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A Message from the Director

Because protecting our children remains a top priority for public safety officials in the State, we have included several articles in this issue of the *CJI Bulletin* that will provide you with information about resources your agency can utilize to strengthen your response to incidents involving children.

One such resource is the **Arkansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children**, a newly formed organization that is committed to assisting children in the State who are exposed to illicit drug activity. In January of this year, the Criminal Justice Institute sponsored the Arkansas Drug Endangered Children Conference to increase awareness and knowledge of the physical and emotional dangers posed to children found at meth labs. Following the conference, participants expressed the need for a statewide effort to address this rapidly growing problem. In response, the Arkansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children was formed. This alliance of professionals across the State will have a tremendous positive impact on the many Arkansas children who are affected by drug abuse and other illegal drug activities. The Criminal Justice Institute is very excited to be involved in this initiative and is looking forward to working with the impressive group of dedicated individuals who are coming forward to help make this Alliance a success.

In addition, the Criminal Justice Institute recently hosted a presentation for the **A Child is Missing Alert Program**, a telephone-based notification system that assists law enforcement in quickly disseminating information about a missing child. The program is free of charge and is currently being implemented at police departments throughout the State.

More information about each of these initiatives can be found in this issue of the *CJI Bulletin*. We have also included information regarding new online resources your agency can utilize to better inform the public about sex offenders in your community.

Sincerely,

James T. Clark

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The New Course Schedule is Here!



The 2006 CJI Course Schedule is now available and can be viewed online at

www.cji.net

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

(501) 570-8000 or toll-free at (800) 635-6310

Arkansas Methamphetamine Challenge: An Information Focus For Law Enforcement Executives

In association with the Arkansas Association of Chief's of Police and the Arkansas Sheriff's Association, CJI presents a seven-hour course that provides an overview of the illicit Methamphetamine problem in Arkansas. A management perspective of awareness, employee safety, equipment, training needs, and reporting issues will be emphasized to assist Law Enforcement Executives and local municipal officials in effectively dealing with the Methamphetamine problem in their communities. Legal and liability issues, as well as resources available (e.g. community awareness, grant programs, drug abuse treatment and law enforcement training programs) will be discussed to assist in combating methamphetamine use and production. Chiefs of Police are encouraged to invite Assistant Chiefs and Mayors, and Sheriffs are encouraged to invite Under Sheriffs, Chief Deputy Sheriffs, and Quorum Court Judges.

October 19th

**Criminal Justice Institute
Little Rock, AR**

Successful Grant Writing

This six-hour course is designed to aid police personnel in developing and refining their grant writing skills by enhancing their understanding of the processes involved in seeking and applying for funding. Through group and individual project work, students will learn how to draft a winning proposal while also gaining valuable insight into the justification process. This course will benefit the police budget officer or civilian employee who has recently been assigned grant writing responsibility and has limited and/or no prior grant writing experience.

September 30th

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Computer Crime Awareness for First Responders

This course provides basic awareness for computer crimes and is suitable for all front line officers who may come in contact with computer evidence. Participants will learn to recognize and protect digital evidence in a wide variety of crimes. Basic first responder principles for the protection and preservation of digital evidence will be presented, along with principles for properly seizing a computer at a crime scene for later laboratory analysis. Resources available for laboratory analysis of digital evidence will also be discussed.

October 21st

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Little Rock, AR**

Arkansas Forms Alliance for Drug Endangered Children

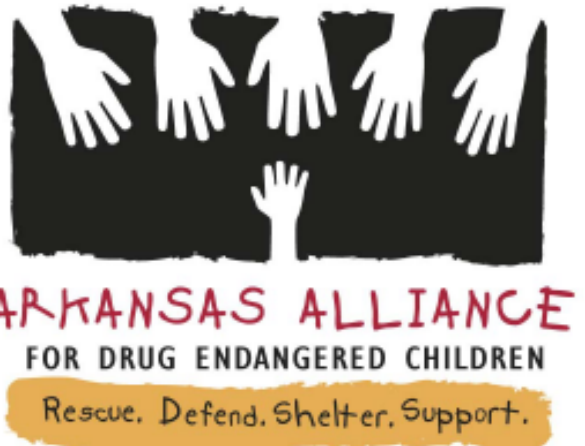
Despite continuing efforts to diminish the production, distribution, and abuse of methamphetamine in the State, troubling trends directly associated with this illicit drug continue to emerge. One of the most troubling is the number of children who are exposed to physical and emotional dangers related to methamphetamine.

In 2004, Arkansas ranked fifth nationally in the number of children found in homes where a clandestine laboratory was seized. Although public servants throughout the State are committed to tackling this issue, Arkansas faces many barriers in protecting drug endangered children.

