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CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE

**Criminal Justice Institute
FY17 Annual Report**

MAKING COMMUNITIES SAFER
ONE OFFICER AT A TIME



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Dr. Cheryl May
CJI Director

Lifelong learning is an invaluable investment in the continued development of professional law enforcement personnel. It allows them to learn new techniques and stay abreast of developments in trends and policy, while also reinforcing the tried and true tenets of criminal justice that safeguard sound law enforcement practices.

The Criminal Justice Institute is proud to play a role in helping provide opportunities for lifelong learning throughout the year in locations across the State. We strive each year to excel in our mission: *Making communities safer by supporting law enforcement professionals through training, education, resources, and collaborative partnerships.* Our FY 2017 Annual Report will provide you with highlights of the classroom programs and the online classes we offered this year, along with the collaborative partnerships we created, to ensure law enforcement has access to some of the finest police training in the nation.

One area where we maintain continued growth is in our online program. In FY 2017, we added four new classes to our roster of online trainings. CJI's online programs have made a tremendous impact in increasing the accessibility of training to those individuals who do not have access to a traditional classroom. We remain committed to growing our online program and ensuring training is available to ALL law enforcement, regardless of agency size, agency resources, or agency location.

Another commitment we have made is forming partnerships, both within the state and throughout the nation, that allow us to expand training opportunities and resources. CJI presented several programs in collaboration with other agencies in FY 2017, including the El Paso Intelligence Center, the National Institute of Corrections, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and Fox Valley Technical Institute. All of these programs were beneficial to officers seeking to advance their knowledge and skills in critical areas of law enforcement, including child interdiction and protection, jail safety, and drug interdiction.

The Criminal Justice Institute will continue working to make educational opportunities available to each of you. THANK YOU for the important work that you do every day and for allowing us to support those efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl May".

Dr. Cheryl May

Our Mission

The **Criminal Justice Institute (CJI)** is a campus of the University of Arkansas System that serves a unique population of non-traditional students—certified law enforcement professionals who are actively employed within our State’s police departments and sheriff’s offices, as well as the Arkansas State Police, the Arkansas Department of Community Corrections, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, and the Arkansas Highway Police. The Institute is committed to making communities safer by supporting law enforcement professionals through training, education, resources, and collaborative partnerships.



The Institute delivers advanced training and educational opportunities across Arkansas in progressive areas of criminal justice, including law enforcement leadership and management, forensic sciences, computer technologies, illicit drug investigations, and school, traffic, and officer safety. By providing these services, CJI assists law enforcement agencies in positively impacting not only public safety, but also the quality of life and the economic viability of communities across the State.

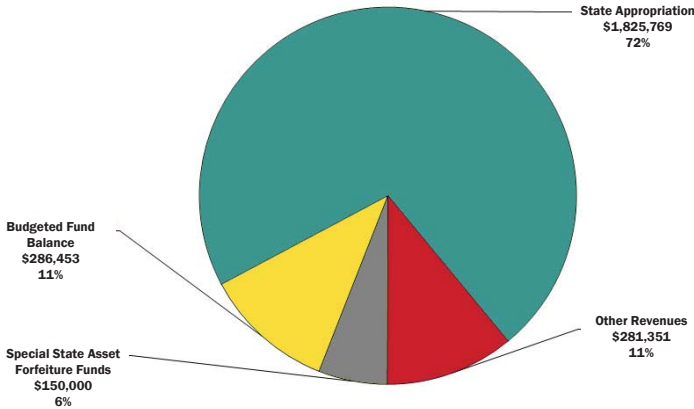
Due to the rural nature of Arkansas and the associated unique challenges, CJI courses are designed to enhance accessibility for officers serving rural communities as well as their urban counterparts. In addition to serving Arkansas law enforcement, CJI provides law enforcement training programs to police officers and sheriff deputies outside of Arkansas for a small fee.

In 1997, the Institute established the National Center for Rural Law Enforcement (NCRLE). Through federal grants, the NCRLE offers training and professional development opportunities designed specifically to benefit rural communities.

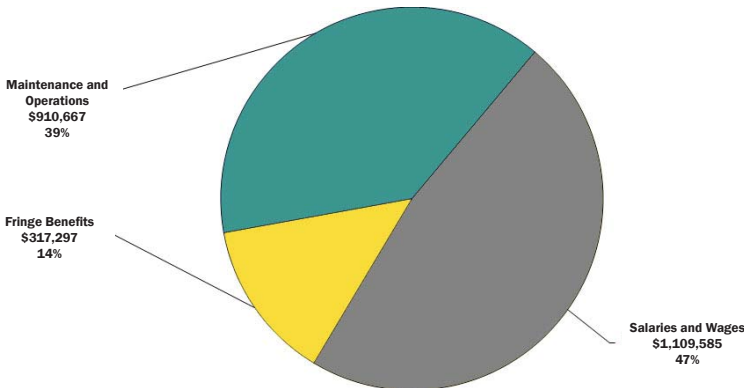
CJI AT-A-GLANCE

Fiscal Overview: FY 2017 Budget—\$2,543,573

FY 2017 Revenues



FY 2017 Distributions



FY 2017:

By the Numbers...

