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Twenty-Six Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police Complete Prestigious ARKANSAS LEADER Program

June 11, 2008, Little Rock, AR—Twenty-six Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police will graduate Friday, June 13, 2008, from *Arkansas Leader*, an executive management program that is sponsored annually by the Criminal Justice Institute and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The graduation ceremony will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the Hilton Little Rock Metro Center, located at 925 South University. The Honorable Jane Duke, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, will serve as the keynote speaker.

Each year, the Criminal Justice Institute and the FBI carefully select participants to attend *Arkansas Leader*, a program that has been designated one of only sixteen Regional Command Colleges officially recognized by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Tailored to meet the educational needs of law enforcement heads of agencies and other leaders within the criminal justice system, *Arkansas Leader* emphasizes challenges of leadership, advancement of the law enforcement profession, development of the individual and agency, and enhancing community relationships. Nationally-recognized conference speakers and presenters are selected to ensure the law enforcement executives are informed, not only of practical procedures for managing their agency or department, but also of the latest trends, technology, and problems impacting our society.

Since 2001, 213 law enforcement leaders from 137 different agencies in five states have completed this distinguished and prestigious program.

“In law enforcement today, the ability to lead has never been as crucial to the success of a police agency,” says James Clark, Director of the Criminal Justice Institute. “The graduates of this program have proven to be an outstanding group of leaders who are truly committed to advancing the law enforcement profession in their communities and throughout the State. We commend them for their participation in *Arkansas Leader*.”

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