



THE CJI BULLETIN

A Message from the Director

Concerns about H1N1 and seasonal flu outbreaks have inundated every area of our lives recently. From national headlines to local news, we have all heard stories of people battling the flu and the precautionary measures being taken in an effort to minimize the effects H1N1 could have on communities throughout the U.S. As winter approaches, there is a greatly increased likelihood that flu outbreaks could have a detrimental impact on your community. To assist law enforcement agencies in dealing with a flu outbreak, the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), with support from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance, has created a series of documents on law enforcement response to public health emergencies.

Communication and Public Health Emergencies: A Guide for Law Enforcement identifies important considerations for law enforcement executives seeking to develop or enhance communication plans for public health emergencies, including internal communications (within the agency) and external communications (those going out to other agencies and the public). Full access to the document is available at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/pdf/PERF_Emer_Comm.pdf.

Benchmarks for Developing a Law Enforcement Pandemic Flu Plan is an interactive guide that leads the reader through a planning process to ensure continuity of law enforcement operations during a flu pandemic. The guide provides links to sample plans and templates for readers to download and customize for their agencies and is available at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/pdf/PERF_PandemicBenchmarks.pdf.

Before an outbreak occurs in your community, I would strongly encourage you to take a look at these documents and utilize them to assist you in creating policies and procedures relevant to your jurisdiction. I would also encourage you to check CJI's website regularly as course availability may be affected by seasonal illnesses. Course updates are available at www.cji.edu/CourseScheduleUpdate.html.

Sincerely,

James T. Clark

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CJI Will Offer Training on Arkansas's New Animal Cruelty Law

Beginning on October 29, 2009, CJI will offer training on Arkansas's new animal cruelty law, Act 33 of 2009. Act 33 creates a first offense felony for intentional acts of torture committed against dogs, cats and horses. Anyone who commits one of these heinous acts is guilty of a Class D Felony. In addition, if someone commits a second felony offense within five years of the first offense, they are guilty of a Class C felony. Prosecutors may also seek enhanced penalties for acts of animal torture that are knowingly committed in the presence of children.

The law also makes changes to how misdemeanor animal cruelty offenses are calculated. Under this law, each subsequent misdemeanor offense committed within five years of the previous offense shall subject a person to increased punishment.

The law also addresses the problem of animal fighting. The law bans all forms of animal fighting and makes it a felony to train or possess animals for the purpose of using them in an animal fight. Animal fighting is a serious problem that is often linked to illegal gambling, drugs and other criminal acts.

Finally the law contains exemptions, which make clear that lawful activities that took place before the Act was passed continue to be lawful today. For example, the law makes clear that generally accepted animal agricultural practices are not affected by this legislation. Arkansas is an agricultural State filled with people who make a living raising livestock and poultry. This law in no way puts these lawful activities at risk. In addition, the law allows people to act reasonably in defending themselves and others from animals.

This training will educate law enforcement officials on the features of the new law and educate law enforcement on how to develop a model case file to be used by Prosecutors. The training is being provided through a grant from Attorney General Dustin McDaniel's office.

We anticipate that training courses will be offered at different locations across the State. The first training session

will take place on October 29, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at CJI. This session will be open to certified law enforcement officers and we anticipate the course will last approximately two hours. There will be another training session offered later this year for investigators, which will be a two day course.

If you have any questions about this training, please contact Doug Newcomb or Dr. Cheryl May at CJI. Doug can be reached at (501) 570-8092 or through email at rdnewcomb@cji.edu. Dr. May can be reached at 501-570-8052 or through email at cpmay@cji.edu.

Training Schedule

(All classes will be held from 1pm to 3pm)

November 2, 2009

Baxter County Emergency
Operations Training Center
Midway, Arkansas

November 5, 2009

Washington County Sheriff's Office
Fayetteville, Arkansas

November 10, 2009

Arkansas State University
Centennial Hall
Jonesboro, Arkansas

November 12, 2009

University of Arkansas at Monticello
Capitol Room

November 23, 2009

UA Community College
Hope, Arkansas

Additional classes will be
announced as they are scheduled.

Animal Cruelty Resources in the CJ Library

Dealing Dogs: The Betrayal of Man's Best Friend (Video)

Each year, 42,000 dogs are sold to veterinary schools and research labs by Class B dealers, who are required by federal law to buy the animals from pounds, shelters and small breeders and to treat them humanely. However, many Class B dealers violate the law. DEALING DOGS exposes the abuses that took place at one of America's most notorious Class B dealers—Martin Creek Kennel in Arkansas.

