



THE CJI BULLETIN

A Message from the Director

Winter is upon us again, and with it comes those holiday parties and get-togethers that allow people to celebrate the season with family and friends. Unfortunately, it is also the time of year that we see an increase in alcohol-related fatalities and injuries. According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), American families will be sharing the roads with more than an estimated 2.8 million convicted drunk drivers with three or more convictions, and of those, more than 600,000 have five or more convictions.

Law enforcement is often our first line of defense when these drivers are on the road. I would like to take this opportunity to commend those officers who have completed courses through the Institute's Traffic Safety Program in an effort to keep Arkansas families safe. The Institute 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.

The **Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Program** teaches law enforcement of-ficers how to conduct a series of standardized and systematic tests that indicate whether a person is under the influence of substances other than alcohol. The **DWI/SFST Certification Program** offers certification for law enforcement officers in conducting standardized 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. The Institute also provides **Drugged Driving** curriculum. The four-hour curriculum covers topics that include eye exams, symptomology, and the seven drug categories. The eight-hour curriculum covers the same topics, however, it goes into more detail and includes video where appropriate.

For those agencies who are involved in the STEP program, STEP mobilizations for impaired driving have been scheduled for December 21–22 and December 28–29. In addition, for those agencies who would like to raise awareness in their communities about the dangers of impaired driving, materials for the 2007 holiday season are available at www.stopimpaireddriving.org/planners/Holiday2007/index.cfm.

Happy Holidays!

James T. Clark

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CJI Hosts 30th Session of School of Law Enforcement Supervision

The Criminal Justice Institute recently hosted the 30th session of the **School of Law Enforcement Supervision**, a mid-level management school designed specifically for first and second line supervisors. Twenty-five law enforcement professionals from across the State completed the program over a four-week period. A graduation ceremony to honor the participants was held on December 7th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Little Rock. **Attorney General Dustin McDaniel** served as the keynote speaker at the event.

The School of Law Enforcement Supervision is a distinguished program of the Institute that was designed by Arkansas law enforcement leaders to focus on leadership and advanced management education in the law enforcement profession. Consisting of 140 hours of classroom instruction, the program covers major aspects of police supervision, including *organizational theory and design, administration, external and internal influences and controls, leadership, interpersonal and organizational communication, human resource management, legal issues, information systems and applications, decision-making, evaluation, and organizational change.*

Students are required to successfully complete a written examination at the conclusion of each week of the course. In addition, this course requires the student to make oral presentations and prepare a research paper on a topic relevant to law enforcement supervision.

The SLES program is a key component of CJI's Higher Education Degree Program, which allows Arkansas law enforcement officers to earn Technical Certificates, Certificates of Proficiency, and Associate Degrees in two areas of law enforcement—Law Enforcement Administration and Crime Scene Investigation.

Two sessions of the School of Law Enforcement Supervision are held each year. Session XXXI of the SLES program will begin in January 2008.

For more information about the SLES program, contact Mr. Marty Montgomery, Law Enforcement Management Coordinator, at (501) 570-8092 or mpmontgomery@cji.edu.



Sgt. David Fulton of the Little Rock Police Department (*pictured center*) receives his graduation plaque from **Mr. Jim Clark**, CJI Director, (*pictured left*) and **Attorney General Dustin McDaniel** (*pictured right*).

