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The Criminal Justice Institute (CJI) is a needed resource for Arkansas law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve and protect. In a time when public funding is increasingly scarce, CJI is one of the only places where law enforcement personnel can receive advanced education and training, technical support, and research assistance at no cost to their agency.

This fiscal year, the Institute has made great strides in many of its programs. CJI's Higher Education Program has been underway for three years now with promising results. This program is providing unique and deserved opportunities for Arkansas law enforcement personnel to obtain valuable practitioner-oriented certifications and degrees while still maintaining full-time employment within the law enforcement profession. Currently, twenty-one colleges across the State have partnered with CJI in this initiative in support of the officers in their communities. Fifty-two officers in the State are currently working towards completing program requirements.

We have also made tremendous progress in our initiatives that focus on drug abatement. The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) honored the Institute this fiscal year with the Director's Award for Distinguished Service in recognition for continued dedication and leadership in combating the methamphetamine problem in Arkansas. Twenty-six officers representing 25 different communities graduated from session I of the Narcotics Officers Certificate Program. We have continued our development and delivery of a drug endangered children program for law enforcement personnel that helps identify and rescue innocent children who are abused and/or neglected by caregivers who use, distribute or produce illegal drugs. The Institute has also continued its support and facilitation of the Arkansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children.

CJI provides a variety of courses and programs designed to enhance the management and supervisory skills of law enforcement personnel in the state who are promoted to positions of leadership within their agencies. This fiscal year, more than 2,300 law enforcement officers attended CJI's management courses, including the *School of Law Enforcement Supervision* and *Arkansas Leader*.

In addition to our programs and services, the Institute continues to be a strong advocate for Arkansas law enforcement. We look forward to working with you and other criminal justice organizations in the next fiscal year to assist you in strengthening the law enforcement profession and to ensure a continued focus on the positive impact law enforcement professionals are having in communities across the State.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Criminal Justice Institute (CJI), a division of the University of Arkansas System, is to enhance the professional and technical effectiveness of Arkansas' criminal justice entities by offering continuing education in the fields of management, forensic sciences, computer applications, and other specialized areas of law enforcement, together with providing research and technical assistance. CJI is committed to continuing and strengthening collaborative efforts with other higher education institutions for the benefit of the Arkansas law enforcement community.

Institutional Goal

To achieve its mission, CJI must design, enhance, and implement curriculum in management, forensic sciences, computer applications, and other specialized areas of law enforcement that meet the unique education and training needs of today's Arkansas criminal justice community. CJI is also committed to meeting the technical and information support needs of this vitally important group.

Programs and Services

Through the delivery of essential programs, resources, and services for criminal justice agencies throughout the State, the Criminal Justice Institute is committed to assisting all law enforcement personnel in cultivating a strong sense of professionalism and ethics within their agencies. The cultivation of these attributes ultimately allows law enforcement personnel to function at a higher level of competency and awareness, thereby enhancing the quality of life for all Arkansans. The Institute offers:

- **Quality law enforcement education and training**—free of charge and at accessible locations
- **Instruction from criminal justice experts** who are renowned in their field
- **Opportunities to complete higher education degrees** in Crime Scene Investigation and Law Enforcement Administration
- **Educational resources** to assist in law enforcement research and professional development
- **Access, training, and technical assistance** in new law enforcement technologies
- **Free publications** designed to keep law enforcement personnel aware of the latest news, management trends, and legal decisions in the Arkansas criminal justice community

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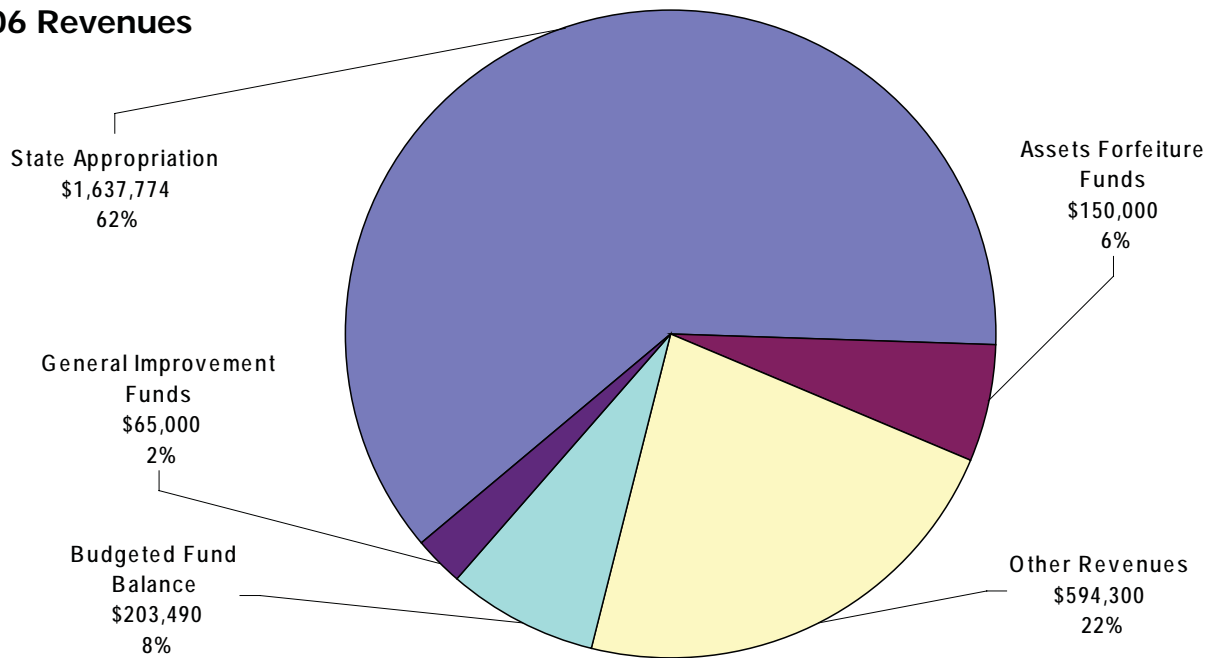
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FY06 Funding Overview

