



# University of Arkansas System Criminal Justice Institute

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## Twenty-Four Officers Across the State Complete Distinguished Law Enforcement Management School

**Little Rock, Arkansas, April 25, 2008**—Twenty-four law enforcement officers graduated on Friday, April 18, 2008, from the 31<sup>st</sup> session of the Criminal Justice Institute’s School of Law Enforcement Supervision (SLES). The **Honorable Robbie Wills**, Speaker-Elect of the Arkansas House of Representatives, served as the keynote speaker for this event.

The School of Law Enforcement Supervision, a mid-level management school for law enforcement supervisors, is a premier program of the Criminal Justice Institute, a division of the University of Arkansas System. The course was held at the Institute one week per month from January to April and consisted of 140 hours of classroom instruction that covered major aspects of police supervision. Topics of instruction included organizational theory, organizational design, decision making, legal issues in policy development, interpersonal and organizational communications, human resource management, media relations, and organizational change.

Two sessions of SLES are held each year, and for each session, twenty-five officers from throughout the State are nominated by their agency to attend. The course is designed specifically for first and second line supervisors to assist them in the development and reinforcement of techniques needed to apply sound management principles. The course focuses on leadership, education, and advancement in the law enforcement profession.

“When law enforcement professionals in this State are promoted to positions of leadership within their agencies, it is essential that they are provided with a core foundation of advanced training and education to prepare them for this role.” says Jim Clark, Director of the Criminal Justice Institute. “The School of Law Enforcement Supervision provides this core foundation and plays a vital part in shaping effective leaders within Arkansas law enforcement agencies.”

A complete list of graduates is as follows:

- Jason Aaron..... Arkansas State Police
- Christopher S. Ameling .....Pulaski County Sheriff’s Office
- James E. Arnold ..... Little Rock Police Department
- Howard I. Besett .....Arkansas Highway Police
- David P. Bevis .....Russellville Police Department
- Franklin E. Chase.....Mayflower Police Department
- Casey P. Clark..... Little Rock Police Department
- James W. Courtney III .....Hope Police Department

Gary W. Crain..... University of Arkansas at Fayetteville  
Randall Dias..... Arkansas State Police  
Thaddeus Handley .....Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office  
Carey Hartsfield.....Fayetteville Police Department  
Larry Hearn..... Conway Police Department  
Derek Hudson ..... Springdale Police Department  
Danny Jackson ..... Grant County Sheriff’s Office  
Matthew L. Jackson .....Blytheville Police Department  
Jarrod M. Long ..... Arkansas State University at Jonesboro  
Tina M. Lorence .....Bentonville Police Department  
Ronald L. Scott .....Helena–West Helena Police Department  
Leslie Dean Scroggins .....Jacksonville Police Department  
Greg A. Sled .....Arkansas Tobacco Control Board  
Jeffrey H. Stracener .....Pulaski County Sheriff’s Office  
Rhonda Swindle..... University of Central Arkansas  
Carl E. Vann Sr.....Helena–West Helena Police Department

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