Graduates for the 30th session of the School of Law Enforcement Supervision included:

- Sgt. Chad Almond, Malvern Police Department
- Sgt. Dirk Barriere, North Little Rock Police Department
- Capt. Siegle Bell, Washington County Sheriff's Office
- Sgt. Joseph Bennett, Texarkana Arkansas Police Department
- Sgt. Richard Bibb, North Little Rock Police Department
- Chief Deputy Jeremy Clark, White County Sheriff's Office
- Lt. David Ewing, Russellville Police Department
- Sgt. Joseph Falcon, Bentonville Police Department
- Chief James Friend, Shannon Hills Police Department
- Sgt. David Fulton, Little Rock Police Department
- Sgt. Carol Guthary, Washington County Sheriff's Office
- Sgt. Steven Hacker, Searcy Police Department
- Lt. Monte Hodge, Benton Police Department
- Capt. Kathryn Huddler, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville
- Lt. Danny Jackson, Grant County Sheriff's Office
- Sgt. Donald Johnson, Arkansas State Police
- Lt. James Lee, Conway Police Department
- Sgt. Thomas McGee, Searcy Police Department
- Sgt. Kevin Murphy, Southern Arkansas University
- Sgt. Charles Nickles, Hot Springs Village Department of Public Safety
- Sgt. William Phelan, Fayetteville Police Department
- Sgt. Terry Phipps, Arkansas State University
- Asst. Chief Dale Pierce, Nashville Police Department
- Capt. Michael Thompson, Farmington Police Department
- Lt. William Travis, Blytheville Police Department
- Lt. Noel Ward, Jacksonville Police Department
- Sgt. Charles Watson, Arkansas State Police
- Sgt. Frederick Woodall, Little Rock Police Department

CJI Programs are Available at Locations Throughout the State



One of the primary goals of the Criminal Justice Institute is to make advanced education and training opportunities available to *all* Arkansas law enforcement professionals. *All* includes those officers located in rural areas of the State who often have a difficult time leaving their agencies to travel to Little Rock for a CJI program.

In an effort to serve these officers and ensure they receive the same opportunities as their urban counterparts, the Criminal Justice Institute is honored to work with a large number of Arkansas law enforcement organizations, colleges, and universities to provide alternative training sites that are located in every region of the State. During this fiscal session, we are offering courses at 29 alternative sites, making it easier than ever before for any Arkansas law enforcement officer to attend the Institute's education and training programs.

If there is a specific course you would like scheduled in your area or if you know of a training facility in your area that would like to work with the Institute to host law enforcement programs, please send your request to **Dr. Cheryl May** at cpmay@cji.edu.

FY 08 Education & Training Sites

- Arkansas State University at Beebe
- Arkansas State University at Mountain Home
- Arkansas State University at Newport
- Arkansas Tech University at Russellville
- Bentonville Police Department
- Black River Technical College (Pocahontas, AR)
- Boone County Sheriff's Office
- Camden Police Department
- Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas (De Queen, AR)
- Criminal Justice Institute (Little Rock, AR)
- Fayetteville Police Department
- Fort Smith Police Department
- Hot Springs Police Department
- Madison Community Center (Madison, AR)
- Nashville Police Department
- North Arkansas College (Harrison, AR)
- Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas (Helena, AR)
- Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas (Dewitt, AR)
- Pine Bluff Police Department
- Rogers Police Department
- Russellville Police Department
- Texarkana Police Department
- Trumann Police Department
- Firearms and Training Facility
- University of Arkansas at Monticello
- UA Community College at Hope
- UA Community College at Morrilton
- University of Central Arkansas (Conway, AR)
- Washington County Sheriff's Office (Fayetteville, AR)
- West Memphis Police Department
- White County Sheriff's Office (Searcy, AR)

Word and Excel Courses Now Available Exclusively for Law Enforcement Executives

This year, the Criminal Justice Institute implemented new computer courses to assist law enforcement executives and their supervisory staff who are limited in the amount of time they can spend away from their agencies. Our standard computer courses have been shortened in length to provide law enforcement managers an opportunity to enhance their computer skills with a shorter time commitment. These courses are restricted to Chiefs and Sheriffs and certified law enforcement supervisors (Sergeants and above). Space in these courses is limited to 20 participants.

Microsoft Word Essentials for Law Enforcement Management

This three-hour course is designed to assist busy law enforcement executives and supervisory staff in using Microsoft Word. Recommended prerequisites for this course are Introduction to Computers or Computer Essentials for Law Enforcement Management or have working knowledge of Microsoft Windows and have computer navigation skills. This course begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 11:30 a.m.