Brute Force: Animal Police and the Challenge of Cruelty

While most stories of animal cruelty highlight first the suffering of the victim, then the motivations of the perpetrator, this author is interested in how animal cruelty impacts the people who investigate the cases and prosecute abusers.

Forensic Investigation of Animal Cruelty: A Guide for Veterinary & Law Enforcement Professionals

What is the role of the veterinarian in a prosecution for cruelty to animals? This comprehensive introduction to the field is required reading for animal shelter, veterinary, investigative, and law enforcement professionals.

Paw and Order: Dramatic Investigations by an Animal Cop on the Beat

Sometimes funny, sometimes sad, but always vivid, this book features twelve fascinating stories of animal jeopardy and rescue, written by a former officer of the New York-based American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Veterinary Forensics: Animal Cruelty Investigations

Veterinary Forensics is a practical reference for veterinarians, pathologists and investigators. Written by a leading expert in veterinary forensics, it provides the background and resources needed to work with animal abuse cases.

Just a Dog: Understanding Animal Cruelty and Ourselves

In this book, Arnold Arluke, an authority on animal cruelty, reports on the results of interviews with five groups of people: law enforcement agents who investigate incidents of abuse, adolescent animal abusers, animal hoarders, animal shelter workers (including those who must sometimes euthanize animals as well as those who believe no animal should ever be killed) and public relations experts who use animal cruelty as a marketing tool for fund-raising and education.

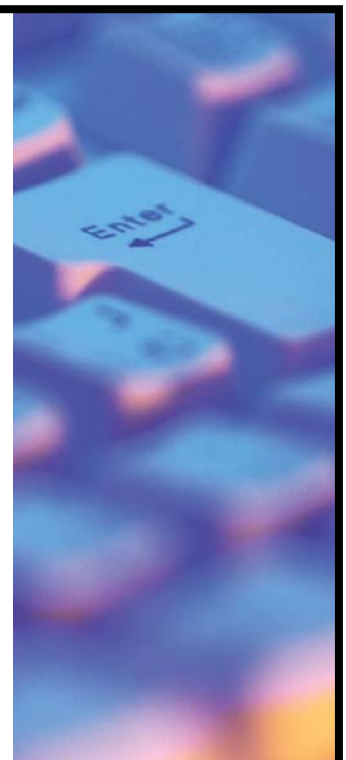


CJI's Computer Classes Are Now Available to Administrative Personnel

The Criminal Justice Institute recently made a change to its course eligibility policy to make CJI computer education classes available to administrative support personnel within law enforcement agencies. The requirements for attendance are employment with a local police department, sheriff's office or Arkansas State Police unit and job responsibilities that include providing administrative assistance to the chief executive or other sworn personnel within the agency.

Check out CJI's website at www.cji.edu for a listing of upcoming computer education classes and a CJI registration form.

If you need additional information, please contact Judy Johnson at jljohnson@cji.edu or 501-570-8097.



Funding From the FY09 Omnibus Bill Supports Key Initiatives for Arkansas Law Enforcement

As a result of the continued support of the Arkansas law enforcement community and the committed efforts of the Arkansas Congressional Delegation, the Criminal Justice Institute received funding in the FY09 Omnibus bill for two initiatives that are impacting communities across Arkansas.

Safe Schools Initiative

CJI has been awarded two Safe School Initiative grants by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). This continued federal funding ensures that school safety education and training will remain available to the State's school resource officers (SROs).

One award will allow CJI to continue the development of a model Arkansas SRO program that will serve as a guide to local law enforcement agencies and schools implementing SRO programs. An effective school resource officer program is a proven method to calm the environment and reclaim schools in the name of education. This award will also allow CJI to provide training and networking opportunities. The program's primary component will be conducting standardized school safety trainings for SROs, school security officers, and school personnel. These statewide trainings will include SRO basic and intermediate courses and a minimum of 40 specialty courses. Networking among SROs will be provided via an internet forum. The forum will provide an opportunity for SROs to discuss common problems, to explore workable solutions, and to share ideas.