Classes Delivered: **584**

Total Attendees: **15,390**

In-State Programs

Classes Delivered: **550**

Number of Different Locations in the State Where CJI Programs Were Offered: **83**

Number of Agencies Represented: **324**

Total Attendees: **14,819**

National Programs

Classes Delivered: **34**

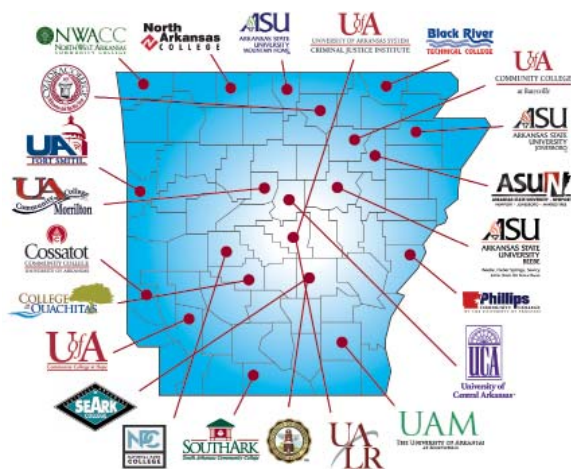
Number of Agencies Represented: **341**

Total Attendees: **571**



All figures reflect CJI's FY 2017 fiscal year: July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

CJI's Higher Education Partnership

Making Higher Education More Accessible for Arkansas Law Enforcement



Highlights from FY 2017

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 In FY 2017, CJI admitted **46** additional law enforcement officers into the academic program, bringing the total number of officers enrolled to **520**.
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 National Park College is the newest partner in CJI's Degree Program for Arkansas law enforcement. Located in Hot Springs, National Park is the fourth largest community college in the state.

The Criminal Justice Institute, in collaboration with 22 colleges and universities across the State, provides the opportunity for law enforcement professionals to obtain valuable practitioner-oriented certificates and Associate of Applied Science degrees.

While maintaining full-time employment, officers can earn certificates of proficiency, technical certificates, and Associate of Applied Science degrees in Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) and Law Enforcement Administration (LEA) by combining law enforcement specific training provided by the Criminal Justice Institute with general education classes offered at a collaborating two- or four-year institution.

In FY 2017, National Park College became the newest partner in CJI's Degree Program. Located in Hot Springs, National Park is the fourth largest community college in the state, averaging approximately 4,000 credit students per semester enrolled in college courses blending liberal arts with occupational education to prepare students to enter the workforce or transfer to a four-year institution. CJI is excited to collaborate with National Park in this important initiative for Arkansas law enforcement.

Only active members of the Arkansas law enforcement community are eligible for enrollment in the Law Enforcement Management and Crime Scene Investigation programs. Civilians who currently perform crime scene duties in their agencies are also eligible for the Crime Scene Investigation programs.

CJI's Online Learning Center

Expanded Opportunities for Law Enforcement Education

Continued education and training is available for any certified Arkansas law enforcement officer with internet access through the Criminal Justice Institute's Online Learning Center. These online law enforcement programs are in high demand, thanks to the benefits of self-pacing for individual learners, flexible scheduling around personal and agency needs, and reductions in travel expenses for agencies. Creating high-quality accessible online courses remains at the forefront of the Online Learning Center's focus, as evidenced by developments to accomplish those goals through additional personnel and presentation upgrades to meet WCAG 2.0 AA electronic information standards.

In keeping with CJI's mission to provide training that is current and relevant to law enforcement, the Online Learning Center launched four new online courses in FY 2017:

- **Effective Report Writing**
- **Human Trafficking Awareness**
- **Introduction to Active Killer Response for Educators**
- **Use of Force**

Highlights from FY 2017



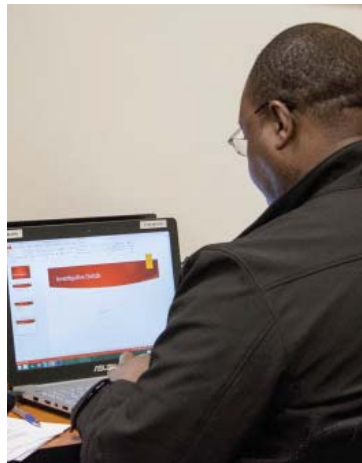
A total of **7,490** participants from **584** agencies completed CJI online courses.



More than 1,000 participants completed CJI's four new courses in FY 2017, with *Use of Force* having the most activity.



At least four new courses and several updated courses are planned for FY 2018.



Effective Report Writing **ONLINE**

Well-written police reports can be instrumental in solving a case or winning a lawsuit. This six-hour course provides a concise and practical presentation of effective report-writing techniques for the law enforcement professional. Designed for officers of all experience levels, the program includes lecture, video, and handouts, as well as practical exercises and quizzes.

"Easy to understand, provided practical lessons on report writing, and was well put together... The information was clear, concise, and stayed on topic...The course shows how important good note taking is. It explains the importance of documentation. It also explains how to use grammar to help yourself—along with everyone else—to understand what took place at the incident...I will recommend [this course] to other officers."

