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Providing Quality and Excellence in Law Enforcement Education and Training



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# Director's Letter



Fiscal Year 2008 proved to be another successful year for the Criminal Justice Institute. More than 4,000 law enforcement professionals across the State attended CJI programs at our Little Rock facility and at 36 additional training sites spanning 27 counties. The Institute launched a new website, making it easier than ever before for law enforcement to find education and training information. In addition, we successfully obtained new grants and renewed others to continue providing vital support for law enforcement personnel.

The strides we made this year are consistent with the primary mission of the Criminal Justice Institute—to *enhance the level of professionalism and the technical effectiveness of Arkansas' criminal justice entities*. To accomplish this mission, it is essential that we always strive to address the most pressing education and training needs of Arkansas law enforcement. Identifying these needs is an ongoing process that requires feedback from professionals in the field who are intimately aware of emerging trends and issues within the criminal justice field.

This year, I have been traveling throughout the State and have been fortunate to visit with a large number of sheriffs, chiefs of police, and legislators to discuss the education and training needs of Arkansas law enforcement and the current services offered by the Criminal Justice Institute. These visits have been invaluable to me and my staff in determining subject matter that needs to be addressed in future courses and programs of the Criminal Justice Institute.

In addition, the Institute relies on the counsel we receive from the CJI Advisory Board. We have been fortunate since the Institute's inception to have a phenomenal group of professionals serve on our Board. Led by **Chief of Police James Allen** of the Bentonville Police Department (Chair) and **Dr. Jack Thomas** of Harding University (Co-Chair), the Board represents all facets of Arkansas law enforcement, including higher education, the Arkansas Sheriffs' Association (ASA), the Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police (AACCP), the Arkansas Municipal Police Association (AMPA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and Arkansas State Police (ASP). This group of individuals meets on a quarterly basis to review CJI's progress and to make recommendations for future plans.

In FY 08, service terms expired for two of our Board Members, including **Mr. Carroll Payne** and **Roger Pearson**. Three other members retired from their law enforcement positions in FY 08, including **Ret. Sheriff Marty Montgomery**, **Ret. Sheriff Troy Tucker**, and **Mr. Bill Temple**. I would like to recognize all of these men for the tremendous job they did during their tenure on the Board.

I would also like to thank all of you for your continued investment in creating new education and training opportunities for law enforcement. By taking the time to meet with me and share your ideas, the Criminal Justice Institute will continue to develop and deliver programs that will greatly enhance the professionalism of Arkansas officers.