The second award is a grant to develop and deliver multi-media content during Arkansas SRO trainings. Interactive DVDs and webinars will contain critical information regarding on-campus school law enforcement. The primary target population for the multi-media training is SROs in Arkansas public schools; however, school security officers and school administrators may benefit from this training. There will be a total of six DVDs developed and produced. These DVDs, 15 to 30 minutes in length, will provide refresher training. Each DVD will present common scenarios that an officer might encounter in a school setting.

Arkansas Methamphetamine Training Project

CJI has received additional funding to continue providing education and training opportunities that focus on methamphetamine-related issues for criminal justice professionals in the state. In October 2008, CJI received funding for two projects from the Office on Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) and in September 2009 received funding to continue and expand upon the two projects funded last year.

The funding provides for a variety of methamphetamine focused classes to be delivered over the next two years. The classes slated for classroom delivery include: *Methamphetamine Investigations*, *Methamphetamine Issues for Parole/Probation Officers*, *Clandestine Laboratory Field Sampling and Evidence Preparation*, *Hispanic Gangs*, *Criminal Interdiction*, and *Methamphetamine Awareness for First Responders*. CJI will also expand the accessibility of training through the initiation of on-line training opportunities. The capability to offer an alternative to traditional classroom delivery will provide greater access to education and training for law enforcement personnel who cannot take time away from their daily responsibilities to attend training. The classes identified for on-line delivery include *Methamphetamine Investigations*, *Methamphetamine Awareness for First Responders*, and *Methamphetamine Challenge for Law Enforcement Executives*.

In addition, the recently received COPS funding will continue the implementation of a Statewide evidence-based drug endangered children (DEC) program. With previous COPS funding, the DEC initiative was implemented in six judicial districts. Current funding will be used to engage an additional seven judicial districts. Implementation will be accomplished through the delivery of comprehensive identification and collaboration workshops for law enforcement and social service professionals and the development of on-line data capture capabilities.

The current course offerings for the **Arkansas Methamphetamine Training Project** are listed below. Additional classes will be scheduled in the near future. Before on-line classes are made available, each course will need to be converted and tested, which could take several months. The conversion of the classes to an on-line format is in the first stages of development. CJI will announce when additional classes are scheduled and when the on-line versions are available for access.

Check our website regularly for updates, including announcements for newly scheduled meth classes:
www.cji.edu/CourseScheduleUpdate.html

Methamphetamine Investigations

November 4-5, 2009

Arkansas State University
Heber Springs, Arkansas

January 14-15, 2010

Phillips Community College of the UA
Stuttgart, Arkansas

April 20-21, 2010

Bentonville Police Department

Criminal Interdiction

Special application procedures are necessary for registration in this course

February 3-5, 2010

Trumann Training Facility
Trumann, Arkansas

June 15-17, 2010

Rogers Police Department

For additional information, contact:

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Carol Hartman
501-570-8042 or clhartman@cji.edu

CJI and the Arkansas Department of Education Raise Graduation Rate Awareness

The Criminal Justice Institute's Safe Schools Initiative Division (CJI/SSID) was selected as a partner for the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE), Arkansas's lead agency for *America's Promise*, a national dropout prevention effort.

Operating as *The Arkansas Greater Graduation Project*, CJI/SSID, ADE, and other key players held a statewide Dropout Prevention Summit in December 2008. From this initial summit, plans were made to hold statewide local summits to increase dropout awareness and raise high school graduation rates. CJI/SSID's Dropout Prevention Resource Database and Toolkit project became the vehicle for teaching local school and community groups to facilitate local summits and conduct action planning.

To date, approximately eight school districts have held local summits, emphasizing that raising graduation rates will take a community effort. Post-summit activity is just beginning and CJI/SSID, through its Dropout Prevention Database and Toolkit project, is in the forefront by providing training and technical assistance to local schools districts.

Through its dropout prevention project, CJI/SSID will be distributing a dropout prevention toolkit entitled *Staying Power – Help Students Reach Graduation* to all school districts in the state. The intent is to promote dropout prevention efforts by providing resources to do so. The toolkit project is funded by the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation. The Arkansas Greater Graduation project has received funding from *America's Promise*, AT&T, and State Farm.