Human Trafficking Awareness ONLINE

The U.S. Department of State estimates more than 14,000 victims are trafficked into the U.S. annually, and children are the majority of these victims. Victims of trafficking are often hidden by the nature of their condition, which leads to victims being overlooked when they appear in plain sight. Raising awareness of this hidden problem is a key element for training.

This course defines human trafficking, distinguishes between trafficking and smuggling, and reviews the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, as well as the Arkansas Trafficking Statutes. Officers will learn victim profiles, tactics used for scouting and recruiting victims, and indicators that a person is a victim of trafficking. Traffickers are described using case examples, and officers learn how to identify victims and respond to them with a trauma-informed approach. The three-hour course concludes with information on available resources for domestic and international victims.

"Getting the information at the beginning about 300,000 people affected made me open my eyes about how serious this was... Very well structured. Gave solid information backed up by factual and numerical data. Provided sound definitions for terminology and ideology involving human trafficking... A lot of this information is not encountered in the training for a patrol officer but should be required...A very good course which I believe will be very useful over the course of my career. I would recommend this course to any and all law enforcement officers."

FY 17 ONLINE COURSES

- Animal Fighting/Animal Cruelty Investigations ONLINE
- Autism Spectrum Disorders: Law Enforcement Response ONLINE
- Crime Scene First Responder for the Uniformed Officer ONLINE
- Crime Scene Investigation ONLINE
- Domestic Violence ONLINE
- Drug Endangered Children Awareness ONLINE
- Effective Report Writing ONLINE
- Ethics for Law Enforcement ONLINE
- Foundations of Supervision and Leadership ONLINE
- Human Trafficking Awareness ONLINE
- Identifying and Preventing Bullying ONLINE
- Introduction to Active Killer Response for Educators ONLINE
- Introduction to Sexual Assault Investigation for the Rural Executive ONLINE
- Introduction to Sexual Assault Investigation for the Rural Investigator ONLINE
- Law Enforcement Response to Persons with Behavioral Health Issues ONLINE
- Methamphetamine Awareness, Identification, and Safety for First Responders ONLINE
- Methamphetamine Awareness, Identification, and Safety for Parole and Probation ONLINE
- Methamphetamine Investigations ONLINE
- Methamphetamine Challenge for Law Enforcement Executives ONLINE
- Principles of Supervision and Leadership ONLINE
- Racial Profiling ONLINE
- School Safety Refresher ONLINE
- School Site Safety Assessment ONLINE
- Use of Force ONLINE

Introduction to Active Killer Response for Educators **ONLINE**

Educators today must know how their schools can better plan for an active killer situation. This two-hour course provides educators and administrators with information needed to prepare for and respond to an active killer event. Various actual active killer events are discussed in order to gain a better understanding of techniques, tactics, and policies that may be employed in a school environment when dealing with an active killer incident. Participants also learn what to expect from first responders when active killer events occur.

"I believe this will be beneficial to both educators and law enforcement. Good job...It gave options of run or fight, and not just lockdown. It also suggests weapons to be found in the classroom to use, such as a fire extinguisher and wasp spray...Some people live in a fantasyland where they believe this can't happen here. This material enforces the fact that an active killer incident can happen anywhere...This course was very helpful. I have already set up in-service for our teachers with local law enforcement agency to go over what to expect in an active killer event."

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Use of Force **ONLINE**

Law enforcement officers are sworn to uphold the law and must attempt to apprehend those who violate it. Officers are required to use only the amount of force that is reasonably necessary to make the apprehension. When excessive force is used, the officer, as well as the agency, may be held both criminally and civilly liable. This six-hour course focuses on the case law and legislation that define the amount of force lawfully available to officers in attempted arrest/seizure cases and examines how the courts have defined excessive force. The context of high-speed pursuit is also considered, and additional course sections include the stages of force continuum and the concept of de-escalation. Case scenarios involving the use of force, deadly force, high-speed pursuits, force continuum, and de-escalation are part of the interactive content.

"This course helped me to identify when and how to use de-escalation techniques. It helped me identify improper use of force through the videos provided...This course helped me by giving alternative actions to escalation of force and gave many examples through videos of proper escalation of force technique...I could do [this course] in the comfort of my office. It was easy to contact someone regarding technical difficulties, and it was very informative."

NEW ONLINE COURSES FOR FY 2018

**Advanced
Prescription Drug
Diversion
Investigator PDMP
Certification ONLINE**

**Communication
Skills for
Law Enforcement
ONLINE**

**Eyewitness
Identification:
Conducting a Photo
Lineup ONLINE**

CJI's Distinguished Programs

Providing in-depth education and training to Arkansas officers at all levels of law enforcement



DISTINGUISHED PROGRAMS

School of Law Enforcement Supervision

The *School of Law Enforcement Supervision (SLES)* provides an excellent opportunity for law enforcement professionals to receive a foundation on which they can build progressive careers in leadership. Distinguished lecturers recognized as experts in their profession and other exceptional speakers provide the instruction for this class. Specific program objectives are continually evaluated and carefully selected to ensure the program is meeting the needs of leaders in the field. The standard requirements for SLES are to successfully complete a written examination at the conclusion of each week and prepare a research paper on a topic relevant to law enforcement supervision.

