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A Message from the Director

The Criminal Justice Institute recently restructured its education and training programs to make them more responsive to the needs of Arkansas law enforcement.

Dr. Cheryl May, CJI Assistant Director, has been given the responsibility of overseeing state-based education and training activities of the Institute, including programs and courses conducted by the Law Enforcement Management Center and the Forensic Sciences and Computer Education Center. In this capacity, Dr. May will be responsible for the development, coordination, and delivery of forensic science, management, computer application and drug investigation courses that the Criminal Justice Institute provides free of charge to Arkansas law enforcement.

To assist in the administration of these programs, **Deborah Flowers** and **Mira Frosolono** have both been appointed as Program Coordinators. Ms. Flowers will coordinate all programs and courses conducted by the Law Enforcement Management Center. Ms. Flowers is a certified law enforcement instructor at the Criminal Justice Institute and previously held the position of Project Manager for CJI's Traffic Safety Programs. With a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology and a Master of Science degree in Community Counseling, she worked for thirteen years for a municipal police department and spent five of those years as a certified law enforcement officer.

Ms. Frosolono will coordinate all programs and courses provided by the Forensic Sciences and Computer Education Center. Ms. Frosolono has over 15 years of research experience, which includes medical and criminal justice research. She has been involved with a wide variety of projects and programs at the Criminal Justice Institute over the past ten years, including the Rural Sexual Assault Curriculum Development Project, the School Violence Resource Center, and the Center for Law Enforcement Research and Assistance.

I am confident that this restructuring will assist the Institute in better addressing the increasingly complex facets of the law enforcement profession and will assist us in offering an expanded variety of courses for Arkansas law enforcement.

Sincerely,

Director

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CJI Traffic Safety Programs Assist Officers in Reducing Vehicle-Related Deaths and Injuries

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) recently reported that motor vehicle traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for young people from the ages of 4 to 34. In 2004 alone, there were 74,059 total crashes reported in Arkansas, a 4.4% increase from 2003. Of these crashes, 626 were fatal, an 11.0 % increase from 2003.¹

In a joint effort to vastly curb these numbers in our State, the Criminal Justice Institute (CJI) has partnered with the Arkansas State Police Highway Safety Office to give Arkansas law enforcement officers access to nationally recognized certification courses in different areas of traffic safety:

- **DWI Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST)**
- **Traffic Occupant Protection Strategies (TOPS)**
- **Drugged Driving**
- **SFST Instructor Development**
- **Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) certification**
- **DRE Instructor Development**
- **Training for prosecutors and law enforcement on enforcement and prosecution of DWI cases**

The purpose of these programs, as defined by NHTSA, is to *save lives, prevent injuries, and reduce vehicle-related crashes*. To learn more about the programs available to your agency, please review the insets regarding the DRE Program, DWI Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, and the Law Enforcement Liaison Project. Upcoming course dates can be found online at www.cji.edu/CJI/CenterInfo/lemc/dwi/index.htm.

For more information, contact Jimmy Nobles at (501) 570-8058 or (800) 635-6310.



Students complete paperwork prior to beginning the DRE Program. In the current session, 16 officers from across the State are seeking DRE certification.

The DRE Program

This nationally recognized certification program teaches law enforcement officers how to conduct a series of standardized and systematic tests that indicate whether a person is under the influence of drugs. It also helps them identify the type of drug(s) and determine whether the subject may be injured and in need of medical attention.

The DRE program, which was developed by NHTSA and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), has been validated in laboratory studies conducted at John Hopkins University and in the field by the Southern California Research Institute. The program was implemented in Arkansas in 1993. Since that time, 216 officers have completed the program. There are currently 132 certified DREs in the state and 35 DRE instructors.

The newest educational opportunity associated with this project is the Drug Recognition Expert Conference. This conference fulfills the eight-hour requirement set by IACP and is the first conference in Arkansas that is dedicated to this group of law enforcement officers. The first conference was held in 2005 with more than 100 Arkansas officers in attendance.

¹Arkansas Traffic Crash Statistics, Arkansas State Police
http://www.asp.state.ar.us/hso/hso_index.html

DWI Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing

This program enhances an officer's ability to identify, arrest, and assist in the prosecution of drug or alcohol-impaired drivers.

The program offers certification for law enforcement officers in conducting field sobriety tests, refresher training in DWI/SFST procedures, and instructor development to certify police officers as instructors in this critical area of law enforcement. In addition, participants receive updates on DWI case law, instruction on courtroom skills, and reinforcement of their previous experience and training.

In cooperation with the Prosecutor Coordinator's Office (PCO), CJI hosts an annual one-day conference for prosecutors and law enforcement officials, focusing on drug and alcohol-impaired driving enforcement and prosecution.