To assist these professionals, the **Arkansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children** was formed in May. The Alliance is a coalition of professionals who will assist local communities to effectively and efficiently protect children endangered by methamphetamine and other illegal drugs. The Alliance will provide assistance by:

- Providing networking opportunities for the professional community
- Serving as a resource for accurate information
- Conducting a statewide assessment of organizations that are currently serving drug endangered children to better define those issues affecting the drug endangered child
- Creating a *Needs Assessment and Resource Identification* guideline for communities
- Developing and deliver awareness trainings
- Providing evaluation and assessment of on-going efforts

The Alliance defines “drug endangered children” in Arkansas as *children under the age of 18 years who live in, are exposed to or found in places where controlled substances are sold, manufactured, possessed or used*. In launching the effort, the Alliance had already decided to focus efforts on the issue as it relates specifically to methamphetamine.



By providing services throughout the State, the Alliance hopes to accomplish several objectives:

- Reduce redundancy in the system to effectively deliver services and measure outcomes to influence the future
- Development of a system of collaboration to prospectively follow data statewide
- Influence national policy for children’s services agencies to share information across state lines
- Change public perceptions through media
- Influence professional peer groups (i.e., law enforcement, judicial, medical, educational, social services) by being the most well-informed, up-to-date and well-connected group in the state addressing this problem
- Establish a working model that could be used by other states

**For More Information About the
Arkansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children,
Contact Dr. Cheryl P. May at (501) 570-8000**

Arkansas Gains New Resource to Assist in Locating Missing Children and Elderly



Taking action during the first hours of a person's disappearance is very critical in helping to save their life. **A Child is Missing**, a Fort Lauderdale, Florida based non-profit organization, was founded in 1997 to institute a community based telephone program that is available nationwide to assist in locating missing children, the elderly (largely due to Alzheimer's), or the disabled.

ACIM is devoted to assisting law enforcement in search/early recovery efforts during the initial hours of a disappearance via a rapid-response neighborhood notification system utilizing a three-prong telephone program—a telephone database, a geo-mapping system, and a satellite imagery system.

When a person has been reported missing to a law enforcement agency, the officer calls ACIM and provides pertinent information about the individual, such as description, clothes worn, and time and location last seen. The ACIM technician pulls up the location provided with the computerized mapping systems. Then a personalized alert message is recorded and phoned out to the area where the person was last seen. With its high-tech telephone system, ACIM can place up to 1,000 calls in 60 seconds. There is a 98 percent listen rate by residents and businesses. Call recipients are asked to call police with any information they have about a missing child.

Arkansas is the 23rd state to implement this program, with the Fort Smith Police Department taking the lead. Other police departments are following suit, and ACIM will soon be available across the State. **This service is free to law enforcement.** The program is financially supported by federal and state appropriations, private and corporate donations, sponsorships, grants and law enforcement forfeiture funds.

ACIM trainers go to every state involved in the ACIM program to provide training sessions for officers. ACIM will also conduct informational community meetings in various areas to make teachers, parents, and students aware of ACIM and other programs that affect their family's lives. These programs involve local law enforcement and the schools.

For more information about the program, contact Sergeant Adam Holland of the Fort Smith Police Department at (479) 709-5129 or (479) 739-6035. You can also visit the ACIM website: www.achildismissing.org

Here's How ACIM Works:

A person calls the police department to report a missing child, elderly or disabled person.

The police department then calls **A Child Is Missing** (ACIM) on a toll-free number.

ACIM takes all pertinent information and requests a cell or beeper number to reach the officer on the scene for additional information.

ACIM then makes a recorded message with the information that has been supplied.

The location last seen is entered into the computer and a database of phone numbers of the residents/businesses is gathered. The message is then sent out to the community. ACIM continues to work with the officer on the scene and/or the communications department until the missing person has been found.

After recovery, the agency calls ACIM to stop the search. ACIM then faxes a case follow-up form to the officer/agency to be filled out, documenting the conclusion of the case. The agency then faxes the form back to ACIM. This documentation assists ACIM in obtaining funding to continue offering their services free of charge to law enforcement.

Department of Justice Activates National Sex Offender Public Registry Website

The Department of Justice has announced the expedited design and delivery of a national registry Web site to allow citizens to search already existing public state and territory sex offender registries. The initiative will provide parents and other concerned citizens with immediate access to sex offender information beyond their own streets or states, all from a single search.

“I see the powerful value of the right information being available at the right time to prevent many crimes from ever taking place,” said Tracy Henke, Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs. “Real-time access to public registry information can offer parents, grandparents, and concerned citizens the ability to protect children by identifying sex offenders nationwide through a single search from their home computer, or even a local library with Internet access.”

The National Sex Offender Public Registry (NSOPR) uses the Internet to search for and display public sex offender data from state and territory registries. The technology for NSOPR is both time- and cost-effective. Web services and the Department of Justice’s Global Justice eXtensible Markup Language (XML) common computer language will establish a link between existing state and territory public sex offender registries. The link then allows data from different hardware and software systems to be recognized and shown through the national search site. The search will deliver results based on a name, zip code, geographical area, or other query.

The Department of Justice will work with states and territories to link their public registries, at no cost, to the national search site. The first goal of NSOPR is to have at least 20 states participating and the site available for public searches in 60 days. NSOPR will provide an opportunity for all states and territories to participate in an unprecedented public safety resource by sharing comprehensive, free-of-charge public sex offender data with citizens nationwide.