Ultimately, this innovative four-week training will prepare first-line and advanced level supervisors for increased responsibility within their agencies and communities. Two sessions of the School of Law Enforcement Supervision are held yearly. SLES meets once a month over a span of four months.

Highlights from FY 2017



A total of **70** participants representing **28** different agencies in the State graduated from SLES.

ARKANSAS LEADER

The ARKANSAS LEADER program was designed specifically for law enforcement executives and other leaders within the field of law enforcement. This week long course focuses on essential principles and concepts that help produce executive-level decision-making skills.



Nationally recognized speakers are selected to ensure law enforcement executives receive well-rounded views of best law enforcement management practices. To enhance the learning experience, law enforcement leaders are encouraged to engage in group discussions to draw on the experience and expertise of class members in addition to the knowledge instructors share in class.

Highlights from FY 2017



In FY 2017, **38** law enforcement executives from **25** departments and agencies participated in ARKANSAS LEADER.

The ARKANSAS LEADER program is jointly sponsored by the Criminal Justice Institute and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

DISTINGUISHED PROGRAMS

Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program

CJI's nationally unique Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program (CSTCP) explores the six fundamental components of crime scene investigations through specialized coursework: Crime Scene Photography; Latent Print Processing; Impression Evidence; Biological and Trace Evidence; Crime Scene Sketching, Note Taking, and Report Writing; and Crime Scene Investigation. Each session includes lectures on the theory behind each basic element of crime scene investigation and requires the completion of practical exercises and written tests to reinforce the skills necessary to examine and process physical evidence found at a crime scene.

Upon completion of all six components, participants meet the requirements necessary for certification as a Crime Scene Investigator.

CJI looks forward to delivering the Advanced Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program in Fiscal Year 2018.

Highlights from FY 2017



In FY 2017, 22 investigators graduated from the Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program.



Since its inception in 1999, 383 investigators representing 124 Arkansas agencies have completed this program and acquired the skills necessary to identify, document, collect, and preserve physical evidence helping to solve more crime in their community.

Narcotics Officer Certificate Program

It is estimated that 45% of all crimes committed in a community are drug-related. Officers are constantly working to rid our cities and counties of these crimes, although this often proves to be a tremendous challenge due to the secretive nature of the drug world.

When officers are assigned to illicit drug enforcement activities, they are not always knowledgeable on the complexities of drug investigations. Often, officers learn on-the-job as they perform their assigned responsibilities burdening the agency with training while at the same time carrying out enforcement activities.

To assist Arkansas law enforcement agencies meet their need for trained personnel, CJI offers the Narcotics Officer Certificate Program (NOCP), which provides specialized training to officers performing narcotics duties. This program provides participants with foundational knowledge and skills needed to conduct effective narcotics investigations. NOCP consists of five, three-day courses delivered once a month. To successfully complete the program, participants are required to attend all five components and pass all examinations.

Highlights from FY 2017



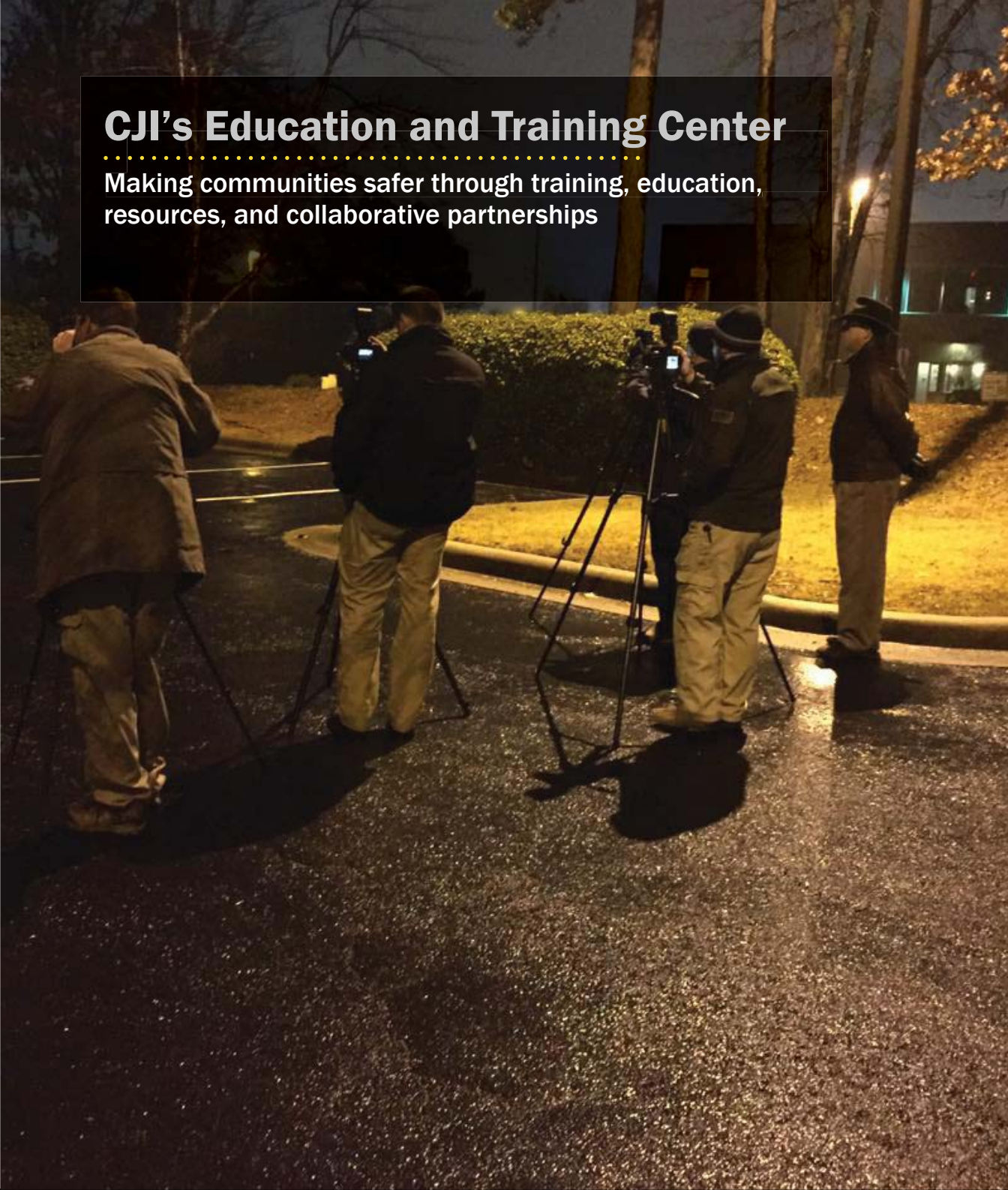
In FY 2017, 33 law enforcement officers completed the Narcotics Officer Certificate Program.