Law Enforcement Liaison Project

The mission of this program—increasing the seat belt usage rate in the State of Arkansas and reducing the number of impaired drivers on our streets and highways—is carried out by our Law Enforcement Liaison (LEL), **Van Dyer**, who establishes and maintains contact with law enforcement agencies throughout the State to solicit their participation in NHTSA's national and state **Click It Or Ticket Mobilization** and the **Drunk Driving "Over the Limit, Under Arrest" Campaign**.

The LEL presents and promotes programs that carry safety messages about proper child seat installation and usage, as well as reminding the law enforcement community how important it is to enforce the occupant protection and impaired driving laws. In addition, the LEL conducts annual regional occupant protection/impaired driving conferences to promote increased enforcement of impaired driving, seat belt, and child restraint laws as well as participation in state and national traffic enforcement campaigns.



Scott Hecke (left), an instructor from the Hot Springs Police Department, and **Jimmy Nobles** (right), Program Manager for CJI's Traffic Safety Programs, review materials that will be presented in class.



Jamie Spence (left) of the Sherwood Police Department and **Stephen Moreau** (right) of the Pine Bluff Police Department practice near total darkness eye examinations.



Janet Harris George (right) of CJI's Law Enforcement Management Center assists **Officer John Alston** (left) of the North Little Rock Police Department in an exercise of the DRE Program. Officer Alston is an instructor for the program.

Please Join Us at Arkansas' Second Drug Recognition Expert Conference

September 7th-8th, 2006
Hilton Little Rock Metro Center
Little Rock, Arkansas

This conference is available to all currently certified DREs and candidate DREs in their certification period.

Speakers Include:

Dr. Marc Gonzalez, Director of Corporate Security for Purdue Pharma, will discuss major case investigations of criminal prescribers, scams related to pharmacies and physicians, the abuse and diversion of controlled substances, drug identification, appropriate/inappropriate prescribing of pain medicines, addiction and physical dependence, and RX patrol (pharmacy robbery, burglary, and other losses.)

Officer Bill Morrison of the Montgomery County Police Department in Maryland will discuss the use of DREs in impaired driving enforcement efforts.

Ryan Black, Chief Forensic Toxicologist for the Arkansas State Crime Lab, will review current testing methods for various substances in Arkansas and discuss DRE submissions to the Arkansas State Crime Lab.

Other topics will include... DRE Curriculum Updates, a DRE Tracking System, and DRE Program Administration Within a Department.

This conference, which can serve as the 8-hour continued education requirement set by IACP in the DRE Standards, will be offered at no charge, and lunch will be provided. Hotel rooms will be available for those traveling 50 or more miles from the Little Rock area.

For more information, contact Jimmy Nobles at (501) 570-8058 or (800) 635-6310.

34 Law Enforcement Executives Complete Arkansas Leader Program



Thirty-four law enforcement executives from Arkansas and neighboring states recently graduated from **Arkansas Leader**, an executive management program that is sponsored annually by the Criminal Justice Institute and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

The program, which is one of seventeen Regional Command Colleges officially recognized by the FBI, is tailored to meet the educational needs of law enforcement heads of agencies and other leaders within the criminal justice system. It emphasizes leadership, education, advancement of the law enforcement profession, and development of the individual and agency.

Graduation ceremonies were held June 16th at the Little Rock Hilton Metro Center. **Judge Susan Webber Wright** of the U.S. District Court of the Eastern District of Arkansas provided the keynote address—the first time a Federal sitting judge has delivered remarks at a CJ graduation.

Richard Patterson Becomes First Officer to Complete CSI Certificate of Proficiency at UA-Fort Smith

Corporal Richard G. Patterson of the Van Buren Police Department was recently awarded the Certificate of Proficiency in Crime Scene Investigation from the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith (UAFS). Corporal Patterson is the first Arkansas law enforcement professional to earn this certificate from UAFS.

The certificate earned by Corporal Patterson represents one of six higher education programs that are available to Arkansas law enforcement through a partnership between the Criminal Justice Institute and a host of two-year colleges and four-year universities across the State. Law enforcement personnel can now obtain Certificates of Proficiency, Technical Certificates, and Associate of Applied Science Degrees in two areas of law enforcement—**law enforcement administration** and **crime scene investigation**.

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. Although participants will be required to pay all tuition and fees of the college or university, courses completed at the Criminal Justice Institute 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 a partnering college or university of his/her choosing, all credit hours earned at the Institute will be transferred.

**For more information
about this unique opportunity,
contact the Criminal Justice Institute at
(501) 570-8061**

Two Officers Earn Prestigious CSI Certificate

We are pleased to announce that Investigator John Brooks of the Fayetteville Police Department and Captain Fred Cheek of the White County Sheriff's Office have both completed all requirements for the *Crime Scene Investigator's Certificate*, the highest crime scene certificate level offered by the Criminal Justice Institute.

Earning this certificate requires successful completion of the *Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program*, the *Advanced Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program*, and eight additional specialty courses. In addition, candidates must successfully pass the International Association for Identification's Level I Exam. In its entirety, the *Crime Scene Investigator Certificate* represents a total of 383 contact hours.

