance the performance of law enforcement executives in the State.

Prior to joining the Institute, he served as the Training Supervisor for the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office—Detention Branch. He has management and supervisory experience within law enforcement, the business community, and with various volunteer organizations. Jimmie has also taught as an adjunct professor at Oklahoma Baptist University, Tulsa Extension where he has taught courses in Education and Education Administration. In addition to his professional experience, Jimmie is a certified law enforcement instructor. He holds a Master's Degree in Christian Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas and a Bachelor of Applied Science degree from East Texas Baptist University in Theology and Communications.

Jimmie has a passion for leadership and teaching the foundations of leadership character and principles. He is an avid reader on the subject and deeply enjoys spending time influencing others.

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## CJI's Higher Education Program Off to a Great Start



**T**he Criminal Justice Institute's Higher Education Program has been underway for two years now with promising results. Currently, twenty colleges across the State have partnered with the Criminal Justice Institute in this initiative. In addition, three officers have completed the program with many others currently working towards completing program requirements.

The Higher Education Program is making it easier than ever before for Arkansas law enforcement to obtain valuable law enforcement certifications and degrees while still maintaining full-time employment within the law enforcement field. By taking courses at the Criminal Justice Institute in conjunction with general education courses at a participating college/university of your choice, you can complete a certificate of proficiency, a technical certificate, or an Associate of Applied Science degree in two fields of study specific to the law enforcement profession—**Crime Scene Investigation** or **Law Enforcement Administration**.

Both programs of study, the only programs of this kind in the Nation, are available exclusively to Arkansas law enforcement personnel who are actively employed within a criminal justice organization in the State. Although students will be required to pay all tuition and fees of the college or university, courses completed at CJI will be provided **free of charge** to Arkansas law enforcement personnel, allowing them to complete certificate and degree programs at a fraction of the normal cost. Once a student is admitted to the college or university of his/her choosing, all credit hours earned at the Institute will be transferred there.

**For more information about the Crime Scene Investigation program, contact Dr. Cheryl May at (501) 570-8052. For more information about the Law Enforcement Administration program, contact Mike Mashburn at (501) 570-8042.**

## CJI Brings National Spanish Program to Arkansas

**T**his spring, the Criminal Justice Institute will host a special 2½-day course in *Command Spanish* to assist Arkansas law enforcement officers in improving their interactions with the State's Hispanic communities.

This program is designed to provide non-Spanish-speaking police officers with functional skills in Spanish. The program utilizes phonetic encoding to address the most important Spanish commands, questions, and phrases critical to police work. **No prior knowledge of Spanish is necessary.** Upon completion, participants will be able to use Spanish to disarm a suspect, make arrests and ID individuals, stop and search a vehicle, conduct field sobriety tests, issue warrants, assist in emergencies, read the Miranda Warning, render aid to victims, and manage prisoners and bystanders.

The course has tentatively been scheduled for **March 7-9, 2006**, at the Winthrop Rockefeller Center, University of Arkansas at Petit Jean. **Course enrollment will be limited to 30 participants.** For more information about this course, contact Deb Flowers at (800) 635-6310.

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## CSTCP Graduate Named Officer of the Year

**Investigator John Brooks** of the Fayetteville Police Department was recently honored by the Fayetteville Exchange Club with the Officer of the Year Award.

Brooks is a graduate of the FSCEC's Basic and Advanced Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program. He holds certificates in at least 11 areas, including bloodstain pattern analysis and DNA database collection. He teaches Crime Scene Investigation at Northwest Arkansas Community College in Bentonville and has a Level One Crime Scene Technician status. He is certified through the International Association of Identification and serves as the Association's second vice president. **Congratulations, John, on this notable accomplishment!**

## Spanish Resources Are Available in the CJI Library

### CDs

#### *Survival Spanish-The Complete Spanish Field Manual for Public Safety (Book on CD)*

This manual is an easy-to-learn, practical source for commonly used Spanish words, phrases, and slang used in the law enforcement and public safety fields. In addition, three audio CDs that accompany the manual are available: *Survival Spanish*, *Survival Spanish Investigative Terms and Expressions*, and *Survival Spanish Fish and Wildlife Phrases*.

### Videos

#### *Simple Spanish Commands*

This program guides officers through the most commonly used law enforcement Spanish commands and teaches them via a very easy verbal refresher taught by Officer Brandy Walker of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department.

#### *Cultural Diversity Part 1, Street Level Spanish*

This video will teach you some simple buzz words that you can use on your next shift. Survival and safety words and phrases are the focus.

**Videos/CDs are available to Arkansas law enforcement for a loan period of two weeks. There is a limit of four videos per person at a time. If you would like to check out an item, send an email with your request to [amhoffman@cji.edu](mailto:amhoffman@cji.edu) or contact Allison Hoffman at (800) 635-6310.**

## Coming Soon From FSCEC

### Management of Evidence and Recovered Property

December 13-14, 2005

Criminal Justice Institute

This two-day program is designed to provide participants with a thorough understanding of the purposes, procedures, and policy development issues related to the custody of evidence and recovered property. Participants will examine methods and procedures for storing property, discuss evidence and property control records and learn effective methods for improving the security, control, and disposition of evidence and recovered property.

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### We're Still Here, But Our Domain Has Changed.