To date, 17 sessions have been completed with 363 graduates representing 160 different communities across the State.

CJI's Education and Training Center

Making communities safer through training, education, resources, and collaborative partnerships



Law Enforcement Management

Providing professional development courses to create strong officers and leaders

In an effort to prepare law enforcement officers, supervisors, and executive managers to better serve and protect, the Law Enforcement Management Division (LEMD) delivers courses each year that offer professional development for law enforcement personnel in every stage of their career. Our desire is to provide educational opportunities that emphasize both practical knowledge as well as advanced training that yield experts in the field.

We make every effort to ensure that courses are scheduled throughout the state so that all Arkansas law enforcement officers have the opportunity to attend. LEMD also offers a variety of online trainings that allow officers to train at their own pace, at times most convenient for them.

Our agency's mission—to *make communities safer one officer at a time*—is the guiding principle behind every class LEMD develops.



Highlights from FY 2017



LEMD presented **206** classes at **453** different locations across the State.



LEMD classes were attended by **7,659** officers.

NEW LEMD COURSES DELIVERED IN FY 2017:

- Basic Criminal Investigations for Street Patrol and New Criminal Investigators
- Civil Rights
- Child Abuse Investigations
- Fair and Impartial Policing for Command Staff
- Human Trafficking Awareness ONLINE
- Implicit Bias
- In Harm's Way: Law Enforcement Suicide Prevention Train-the-Trainer
- Lethality Assessment Program Training
- The Malcontent Cop: An Intervention Strategy
- Procedural Justice
- Use of Force Online

The Malcontent Cop: An Intervention Strategy

Every law enforcement agency, no matter how professional or dedicated to its personnel, has a small cadre of individuals who resist organizational direction and try to undermine management direction. They sabotage morale, resist team-building efforts and create a toxic work environment for the unfortunate people who happen to be co-workers. Malcontent cops rob police departments of necessary and limited personnel resources.

While police administrators almost unanimously report having a few “malcontents,” most departments do not have a specific strategy for intervention. Despite the disruption caused by malcontent cops, supervisors are rarely trained about the dynamics of malcontentism or how to effectively intervene with and hold these individuals accountable.

In FY 2017, the Criminal Justice Institute offered *The Malcontent Cop: An Intervention Strategy* as a stand-alone class for the first time. Formerly offered in the distinguished program, *ARKANSAS LEADER*, this training has always been well received. Participants said the instructor, Dr. Kevin Gilmartin, was an “awesome instructor” who was “very funny and informative.” Others said the information they learned in the class was “very pertinent for today’s law enforcement officers.” A representative from the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy who took the class said, “This course should be mandatory for all officers.”

LEMD was pleased that fifty-two participants took advantage of this training.

Lethality Assessment Program Training

In April 2017, CJI trained officers in the application of the Lethality Assessment Program. This training provided law enforcement officers, domestic violence program decision makers, and domestic violence program trainers with a comprehensive overview of how and why the Lethality Screen was created and how it should be properly administered. Training was provided in two locations—Little Rock and Bentonville—to increase accessibility for officers across the state.