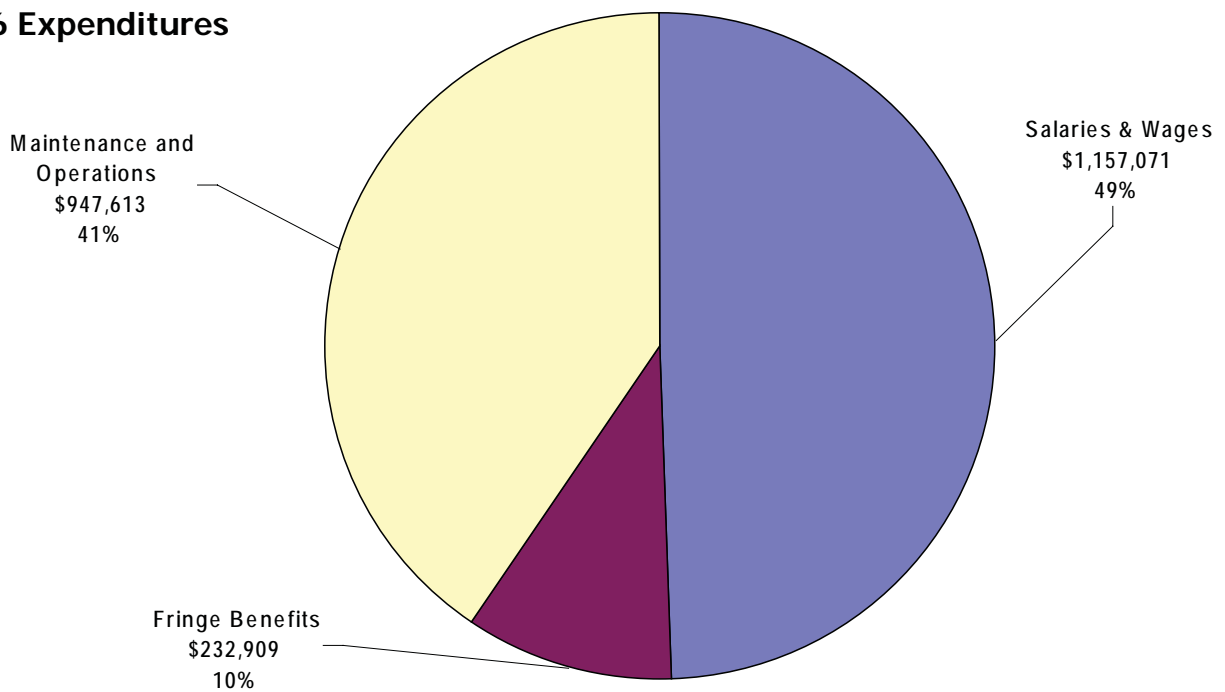
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FY06 Budget—\$2,650,564

FY 06 Revenues



FY 06 Expenditures





- Since the inception of the **Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program** in 1999, 160 Arkansas officers from 89 different law enforcement agencies have successfully completed this program. This program serves as the foundation for the Institute's academic certificate and degree programs in Crime Scene Investigation.

The primary mission of the Forensic Sciences and Computer Education Center (FSCEC) is to provide quality instruction in three progressive areas of criminal justice—**Forensic Science, Computer Technology, and Drug Investigations**—allowing the Arkansas law enforcement community to maximize the administrative and investigative benefits of these technologies and ultimately assisting them in solving more crime and enhancing the quality of life for the citizens they serve and protect.

The forensic sciences courses offered range from introductory level classes such as *Crime Scene Investigation, Basic Crime Scene Processing, and Basic Digital Photography* to more specialized courses such as *Recovery of Human Remains, Computer Crime, Bloodstain Pattern Analysis, Using Forensic Light Sources, and Digital Photography and Imaging*. In addition, the FSCEC has developed two intensive programs designed to assist Arkansas law enforcement in processing crime scenes for physical evidence—the **Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program** and the **Advanced Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program**. Both are nationally unique programs that allow both rural and urban law enforcement personnel to receive hands-on education and training in crime scene investigation.

Computer technology courses are designed to strengthen the computer knowledge and skills of law enforcement officers and criminal justice personnel throughout the State. Seven of these courses, including *Introduction to Computers, Internet Research and E-Mail, and Microsoft Word, Excel, and Access*, were delivered to more than 350 criminal justice professionals this fiscal year.



- Since October 2002, the **Arkansas Methamphetamine Training Project** has delivered at least 30 programs to more than 1,800 Arkansas law enforcement officers at 24 different locations across the State.
- CJI also received a 2006 Alcohol & Drug Abuse Prevention grant to develop and implement community coalition efforts focused on methamphetamine-related issues.
- CJI developed and delivered **Drug Endangered Children Focus Groups** and **Early Identification Workshops** for law enforcement and social service professionals in Benton and Independence Counties.
- CJI facilitated the Arkansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children.
- A total of 241 law enforcement officers and prosecutors attended DNA programs.

The following special programs were accomplished through federal grants and special state funding.

Arkansas Methamphetamine Project

Since 2002, the FSCEC has been awarded federal grant and state funding to develop and deliver training programs that assist Arkansas law enforcement personnel in identifying, safely responding to, and investigating illicit methamphetamine production. Ten different courses have been developed to assist law enforcement executives, parole and probation officers, and law enforcement personnel certified by the Drug Enforcement Administration in clandestine laboratory processing. Programs developed and delivered in FY 2006 include *Methamphetamine Awareness, Identification, and Safety for First Responders*; *The Arkansas Meth Challenge: An Information Focus for Law Enforcement Executives*; *Meth Awareness for Parole and Probation Officers*; *Latent Print Processing*; *Basic Digital Photography*; *Meth-Related Crimes and Violence*; *Clan Lab Field Sampling and Evidence Preparation*; and *Undercover Drug Investigations*.

Narcotics Officer Certificate Program

Continued decreases in drug task force funding is shifting more responsibility to local law enforcement agencies in the abatement of drug-related crimes. To assist law enforcement personnel in meeting this challenge, the Institute developed the **Narcotics Officer Certificate Program**. The objective of this five-month program (one three-day class a month) is to provide law enforcement officers with the fundamental skills and knowledge needed to conduct effective drug investigations. Twenty-six officers representing 25 law enforcement agencies graduated from Session I of this program.

DNA Evidence Education and Training for Law Enforcement

The FSCEC developed and delivered an educational program to assist Arkansas law enforcement personnel in identifying and maximizing the potential value of DNA evidence in solving crimes in their communities. A focus group consisting of state, local, and county law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and forensic specialists developed a seven-hour curriculum that was delivered at 11 different locations across Arkansas. In addition, in collaboration with the Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator, an eight-hour DNA program was developed and delivered in July 2005.

