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The Criminal Justice Institute is committed to providing Arkansas law enforcement with the support they need to excel in their profession and to improve the quality of life in communities across the State. To honor this commitment, the Institute works diligently each year to create and deliver programs and identify resources that meet the emerging needs of law enforcement personnel.

During this fiscal year, the Institute continued to make great strides in its education and training programs, including the creation of a new course that focuses on drug interdiction on secondary roadways in rural communities. With special funding from the Arkansas Alcohol and Drug Abuse Coordinating Council, the Institute conducted this intensive, three-day course for rural law enforcement officers that allowed them to perform hands-on searches of vehicles outfitted with hidden compartments. The Institute also greatly expanded the scope and availability of our supervision and management courses. In the past, this type of training was primarily delivered in Little Rock through two distinguished programs of study—the *School of Law Enforcement Supervision* and *Arkansas Leader*. With the creation of three new courses in FY 2007—*Foundations of Supervision*, *Principles of Supervision*, and *Advanced Supervision*—leadership education and training is now available at locations throughout the State and to a broader audience of law enforcement professionals.

To enhance our learning environment, the Criminal Justice Institute upgraded two of its classrooms—the forensic laboratory and a technology classroom. With support from **Senator Mary Anne Salmon**, the Institute purchased new laboratory bench systems with integrated multimedia capability for the forensic laboratory, which will assist law enforcement officers in enhancing their evidence processing proficiency by performing a wide variety of hands-on exercises associated with CJI's forensic sciences program. In addition, through the support of **Senator Jim Hill**, the Institute was able to obtain funding to transform a standard classroom into a multi-media educational space that features a range of technologies, thus allowing us to provide a wider variety of courses using technology-based delivery strategies.

In addition to our core programs and services, the Institute continues to seek grant funding in an effort to expand the resources that are available to law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve. Recently, the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation awarded CJI's School Violence Resource Center a grant to create a web-based dropout prevention resource database that will enable Arkansas high schools to develop customized strategies aimed at reducing student dropout rate. We were also able to obtain renewed funding for *Sexual Assault Training for Rural Law Enforcement*, a program that provides education and training on sexual assault to rural law enforcement executives and rural investigators. Through continued Community Oriented Policing Services funding, we have been assisting law enforcement to more effectively identify and assist children impacted by drug abusing parents.

In this year's *Annual Report*, the Institute is honored to share with you even more exciting events that were made possible through your continued support. We appreciate your continued confidence in our programs and look forward to serving you in the coming year.

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Criminal Justice Institute (CJI), a division of the University of Arkansas System, is to enhance the level of professionalism 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 curricula that focus on management, forensic sciences, computer applications, and other specialized areas of law enforcement that meet the unique and dynamic challenges of today's Arkansas criminal justice professionals. CJI is also committed to meeting the technical and information support needs of this vitally important group.

## Programs and Services

Through the delivery of advanced 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 experts 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 continued 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