**March 7, 2008
Criminal Justice Institute**

Microsoft Excel Essentials for Law Enforcement Management

This three-hour course is designed to assist busy law enforcement executives and supervisory staff in using Microsoft Excel, a program that greatly simplifies the management of budgets and statistics. Recommended prerequisites for this course are Introduction to Computers and Using Microsoft Word, or Computer Essentials for Law Enforcement Management and Microsoft Word Essentials for Law Enforcement Management or have working knowledge of Microsoft Windows, Microsoft Word and have computer navigation skills. This course begins at 1:00 p.m. and concludes at 4:00 p.m.

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Traffic Crash Reconstruction Update

February 18–22, 2008

This 40-hour course will feature the latest theories and methodologies of crash reconstruction and the principles of collision analysis. The course will review the mathematical equations that are used in conjunction with crash data to interpret how a collision occurred. Participants will also learn how to analyze the crash scene using energy-based methods. The concepts of time-distance, uniform circular motion, rectilinear motion and conservation of linear momentum are just a few of the topics that will be covered. Participants will engage in a “hands-on” project and a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary project designed to reinforce the material.

Letters of nomination are required for officers to attend this specialized program. Heads of law enforcement agencies should direct correspondence and letters nominating their candidates to:

**Dr. Cheryl P. May
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A prerequisite for this course is successful completion of an approved *Traffic Accident Reconstruction course*. The course begins at 8:00 a.m. and concludes at 5:00 p.m. each day and will be held at the Criminal Justice Institute in Little Rock.

Crime Scene Digital Photography & Imaging

April 29–May 2, 2008

This four-day course is designed as an introduction to using digital photography in crime scene investigations and managing the images that are captured. Topics to be discussed and demonstrated will include *Digital Photography and Imaging, Computer Hardware and Software Issues, Enhancement Techniques, Creating Quality Printed Images, SOPs, Archival Requirements, and Legal Issues.*

All students are required to bring a digital camera with flash and flash cards. Tripods are also required. Video cameras may also be utilized in several exercises. Students using digital video in casework are encouraged to bring their digital video cameras. **Enrollment is limited to 20 students.** The course begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 4:30 p.m. each day and will be held at the Criminal Justice Institute in Little Rock.

To register for a course, contact the Criminal Justice Institute at (501) 570-8000.

Attention School Resource Officers!

The CJI Library has ordered a variety of videos designed to provide school resource officers and school administrators with resources they can utilize to educate themselves and school personnel on issues in school safety. In addition, the library has acquired videos designed to educate students on the importance of making positive decisions and avoiding the pitfalls of peer pressure.

For more information, contact:

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School Crisis: Under Control

This video combines actual news footage of school crisis events with the insights and recommendations of school officials who have dealt firsthand with violent tragedies on their campuses. This award-winning documentary covers topics such as outlining staff roles and responsibilities, dealing with the media, providing adequate communication systems and signals, arranging transportation, and offering grief counseling.

Set Straight on Bullies

Whoever thought bullies were all talk and no action needs to view this National School Safety Center video, produced to help school administrators educate faculty, parents, and students about the severity of the schoolyard bullying problem. The video is a docudrama “trigger film” designed to stimulate discussion and strategic planning among students, educators, parents and community leaders in the development of bully prevention plans.

What If...School Safety and the New Normal Nominated for a Freddie Award, this video brings to light the possibility of terrorism in schools. It explores the issues surrounding crisis in the school setting and stresses the importance of preparedness through partnership and planning.

What’s Wrong With This Picture?

“What’s Wrong With This Picture?” is an award-winning video showing five scenarios that address the school safety issues of drug trafficking and abuse, intimidation and violence, teacher burnout, and theft. This “trigger” video is intended to generate emotional responses, discussions and action from its viewers.