The Criminal Justice Institute will no longer use the “.net” domain for our website and e-mail addresses. We will now be using the “.edu” domain. In accordance with this transition, please note the following changes:

Our new website will be:

[www.cji.edu](http://www.cji.edu)

Our new e-mail template will be:

[name@cji.edu](mailto:name@cji.edu)

## Arkansas Association of Property and Evidence Provides Services to Arkansas Law Enforcement

By Carri Frederick

The Arkansas Association of Property and Evidence was recently formed to provide services and support to Arkansas law enforcement. Housed by the Little Rock Police Department, the Association's mission is to:

- Provide research and information relative to the property and evidence function
- Promote professionalism with a high standard of performance of property and evidence personnel
- Promote a standardization of the storage, collection, submittal to lab, and the destruction of evidence and property
- Solicit legal opinions from our state judicial system and educate our members on pending legislation where evidence and property are concerned
- Share resources for equipment, supplies, and education that is cost effective for our departments
- Educate and train evidence and property personnel on safety regarding the laws in the handling and disposal of hazardous and biological evidence
- Promote the Association within Arkansas to those who are concerned with the collection, processing, testing, storage, or preservation and destruction of evidence and property

At the present time, the Association's by-laws have been voted in by the general membership. We have four standing committees: **Emergency Response Team, Conference Committee, Legislative Committee,** and the **Membership and Goodwill Committee.** The Association is presently working on a website that will feature published minutes for Association meetings, the Association newsletter (*Tamper Proof*), and a message board for agencies to ask questions or offer suggestions.

We are looking forward to working with every law enforcement agency in the state of Arkansas and making a difference together. For more information, contact Carri Frederick at [cfrederick@littlerock.org](mailto:cfrederick@littlerock.org) or 501-371-4632.

# New Improvements Are Made to the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program

**T**he Department of Justice recently announced some important new improvements to the **Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program**, a program that provides a one-time payment to the eligible survivors of public safety officers who are killed in the line of duty and also provides benefits to officers who are permanently and totally disabled from injuries suffered in the line of duty. In addition, spouses and children of officers who have been permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty can receive financial assistance for higher education through this program.

A recent addition to the program, the **Hometown Heroes Survivors Benefits Act of 2003**, expands the circumstances under which public safety officer deaths resulting from heart attacks and strokes may be covered by the PSOB Program. Regulations pursuant to the Hometown Heroes Act were published in the *Federal Register* on July 26, 2005, for comment. The PSOB Office continues to communicate with public safety agencies and survivors on Hometown Heroes claims to assess information that has been provided on those claims. They hope to complete the determinations for those claims once the Hometown Heroes regulations are finalized.

Additionally, as many PSOB cases require an independent physician review, the Department recently increased the number of medical specialists that will be available to review cases. This change will reduce the time needed to complete processing of PSOB claims. The Department has also increased the number of PSOB hearing officers, which will improve the handling of PSOB appeals cases.

More information about this program is available on the recently updated PSOB website, which can be found at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/psob/psob\\_main.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/psob/psob_main.html). The Department has also developed an easy-to-use PSOB Information and Contact Card, which will be distributed to public safety agencies and organizations throughout the country over the upcoming months.

# Coming Soon From LEMC

## Dealing Effectively with the Media

February 7, 2006

Criminal Justice Institute

This course focuses on helping the print, radio, and television news media work with law enforcement through the release of useable information that will not compromise criminal cases. The department media policy, on-scene management of media groups, and law enforcement response at major incidents will be covered. The utilization of media command posts will be emphasized as well as the handling of controversial incidents. The course will assist law enforcement in understanding how the media works, information that must be released to the media, and how dependent the media is on law enforcement for stories.

(Note: **This course is tailored for police officers who encounter the media. It does not require you to be a public information officer.**)

## The Bulletproof Mind

February 21, 2006

Criminal Justice Institute

The frequency of violence confronting the modern law enforcement officer in Arkansas is alarming. Seemingly friendly confrontations can turn violent at a moment's notice. In this six-hour course, psychological processes, as well as physical processes, will be addressed to explain officer involvement in confrontational situations. This course will be especially beneficial to tactical team members, firearm instructors, and managers and supervisors of such units.

## Civil Liability for Law Enforcement

March 16, 2006

Criminal Justice Institute

Court rulings, and the subsequent case law generated, can give the most agile administrators cause for concern. The numerous court proceedings producing these law revisions can truly be a task to keep up with. This course of instruction will provide the student with the latest updates that will assist them in understanding the area of civil liability. It will enable them to recognize the frequent trouble areas to avoid and will enhance their supervisory capabilities.

**ENROLL TODAY**

## Register Now...

to reserve your spot in **ARKANSAS LEADER**, CJI's premier management program designed exclusively for the top administrators of law enforcement agencies.



Designated as one of the FBI's Command Colleges, the program will feature nationally recognized conference speakers and presenters who will discuss topics such as *Leadership, Advancement of the Law Enforcement Profession, and Development of the Individual and Agency*.

**You don't want to miss this opportunity!** The 15<sup>th</sup> session of ARKANSAS LEADER will be held at the Criminal Justice Institute from **June 11–16, 2006**. Space is limited, so please apply early. Call us at 501-570-8042 for more details.

*To apply, agency heads should send a letter of request to:*

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