## CJI Advisory Board Members

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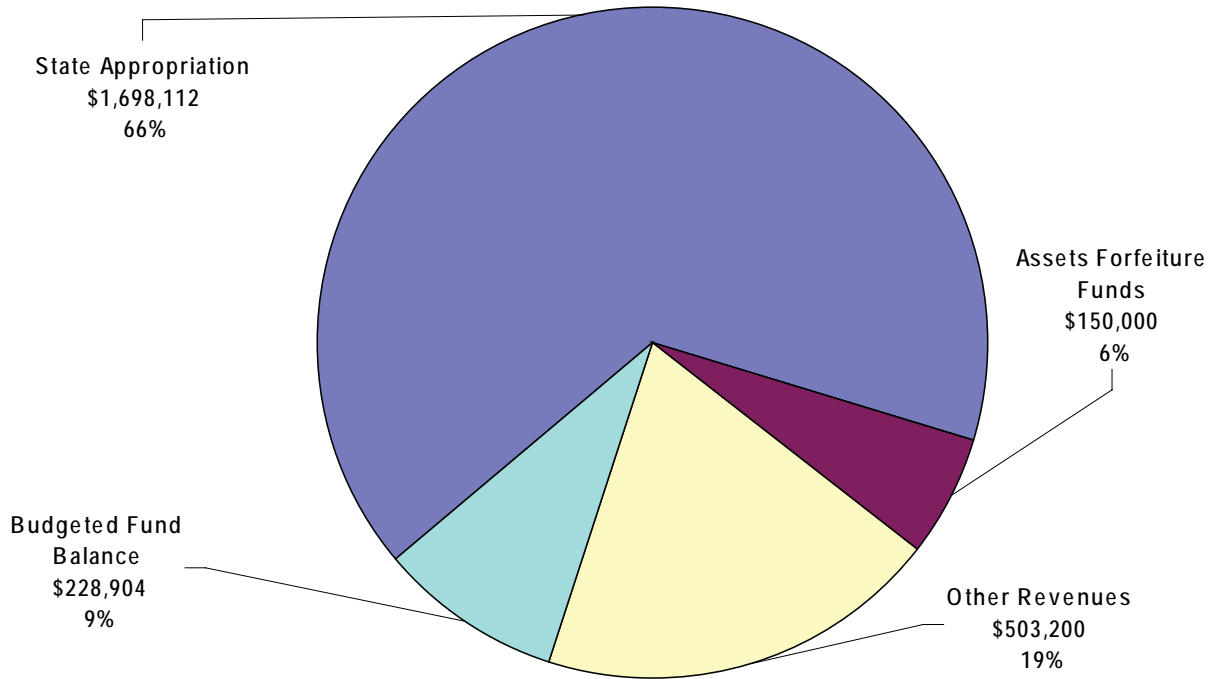
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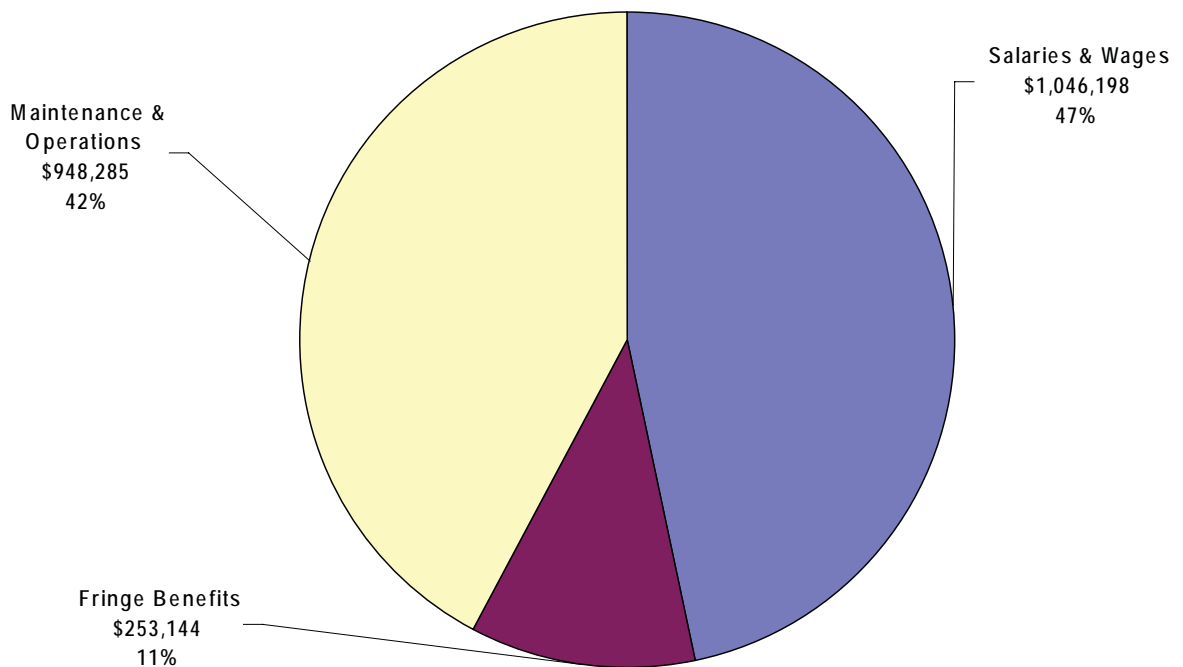
# FY 2007 Funding Overview

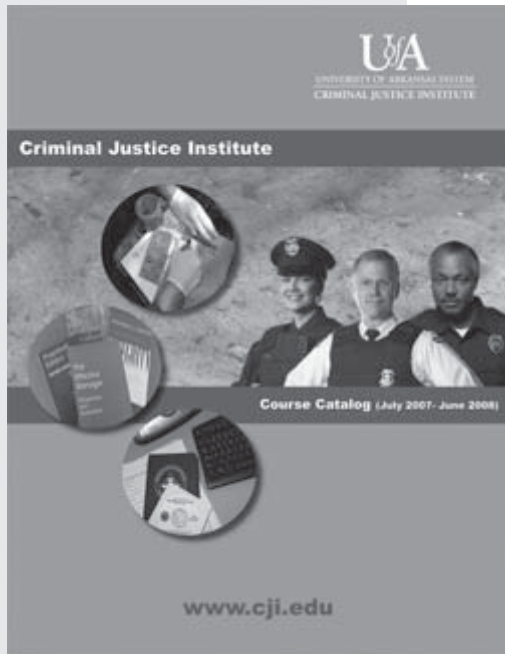
## FY 2007 Budget—\$2,580,216

### FY 2007 Revenues



### FY 2007 Expenditures





## Education and Training Center Overview for FY 07

- 202 courses delivered
- 4,503 attendees from 301 different agencies across the State

All state-based education and training programs of the Criminal Justice Institute are available exclusively through CJI's **Education and Training Center**. The Center oversees the development, coordination and delivery of forensic science, management, computer application and drug investigation courses that the Institute provides free of charge to Arkansas law enforcement personnel. Through critical feedback from the law enforcement community, the Center actively develops and delivers specialized programs of study designed to address the emerging and articulated needs of Arkansas law enforcement professionals.

Programs available through the Institute's Education and Training Center include:

- **Forensic Sciences Programs**
- **Computer Application Programs**
- **Law Enforcement Management Programs**
- **Traffic Safety Programs**
- **The Arkansas Methamphetamine Training Project**
- **The Narcotics Officer Certificate Program**
- **Drug Endangered Children Program**

Due to the use of intensive, hands-on exercises used in our Forensic Sciences and Computer Application programs, registration is limited to 20 students per class.