School Crossing Guards & Traffic Control

This video is designed to reinforce the safety training of persons working as crossing guards or other traffic control persons, including students.

Gangs and Violence Video Series (Middle Grades: Schoolwide Strategies for Prevention and Intervention)

This six-part video series helps promote a culture of pride, belonging, and clear limits among students. Three in-service videos train teachers and staff for intervention and partnership with parents and the community to prevent violence in school. Three student videos provide proven methods for avoiding violence, gang-like activity, and gang membership.

Resolving Conflict Creatively in the School Community:

“Negotiation” & “Mediation”

These two videos employ real students, parents, and school staff as participants in a workshop exploring negotiation and mediation skills under the guidance of a prominent workshop leader. The workshop footage is intercut with a series of dramatic “vignettes” that provide the viewer with an “eye witness” glimpse of the conflicts that the workshop participants will explore later through role-playing.

School Bus Safety For Elementary School Students

Each year children are injured while riding on a school bus. This video provides a basic review stressing the importance of safety on the school bus.

The Power of Choice

In this program, comedian/teen counselor Michael Pritchard visits high schools in San Francisco, Denver, New York City, and Biloxi, Mississippi to show young people how to be V.I.P.’s—to use Vision, Initiative, and Perspective as tools for making good choices. Among the many topics they discuss are peer pressure, self esteem, parent relations, teen pregnancy, and drug and alcohol use.

■ Drugs & Alcohol - Part 1 (grades 9-12) From the twelve volume video series **The Power of Choice**

In this program, Pritchard encourages teenagers to come to grips with the question of what to do when “just say no” and “just say yes” just won’t do.

■ Drugs & Alcohol - Part 2 (grades 9-12) From the twelve volume video series **The Power of Choice**

In this program, Pritchard examines how chemical abuse damages relationships, what you can and cannot do about it, and how to respond when a chemically dependent person asks you for help.

■ Drinking and Driving (grades 9-12) From the twelve volume video series **The Power of Choice**

In this program, Pritchard talks with teenagers across America about how to stay out of (or get out of) drinking/driving predicaments and still be cool. Teens learn that driving drunk, or going along with others who do, is always a matter of choice, and they are encouraged to anticipate when a drinking/driving situation may arise and plan alternatives.

Arkansas Professionals Join Forces to Assist Drug Endangered Children in the State



Judge Stephen Choate of the 16th Judicial District speaks to summit participants about his experience in implementing the DEC Initiative. The 16th Judicial District is one of the first in the State to implement the DEC Initiative as a pilot project in their community.



Lori Moriarty, Executive Director of the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children, emphasized the role of the National Alliance in helping statewide Alliances assist their drug endangered children.



Jane Duke, Acting U.S. Attorney Eastern District, (pictured left) and **Robert Balfe**, U.S. Attorney Western District, (pictured center) visit with participants during the summit.

The Arkansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children's 1st Annual Statewide Conference, **The 2007 Executive Leadership Summit**, was held in October at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel in North Little Rock. The theme of the conference—*A Call For Action*—succinctly describes the goal of this summit. Leaders from judicial, law enforcement, and social service organizations throughout the State came together to learn more about the plight of Drug Endangered Children in the State and to begin collaborating with one another in an effort to determine their role in implementing the Drug Endangered Children initiative in their communities.

The summit was hosted by the Arkansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children, a coalition of professionals assisting local communities to identify and protect children endangered by caregivers who produce, distribute or use illegal drugs. The Alliance exists to serve the professional community that serves the drug endangered children population.

Funding for the summit was provided by the U.S. Attorney's Office—Eastern District and the U.S. Attorney's Office—Western District through Office of Victims of Crime funding and by the Criminal Justice Institute through funding from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, a division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

What is a Drug Endangered Child?