FSCEC Overview

- 76 courses offered at 10 different locations
- 1,506 attendees from 231 different agencies

Computer Courses

- 22 classes offered
- 366 attendees from 53 agencies

Forensic Sciences Courses

- 29 classes offered
- 477 attendees from 107 agencies

Methamphetamine Courses

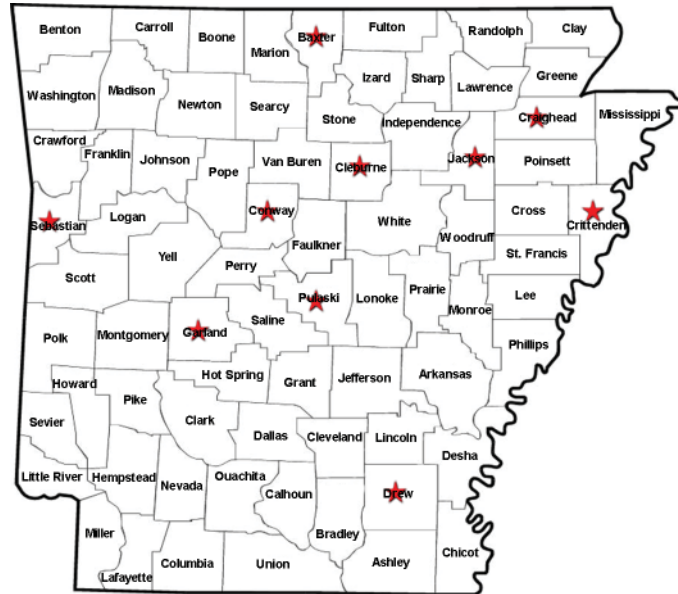
- 24 classes offered
- 613 attendees from 106 agencies

DNA Evidence Program

- 1 class offered
- 24 prosecutors from 19 agencies

Narcotics Officer Certificate Program, Session I

- 26 graduates
- 25 different agencies



2005-2006 FSCEC Training Locations

Jonesboro, Mountain Home, Newport, Little Rock, Fort Smith, Heber Springs, Hot Springs, West Memphis, Monticello, and Morrilton



- LEMC distributes three quarterly publications to ensure that Arkansas law enforcement receives up-to-date information on emerging trends and issues in criminal justice: **CJI Management Quarterly**, **CJI Legal Briefs**, and the **CJI Bulletin**.
- LEMC's **Arkansas Leader** program has been designated as an FBI Command College.

The primary mission of the Law Enforcement Management Center is to enhance the knowledge, skills, and abilities of Arkansas law enforcement professionals by providing management education and training courses customized to meet their needs.

The Center presents courses each year that offer law enforcement personnel the opportunity to better understand our society. Course offerings emphasize improving one's ability to better supervise or manage an agency, enhancing interaction with citizens and fellow workers, and developing additional education or skills that benefit the law enforcement profession. A sampling of the topics addressed through LEMC in FY 06 includes civil liability, criminal procedure

updates, communication, media relations, crime prevention, grant writing, and warrantless search and seizures.

The Center also offers two intensive management programs—the **School of Law Enforcement Supervision** and **Arkansas Leader**. The **School of Law Enforcement Supervision** (SLES), a four-week program, is offered twice a year and strives to improve the management skills of law enforcement supervisors. In contrast, **Arkansas Leader**, a one-week program, is designed specifically for agency heads, primarily sheriffs and chiefs of police. Both programs focus on leadership, education, and advancement in the law enforcement profession.

In addition to its regular course offerings, LEMC presents special programs to meet the changing needs of Arkansas law enforcement. In FY 06, LEMC was pleased to host courses such as *Basic Spanish for Law Enforcement*, *Law Enforcement Response to the Mentally Ill*, *Hostage Negotiations*, and *Instructor Development*.



- In FY 2006, approximately 800 officers attended the 50 courses offered through the **Traffic Safety Law Enforcement and Prosecutor Project**.
- Since November of 2000, the Criminal Justice Institute has provided **SFST Refresher Training** to more than 1,255 officers from 97 agencies in Arkansas.
- The **Drug Recognition Expert Program** began in Arkansas in 1993. Since that time, 216 officers have completed this program. There are currently 132 certified DREs in the State and 35 DRE instructors.

Traffic Safety Law Enforcement and Prosecutor Training Project

The Arkansas State Police Highway Safety Office provides grant funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to support the Criminal Justice Institute's **Traffic Safety Law Enforcement and Prosecutor Training Project**, the central source of nationally recognized traffic safety certification courses for Arkansas law enforcement. Programs include:

- DWI Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing
- Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Refresher
- Traffic Occupant Protection Strategies
- Drug Recognition Expert
- Drugged Driving
- Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals
- Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Instructor Development
- Drug Recognition Expert Instructor Development

In addition to these programs, the project hosts the **Annual DWI Seminar** for both prosecutors and law enforcement officers, which covers a broad range of topics applicable to both groups. During this seminar, the **DWI and Occupant Protection Enforcement Awards Banquet** is held to recognize officers for exemplary DWI and occupant protection enforcement. This year's banquet recognized more officers for their enforcement efforts than in any of the previous five banquets.

The newest training opportunity associated with this project is the **Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Conference**. This conference is for certified DREs and candidate DREs who are in their certification period. This conference fulfills the eight-hour education requirement of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and is the first conference in Arkansas that is dedicated to this group of law enforcement officers. The first conference was held in 2005, with over 100 Arkansas officers in attendance.



Law Enforcement Liaison Project

The Arkansas State Police Highway Safety Office provides grant funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to support the Criminal Justice Institute's **Law Enforcement Liaison Project**. The primary purpose of this program is to provide a law enforcement liaison who promotes the year-round participation of Arkansas law enforcement agencies in Selective Traffic Enforcement Programs. The Law Enforcement Liaison program promotes the participation of Arkansas law enforcement agencies in two annual nationwide traffic enforcement-related campaigns titled **Click it or Ticket (CIOT)** and **Drunk Driving "Over the Limit, Under Arrest"**.

In addition, the Law Enforcement Liaison conducts annual regional occupant protection/impaired driving conferences. These conferences promote increased enforcement of impaired driving, seat belt and child restraint laws, as well as promotes participation in state and national traffic enforcement campaigns.

Law Enforcement Response to the Mentally Ill

Supported by a grant from the American Psychiatric Foundation, the Criminal Justice Institute worked in partnership with the Methodist Behavioral Hospital to present **Law Enforcement Response to the Mentally Ill**. This eight-hour course is designed to give law enforcement officers a better understanding of psychiatric illnesses by emphasizing effective interaction between them and the individual in crisis. The workshop assists law enforcement administrators and managers in developing compassionate policies, procedures and protocols for officers to follow, while also teaching officers to recognize issues of priority for the person in crisis, maintain officer safety and correctly evaluate concerns of dangerousness.