- Since the inception of the **Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program** in 1999, 179 Arkansas officers from 85 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 **Advanced Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program** has graduated 58 Arkansas officers from 37 agencies.

Through CJI's Forensic Sciences Program, the Arkansas law enforcement community learn skills that help them to maximize the administrative and investigative benefits of forensic science technologies, enhance interagency cooperation, 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 *Basic Crime Scene Processing* and *Basic Digital Photography* to more specialized courses such as *Recovery of Human Remains*, *Computer Crime*, *Bloodstain Pattern Analysis* and *Forensic Entomology*.

From January–June 2007, the Institute hosted the 9th session of the Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program—a series of six fundamental courses that introduces vital components of crime scene investigation:

- Crime Scene Photography**
- Latent Print Processing**
- Impression Evidence**
- Biological and Trace Evidence**
- Crime Scene Sketching, Note Taking and Report Writing**
- Crime Scene Investigation**

This program, which is the only one of its kind in the Nation, is available exclusively to Arkansas law enforcement personnel. After successful completion of all six components, students will have met the minimum requirements necessary for application for certification as a crime scene specialist through the International Association for Identification.

CJI also offers an **Advanced Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program** exclusively for graduates of the six-month program. This program, which is offered once every two years, assists a small select group of CSTCP graduates to build on the essential crime solving skills they acquired in the CSTCP. Through intensive hands-on exercises and one-on-one interaction with instructors, graduates are provided with additional skills to enhance their agency's ability to more effectively investigate crimes against persons.

## Forensic Sciences Courses

- 25 classes delivered
- 449 attendees from 93 agencies

## Crime Scene

### Technician Certificate Program

- 21 graduates
- 21 different agencies

## Advanced Crime Scene

### Technician Certificate Program

- 9 graduates
- 8 different agencies



## ★ FY 2007 Training Locations for Forensic Science Programs

- Arkansas State University at Mountain Home
- Arkansas State University at Newport
- Bentonville Police Department
- Camden Police Department
- Criminal Justice Institute (Little Rock, AR)
- Fort Smith Police Department
- Harrisburg Police Department
- Jonesboro Police Department
- Russellville Police Department
- Washington County Sheriff's Office (Fayetteville, AR)



## Computer Courses

- 22 classes delivered
- 412 attendees from 50 agencies

The Criminal Justice Institute offers a variety of computer courses designed to enhance the computer knowledge and skills of law enforcement and criminal justice personnel throughout the State. As more and more agencies implement computer applications to facilitate administrative and case management functions, these courses provide an important avenue for agency administrators to ensure their staff receive the training needed to effectively utilize this technology.

Computer technology provides access to tools that can enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of a law enforcement or criminal justice agency. With proper use, these tools can decrease the time required to prepare reports and other administrative documents needed by agency staff members. Basic skill acquisition along with an understanding of what the computer technology can perform prepares law enforcement and criminal justice personnel to utilize the computer applications for data compilation and analysis (Microsoft Excel), case management (Microsoft Excel and Access), information gathering (Internet Researching), and communications (Email and Microsoft Word & PowerPoint).

During fiscal year 2007 the computer enhancement programs were delivered to more than 400 criminal justice professionals. These courses included: *Introduction to Computers, Internet Researching and E-Mail, and Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Access*. In addition to the computer courses offered, CJI also provided technical assistance to law enforcement personnel who had software and/or hardware questions. CJI staff members provided technical support that ranged from sharing simple solutions for issues in Microsoft Word to assisting law enforcement personnel construct complicated databases in Microsoft Access. The Institute also assisted law enforcement personnel in determining necessary hardware/software when purchasing a new computer for their agency.

Along with the basic programs, in fiscal year 2008, the Criminal Justice Institute will offer two new series of advanced computer courses – one designed to build upon the skills presented in CJI's introductory computer courses and the other designed to teach law enforcement executives essentials of computer technologies and key Microsoft programs to meet their immediate needs.



- Three quarterly publications are distributed statewide to ensure that Arkansas law enforcement community receives up-to-date information on emerging trends and issues in criminal justice: **CJI Management Quarterly**, **CJI Legal Briefs**, and the **CJI Bulletin**.

The primary mission of CJI's law enforcement management program is to enhance the knowledge, skills, and abilities of Arkansas law enforcement professionals by providing leadership and management courses customized to meet the dynamic and unique challenges of law enforcement across the State.

The Institute provides courses each year that offer law enforcement personnel the opportunity to become more effective supervisors, managers, and organization and community leaders. 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 law enforcement management topics addressed through the Institute in FY 2007 includes *civil liability, criminal procedure updates, communication, media relations, crime prevention, grant writing, courtroom testimony, conflict resolution, and warrantless search and seizures*.

In addition to its regular course offerings, the Institute presents special programs to meet the changing needs of Arkansas law enforcement. In FY 2007, the Institute was pleased to host courses such as *Basic Spanish for Law Enforcement, Talking Hands, Hostage Negotiations, Instructor Development, and The Bulletproof Mind*. Annually, the Institute offers two distinguished programs designed to enhance the leadership and management capabilities of law enforcement executives and supervisors—**Arkansas Leader** and the **School of Law Enforcement Supervision**.