A Drug Endangered Child is a child from birth to 18 years who lives in, is exposed to, or is found in places where controlled substances are sold, manufactured, possessed or used.

Since 2004, meth has been identified as the #1 drug threat in Arkansas by the National Drug Intelligence Center. According to the Arkansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children, children in the State exposed to this epidemic face a large number of threats to their health, safety, and well being. For instance, children living in meth labs have been found to be contaminated with meth and have been injured by exposure to the toxic chemicals in the home. Binge-crash cycles in caregivers using meth leads to children becoming victims of nutritional, supervisory, educational and emotional neglect. Children raised by meth abusing caregivers are at risk of being physically or sexually abused and are at high risk of perpetuating the "cycle" of abuse. Many children of meth users have developmental needs that require additional therapy and treatment.

The DEC Initiative

In 2006, the Criminal Justice Institute and the Arkansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children, in partnership with the Arkansas Division of Children and Family Services and the Administrative Office of the Courts, initiated a pilot study for the purposes of (1) more accurately determining the number of drug endangered children in Arkansas; (2) identifying and enhancing alignment of law enforcement, social service and judicial systems that provide services to drug endangered children and their families; and (3) providing baseline data for the evaluation of short- and long-term services and treatment outcomes.

At the core of this pilot study is the shared philosophy that three primary governmental systems (law enforcement, health and human services, and judicial) come into contact and serve children and families at risk of harm and separation because of illicit drug activities. These systems each have their own mission and purpose and are staffed with individuals who each have their own values, beliefs, stereotypes, and ideas about children and families at risk. Despite the potential for these three independent systems to intersect through the experiences of drug endangered children and their families, the potential to facilitate communication and cooperation had not been explored prior to the initiation of this pilot project.

According to Dr. Cheryl May, CJI Assistant Director and President of the Arkansas DEC Alliance, "These pilot studies are providing us with more accurate estimates of the number of children impacted because of a caregiver's illegal drug activities. In just two counties within a year, 161 at-risk children were identified. Almost 80% of these cases involved methamphetamine. These children and their families account for also 60% of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) cases and required 30 to 50% more DCFS resources." The development of efficient and effective strategies tailored to the needs of drug endangered children and their families could have a tremendous impact on the child welfare system in Arkansas.

Dr. May further notes, "As a group of professionals who have contact with drug endangered children and their families, the Alliance hopes to eventually break this cycle of child and drug abuse in communities across our State."

The DEC Initiative of the Criminal Justice Institute and the Arkansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children has expanded into eight additional counties—Cleburne, Fulton, IZard, Stone, Washington, Madison, White, and Prairie—and intends to add two more judicial districts before May 31, 2008, thanks to a Community Oriented Policing Services grant.

For more information the DEC initiative, contact Dr. Cheryl May at (501) 570-8052 or cpmay@cji.edu. You can also find more information at www.arkansasdec.org.

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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 Green** at the Criminal Justice Institute: (501) 570-8045 or bagreen@cji.edu



Arkansas Senator Mary Anne Salmon (pictured left) visited the Criminal Justice Institute to show her support for graduates of the 4th session of the Narcotics Officer Certificate Program. During this visit, she had the opportunity to see new equipment in the Forensic Science Laboratory that she assisted in procuring for Arkansas law enforcement. She is joined by **CJI Director Jim Clark** (pictured center) and **CJI Assistant Director Cheryl May** (pictured right).



Mr. Donald H. Kidd (pictured center), former Director of the Criminal Justice Institute, was recently honored by the CJI Advisory Board for his continued commitment to Arkansas law enforcement. Although he is retired, Mr. Kidd has continued to author the *CJI Legal Briefs* and is currently teaching *Update to Arkansas Legal Decisions* for the Institute. He is pictured with **Chief James Allen** of the Bentonville Police Department, Chairman of the CJI Advisory Board, (pictured left) and **CJI Director Jim Clark** (pictured right).



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