LEMC Courses

- 95 courses offered
- 2,391 attendees from 232 agencies

School of Law Enforcement Supervision

- 2 sessions offered
- 48 attendees from 43 agencies

Arkansas Leader Program

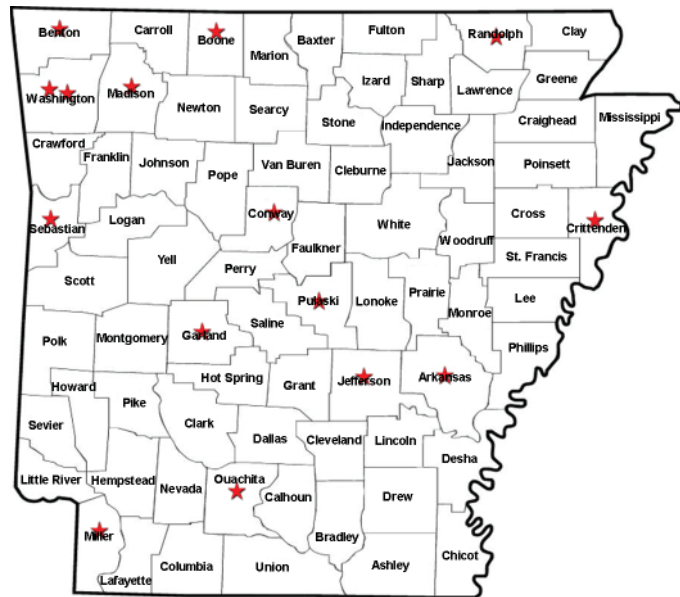
- 1 session offered
- 31 attendees from 29 agencies

Traffic Safety Courses

- 50 courses offered
- 815 attendees from 143 agencies

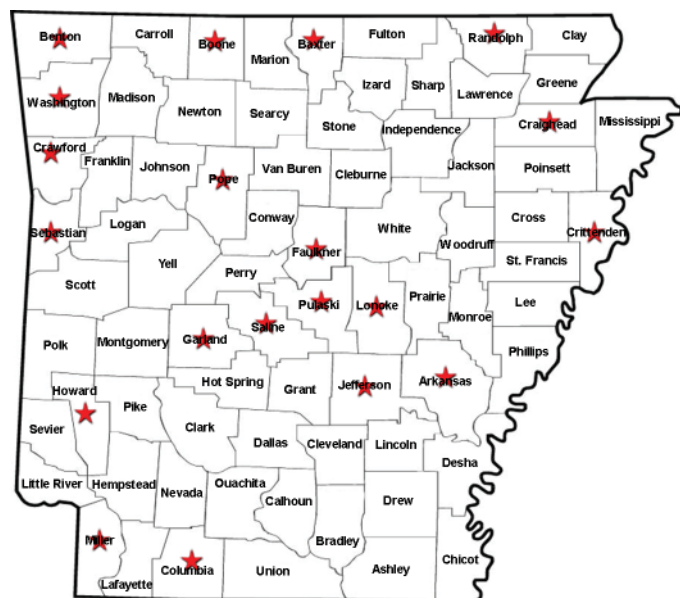
Law Enforcement Response to the Mentally III

- 10 courses offered
- 290 attendees from 76 agencies



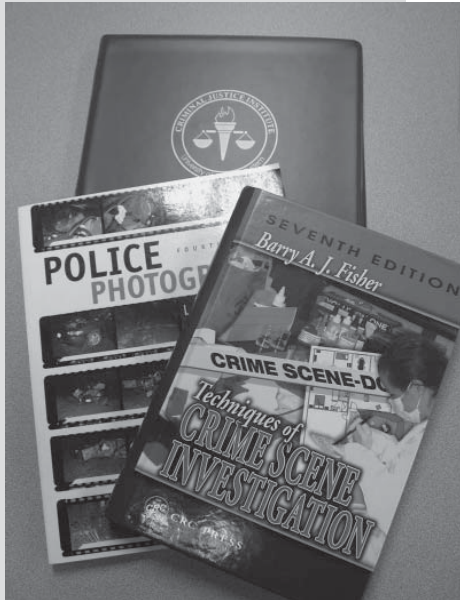
★ 2005-2006 LEMC Training Locations

Little Rock, Camden, Fayetteville, Fort Smith, Harrison, Bentonville, Springdale, Hot Springs, Pine Bluff, Texarkana, Batesville, West Memphis, Jacksonville, Huntsville, Morrilton, Pocahontas, De Witt



★ 2005-2006 Highway Safety and Seat Belt Safety Training Locations

Van Buren, Little Rock, Benton, Bentonville, Russellville, Mayflower, Mountain Home, Cabot, North Little Rock, Pocahontas, Pine Bluff, West Memphis, Springdale, Hot Springs, Fort Smith, Fayetteville, Stuttgart, Nashville, Texarkana, Harrison, Siloam Springs, Jonesboro, Maumelle, Magnolia



- Library Services features a collection of more than **4,000 books and journals** and more than **700 videos, DVDs, CDs and audio tapes**, one of the most comprehensive collections of law enforcement resources in the State.
- Library Services offers a variety of free resource materials for Arkansas law enforcement. These materials include informational pamphlets, CDs, DVDs, and books.
- CJI provides a video viewing area for Arkansas law enforcement to preview any videos the library has available for loan.

Library Services provides research and reference materials to CJI staff and Arkansas law enforcement practitioners who need information on criminal justice-related subjects such as Forensics, Management, Criminal Investigation, Corrections, Bias-Based Policing, and Terrorism—just to name a few. The library houses numerous books, journals, periodicals, training manuals, DVDs, and videotapes that can be utilized by CJI staff and law enforcement agencies across the state for in-house training, research, and professional development.

Books, DVDs, and videos are loaned for a two-week period and can be renewed by phone or email. For those who cannot visit the library in person, items can be mailed. Such requests can be made by phone or email with the understanding that the requesting individual is responsible only for the return postage.

Purchases for the library are selected for their relevance to the law enforcement community and by the stated interest of subjects and issues by law enforcement personnel and CJI staff. For a complete on-line listing of CJI books and videotapes, visit us online at www.cji.edu.