# Who We Are

## 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

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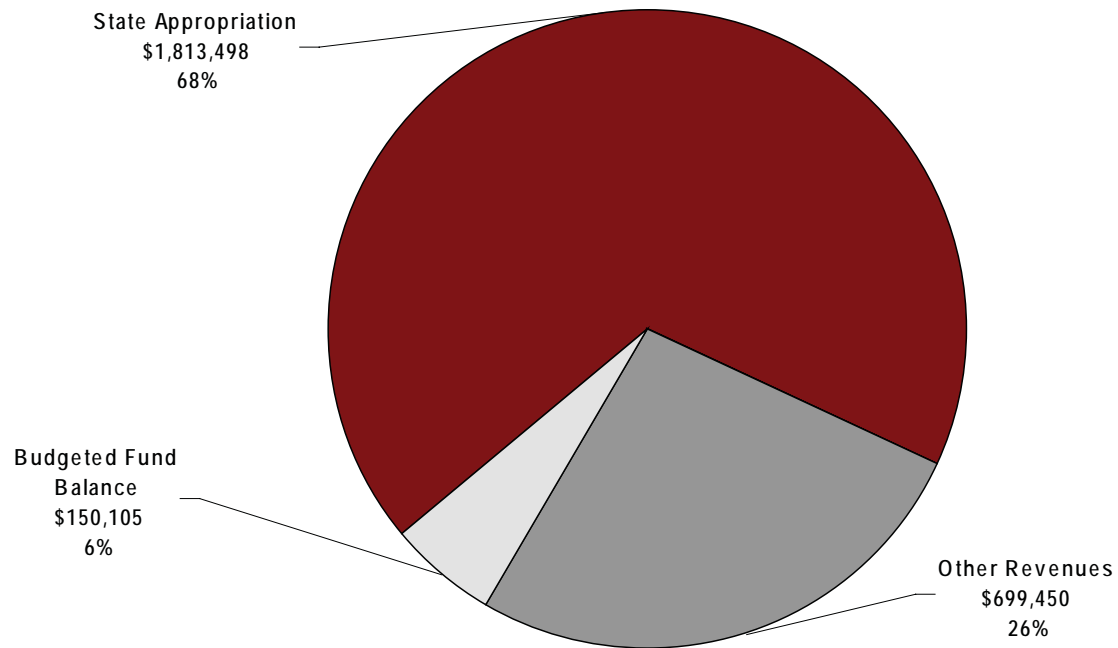
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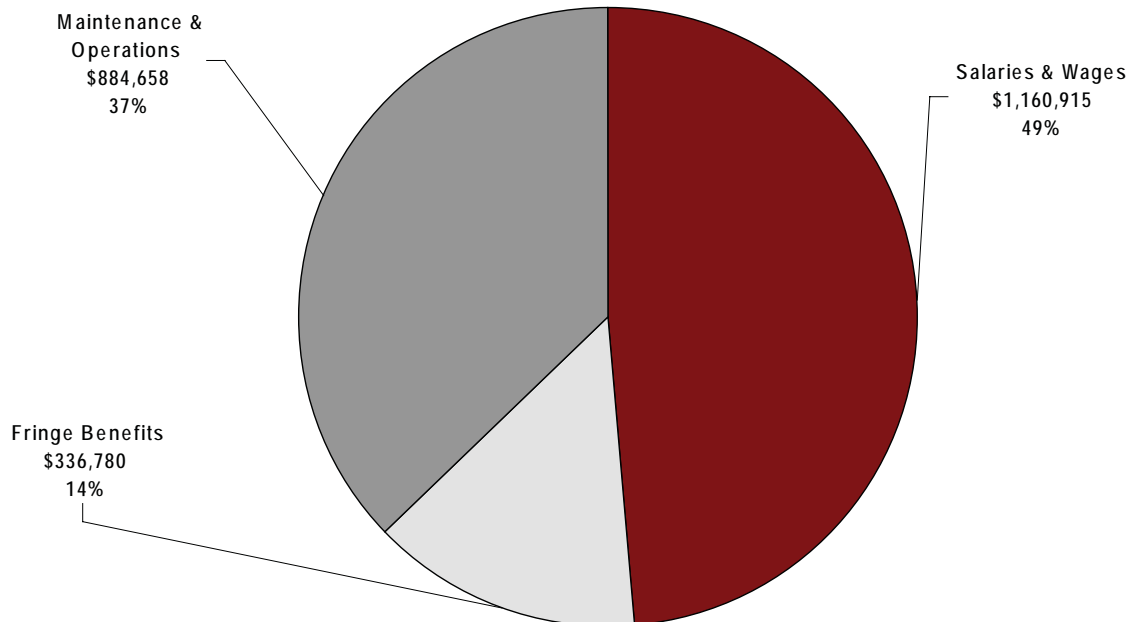
# FY 2008 Funding Overview

**FY 2008 Budget—\$2,663,053**

## FY 2008 Revenues



## FY 2008 Expenditures



# CJI Education and Training Center

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 and Computer Education Division (FSCED)**
  - *The Arkansas Methamphetamine Training Project*
  - *The Drug Endangered Children Initiative*
- **Law Enforcement Management Division (LEMD)**
- **Safe Schools Initiatives Division (SSID)**
- **Traffic Safety Programs**

The Center also provides a variety of distinguished programs designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of targeted law enforcement populations, such as executives and managers, crime scene investigators, and narcotics officers. Distinguished programs include:

- **Arkansas Leader**
- **Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program**
- **Narcotics Officer Certificate Program**
- **School of Law Enforcement Supervision**



## Education and Training Center Overview for FY 08

- 205 courses delivered
- 4,222 attendees from 327 different agencies across the State



# Forensic Sciences and Computer Education Division

## Forensic Sciences

The mission of the Forensic Sciences Program at the Criminal Justice Institute is to provide educational opportunities to the Arkansas Law Enforcement community that will produce individuals confident in the ability to function as crime scene professionals. To accommodate all knowledge and skill levels the program offers a selection of courses that range from general to specialized content areas.