We commend both men for this impressive accomplishment and for their tireless dedication to solving crime in their communities.

Effective July 1, 2006

To receive college credit for courses taken at the Criminal Justice Institute, law enforcement personnel must successfully pass a comprehensive test upon completion of each course.

If you previously attended a course at the Institute, but were not tested upon its conclusion, you must retake the course in order to utilize it in one of our higher education programs.

Important Note: If you enrolled in a higher education program by the July 1st deadline, you are exempt from this provision.

CJI Welcomes Three New Members to Advisory Board

The Criminal Justice Institute is pleased to welcome three new members to the CJI Advisory Board.

Chief of Police Gary Sipes of the Benton Police Department has joined the Board as a representative of the Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police. Chief Sipes has spent more than 30 years serving within Arkansas law enforcement. He began his career in 1975 with the North Little Rock Police Department, where he served in many capacities until his retirement in 1999. After further serving the North Little Rock community as Code Enforcement Director, he began his current role as Chief of Police of the Benton Police Department in 2004.

Sheriff Larry Sanders of the Garland County Sheriff's Office has joined the Board as a representative of the Arkansas Sheriff's Association. Sheriff Sanders has dedicated more than 23 years to the law enforcement profession. Prior to being elected as Sheriff, he served within many divisions of the Garland County Sheriff's Department, including the Jail, Dispatch, Patrol, Narcotics, a Multi-Agency Drug Task Force, and the Criminal Investigation Division. In addition to his law enforcement duties, he also serves on the Board of Directors for Garland County Jail Ministries and the Board of Directors for the 18th East Judicial Drug Task Force.

Assistant Chief of Police Richard Wingard of the White Hall Police Department has joined the Board as a representative of the Arkansas Municipal Police Association. Chief Wingard began his career as a patrolman 17 years ago and has since gained experience in all facets of law enforcement. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from LaCrosse University and is a certified law enforcement instructor. In addition to his law enforcement duties, he serves as Vice-President of the White Hall Chamber of Commerce.

We welcome all three men to the CJI Advisory Board and look forward to working with them to continue expanding training and education opportunities for Arkansas law enforcement.

Free Resources Available From the CJI Library



The CJI Library regularly receives publications and resources from criminal justice entities that can be provided at no cost to Arkansas law enforcement. A sampling of publications now available from the Office of Community Orienting Policing Services (COPS) include *Bomb Threats in Schools*, *Prescription Fraud*, *Law Enforcement Tech Guide*, *The Benefits and Consequences of Police Crackdowns*, and *Racial Profiling*. The Library also features publications from the National Drug Intelligence Center (NDIC), including a special series of publications entitled *Drugs and Crime Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Profiles*.

In addition, as the Library receives new editions of law enforcement publications, earlier editions are often made available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Currently, the Library has several copies of textbooks available that are used by police departments for promotional testing, including *Police Field Operations*, *Police Administration*, *Community Policing: A Contemporary Perspective*, and *Supervision of Police Personnel*.

For more information on the free resources currently available, contact Allison Hoffman at (501) 570-8061

Free Mental Health Screen Tool Available for Jails and Detention

The National GAINS Center, a division of Policy Research Associates, Inc., has released a Brief Jail Mental Health Screen (BJMHS), a booking tool to screen incoming detainees in jails and detention centers for the need for further mental health assessment. The screen, designed for quick administration and easy incorporation into the booking process by corrections officers, is available for free download on the GAINS Center's website:

<http://gainscenter.samhsa.gov/html/resources/MHscreen.asp>

Important Note: This screen will only identify the need in incoming detainees for further mental health assessment. This screen will not:

- Guarantee that the detainee has a mental illness
- Identify everyone with a need for mental health services
- Identify the specific mental illness a detainee may have



If you have any questions, please contact the National GAINS EBP Center at gainsebp@prainc.com or (800) 311-4246.

Coming Soon From LEMC

Patrol Response to Active Shooter Incidents

October 4, 2006

Criminal Justice Institute

This course will assist the student in obtaining information necessary to implement a tactical entry plan in the event of an Active Shooter incident where large groups of persons may be in attendance. Particular attention will be given to a review of recent court cases, the definition of an Active Shooter incident, and the identification of potential targets of an Active Shooter. These elements will assist the student in drawing up viable action plans for such events.

Coming Soon From FSCEC

Latent Prints

October 18-19, 2006

Arkansas State University at Newport

Basic techniques to be used in identifying and developing latent prints from a variety of types of crime scenes, including clandestine methamphetamine labs, will be emphasized in this three-day course. Students will be taught the proper techniques for using fingerprint powder at crime scenes and also developing two-dimensional fingerprint and footwear impressions. Several chemical enhancement techniques for use at crime scenes will be demonstrated.

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