Participants received training on the hotline call, including making a call from the scene, ideal follow-up procedures, and domestic violence program referrals. Participants learned what needs to be in place for the full Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) protocol to be successful, including what decisions each “team” of law enforcement agencies and domestic violence programs need to make and strategies to encourage local law enforcement to carry out the full protocol.



Dismantling Biased Based Policing Practices Through Training

Law enforcement officers and other officials in the field of criminal justice are given a tremendous amount of power and discretion to do their jobs. This authority is needed to enforce laws and ensure justice for all. Preventing abuse of authority is necessary for the protection of our nation's democracy, building public trust, and ensuring the protection of civil rights for those who live in America.



In FY 2017, the Criminal Justice Institute delivered a number of sensitivity trainings that focused on the areas of *Civil Rights*, *Cultural Diversity*, *Fair and Impartial Policing for Command Staff*, *Implicit Bias*, and *Procedural Justice*. These trainings went beyond the basic topics of exploring prejudice and differences.

The *Civil Rights* training is a seven-hour block that explains how federal criminal statutes regarding law enforcement misconduct while policing apply to local and state law enforcement. The class explores the federal role in law enforcement misconduct and demystifies the federal statutes used to investigate those acting under the "Color of Law." Federal criminal statutes used to investigate hate crimes and human trafficking are also discussed.

Local department leaders were invited to attend *Fair and Impartial Policing for Command Staff*, a training that explores the science of bias, its implications when policing, and what elements are needed for agencies to have programs that promote fair and impartial policing practices. Retired Chief Scott Cunningham, PhD taught the class. He has over 37 years of experience as a law enforcement officer and has served in all areas and ranks of a police agency.

Chief Cunningham stressed that even the best officers might manifest bias and therefore even the best agencies must be proactive to alleviate unfair police practices. Participants took assessments and explored reform options in the realms of the following areas: policy, recruitment and hiring, training, supervision and accountability, leadership, measurement, and outreach to diverse communities. Agency leaders left the training with guides to create action plans to implement comprehensive programs.

The *Procedural Justice* class aimed to teach participants how to understand the concepts of legitimacy and procedural justice and how they relate to policing. The class assisted participants in gaining a healthier understanding of the human dynamic between the police and the communities they serve and in conceptualizing the theory behind why people obey the law in the first place.

The *Racial Profiling Online* class, which is offered and updated each fiscal year, continues to be the front runner of LEMD's online classes.

In FY 2017, a combined total of 2,865 participants took advantage of CJl's sensitivity trainings.

Forensic Sciences and Computer Training

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Enhancing knowledge, skills, and abilities
through coursework and practical application

CJI's Forensic Sciences Program provided training and education opportunities for law enforcement personnel in the identification, documentation, collection, and preservation of physical evidence—an asset to any law enforcement agency. Proper photographic techniques, concise evidence processing procedures, and scene management skills are essential for effective crime scene work. Law enforcement personnel can acquire the expertise needed to effectively perform their crime scene investigative responsibilities through introductory, specialized, and advanced courses.

The following introductory classes were offered in crime scene topics:

- **Basic Crime Scene Processing**
- **Basic Digital Photography**
- **Crime Scene First Responder for the Uniformed Officer ONLINE**
- **Crime Scene Investigation ONLINE**

Other classes were offered to further crime scene investigators' and law enforcement's expertise through these specialized subject matter courses:

- **Comprehensive Evidence and Property Management**
- **Fingerprint Classification, Comparison, and Identification**
- **Crime Scene Techniques and Investigation**
- **Shooting Scenes Investigation**
- **Sexual Assault Investigations**
- **Smartphone Applications for Crime Scenes**
- **Sudden Unexplained Infant Death Investigations**
- **Using Forensic Light Sources**

Highlights from FY 2017



CJI presented **29** forensic science and computer programs in locations across the State.



Classes were attended by **1,101** officers.

Community Impact

In FY 2017, Detective Justin Hicks from the Jacksonville Police Department used processing and photography techniques successfully process a safe involved in a commercial burglary.

Det. Hicks utilized Cynoacrylate fuming, Ardox Dye, and an Alternative Light Source to develop a fingerprint. The print was subsequently submitted to the Arkansas State Crime Lab, which resulted in a positive ID of a suspect and an arrest was made.



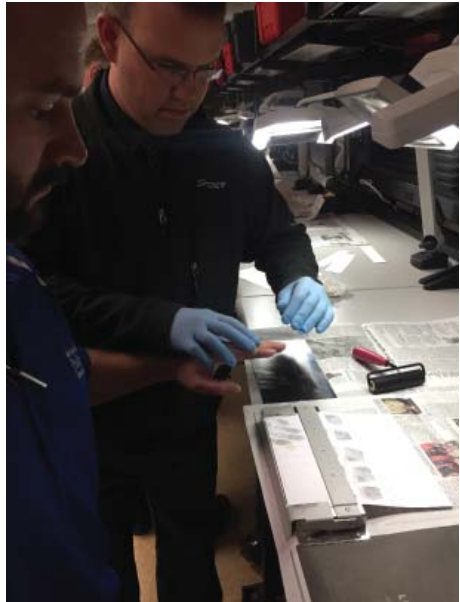
FORENSIC SCIENCES AND COMPUTER TRAINING

CJI's Computer Training Program assists law enforcement personnel in acquiring the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively and efficiently utilize new administrative and case management technology. CJI's computer software programs teach participants to build reports, worksheets, presentations, graphs, charts, tables, and databases through hands-on, step-by-step instruction.