During fiscal year 2008, seventeen different classes were delivered through the Forensic Sciences Program, including *Advanced Techniques in Property Room Management*, *Crime Scene Digital Photography and Imaging*, *Recovery of Human Remains*, *Computer Crime*, *Bloodstain Pattern Documentation and Analysis*, and *Crime Scene Courtroom Testimony*. Classes held at locations other than CJI's main facility were *Basic Crime Scene Processing*, *Basic Digital Photography*, *Identification and Recovery of DNA Evidence at Crime Scenes*, and *Latent Prints*. A total of 8 off-site deliveries were provided.

In addition to the individual classes, CJI offered the tenth session of the *Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program* (CSTCP) from January through June 2008. This intensive program is available exclusively to Arkansas law enforcement personnel and is designed to assist them in effectively processing crime scenes for physical evidence. Six fundamental components of crime scene investigation are presented over a six-month period for three days each month. The topics include **Crime Scene Photography; Latent Print Processing; Impression Evidence; Biological and Trace Evidence; Crime Scene Sketching, Note Taking and Report Writing; and Crime Scene Investigation**. Upon successfully completing all six components officers meet the minimum requirements necessary for application for certification as a crime scene specialist through the International Association for Identification.



For fiscal year 2009 sixteen different classes are scheduled for a total of 19 deliveries. Four classes will be delivered off-site for a total of 7 deliveries. CJI will offer session VI of the *Advanced Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program* during FY09. This program is offered every other year to provide a select group of CSTCP graduates the opportunity to build on the essential crime solving skills acquired in the six-month certificate program. Session XI of the *Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program* will be offered from January through June 2009.

Since the inception of the **Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program** in 1999, 197 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.

## Computer Education

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. During fiscal year 2008, computer education programs were delivered to more than 500 criminal justice professionals. The courses delivered included *Introduction to Computers, Internet Researching and E-Mail, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, and Microsoft Access.*

The Criminal Justice Institute also delivered advanced computer courses designed to build upon the skills presented in CJI's introductory computer courses. The advanced courses provided law enforcement officers with additional instruction on utilizing the many tools available to simplify working with documents, databases and presentation programs.

In addition to the advanced courses, CJI offered courses designed to teach law enforcement executives the essentials of computer technologies and key Microsoft programs to meet their immediate needs. These courses were developed to assist busy executives enhance their computer skills in a short amount of time. The courses presented information on electronic document development and management; spreadsheet design and formula utilization; and time-saving keyboarding and printing techniques.



In FY 08, CJI delivered nine advanced computer courses to 137 criminal justice professionals across the State.

In addition, 46 law enforcement executives attended computer courses specifically designed for agency heads and managers.

# FY 2008 Overview of Forensic Sciences and Computer Education Division

## Forensic Sciences Courses

- 22 classes delivered
- 402 attendees from 80 agencies

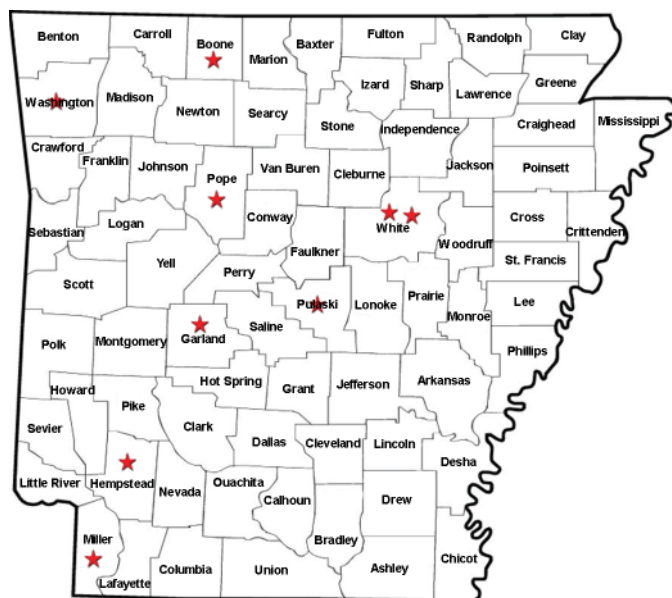
## Crime Scene

### Technician Certificate Program

- 18 graduates
- 17 different agencies

## Computer Courses

- 39 classes delivered
- 571 attendees from 58 agencies



## FY 2008 Training Locations for Forensic Sciences and Computer Education Division

Arkansas State University at Beebe  
Criminal Justice Institute (Little Rock, AR)  
Hot Springs Police Department  
North Arkansas College (Harrison, AR)  
Russellville Police Department  
Texarkana Police Department  
University of Arkansas Community College at Hope  
White County Sheriff's Office (Searcy, AR)  
Washington County Sheriff's Office (Fayetteville, AR)

