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19 Arkansas Colleges and Universities Work Together
To Provide New Education Opportunities
For Arkansas Law Enforcement Officers

Little Rock—Nineteen colleges and universities across the State are collaborating with the Criminal Justice Institute, a division of the University of Arkansas System, to provide certified Arkansas law enforcement officers with the unique opportunity to earn certificates of proficiency, technical certificates, and Associate of Applied Science degrees in Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) and Law Enforcement Administration (LEA). Both programs of study are available *exclusively* to sworn Arkansas law enforcement officers and will allow them to complete certificate and degree programs at a fraction of the normal cost. This is an extraordinary educational opportunity for Arkansas officers and will greatly enhance the professionalism of law enforcement agencies throughout the State.

Rapid advances in the forensic sciences have had a tremendous impact on criminal investigations. New technologies and techniques provide investigators today with more resources than ever before to successfully process crime scenes. The **Crime Scene Investigation** program has been designed to provide law enforcement practitioners with the opportunity to understand and utilize these resources. Through hands-on instruction and access to experts in the field, participants will gain the knowledge and skills needed to recognize and appropriately document, collect, preserve, and store evidence from a crime scene, ultimately assisting them in solving more crime in their communities.

The **Law Enforcement Administration** program is designed to prepare law enforcement professionals for the unique challenges they will face as supervisors and agency heads. Utilizing proven management principles specific to law enforcement, participants will learn how to better meet the needs of their personnel and constituents. In addition, they will develop needed skills in critical areas of law enforcement management, including communication, case law, agency development, and much more.

To successfully complete a program, officers will be required to take special courses through the Criminal Justice Institute along with general education courses from participating colleges and universities. A list of the collaborating institutions of higher education is as follows:

Four-Year Institutions:

Arkansas State University at Jonesboro
University of Arkansas at Fort Smith
University of Arkansas at Monticello
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

Two-Year Institutions:

Arkansas State University at Beebe
Arkansas State University at Mountain Home
Arkansas State University at Newport
Black River Technical College
Cossatot Community College of the UA
North Arkansas College
Northwest Arkansas Community College
Ouachita Technical College
Ozarka College
Phillips Community College of the UA
Pulaski Technical College
South Arkansas Community College
UA Community College at Batesville
UA Community College at Hope
UA Community College at Morrilton

Although officers 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. Both programs are now available at all 19 participating colleges and universities.

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