## **ARKANSAS LEADER**

ARKANSAS LEADER was designed to enhance executive education and training for Arkansas law enforcement leaders and to equip these professionals with the skills they need to accomplish the goals and aims of their law enforcement agencies. This program emphasizes leadership, education, advancement of the law enforcement profession, development of the individual and agency, enthusiasm in the work place, and research on criminal justice issues. 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.



- The **Arkansas Leader** program has been designated as an FBI Command College. Since 2001, 213 law enforcement leaders representing 137 different agencies have completed this distinguished program.

ARKANSAS LEADER, which is co-sponsored by the Criminal Justice Institute and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), has been designated a Command College of the FBI. Currently, there are only 16 Command Colleges throughout the United States.

## School of Law Enforcement Supervision

CJI's School of Law Enforcement Supervision (SLES) is a mid-level management school designed specifically for first and second line supervisors. Consisting of 140 hours of classroom instruction, the program covers major aspects of police supervision, including organizational theory, organizational design, decision making, legal issues in policy development, interpersonal and organizational communications, human resource management, media relations, and organizational change. Six hours of transferable college credit at the undergraduate or graduate level is available at a significantly reduced rate to successful course participants. SLES is also a key component of CJI's Law Enforcement Administration degree program.

Students are required to successfully complete a written examination at the conclusion of each week of the course. In addition, this course requires the student to make oral presentations and prepare a research paper on a topic relevant to law enforcement supervision. The Criminal Justice Institute provides free lodging accommodations for participants who live more than 50 miles outside of the metropolitan Little Rock area.

## Law Enforcement Management Courses

- 76 classes delivered
- 1,807 attendees from 265 agencies

## School of Law Enforcement Supervision

- 2 sessions delivered
- 47 attendees from 30 agencies

## Arkansas Leader Program

- 1 session delivered
- 25 attendees from 24 agencies



## ★ FY 2007 Training Locations for Law Enforcement Management Programs

- Arkansas Tech University at Russellville
- Bentonville Police Department
- Black River Technical College (Pocahontas, AR)
- Boone County Sheriff's Office (Harrison, AR)
- Camden Police Department
- Criminal Justice Institute (Little Rock, AR)
- Fayetteville Police Department
- Fort Smith Police Department
- Hot Springs Police Department
- Madison Community Center (Madison, AR)
- Nashville Police Department
- North Arkansas College (Harrison, AR)
- Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas (Helena, AR)
- Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas (Dewitt, AR)
- Pine Bluff Police Department
- Russellville Police Department
- Springdale Police Department
- University of Arkansas at Monticello
- University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton
- Texarkana Police Department
- Washington County Sheriff's Office (Fayetteville, AR)
- West Memphis Police Department



- In FY 2007, 1,259 participants attended the 51 classes offered through the **Traffic Safety Law Enforcement and Prosecutor Training Project**.
- CJI's **Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST)** class was delivered 22 times to 469 officers across the State.
- Since November of 2000, the Criminal Justice Institute has provided **SFST Refresher Training** to more than 1,441 officers from 132 agencies in Arkansas.
- The **Drug Recognition Expert Program** began in Arkansas in 1993. Since that time, 242 officers have completed this program. There are currently 121 certified DREs in the State and 29 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 partnership with the Prosecutor Coordinator's Office, 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.

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.



- An incentive awards program for law enforcement agencies that do not have a STEP grant was developed to stimulate participation of smaller agencies in **Click it or Ticket (CIOT)** and **Drunk Driving Over the Limit, Under Arrest (OLUA)** programs.
- 2007 CIOT agency winners:
  - Haskell Police Department
  - Austin Police Department
  - Craighead County Sheriff's Office
  - Clinton Police Department
  - Cave City Police Department
  - Quitman Police Department
  - Sharp County Police Department
  - Rockport Police Department
  - Baxter County Sheriff's Office
- 2007 OLUA agency winners:
  - Jacksonville Police Department
  - Dell Police Department
  - Cherokee Village Police Department
  - Sharp County Sheriff's Office
  - Kibler Police Department
  - Waldo Police Department
  - Redfield Police Department
  - Plumerville Police Department
  - Gould Police Department

## Law Enforcement Liaison Project

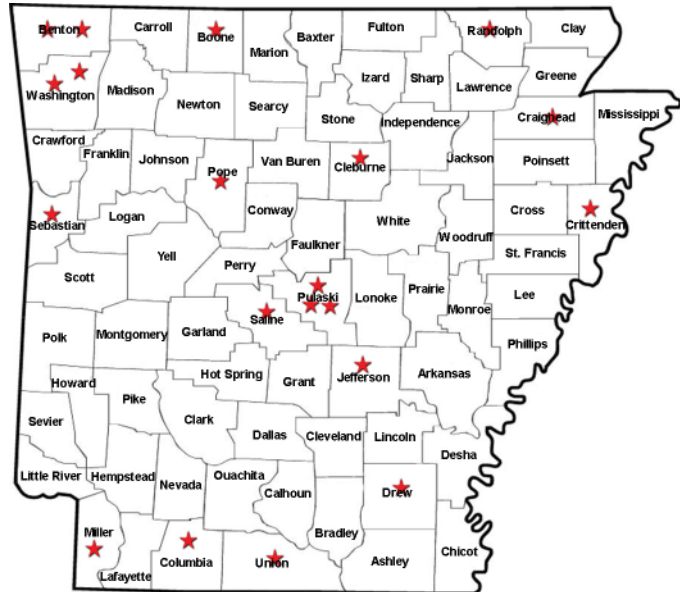
The Arkansas State Police Highway Safety Office provides grant funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to support the Criminal Justice Institute's **Law Enforcement Liaison Project**. One facet of this program is to provide a law enforcement liaison who promotes the year-round participation of Arkansas law enforcement agencies in Selective Traffic Enforcement Programs (STEP) and non-STEP 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 promote participation in state and national traffic enforcement campaigns. In FY 2007, two law enforcement summits were conducted.