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Participating Colleges and Universities

Four-Year Institutions

Arkansas State University at Jonesboro
Southern Arkansas University at Magnolia
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
Mid-South Community College
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

The Criminal Justice Institute is partnering with colleges and universities across the State to expand higher education opportunities for Arkansas law enforcement personnel. Through two unique programs—**Crime Scene Investigation** and **Law Enforcement Administration**—law enforcement personnel can now obtain **Certificates of Proficiency, Technical Certificates, and Associate of Applied Science Degrees** in fields of study specific to the law enforcement profession.

Program Requirements

Both programs of study, which are **the only programs of this kind in the Nation**, are available exclusively to Arkansas law enforcement personnel who are actively employed within a criminal justice organization in the State. To successfully complete a program, participants will be required to take special courses through the Criminal Justice Institute along with general education courses from participating colleges and universities.

Although students will be required to pay all tuition and fees of the college or university, courses completed at the Institute are provided **free of charge** to Arkansas law enforcement personnel, allowing them to complete certificate and degree programs at a fraction of the normal cost. Information concerning financial aid opportunities, including pell grants, student loans, and workforce improvement grants, can be obtained by contacting the financial aid offices of participating higher education institutions.

Once a student is admitted to the college or university of his/her choosing, all credit hours earned at the Institute will be transferred to a participating higher education institution. Thus far, 52 officers from across the state have enrolled in at least one of these programs.

Rapid advances in forensic science technology have had a tremendous impact on criminal investigations. Utilizing new technologies and techniques, investigators today have more resources at hand than ever before to more effectively and efficiently process crime scenes. The **Crime Scene Investigation** program has been designed to provide law enforcement practitioners with 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 allowing them to solve more crime in their communities.

Certificate of Proficiency

(18 Credit Hours)

COURSES	CREDIT HOURS
Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program	9
(126 contact hours)	
Law Enforcement Electives	6
(These hours are earned through completion of the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy or its Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training approved equivalent.)	
*General Education Requirements	3

Technical Certificate

(36 Credit Hours)

COURSES	CREDIT HOURS
Crime Scene Investigation Certificate of Proficiency	18
Special Topics	12
(194 contact hours)	
Recovery of Human Remains	
Bloodstain Pattern Analysis	
Management of Evidence and Recovered Property	
Computer Crime	
Crime Scene Digital Photography and Imaging	
Fingerprint Comparison and Identification	
Using Forensic Light Sources	
Crime Scene Courtroom Testimony	
**Computer Applications	3
(63 contact hours)	
Introduction to Computers	
Using Microsoft Word	
Using Microsoft Excel	
Introduction to the Internet	
*Additional General Education Requirements	3

Associate of Applied Science

(62 Credit Hours)

COURSES	CREDIT HOURS
Crime Scene Investigation Technical Certificate	36
Advanced Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program	4
(63 contact hours)	
Special Topics	4
(84 contact hours)	
Advanced Management of Evidence and Recovered Property	
Bloodstain Pattern Documentation	
Crime Scene Interpretation and Reconstruction	
Survival Spanish for Law Enforcement	
*Additional General Education Requirements	18

* Students enrolled in these programs of study will obtain general education credits from a participating college or university of their choosing. The college or university will determine the courses that need to be taken to satisfy the general education requirements.

** May be substituted with a computer applications course offered by a participating college or university.

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.

Certificate of Proficiency

(18 Credit Hours)

COURSES	CREDIT HOURS
School of Law Enforcement Supervision	9
(140 contact hours)	
Law Enforcement Electives	6
(These hours are earned through completion of the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy or its Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training approved equivalent.)	
*General Education Requirements	3

Technical Certificate

(36 Credit Hours)

COURSES	CREDIT HOURS
School of Law Enforcement Supervision	9
(140 contact hours)	
Law Enforcement Administration and Management	3
(49 contact hours)	
Principles of Supervision	
Advanced Supervision	
Leadership	
Managing Media Relations	
Integrity in Law Enforcement	3
(52 contact hours)	
Police Internal Affairs	
Background Investigations of Police Applicants	
Law Enforcement Electives	6
*General Education Requirements	15

* Students enrolled in these programs of study will obtain general education credits from a participating college or university of their choosing. The college or university will determine the courses that need to be taken to satisfy the general education requirements.

Associate of Applied Science Degree

(63 Credit Hours)

COURSES	CREDIT HOURS
School of Law Enforcement Supervision	9
(140 contact hours)	
Law Enforcement Administration and Management	3
(49 contact hours)	
Integrity in Law Enforcement (52 contact hours)	3
Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement	3
(45 contact hours selected from the following electives:)	
Civil Liability	
Criminal Procedure Update	
Warrantless Search and Seizure	
Courtroom Testimony	
Search Warrant Update	
Update of Arkansas Legal Decisions	
Use of Force	
Case File Preparation	
Principles of Law Enforcement	3
(45 contact hours selected from the following electives:)	
Crime Prevention: Proactive Tactics to Stop Crime	
Bulletproof Mind	
Coping with Law Enforcement Stress	
Managing Drug Investigations	
Managing Informants and Cooperative Witnesses	
Managing Interviews and Interrogations	
DWI Detection and Field Tests (56 contact hours)	3
DWI Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing	
DWI Detection and SFST Instructor Development	
Law Enforcement Communications	3
(45 contact hours selected from the following electives:)	
Basic Spanish for Law Enforcement	
Power Writing	
Conflict Resolution for Supervisors	
Law Enforcement Response to the Mentally Ill	
Managing Media Relations	
Communication Excellence in Law Enforcement	
Crisis Negotiations (45 contact hours)	3
Law Enforcement Electives	6
*General Education Requirements	27

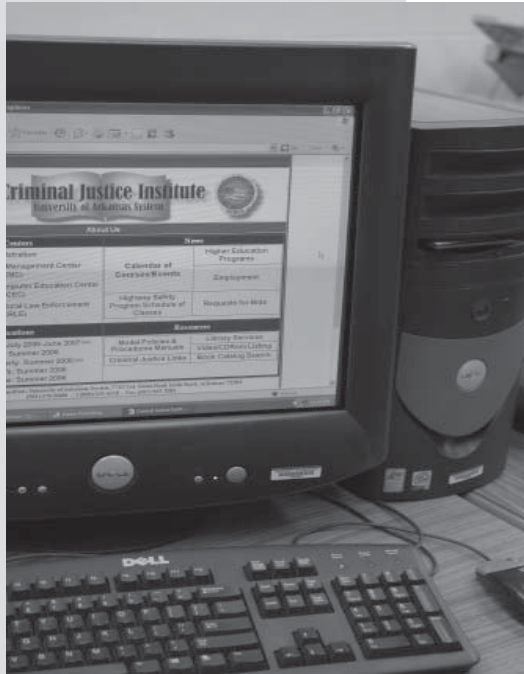


Limited resources, geographic barriers, and non-traditional crime trends can severely impair the ability of rural law enforcement agencies to effectively combat crime in their communities. To ensure they can meet the challenge of law enforcement in the 21st Century, rural executives are increasingly seeking opportunities to provide more education and training for their staff and to maximize their effectiveness through new technology.