## Special Programs Offered Through FSCED

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

### Arkansas Methamphetamine Training Project

In 2002, the Criminal Justice Institute began the **Arkansas Methamphetamine Training Project** to address the need for education and training to combat the illicit activities associated with methamphetamine production, importation, trafficking, and abuse. Through federal grant and state funding, the Institute developed and delivered 15 courses to enhance the knowledge and skill levels of law enforcement executives, managers, first responders, parole and probation officers, and clandestine lab-certified law enforcement personnel. These courses have provided instruction on officer and community safety, drug making components and clandestine laboratory identification, and the investigation of methamphetamine-related activities and crimes.

The programs delivered during FY 2008 include: *Basic Methamphetamine Investigations; Arkansas Methamphetamine Challenge; Basic Digital Photography; Mexican Drug Traffickers and the Spiritual World; Ecstasy, Raves, and Club Drugs; and Managing Drug Investigations.* A total of 35 classes were provided to 880 participants.

Since October 2002, the **Arkansas Methamphetamine Training Project** has provided training to 4,908 criminal justice professionals.

Since July 2006, 94 law enforcement officers representing 65 law enforcement agencies have completed the **Narcotics Officer Certificate Program**.



### 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.

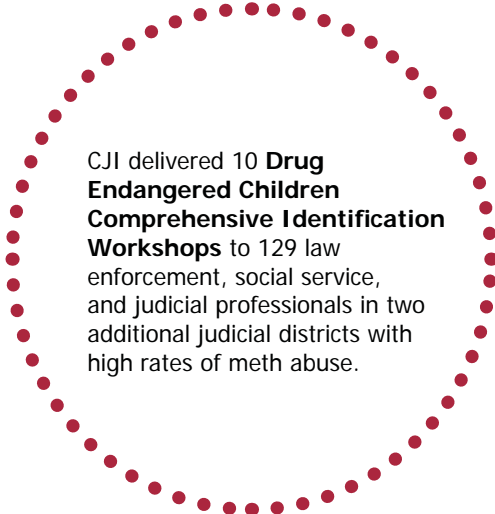
A total of 33 officers representing 20 different law enforcement agencies graduated from sessions IV and V of the Narcotics Officer Certificate Program. To enhance the opportunity for rural law enforcement agencies to benefit from this program, sessions IV and V were delivered at the Hot Springs Police Department and the Baxter County Emergency Services Training Center.

## The Drug Endangered Children Initiative

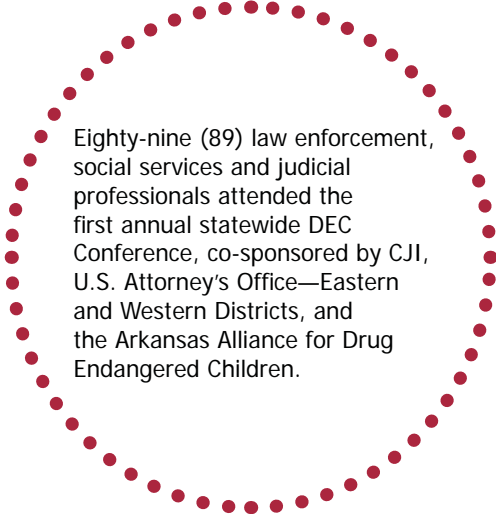
Each year the health, welfare and future of hundreds, if not thousands, of Arkansas' children are jeopardized by caregivers who use, distribute or produce illicit drugs. While law enforcement, social services, medical, judicial and educational professionals are committed to assisting the children affected by drugs, there is an absence of multidisciplinary strategies for the comprehensive identification and treatment of drug endangered children and their families.

The Criminal Justice Institute, in May 2005, facilitated the formation of the Arkansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children. With Community Oriented Policing Services funding, the Institute has delivered education and training that is assisting law enforcement, social service and judicial professionals in four judicial districts (a total of 12 counties) with high methamphetamine abuse rates to identify and rescue the greatest number of endangered children.