## Traffic Safety Program

- 51 classes delivered
- 259 attendees from 171 agencies



### ★ FY 2007 Locations for Traffic Safety Programs

- Arkansas State Parks (Little Rock, AR)
- Arkansas State Police (Little Rock, AR)
- Benton County Sheriff's Office (Bentonville, AR)
- Benton Police Department
- Bentonville High School
- Black River Technical College (Pocahontas, AR)
- Criminal Justice Institute (Little Rock, AR)
- Drew County Sheriff's Office (Monticello, AR)
- El Dorado Police Department
- Fayetteville Police Department
- Fort Smith Police Department
- Harrison Police Department
- Heber Springs Police Department
- Jonesboro Police Department
- Lowell Police Department
- Little Rock Police Department
- Pine Bluff Police Department
- Russellville Police Department
- Shannon Hills Police Department
- Sherwood Police Department
- Southern Arkansas University Police Department (Magnolia, AR)
- Springdale Police Department
- Texarkana Arkansas Police Department
- University of Arkansas at Monticello
- West Memphis Police Department



- Since October 2002, the **Arkansas Methamphetamine Training Project** has developed and delivered 27 programs to 3,843 Arkansas law enforcement officers at 32 different locations across the State.

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

### **Arkansas Methamphetamine Training Project**

Since 2002, the Criminal Justice Institute 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 activities. Ten different courses have been developed to assist law enforcement executives, managers and first responders, parole and probation officers, and clandestine lab certified law enforcement personnel in reducing the health and safety risk to themselves and their communities. Programs delivered in FY 2007 include *Meth Awareness for Parole and Probation Officers*; *Latent Print Processing*; *Basic Digital Photography*; *Clan Lab Field Sampling and Evidence Preparation*; *Using Forensic Light Sources*; and *Crime Scene Digital Photography and Imaging*.

Through funding from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, the Institute conducted class participant surveys and focus groups to both refine and develop additional methamphetamine-focused courses. A new, two-day class, *Basic Methamphetamine Investigations*, has been developed for delivery in early FY 2008.

### **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.

A total of 35 officers representing 30 different law enforcement agencies graduated from sessions II and III of this program. To enhance the opportunity for rural law enforcement agencies to benefit from this program, sessions II and III were delivered at Arkansas State University at Newport and the Fort Smith Police Department.



- CJJ delivered **Drug Endangered Children Focus Groups** and **Comprehensive Identification Workshops** for law enforcement, social service, and judicial professionals in two judicial districts with high rates of meth abuse and began preparations for implementation in additional districts.
- CJJ continues to facilitate the Arkansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children, whose membership includes at least 80 individuals representing more than 44 agencies or organizations.

## **Criminal Interdiction for Rural Law Enforcement Agencies**

While the number of seized methamphetamine labs is decreasing in the State, the demand and supply of methamphetamine and other illegal substances continue to rise. The use of secondary highways and roads by drug couriers continues to plague smaller communities and strain limited resources. To provide rural law enforcement officers with the opportunity to gain valuable skills and tools that will enable them to more effectively stem the flow of illegal drugs into and through their community, the Institute developed *Criminal Interdiction for Rural Law Enforcement Agencies*.

With funding from the Arkansas Drug and Alcohol Abuse Treatment and Prevention Coordinating Council, this three-day program included in-depth classroom instruction and hands-on experience in vehicle searches for hidden compartments and contraband. A total of 16 officers, representing 16 different agencies from across the State, were selected to attend this program. To provide rural agencies with the opportunity to send an officer to this program, lodging, meals and travel expenses were paid for through grant funds. In addition, each student was provided with a Spy Stick to enhance their ability to search hidden vehicle compartments where illicit drugs may be transported.

## **Drug Endangered Children**

Each year the health, welfare and future of hundreds, if not thousands, of Arkansas' children are jeopardized by caregivers who use, distribute or produce illicit drugs. During the past decade, the illicit use of drugs, such as methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, and marijuana, has reached epidemic proportions in our State. Unfortunately, as the number of individuals involved in illicit drug activities increases so does the number of innocent children negatively affected by caregivers who abuse drugs. Because of the behaviors associated with drug abuse, many of these children are physically and sexually abused and often become victims of nutritional, supervisory, educational and emotional neglect. These drug endangered children (DEC) are at high risk of perpetuating not only the cycle of drug abuse, but also physical abuse.