The National Center for Rural Law Enforcement (NCRLE), a division of the Criminal Justice Institute, University of Arkansas System, is a university-based organization committed to helping rural law enforcement agencies meet this challenge. The NCRLE provides education and training, research, and technical assistance to rural and tribal law enforcement agencies throughout the nation. *All activities of the NCRLE are supported through the acquisition of grant funding and cooperative agreements.*

The following pages offer a brief summary of the exciting projects currently underway at the NCRLE, including:

- **The Internet Project**
- **The School Violence Resource Center**
- **Sexual Assault Investigation and Management Training for Rural Law Enforcement**
- **The SENTINEL Project**
- **The Tribal Technology and Information Sharing Outreach Project**
- **The Inter-Tribal Integrated Justice Pilot Project**
- **The Tribal Criminal History Records Improvement Pilot Program**

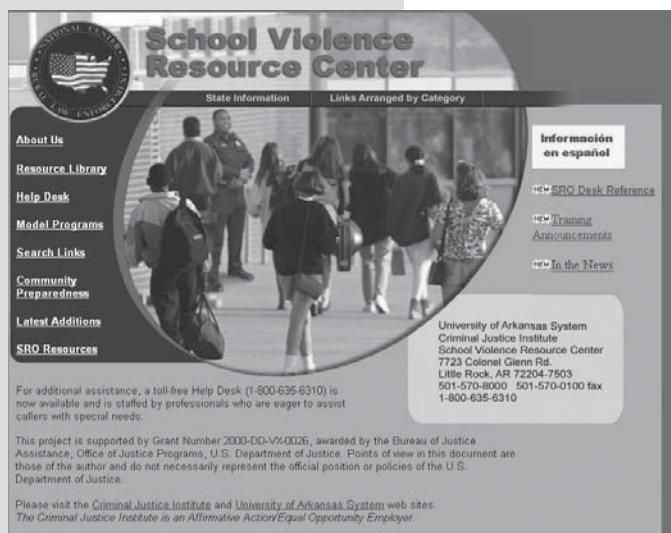


- 91 law enforcement agencies in Arkansas are currently receiving Internet service through CJI's Internet Project.
- 1,375 members are utilizing the CopShare list serve to share information.
- In the last 12 months, more than 1,551 information requests and replies have been disseminated through the CopShare list serve.

Internet Project

The Internet Project receives funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), United States Department of Justice (USDOJ), and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) to provide the following services:

- **Internet service** for 700 rural law enforcement and tribal agencies in 48 states nationwide and the administration of more than 800 e-mail accounts
- **Toll-free access** to technical assistance and professional support through an established help desk
- **Free web site hosting** to any law enforcement agency that has a web site developed or guidance to any agency in the development of a web site
- Access to and assistance in applying for the Bullet Proof Vest (BVP) grant
- Internet or telephone access to an **informational resource center**
- Access to **CopShare**, a law enforcement e-mail list serve that promotes information sharing between law enforcement agencies nationwide through inter-agency dissemination of criminal justice information



- SVRC developed and disseminated Arkansas' first **School Resource Officer's Desk Reference**. This guidebook offers easy-to-read refreshers on issues and experiences SROs may encounter on a day-to-day basis.
- In FY 2006, SVRC was chosen to showcase its prevention strategies and products to over 2,500 educators at the **2005 National Safe & Drug Free Conference** in Washington, DC, and to over 4,000 educators at the 2005 Arkansas Education Association Conference.
- In FY 2006, SVRC disseminated over 15,000 copies of fact sheets, briefing papers, brochures, and other SVRC publications.
- SVRC was invited and accepted the invitation to endorse the **2006 School Survey on Crime and Safety** conducted by the U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics. This survey collects extensive data on the incidents of crime and safety in U.S. public schools.

School Violence Resource Center

The School Violence Resource Center (SVRC) was created to provide communities with the resources and support they need to reduce violence on school campuses. Through a web-based resource center, **www.svrc.net**, stakeholders in school violence have access to timely information, including sample crisis management plans, policies and procedures for school resource officers (SROs), school-related crime statistics, and fact sheets on topics including bullying, character education, and crime on college campuses. All publications are available in English and Spanish from the SVRC website.

SVRC increased its exposure by becoming an educational resource in the U.S. Department of Education's Education Resources Information Center (ERIC). ERIC is the premier database of journal and non-journal literature worldwide and has more than 200,000 unique visitors each month. All of SVRC's fact sheets and briefing papers are now a part of the ERIC database.

SVRC provides technical support via a toll-free help desk and provides expert opinions via local network news, various radio talk shows, and printed media. The SVRC also delivers presentations on issues related to school safety.

The SVRC staff have developed and delivered the following curricula: *Stop Bullying Now*, *Tools of Terrorism*, *Safe Schools Classes for SROs and Administrators*, *Crisis Management*, and *Concealed Weapons*. In addition, the Center conducts a 2½ day Community Crisis Preparedness Workshop for rural communities to assist them in developing an understanding of the process involved in preparing to respond to a critical incident utilizing all community resources and doing so in the most effective and efficient manner.

School Resource Officer Program

Having a viable school resource officer (SRO) program is a valuable asset in addressing school violence. Recognizing this, the SVRC's efforts were directed in FY06 to increasing collaboration between SROs and schools, and increasing the skills and knowledge of SROs in school safety issues.



- A toll-free help desk has been established to assist callers with special needs. In FY 2006, SVRC responded to 108 technical assistance requests from 29 counties.
- In FY06, the SVRC had 110,451 hits on its website – an average of 9,200 hits per month.
- SVRC co-sponsored a television special with the Arkansas Educational Television Network (AETN) entitled “Leave Me Alone.” This anti-bullying production provided the audience an awareness of bullying and its effects on students.

School Resource Officer Program (cont.)

In FY06, SVRC facilitated the development of the Association’s by-laws, obtained Articles of Incorporation, and is currently assisting the Association with obtaining a 501 (c) (3) non profit status. Additionally, in conjunction with the Arkansas Safe Schools Association, SVRC co-sponsored the following:

- **1st Arkansas Safe Schools Conference for school resource officers and school administrators**
- **Basic Training for SROs**
- **Monthly advanced classes**
- **School Threat Assessment Seminar**
- **School Resource Officer Desk Reference**
- **A standardized anti-bullying curriculum for SROs**

SVRC is working to enhance school safety by developing effective education and training programs for school resource officers.