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.



CJI delivered 10 **Drug Endangered Children Comprehensive Identification Workshops** to 129 law enforcement, social service, and judicial professionals in two additional judicial districts with high rates of meth abuse.



Eighty-nine (89) law enforcement, social services and judicial professionals attended the first annual statewide DEC Conference, co-sponsored by CJI, U.S. Attorney's Office—Eastern and Western Districts, and the Arkansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children.



## Law Enforcement Management Division

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 community leaders. Course offerings emphasize enhancing 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 2008 includes *Civil Liability, Background Investigations, Communication, Media Relations, Crime Prevention, Grant Writing, Courtroom Testimony, Conflict Resolution, Internal Affairs, Patrol Response to Active Shooter Incidents* 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 2008, the Institute was pleased to host courses such as *Officer Safety and Communication Spanish, Talking Hands, Hostage Negotiations, Instructor Development, and The Bulletproof Mind*.



Three quarterly publications are distributed statewide to ensure that the 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 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 is offered once a year, and the School of Law Enforcement Supervision is offered twice a year.

### 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 and renowned speakers are selected to provide law enforcement executives with information about practical procedures for managing their agency, the latest trends, technology and problems impacting our society, as well as the opportunity to network and share common and unique experiences.

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.

Twenty-seven (27) law enforcement leaders from 26 different agencies completed this program in 2008.



### 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.

In FY 2008, 52 law enforcement professionals representing 34 different agencies successfully completed SLES.

# FY 2008 Overview of Law Enforcement Management Programs

## Law Enforcement Management Courses

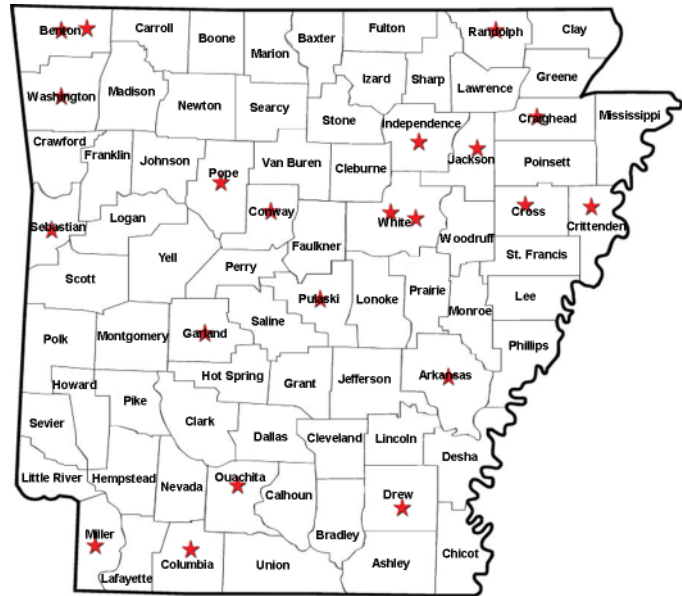
- 62 classes delivered
- 1,421 attendees from 187 agencies

## School of Law Enforcement Supervision

- 2 sessions delivered
- 52 attendees from 34 agencies

## Arkansas Leader Program

- 1 session delivered
- 27 attendees from 26 agencies



## FY 2008 Training Locations for Law Enforcement Management Programs

Arkansas State University—Beebe  
 Arkansas State University—Newport  
 Bentonville Police Department  
 Black River Technical College (Pocahontas, AR)  
 Camden Police Department  
 Criminal Justice Institute (Little Rock, AR)  
 Cross County Sheriff's Office  
 Fort Smith Police Department  
 Hot Springs Police Department  
 Independence County Sheriff's Office  
 Jonesboro Police Department  
 Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas (DeWitt, AR)  
 Rogers Police Department  
 Russellville Police Department  
 Southern Arkansas University at Magnolia  
 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  
 White County Sheriff's Office



# Traffic Safety Programs

## 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; and Drug Recognition Expert Instructor Development.

## 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. 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.

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 2008, two law enforcement summits were conducted.