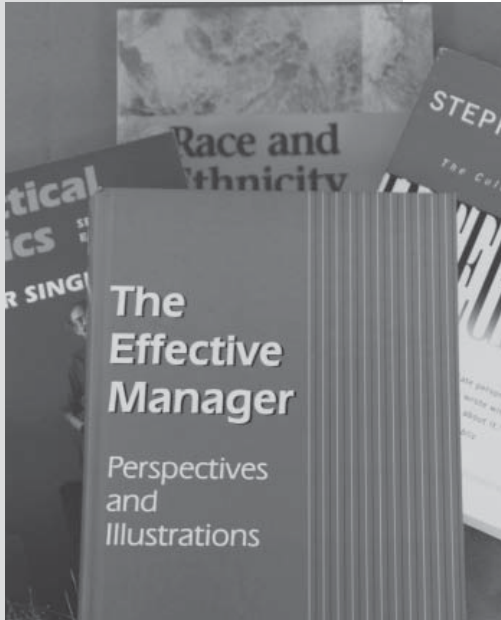
### **Drug Endangered Children** (continued)

While law enforcement, social services, medical, judicial and educational professionals are committed to assisting the children affected by drugs, there is an absence of multidisciplinary strategies for the comprehensive identification and treatment of drug endangered children and their families. Interventions designed to improve long-term outcomes for drug endangered children and their families are also lacking.

To develop a sustainable, effective and efficient science-based drug endangered children program for Arkansas, the Criminal Justice Institute, in May 2005, facilitated the formation of the Arkansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children. In FY 2007, the Institute conducted focus groups and developed and delivered education and training that is assisting law enforcement, social service and judicial professionals in two judicial districts with high methamphetamine abuse rates to identify and rescue the greatest number of endangered children. Because of the uniqueness of the Arkansas program, Dr. Cheryl May (Alliance President) participated in a state panel discussion at the Third Annual National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Conference in Nashville, TN.

The Institute, in collaboration with the Arkansas Division of Children and Family Services, initiated a unique comprehensive identification research project that will be expanded to several additional judicial districts through Community Oriented Policing Services. Funding for this project was obtained through the support of Senator Blanche Lincoln.

The DEC programs offered through the Criminal Justice Institute and Arkansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children will benefit hundreds of children and families in our state who are impacted by drug abuse each year. Helping drug affected children and their families break the cycle of child and drug abuse will contribute to enhancing the quality of life and economic future in local communities across the state.



- 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](http://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 Northeastern College  
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 they attend for general education courses, 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.

# National Center for Rural Law Enforcement

## Arkansas and Nationwide Grants

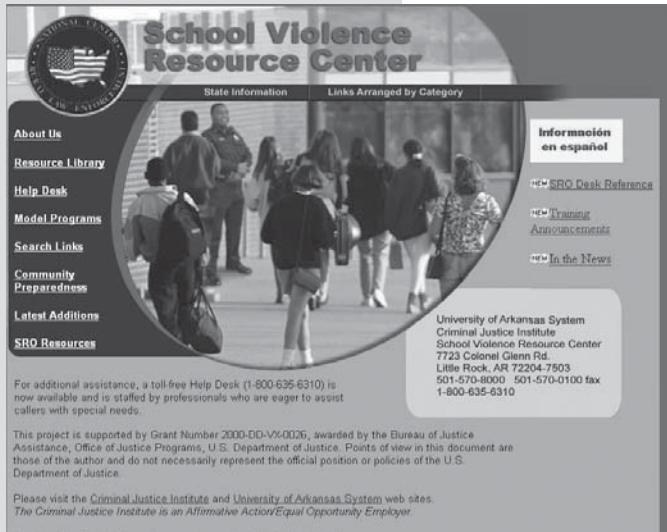


Limited resources, geographic barriers, and non-traditional crime trends can severely impair the ability of rural law enforcement agencies to effectively combat crime in their communities. To ensure they can meet the challenge of law enforcement in the 21st Century, rural executives are increasingly 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 projects currently underway at the NCRLE, including:

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



- A toll-free help desk has been established to assist callers with special needs. Since 2001, SVRC responded to more than 670 technical assistance requests.
- Since 2001, the SVRC has received 627,468 hits on its website.

## 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](http://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.

### School Resource Officer Program

In FY 07, the SVRC continued its efforts to address school safety issues through promoting collaboration among SROs, school officials, juvenile court personnel, and youth-serving agencies. In conjunction with the Arkansas Safe Schools Association, SVRC co-sponsored the following:

- 2nd Annual Arkansas Safe Schools Conference for school resource officers, school officers, juvenile court personnel, and youth-serving agencies
- Basic SRO Training Class for new SROs and school administrators
- Monthly advanced classes
- Updated Arkansas SRO Directory





### **Safe Schools Classes for SROs and School Administrators**

- 8 classes offered
- 623 attendees

### **Crisis Management Presentations**

- 5 presentations offered
- 430 attendees

### **Anti-Bullying Presentations**

- 9 presentations offered
- 450 attendees

### **National Incident Management System (NIMS) Training**

- 1 presentation offered
- 50 attendees

### **Gang Prevention Summits**

The SVRC assisted the U.S. Attorney Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas by sponsoring Gang Prevention Summits in each district. The Summits were presented as a response to the U.S. Attorney General's major priority of fighting violent crime. Each Summit had over 100 participants in attendance, which included law enforcement, school officers, juvenile court personnel, and community agencies.