During FY 2017, CJI introduced *Complete Microsoft Word*, combining two classes into one comprehensive class that enhances the professionalism of written communication and documentation.

Other computer classes offered in FY 2017 to assist law enforcement personnel include: *Advanced Microsoft Excel*, *Using Microsoft Excel*, and *Microsoft Outlook/Windows 7 Tips & Tricks*. In addition, CJI hosted *Basic Network Intrusion* delivered by the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C).

Continuing CJI's partnership with the Arkansas State Police and ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children), CJI also delivered much needed technical computer training. Classes offered included: *Cell Phones as an Investigative Tool*, *CyberCrimes: The Investigative Response*, and *Computer Fast Forensics*. These classes help equip students with a basic level of forensic recovery and analysis tools to assist them in their investigations.



Illicit Drug Investigations

Equipping officers to effectively respond to the changing dynamics of the drug trade

CJI's Illicit Drug Initiative provides training to law enforcement to assist them with their drug enforcement activities. Narcotics enforcement takes place in an ever-changing world created by drug abusers, traffickers, and distributors. To be effective in combatting illegal drug activities, law enforcement must stay up-to-date on the changing dynamics of the drug trade and its clientele.

With the restrictions on over-the-counter pseudoephedrine sales, the number of clandestine labs has decreased over the years; however, methamphetamine continues to be the illicit drug of choice for many in Arkansas. In recent years, Arkansas has seen a drastic spike in Heroin use. This spike is largely related to the difficulty for users to obtain controlled pharmaceuticals at a fair price. To combat these drugs in our communities, officers need as many investigative skills as possible. One very important skill is how to properly work informants. Informants can provide valuable information to law enforcement, but they must be carefully selected and managed. *Development, Management, and Control of Drug Informants* was offered in FY 2017. This course is designed to assist law enforcement in identifying potential informants, and successfully recruiting, developing, and utilizing them. Recognizing the motives of confidential informants will help officers select and develop the most effective informants in order to bolster their investigations.

Highlights from FY 2017



CJI presented **21** classes through the Illicit Drug Initiative in locations across the State.



Classes were attended by **591** officers.

Community Impact

March 3–5, 2015: A trooper with the Arkansas State Police attended CJI's *Criminal Interdiction* course at the Jacksonville Police Department. During the 2016 calendar year, the trooper was responsible for 9 large marijuana seizures, totaling 964 lbs. of high grade marijuana.

February 28–March 3, 2017: A trooper with the Arkansas State Police attended CJI's *Criminal Interdiction* course. Within the next 3 months, the trooper was responsible for 4 large seizures of marijuana/marijuana products, totaling 93 lbs. of marijuana and 42 lbs. of THC oil.

October 13-15, 2015: An officer with the Benton Police Department attended CJI's *Criminal Interdiction* course at the Malvern Police Department. In January 2017, this officer was assigned to Benton PD's "Interdiction Unit" and began applying the principles he learned in *Criminal Interdiction*. Since then, he has been responsible for seizing 9 lbs. of heroin, 40 lbs. of marijuana, and \$726,340 in U.S. currency.

ILLICIT DRUG INVESTIGATIONS

Another new course in FY 2017 was *Heroin: Combating, Investigating, Preventing the Plague of Heroin in Your Community*. Heroin is affecting many communities, youth and adults alike, across the United States with no indication of slowing down. A lack of resources and training has left law enforcement, communities and their medical personnel desperately attempting to combat the plague of heroin as it affects many members of their communities. This training will provide strategies that can assist in combating, investigating and preventing the plague of heroin and the devastation it is causing across the U.S.

As new drugs emerge for illicit use or old drugs return, officers must be prepared to meet the challenges the use and abuse of these drugs present to their safety as well as to the well-being of their community. Through our FY 2018 illicit drug course offerings, CJI can help meet the need for training on trends and issues impacting Arkansas law enforcement.

Funding for these courses is provided by the Special State Assets Forfeiture Fund and the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

COMING IN FY 2018:

Roadside Interview Techniques

This program will focus on how to interview subjects on various traffic stops. Officers will learn how to go further with a traffic stop by learning things to look for upon approach and questions to ask after making contact. This class will teach officers how to talk with occupants at various stages of the traffic stop, different ways to use back up officers (if available), and how to respond to demeanor changes of occupants during the stop. These issues will be taught in line with current search and seizure case law and Arkansas law.



The Drug Endangered Children Initiative

Developing a sustainable, effective and efficient evidence-based DEC program for Arkansas

Each year the health, welfare and future of hundreds, if not thousands, of Arkansas's children are jeopardized by caregivers who use, distribute or produce illicit drugs. Drug endangered children are at risk of injury or death, physical and sexual abuse, and nutritional, educational, supervisory, and emotional neglect. While law enforcement, social services, medical, judicial and educational professionals are all committed to assisting children affected by the illicit drug activities occurring in their home, there is an absence of multidisciplinary strategies for the comprehensive identification and rescue of drug endangered children and their families.