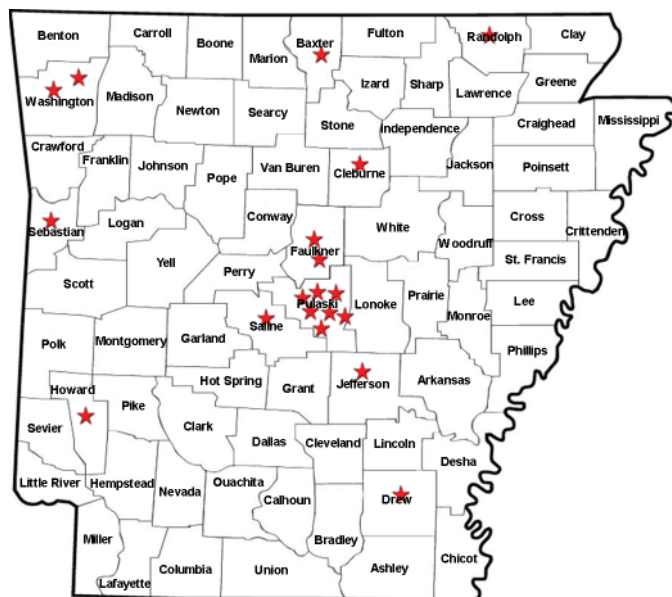
In partnership with the Prosecutor Coordinator's Office, this project hosts the **Annual DWI Seminar** for both prosecutors and law enforcement officers. During this seminar, the **DWI and Occupant Protection Enforcement Awards Banquet** is held to recognize officers for exemplary DWI and occupant protection enforcement.

In the 2008 **Drunk Driving Over the Limit, Under Arrest** campaign, 140 agencies participated. This represents an increase of 45 agencies from previous years.

## FY 2008 Overview of Traffic Safety Programs

## Traffic Safety Program

- 36 classes delivered
- 683 attendees from 133 agencies



## FY 2008 Locations for Traffic Safety Programs

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Field Office (Mayflower, AR)

Arkansas State Police Headquarters (Little Rock, AR)

Baxter County Sheriff's Office (Mountain Home, AR)

Benton Police Department

Black River Technical College—Law Enforcement Training Academy  
(Pocahontas, AR)

Conway Police Department

Fort Smith Police Department

Heber Springs Police Department

Little Rock Police Department

Nashville Police Department

North Little Rock Police Department

Wyndham Riverfront Hotel (North Little Rock, AR)

Northwest Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy  
(Springdale, AR)

Pine Bluff Police Department

Russellville Police Department

Shannon Hills Police Department

Sherwood Harmon Center

University of Arkansas at Monticello

University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Washington County Sheriff's Office (Fayetteville, AR)

## Safe Schools Initiative Division (SSID)

The **Safe Schools Initiative Division (SSID)** provides programs and resources that assist in reducing violence and violence-related behaviors in Arkansas schools. Formerly known as the School Violence Resource Center, this Division continues to take a pro-active approach to responding to crime and violence, both on the school campus and within the community.

Through a grant awarded by the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation, the Safe Schools Initiative Division has created a web-based dropout prevention resource that will enable Arkansas schools to develop customized strategies aimed at reducing student dropout rates. In FY 2008, a significant amount of material regarding dropout prevention programs and strategies were gathered and compiled. To date, approximately 90 evidence-based model programs have been selected, prepared, and entered into the resource database. The programs selected for the database offer many strategies for dropout prevention, such as mentoring/tutoring, creating a safe learning environment, providing after-school activities, systemic renewal, and family engagement.

The subject matter content for the database entries came from feedback from focus groups held in FY 2008. The format includes: program summary, key outcomes, key strategies, contact information, resources needed for implementation, time required for program, target age and grades, target gender, ethnicity, and cost. The intent in formatting and researching information about the programs is to provide enough information for the end user to make an informed decision about a program but not so much information that the end user would have difficulty reviewing the content. The Dropout Prevention Resource Database can be visited at [www.svrc.net](http://www.svrc.net).

During FY 2008, SSID also began Phase II of the Dropout Prevention Resource Database and Toolkit Project by piloting the database in area schools.