For more information, contact:

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Apply Today for the
Spring Session of CJI's

School of Law Enforcement Supervision

The Criminal Justice Institute is currently accepting nominations for the next session of the **School of Law Enforcement Supervision**, a premiere management program designed for law enforcement supervisors. The course will be held at the Criminal Justice Institute on the following dates:

January 25–29, 2010

February 22–26, 2010

March 22–26, 2010

April 19–23, 2010

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

**Criminal Justice Institute
Attn: Dr. Cheryl May
7723 Colonel Glenn Road
Little Rock, Arkansas 72204**

CJI is Now Accepting Law Enforcement Requests for Surplus Computer Equipment

The Criminal Justice Institute is now accepting requests for a surplus of Dell Desktop Computers and CRT Monitors. The computers, which were originally purchased in 2003, include a CD-ROM and floppy drive, 512 MB Ram, a Network Interface Card and around 20 Gig Hard Drives. The computers have Windows XP installed on them and have been recently updated.

A surplus of both 15" and 21" CRT Monitors are also available. If you request a desktop computer, make sure you also request a monitor and indicate the preferred size. Your agency can also request a monitor by itself.

To request equipment, you must complete an Equipment Donation Request Form, which is available on the CJI website or by contacting Norman Rowe at (501) 570-8091. Completed forms can be submitted by mail (7723 Colonel Glenn Road, Little Rock, AR 72204) or fax (501-565-3081). Once your request is processed, you will be notified by e-mail the status of your request. Please make sure you include your e-mail address on the equipment donation request form.

Pursuant to CJI policy, equipment will be distributed to law enforcement agencies according to demonstrated need.



The **Cyberterrorism Defense Initiative (CDI)** of the Criminal Justice Institute provides comprehensive, transferable, and no-cost cyberterrorism training to individuals working within our Nation's critical infrastructures. Recently, CJI held a CDI training at its facility in Little Rock. More than 47 Arkansas participants learned how to maximize critical networks and information systems security and how to respond to cyberterrorism incidents. All CDI classes utilize a blended-learning approach—classes combine instructor-led lecture, instructor-participant interaction, and hands-on exercises via cyberattack lab exercises and simulations.



IACP Holds National DRE Conference in Arkansas



In August, more than 600 Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) representing law enforcement agencies in more than 40 states, Canada, and Europe attended the **15th Annual International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Training Conference on Drugs, Alcohol and Impaired Driving** held at the Peabody Hotel in Little Rock. Among the attendees were 97 Arkansas DREs from 31 law enforcement agencies across the state, all of whom received their DRE training through the Criminal Justice Institute (CJI). The conference was hosted by the Criminal Justice Institute and sponsored by the IACP, CJI, Arkansas State Police Highway Safety Office and NHTSA.

Officers attended lectures presented by doctors, lawyers, pharmacists, toxicologists and other law enforcement professionals on a variety of topics related to drug impaired driving. Topics covered included information on herbal medications, courtroom testimony, eye pupil measurement, phlebotomy, legal issues, impaired driving research updates and managing risk. The knowledge gained from this conference will be used to make Arkansas safer from impaired drivers.

CJI offers two DRE schools each year. Each school consists of 72 hours of classroom instruction presented over a three week period and one or more certification nights where students perform evaluations on drug impaired subjects using the techniques and procedures taught in the classes. Arkansas now has 147 certified DREs and 45 DRE instructors.

We are very proud of our certified DRE officers and their continued commitment to education and removing impaired drivers from our roadways.

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Narcotics Officer Certificate Program is Coming to Hope, AR in 2010

Register Today!

Course dates:

January 26–28, 2010
February 23–25, 2010
March 23–25, 2010
April 27–29, 2010
May 18–20, 2010
June 4, 2010

To participate, an application letter must be submitted to Dr. Cheryl May from your Chief of Police, Sheriff, Department Head or Director by **November 11, 2009**.

For more information, contact Mira Frosolono at 501-570-8072 or visit www.cji.edu/Courses10/sp_NOCP.html

CJI's "High Five" Award

**Do you know someone at
the Criminal Justice Institute
who deserves a "High Five"?**

If so, you are invited to submit nominations for the Criminal Justice Institute's **High Five Award**. This award recognizes CJI employees for continued and outstanding achievement and commitment to the mission and goals of the organization. If you know of a staff member that has done something that goes above and beyond the call of duty, something that shows outstanding commitment to CJI, or something that needs to be recognized, please complete a nomination form and submit it to Carol Waddle, CJI's Human Resource Officer.

A nomination form can be found online at www.cji.edu/High5.html.

Fax the form to (501) 570-1465 or mail it to:

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Attn: Carol Waddle
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