1st Annual Safe Schools Conference

In response to the request of the school resource officers and other law enforcement, the SVRC co-sponsored the first **Arkansas Safe Schools Conference** for SROs and school administrators. More than 125 conference attendees heard from national and local speakers on topics such as gangs in schools, active shooters, drug impairment identifications, disabilities and special education, and lessons learned from school crises.

Anti-Bullying Curriculum for School Resource Officers

Realizing that SROs are in a unique position to impact the lives of children and youth, the SVRC developed an **Anti-Bullying Train-the-Trainer Curriculum** with them in mind. The 15 lesson curriculum promotes continuous anti-bullying prevention and intervention strategies to foster a safe and secure environment for educators and students. The course is offered at no cost to the SRO. In FY06, over 70 SROs and school administrators were trained to teach this curriculum statewide.

Safe Schools Classes for SROs and School Administrators

- 6 classes offered
- 664 attendees

Community Crisis Preparedness Workshops

- 2 workshops offered
- 70 attendees from 34 agencies

Anti-Bullying Presentations

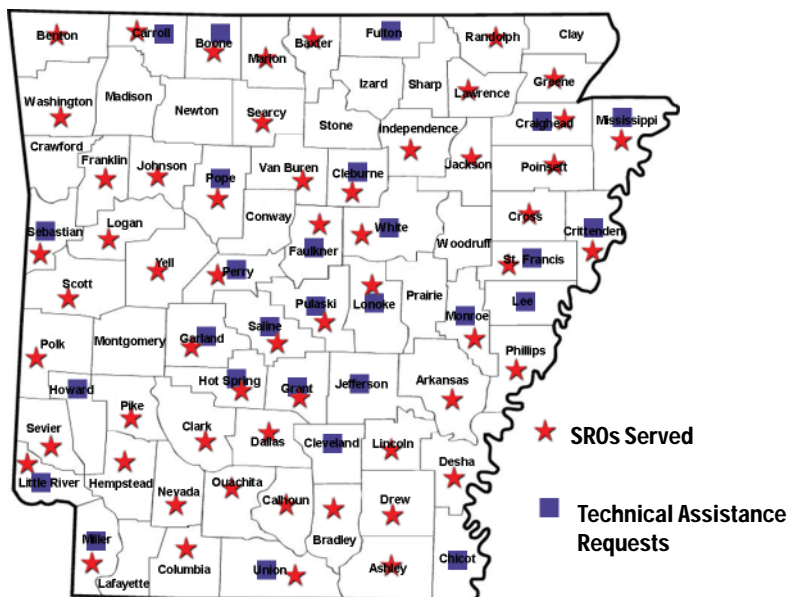
- 25 professional in-services and student presentations offered
- 325 attendees

Tools of Terrorism

- 2 classes offered
- 26 attendees from 2 agencies

Concealed Weapons

- 4 professional in-services
- 184 attendees from 4 agencies



Police departments in the following Arkansas cities currently sponsor an SRO program:

Alma, Arkadelphia, Ashdown, Bald Knob, Bauxite, Beebe, Benton, Bentonville, Berryville, Blytheville, Bradford, Bryant, Cabot, Camden, Carlisle, Clarendon, Clarksville, Clinton, Conway, Crossett, Dardanelle, De Queen, Dumas, El Dorado, Elkins, England, Eureka Springs, Farmington, Fayetteville, Flippin, Forrest City, Fouke, Gosnell, Gravette, Green Forest, Greenwood, Harrison, Hartford, Heber Springs, Helena, Hermitage, Hope, Hot Springs, Jacksonville, Jonesboro, Judsonia, Lamar, Lincoln, Little Rock, Lonoke, Magnolia, Malvern, Marion, Marmaduke, Monticello, Mountain Home, Newport, North Little Rock, Osceola, Ozark, Paris, Perryville, Pine Bluff, Pocahontas, Pottsville, Prairie Grove, Prescott, Quitman, Rogers, Russellville, Searcy, Sheridan, Sherwood, Siloam Springs, Springdale, Stuttgart, Texarkana, Trumann, Van Buren, Vilonia, Waldron, West Fork, West Helena, West Memphis, White Hall, and Wynne

Sheriff's offices in the following Arkansas counties currently sponsor an SRO program:

Baxter, Benton, Boone, Calhoun, Clark, Clarendon, Columbia, Craighead, Dallas, Faulkner, Hot Springs, Independence, Jackson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Newton, Phillips, Pike, Polk, Pope, Pulaski, Searcy, Sebastian, Van Buren, Washington, White, and Yell



- Rape/sexual assault is one of the most underreported crimes in the U.S.
- This program aims to enhance the knowledge and skills of law enforcement managers and investigators to provide a more effective investigation.

Sexual Assault Investigation and Management Training for Rural Law Enforcement

The NCRLE provides education and training on sexual assault to rural law enforcement executives and rural investigators. The objectives of this project are to:

- Provide specialized education and training to eligible law enforcement participants, emphasizing a victim-centered approach
- Assist managers in developing or refining the management practices in their agencies concerning sexual assault
- Assist investigators in becoming more effective in their investigation of a sexual assault

During FY06, the curricula in this project have been in the process of being reviewed and updated. The NCRLE submitted a concept paper in July to fund the continued delivery of both the management and investigation curricula.

This project is funded through a cooperative agreement with the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), U.S. Department of Justice.



- As of June 2006, NCRLE traveled to six U.S. cities and provided 301 public safety personnel with critical cyber-security training through the SENTINEL Program. Using a mobile computer lab, NCRLE brings the training directly to centralized rural and metropolitan areas across the country.
- As of June 2006, more than 1,000 visitors viewed the SENTINEL website, www.sentinelproject.net.
- The first SENTINEL program was held in Little Rock.

The SENTINEL Project

SENTINEL (Security and Network Training Initiative and National Education Laboratory) provides free cybersecurity training to public safety and emergency response personnel nationwide, in order to combat, prevent, and respond to potential cyberterrorism attacks against our nation's critical infrastructures. The training classes are held at easily accessible and centralized locations throughout the United States, so that participants will have direct access to SENTINEL's mobile training labs. SENTINEL will pay for the student's local mileage costs to attend the courses.