*Listed below are the schools the project staff has worked with to implement a prevention program. Each pilot program was the result of the schools selecting programs that were found in the Dropout Prevention Resource Database.*

### **Watch D.O.G.S Program (Dads of Great Students)**

Bale Elementary (Little Rock, AR)  
Booker Arts Magnet (Little Rock, AR)  
Jefferson Elementary (Little Rock, AR)  
Baseline Elementary (Little Rock, AR)  
Geyer Springs Elementary (Little Rock, AR)  
Otter Creek Elementary (Little Rock, AR)

### **Reading Right**

Murrell Taylor Elementary (Jacksonville, AR)

### **Good Behavior Game**

Martin Luther King Head Start (Little Rock, AR)

### **Talk About It**

Forrest City High School

### **Let Each One Teach One Program** Star City School District

### **Continuous Advancement Placement System (CAPS) Program**

Argenta Academy (North Little Rock, AR)

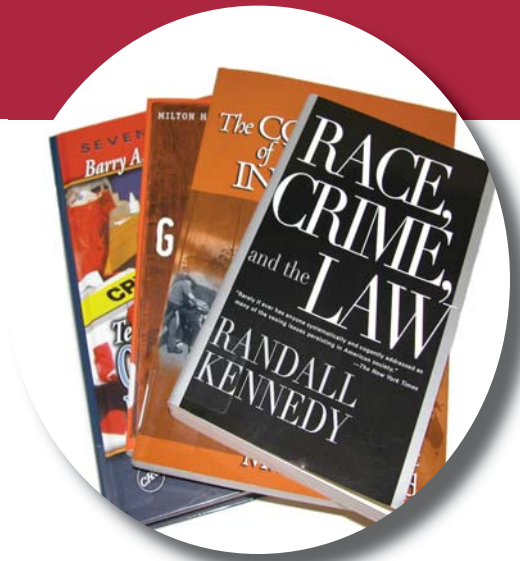
# Library Services

Library Services provides research and reference materials to Arkansas law enforcement practitioners who need information on criminal justice-related subjects. The Library houses a collection of more than 4,000 books and journals and more than 800 videos, DVDs, CDs and audio tapes—one of the most comprehensive collections of law enforcement resources in the State. These materials 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.

In addition to materials available for loan, Library Services offers a variety of free resource materials for Arkansas law enforcement. These materials include informational pamphlets, CDs, DVDs, and books.

Selections for the library are based on their relevance to the law enforcement community and by the stated interest of subjects and issues by law enforcement personnel and CJI staff.



# Higher Education Programs

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 State**, are available exclusively to Arkansas law enforcement personnel who are actively employed within a law enforcement agency in the State. To successfully complete a program, participants are required to take special courses through the Criminal Justice Institute along with general education courses from participating colleges and universities.

Although students are 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. Financial aid opportunities, including pell grants, student loans, and workforce improvement grants, can be used to further reduce the costs of this unique educational opportunity.

Thus far, 60 officers from across the State have enrolled in at least one of these programs. In 2009, the Criminal Justice Institute will initiate an aggressive marketing campaign to enhance the number of officers and communities that benefit from this opportunity.



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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



# 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:

- **Sexual Assault Training for Rural Law Enforcement**
- **The SENTINEL Project**
- **The Cyberterrorism Defense Initiative**
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## Sexual Assault Training for Rural Law Enforcement

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 (USDJOJ). 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 to assist their investigators.

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

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 identify and practice collecting significant physical evidence as well as participate in exercises to enhance their interviewing skills with victims and suspects. Techniques and strategies focused on non-stranger assaults are also presented.

During FY 2008, a project specialist was hired for the project and a pilot session for each curriculum was scheduled for July 2008. In addition, the first delivery of the management curriculum was scheduled for October 2008.



## The SENTINEL Project

Through a cooperative agreement from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) awarded in 2004, the Center for Information Technology Engineering has continued to deliver two cyber security courses nationwide through **The SENTINEL Project**. These two courses—*Prevention, Deterrence, and Recovery* and *Incident Handling and Response*—are made available to technical personnel working within agencies or organizations considered part of our Nation's critical infrastructures and who have the responsibility of securing their computer networks and other critical information systems. This includes, but is not limited to, public safety agencies, federal, state and local governments, hospital and other health care providers, public utilities, and colleges and universities. The SENTINEL project ended on January 31, 2008. However, the two courses have continued to be delivered through another DHS award, **The Cyberterrorism Defense Initiative**.