For more information, contact David Lewis, BJA Senior Policy Advisor for Information Sharing, at 202-616-7829.

www.searchmyhometown.com

www.searchmyhometown.com is an Arkansas-based business that was initiated by Barry Kirby in 2003 as a local Internet directory for small businesses. Then, in May of 2005, at the urging of local public officials, the website was expanded to allow Arkansas sheriff departments and police departments to list their level 3 & 4 registered sex offenders. Now, chiefs and sheriffs who use the website can list these offenders (with a picture) for local residents to view and can update the information regularly from their agency.

Currently, 14 counties and more than 90 cities in the State are using the service, which is available for a flat rate of \$240. This is a one time charge for set-up expenses. There are no monthly or annual fees. At the present time, Kirby is focusing on implementing this website in Arkansas but plans to eventually expand to other states. He will be visiting law enforcement agencies throughout the State for the duration of the year to provide additional information about the program.

For more information, contact Barry Kirby at (870) 926-2346.



Property Room Management Training Seminar

October 10th-11th, 2005

Arkansas State Crime Laboratory
#3 Natural Resources Drive
Little Rock, Arkansas 72215

Training Topics:

Liabilities/Case Studies	Firearm Handling
Audits	Narcotics Handling
Inventories	Currency Safeguards
Documentation	Purging Guideline
Packaging Standards	Auction Procedures
Accreditation Standards	Diversion Evidence
Design Criteria	Bio-Hazards
Space Standards	Disposal Procedures
Bar Codes	Safety Procedures
Automation	Future Issues/DNA

Conducted by:

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For more information, contact IAPE at

1-800-449-IAPE

Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police 38th Annual Convention



September 20th-23rd, 2005

DoubleTree Hotel
Robinson Exhibit Hall
Little Rock, Arkansas

For more information,
contact the AACCP office at

877-818-7428

11th Annual National Major Gang Task Force Training Conference

September 11th-14th, 2005

The Peabody Hotel
Little Rock, Arkansas



Workshops

Bullying: The Engine that Drives School Violence

School Shooters: Intervention,
Prevention & Suppression

School Security – Bullying, Drugs & Gangs
Interpreting Gang Tattoos

Identifying Local Gang Formations in Prison
Uncovering Prison Drug Rings

Drugs in Prison and How it Relates to the Streets
Strategies for Effective STG Management

Role of Corrections in the Fight Against Terrorism
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Supporting Safety in our Community

Project Safe Neighborhood

Creating & Managing a Community
Gang Prevention Program

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The Tijuana Cartel ·
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NMGTF Headquarters at:

317-322-0537

Arkansas Highway Police Raises Money For Arkansas Special Olympics

The Arkansas Highway Police Special Olympics Classic Golf Tournament was held June 21st at Harbor Oaks Golf Course in Pine Bluff. This year's tournament raised \$20,000 to benefit Arkansas Special Olympics. Due to the tremendous support and growth of the tournament, morning and afternoon tee times were offered for the second year in a row. This was the eleventh year the Arkansas Highway Police Division of the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department has sponsored the event. Over the life of the tournament, the Highway Police has contributed over \$150,000 to benefit Special Olympics Arkansas and more than 14,000 athletes presently involved in the program.

Highway Police Chief Ron Burks said, "The Arkansas law enforcement community continues to support Special Olympics Arkansas with numerous fundraising events throughout the year. I would challenge each and every law enforcement agency to sponsor some type of fundraising event for Special Olympics. The first year of our golf tournament eleven years ago, we raised only \$400.00 and now, due to the growing support and popularity of the tournament, we are able to give thousands of dollars to this very worthwhile cause." The Highway Police recently began two other fundraising events; a softball tournament held in Central Arkansas and a truck convoy held in Northwest Arkansas.

During the opening ceremonies of the 2005 Special Olympic Arkansas Games, Special Olympics Arkansas presented a plaque to Highway Police for the "Top Fund Raising Department Award". This was the fourth consecutive year the Arkansas Highway Police has received this award.



AHP Inspector **Jay Thompson** (left) and **Chief Ron Burks** (right) present **Bobby Doyle** and **Shelly Yielding** of Special Olympics Arkansas with a \$20,000.00 check for the money raised in 2005 AHP Special Olympics Classic Golf Tournament.

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Cyberterrorism Training for Arkansas: Prevention, Deterrence, and Recovery

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 attack that affected mostly systems running Windows 2000 operating system. These types of attacks can threaten services such as public works, communication systems, and computer networks.

To fill this much needed training area, 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, the project trains public safety personnel in critical technical security issues.

A two-track program, the first track, *Prevention, Deterrence, and Recovery*, will be held for the first time in Little Rock, Arkansas on **September 12th-16th, 2005** at the Little Rock Hilton. This course is provided at no cost to the public safety agency. It is the responsibility of the agency to provide lodging for the week, if needed. Continental breakfast and a working lunch will be provided each day. **Space is limited to the first 30 registrants.**

If you have any questions, would like further information, or would like to register for the class, visit our website at www.sentinelproject.net or contact Jessie West at 501-570-8056 or sentinel@ncrle.net.



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