Following an intensive course curriculum review by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), SENTINEL's *Cybersecurity: Prevention, Deterrence, and Recovery* curriculum was officially approved as a DHS-certified course in May 2006. SENTINEL's *Cybersecurity: Incident Handling and Response* curriculum has also been designated as a DHS-approved and certified course, making the SENTINEL Project an integral part in the defense of our nation's critical infrastructure.

On February 22, 2006, and April 26, 2006, NCRLE's SENTINEL Project was the lead story for the ComNET television broadcast, produced by the National Terrorism Preparedness Institute (NTPI), a division of the Southeastern Public Safety Institute at St. Petersburg College. The interview explained the critical value of the project for public safety and emergency response personnel nationwide.

SENTINEL has also been featured in several news stories from around the country, both televised and in print. SENTINEL was featured on the front page of *The Saratogian* in Saratoga Springs, NY, and on an NBC news affiliate in Columbus, OH. As the class continues to reach critical public safety and emergency response personnel across the country, these broadcasts will be invaluable in marketing and putting NCRLE's SENTINEL Project in the national spotlight.



- Agencies nationwide can use our toll-free help desk (**877-47-TJISS**) or our online technical support knowledgebase to ask computer, network, or software questions. To date, NCRLE staff have answered over 90 customized technical assistance calls and have provided information technology assistance to numerous tribes in the United States, including the Ojibwe Tribe of the White Earth Reservation in Minnesota, the Jicarilla Apache Tribe in New Mexico, the Northern Cheyenne in Lame Deer, Montana, and the Crow Tribe in Crow Agency, Montana.

Tribal Technology and Information Sharing Outreach Project

Information technology has become a substantial asset to many law enforcement agencies across the United States. The purpose of the Tribal Technology and Information Sharing Outreach Program (TTISOP) is to empower leadership within each Indian tribe to better assess, plan, and implement information technology and information sharing systems within their justice agencies. The NCRLE has an established track record working with justice information systems, as well as working with multiple Indian tribes on a variety of Department of Justice grant projects. Using this experience, NCRLE has developed solutions with the goal

of creating and establishing a set of resources and training that will allow tribal agencies to better assess their current technical capabilities, their long-term technical goals, and the steps needed to reach those identified goals.

NCRLE technical personnel traveled to White Earth, Minnesota, from May 8–11, 2006, to perform a comprehensive, onsite technical assessment for the Ojibwe Tribe of the White Earth Reservation. NCRLE visited and interviewed personnel from the White Earth Police Department, the prosecutor's office, the tribal courts, and the Domestic Violence Ends (DOVE) project. NCRLE assessed the tribe's hardware, software, and technical infrastructure to determine the tribe's technical needs.

NCRLE is currently using this assessment data to create a DVD-based technical assessment guide for tribal justice agencies. The DVD is currently in the post-production editing phase, with distribution scheduled for late summer or early fall 2006.

Also under this grant, NCRLE created the Tribal Justice Information Sharing System (TJISS), and the website repository at www.tjiss.net. Since its inception in 2004, the site has had over 13,700 visitors from all 50 states.



- From June 19-22, NCRLE was a “Coral” level sponsor for the Navajo Nation Information Technology Summit held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The sponsorship was not based on a monetary sponsorship, but a technical assistance and training support sponsorship, as NCRLE provided a mobile laptop network and technical assistance personnel to assist with the administration of the summit.

The Inter-Tribal Integrated Justice Pilot Project

As a part of the Inter-Tribal Integrated Justice Pilot Program, the NCRLE has been working with the Navajo Nation, the Hopi Tribe, and the Pueblo of Zuni justice agencies to promote information sharing with tribal, local, state, and federal systems. The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) have provided financial support, as well as expertise and guidance, in meeting the technological and training needs for these tribes. With the assistance of BJA and COPS, a model is being created that can be used by other tribal nations and non-tribal communities to best serve the public safety needs of their respective populations.

During Phase I of the project, NCRLE created the technical infrastructure necessary for an integrated data system between all three tribes. In 2005 and 2006, NCRLE began Phase II of the project, which established the technological integration of all three pilot tribes. During this phase, NCRLE is also in the process of establishing centralized data centers for each tribe.

Technical assistance was provided to the Pueblo of Zuni and the Hopi Tribe in late-March and early April 2006, via onsite assistance. NCRLE technical personnel spent two weeks on site—one week with each tribe, providing equipment, software, and network support to tribal justice personnel.

NCRLE and each of the three tribes also coordinated their efforts with the State of Arizona and the State of New Mexico, in order to ensure that any future tribal initiatives would be compatible with the technologies of their residing states. Phase III of the project will fully integrate tribal justice information with state and federal systems.



- In March 2006, NCRLE sent representatives from both tribes to St. Louis, Missouri, for comprehensive multi-day training in the proper operation and administration of the WebFOCUS product. This training allows tribal representatives to be self-sufficient regarding the proper use and maintenance of the systems, and provided the skills necessary to produce new and customized criminal history reports.
- Even after the expiration of the TCHRIPP grant, NCRLE will continue to provide no-cost phone support as needed for each tribe. NCRLE will also continue to work with each tribe and the Bureau of Justice Statistics to ensure that future data exchange will be available from the tribes once a federal collection repository has been identified.

TCHRIPP Success: Hopi and Pueblo of Zuni Tribes

In March 2006, the NCRLE team traveled to Hopi and the Pueblo of Zuni reservations to complete the final objectives for the Tribal Criminal History Records Improvement Pilot Program (TCHRIPP). TCHRIPP is a grant funded by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) to provide tribes with technological interconnectivity with federal databases and to improve public safety in Indian Country by enhancing the quality, completeness, and accessibility of criminal history record information. TCHRIPP will also allow BJS to easily extract criminal history data for statistical purposes.

In completing the TCHRIPP objectives, the NCRLE utilized standardized software, hardware, and network resources for each tribe to ensure current and future database compatibility. The NCRLE worked with each tribe to establish policies, training material, and administrative procedures for effective accuracy controls when entering criminal history record data. The NCRLE adhered to the highest standards for maintaining privacy and confidentiality. Network and security measures met or exceeded state and federal guidelines.

The NCRLE team installed tribal data center servers for both the Hopi and the Pueblo of Zuni tribes. They also upgraded the tribal technical information infrastructure to ensure that data could easily be shared between the tribes and with federal, state, and local systems. Workstations at various tribal locations were joined to the necessary network domains, and updates were installed on the computers and servers. The NCRLE team ensured that the tribal justice agencies, including courts, police stations, and detention centers, were properly connected. Wireless connections were also checked and upgraded to meet or exceed security standards even from remote locations.