### **Dropout Prevention Database and Toolkit Project**

In FY 2007, the SVRC took a pro-active approach to responding to school violence by looking at ways to keeping students engaged in the learning process.

To accomplish this, the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation awarded the Institute a grant to create a web-based dropout prevention resource database that will enable Arkansas schools to develop customized strategies aimed at reducing student dropout rate. The programs included in the database are evidence-based models that have been evaluated by national and state agencies as valid and effective. To date, over 90 programs have been reviewed with 35 being chosen to be included in the database.

Phase II of the project will pilot the database and toolkits in four area schools. The SVRC will assist schools in completing an assessment of problems contributing to their drop-out rates by focusing on variables such as truancy and attendance records. Once the school determines which resources it needs to contend with its drop-out problem, the SVRC will run a query in the database that will match programs to the school's needs. The SVRC will provide the school assistance in implementing the appropriate programs, which are research-based model programs evaluated by state and national agencies.

### **Campus Crisis Preparedness Workshop**

In response to the shooting at Virginia Tech University, the SVRC developed a Campus Crisis Preparedness Workshop curriculum for two-year Colleges. The purpose of the curriculum is to heighten awareness of the need to pre-plan and the importance of using a multi-disciplinary approach to crisis management; to increase knowledge of threat and risk assessments; to assist in planning through the use of tabletop drills; and to provide clarification on the reporting and legal requirements associated with mental illness.



### **Named a National Resource to the Media**

In April 2007, the Virginia Tech University shooting, which resulted in the greatest number of fatalities on a college campus in our nation's history, was the focus of international and national media. The Casey Journalism Center (CJC) is a non-profit program that offers both online and personal assistance to journalists looking for reliable sources for their stories. In FY 2007, the CJC named SVRC as a primary media source for expert opinions and technical assistance regarding violence on campus stories. The SVRC conducted over 30 interviews with reputable media sources, including the *New York Times*, *Chicago Suntimes*, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, National Public Radio, *Boston Global*, CBS News, U.S. World News, and *People Magazine*.



- 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 Training for Rural Law Enforcement

Although rural law enforcement personnel receive little to no education and training on sexual assault, it is not uncommon in rural communities for the officer, the crime scene technician, the emergency transport, the investigator, and often times, the chief executive to be the first responder to a call. Access to specialized education and training becomes of critical importance to ensure smaller agency executives and investigators receive education and training equal to that available for large, urban law enforcement agencies.

The Sexual Assault for Rural Law Enforcement project has been funded since 1999 by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), U. S. Department of Justice (USDJ). The original project developed and delivered a sexual assault curriculum to law enforcement executives in rural areas representing agencies nationwide. During the delivery of the management sessions, participants expressed their desire to have a curriculum focused on investigators. A proposal was made to OVW to expand the sexual assault project to include the development and delivery of an investigation curriculum as well as include the delivery of the management curriculum.

Since 2002, the Institute has delivered both the management and investigation curriculum to rural law enforcement executives and investigators. The primary objectives of the 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.

The two-day management curriculum provides rural law enforcement executives with the knowledge, skills, and resources for establishing a victim-centered response



from their agency personnel. This curriculum provides a foundational knowledge on the dynamics of sexual assault and the effects of trauma on the victim, information that is central to promoting victim services as a law enforcement function. Law enforcement executives are updated on model policies and procedures, community response teams, advances in forensics and equipment, and evidence collection techniques to ensure executives know what to expect from their investigators. Executives also have the opportunity to be given knowledge from a sexual assault survivor who describes her experience with law enforcement.

The four-day curriculum for investigators provides a roadmap to ensure that each step in the investigative process is thoroughly conducted. Investigators are given the opportunity to practice collecting physical evidence as well as participate in exercises to enhance their interviewing skills with victims and suspects. Techniques and strategies on how to investigate non-stranger assaults are provided. Attendees are prepared for the “real” cases of sexual assault that include delayed reporting, previous victim-offender relationships, presence of drugs and/or alcohol, and lack of physical evidence. Feedback from expert instructors in interviewing, interrogation, and evidence collection benefit rural investigators by providing them with expert guidance on thoroughly performing these functions to provide a well prepared case for the prosecution.

During FY07, the curricula in this project were reviewed and standardized. The next phase of the project will include the pilot testing of the revised curricula. Once revisions are made from the pilot sessions, three sessions of both the management and investigation curriculum will be delivered nationwide.



- As of June 2007, NCRLE traveled to 27 U.S. cities and provided 924 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 2007, more than 7,445 visitors viewed the SENTINEL website.
- To learn about any future classes in your area, please visit the SENTINEL website at [www.sentinelproject.net](http://www.sentinelproject.net).

## The SENTINEL Project

The SENTINEL Project continues to be a highly successful and well regarded program throughout the country. As of June 2007, classes have been held in 24 cities throughout all areas of the nation, with many more classes scheduled in the near future. Nearly 1,000 participants have been trained in the fundamentals of cybersecurity prevention, response, and handling.