## The Cyberterrorism Defense Initiative

Through a cooperative agreement from the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA, Training and Exercises Integration/Training Operations, the Center for Information Technology Engineering is continuing to administer the Cyberterrorism Defense Initiative (CDI). Since receiving this award, the CDI staff has continued to deliver two SENTINEL courses (*Cybersecurity: Prevention, Deterrence, and Recovery* and *Cybersecurity: Incident Handling and Response*) as well as developing two new courses, *Complete Cyberterrorism Defense* and *The Cyberterrorism First Responder*.

All CDI courses utilize a blended learning approach, which combines instructor led classroom lecture with hands-on applications by use of mobile computer training labs that depict real world cyber attack simulations. Courses are made available to technical personnel working within agencies or organizations considered as a part of our

nation's critical infrastructures, and who have the responsibility for securing their computer networks and other critical information systems. This includes, but is not limited to public safety agencies, federal, state and local governments, hospital and other health care providers, public utilities, and colleges and universities.

During the 2007 fiscal year, the Cyberterrorism Defense Initiative staff traveled to sixteen (16) different locations nationwide, provided thirty-two (32) total classes, and trained a total of seven hundred (700) participants.

## Tribal and Rural Internet Project (TRIP)

In FY 2008, the National Center for Rural Law Enforcement's **Tribal/Rural Law Enforcement Internet Project (TRIP)** provided toll-free dial-up internet access to 51 tribal and rural law enforcement agencies that lacked access to an internet service provider (ISP) in their local dial-up area. The project also provided toll-free access to a help desk for technical assistance and electronic mail (e-mail) accounts to a total of 911 tribal and rural law enforcement agencies and individual officers.

The TRIP help desk utilized e-mail and a resource center as a means of promoting communications and sharing of information between criminal justice practitioners nationwide. The CopShare list serve, administered by TRIP help desk staff, provided a means for which a law enforcement/criminal justice agency or individual officer in need of information could request it by sending an e-mail to CopShare@cji.net with a brief explanation of the information needed. The information request was then disseminated to all other list serve members. In addition, CopShare was utilized to disseminate information beneficial to the law enforcement community, including national security alerts, officer safety bulletins, and information about funding and educational opportunities.



TRIP also served as host for a number of law enforcement/criminal justice agency websites. This service provided criminal justice agencies the opportunity to post their web site free of charge and allowed the agency to communicate available programs and services to the citizens within their community.

The TRIP help desk staff also provided assistance to law enforcement agencies in support of the Bureau of Justice Assistance-funded Bullet Proof Vest (BVP) grant program. (Although funding for TRIP has ended, the Criminal Justice Institute will continue serving as the designated point of contact for the state of Arkansas. In that capacity, the Institute will continue providing assistance to Arkansas law enforcement agencies in application processing.)

### **Tribal Technology and Information Sharing Outreach Project**

The National Center for Rural Law Enforcement (NCRLE) Center for Information Technology Engineering (CITE) received funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, United States Department of Justice in 2003 for the Tribal Technology and Information Sharing Outreach Program (TTISOP). The purpose of TTISOP is to empower leadership within each Indian tribe nationwide to better assess, plan, and implement information technology and information sharing systems within their justice agencies. CITE staff has established an excellent 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, CITE has developed 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.

CITE staff has completed a tribal self-assessment video that was filmed at the White Earth Band of Ojibwe tribe in White Earth, Minnesota and at the

National Center for Rural Law Enforcement. This film has been edited, produced for DVD release, and made available to any requesting tribe at no cost. The video illustrates the specific steps for completing NCRLE's TJISS On-line Self-Assessment questionnaire for implementing an information sharing system. Tribes can watch the video prior to beginning the on-line self-assessment process, and get step-by-step technical and administrative tutorials for completing this thorough self-assessment. These assessments can then be utilized by the tribes to make informed decisions regarding the information sharing process, to include their tribe's technical status, their technical deficiencies, and ultimately their needs when contacting a technical vendor. This video is advertised via electronic mail, the TJISS website ([www.tjiss.net](http://www.tjiss.net)), and with assistance from Department of Justice agencies involved with tribal justice.

Copies of this video have been mailed to the Bureau of Justice Assistance project management for general submission at their various tribal conferences nationwide. It is NCRLE's goal that this video will provide guidance and direction on the information sharing process for tribes nationwide.