A state-of-the-art registration and database system was recently added to the SENTINEL website at [www.sentinelproject.net](http://www.sentinelproject.net). Participants can now easily register online through a secure, dedicated server.

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 to pay only marginal out-of-pocket expenses for travel. SENTINEL will pay for the student's local mileage costs to attend the courses.

The SENTINEL Project is funded by a grant from the Office of Grants and Training, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, to provide comprehensive, transferable, wide-reaching, and inexpensive cybersecurity training to core state and public safety personnel nationwide. All classes are certified by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Two classes are provided by SENTINEL. *Cybersecurity: Prevention, Deterrence, and Recovery* (PER#252) is a 5-day class designed for students with an introductory to intermediate level of experience in the security field, and provides an intensive, detailed overview of core cybersecurity methodology and concepts. *Cybersecurity: Incident Handling and Response* (PER#253) is a 5-day class for students who have more experience working with secure networks, and provides more in-depth instruction on countering and responding to significant cyberattacks.



- Since April 2006, TRIP has received and responded to 647 technical assistance requests from law enforcement agencies nationwide.

## Tribal and Rural Internet Project (TRIP)

The Tribal Rural Law Enforcement Internet Project (TRIP) receives funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), United States Department of Justice (USDOJ). The TRIP helpdesk continues to support internet access and technical support requests via the TRIP toll-free helpdesk, the TRIP model policy support mechanism, and the TRIP CopShare program.

TRIP provides the following services:

- Toll-free dial-up internet access is available to any tribal criminal justice agency. Access is also available to rural law enforcement agencies that do not have access to an internet service provider in their area for local dial-up.
- Administer e-mail accounts for law enforcement officers with an address (@cji.net). There are presently 897 e-mail users nationwide.
- 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.
- Technical assistance to any agency in the development of a web site.
- Internet access to any law enforcement agency that needs access in applying for an on-line grant through the United States Department of Justice.
- Access to *CopShare*, a law enforcement e-mail list serve and informational resource center. *CopShare*, which has 1425 members in 49 states, is used to promote and facilitate information sharing between law enforcement and criminal justice practitioners nationwide. This is accomplished through interagency dissemination of criminal justice information.



- 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

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. Under this grant, NCRLE created the Tribal Justice Information Sharing System (TJISS), and the website repository at [www.tjiss.net](http://www.tjiss.net). Not only has the site been successful with assisting tribal agencies in developing their technical infrastructure, but the site's technical glossary is also popular resource on the internet. Since its inception in 2004, the site has had visitors from all 50 states.

NCRLE technical personnel traveled to White Earth, Minnesota, to perform a comprehensive, onsite technical assessment for the Ojibwe Tribe of the White Earth Reservation. During the visit, NCRLE personnel documented the assessment on video to use as a part of DVD-based presentation for tribal agencies. The TJISS Tribal Self-Assessment DVD, which recently finished post-production in May 2007, provides step-by-step instruction to tribal justice agencies for filling out the TJISS Technical Self-Assessment Questionnaire, a free tool provided via the grant through the TJISS website. The Tribal Self-Assessment Questionnaire is a vital tool for any tribal justice agency. When completed, tribal agencies can use it to access their current technological situation and plan for future goals, such as integration with Federal, State, and local technical databases.

Because of the complexity and depth of many of the questions, the video provides vital support in filling out the Questionnaire. The finished video is nearly 25 minutes long, but with appropriate section breaks to allow viewers to easily pause and follow along with the presentation. Also included are interviews with key personnel of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe, which NCRLE assisted with an onsite technical visit.

The DVD is currently being reviewed by key personnel at the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice. Upon approval, NCRLE will freely distribute the TJISS Self-Assessment DVD to tribal agencies nationwide.



- CJJ worked extensively with tribal leadership, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, and hardware and software vendors to determine best hardware and software for data integration

## Tribal Criminal History Improvement Pilot Program

As of June 2007, the NCRLE has completed nearly all of the objectives of the 2006 Tribal Criminal History Record Improvement Program (TCHRIP). The goal of TCHRIP is to equip the White Earth Band of the Ojibwe of White Earth, Minnesota, with the ability to electronically store data associated with its judicial, law enforcement, and human services divisions, allowing them to share the collected statistical data with state and federal agencies.

The NCRLE first met with tribal leaders, state representatives, and AFIS administrators with a focus on the integration of the tribal police department with an AFIS/Livescan system. The installation of an AFIS/Livescan workstation at the White Earth Police Department, along with servers and software within the offices that make up the White Earth Judicial System, would allow a secured flow of both criminal and non-criminal data within the tribe as well as with state and federal agencies.

Once appropriate technologies were determined, the NCRLE contacted the appropriate vendors and acquired bids, in order to obtain the best product and services. The NCRLE primarily coordinated with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and Printrak (a Motorola company) for the electronic sharing of criminal information. The system developed was certified to meet the FBI's Electronic Fingerprint Transmission Specifications.

The NCRLE then purchased and installed the necessary workstations, servers, peripherals, and software in the appropriate White Earth departments. NCRLE technical personnel worked with the White Earth Tribe to ensure that they were able to exchange data with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. The NCRLE also provided no-cost phone support to tribal personnel, which will continue even after the end of the TCHRIP life cycle through the Tribal and Rural Internet Project.