The **Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Initiative**, implemented by the Criminal Justice Institute (CJI), benefits children and families in our state who are impacted by illicit drug activities each year. This initiative is focused on developing a sustainable, effective and efficient evidence-based drug endangered children program for Arkansas. Helping drug affected children and their families break the cycle of child and drug abuse will contribute to enhancing the quality of life and the future of our children in local communities across the state.

CJI has developed and delivered training that focuses on facilitating deep collaboration between law enforcement and social service professionals to benefit DEC and their families.



ARKANSAS ALLIANCE
FOR DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN
Rescue. Defend. Shelter. Support.

Since the inception of the DEC program, Arkansas law enforcement and social service professionals in all 75 counties have received early identification and collaboration training.

In February 2016, CJI began implementing pilot projects designed to broaden the professions involved and deepen their collaboration in identifying and intervening on behalf of drug endangered children, to include law enforcement, social services, schools, and community correction. Pilot projects have now been implemented in the following counties: Cleburne, Conway, Faulkner, Garland, Lonoke, Saline, and White.

Currently funded by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, U.S. Department of Justice.

CJI's Traffic Safety Program

Improving Highway Safety

The Criminal Justice Institute continued to provide traffic safety training courses and promote national safety initiatives through grant funds received from the Arkansas State Police Highway Safety Office in FY 2017. With these funds, law enforcement officers and others throughout the State received training in courses on identifying impaired driving related to alcohol and other drugs and occupant protection. In addition, two national safety campaigns involving impaired driving and occupant protection mobilizations were promoted.

Law Enforcement and Prosecutor Training Project

This project is in its 27th year with CJI providing training to law enforcement officers on **Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST)** and **Traffic Occupant Protection Systems (TOPS)** programs. Due to the importance of providing quality instructors for these programs, instructor certification training was provided for the SFST and Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) programs. Training is conducted using curricula developed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). CJI is tremendously grateful for their continued commitment to helping make Arkansas's roads and highways safer.

CJI continues to offer officer training in the **Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DECP)**—also known as the **Drug Recognition Expert (DRE)** program. This expert certification allows officers to identify drug-impaired drivers as well as differentiate between drug influence and medical and/or mental disorders.



Highlights from FY 2017



CJI's Traffic Safety Program trained **1,303** officers from **206** different agencies.



24 officers were trained as Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) across the state.



During the year, CJI's Law Enforcement Liaisons (LELs) solicited participation from **over 300 agencies** in the Click it or Ticket (CIOT) and Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over (DSOGPO) campaigns.



CJI more than doubled the number of officers trained in Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) from FY 2016.



39 officers from 21 agencies were recognized for their efforts in enforcing impaired driving and occupant protection laws as part of the STEP Program.

TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAMS

In anticipation of the traffic safety issues related to the legalization of medical marijuana in the state, CJI has seen an increase of over 100 percent in drugged driving enforcement/training requests. To address this growing need, the traffic safety program continues to offer the **Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)** course, which is used as a “bridge” between SFST training and the training an officer receives as a DRE. The ARIDE course prepares officers to conduct various drug-impaired detection tests at roadside for use in drugged driving investigations.

Continued education is also an important factor in maintaining a high quality program and enhancing an officer’s training. CJI looks forward to adding **DRE Refresher Training** to its curriculum offered by the Traffic Safety Office. This much needed training will address the required recertification training all Arkansas State DRE Officers must complete in order to maintain their DRE certification as well as keep them abreast of changes in the DECP curriculum and program, as well as current national and local drug trends and how they relate to impaired driving.

Law Enforcement and Prosecuting Attorney Impaired Driving Conference

Once again, CJI partnered with the Prosecutor Coordinator’s Office and hosted a Law Enforcement and Prosecuting Attorney Impaired Driving Conference for 113 participants. This conference provided updates on impaired driving laws in the State and included topics on prescription drug abuse, medical marijuana, and courtroom testimony related to impaired driving. National speakers provided information on the emergence and understanding of legalized marijuana and the ramifications of prosecution.

CJI is looking forward to expanding the conference to include other traffic safety partners as well as providing diverse topics of training. In 2018, CJI and the Arkansas State Police Highway Safety Office will partner with the Arkansas Department of Health, Office of Alcohol Testing in hosting a comprehensive two day training conference specific to traffic safety and impaired driving protection, detection, and prosecution.

Officers Honored for DWI and Seat Belt Enforcement

In cooperation with the Arkansas State Police Highway Safety Office, CJI hosted the **17th Annual DWI and Occupant Protection Enforcement STEP (Selective Traffic Enforcement Project) Awards Banquet**. Thirty-nine officers from 21 agencies were recognized for their efforts in enforcing impaired driving and occupant protection laws as part of the STEP program. These 39 officers were nominated by their respective agency and presented with certificates and plaques for their contribution to keeping Arkansas roadways safe.

CJI is excited to broaden their partnership with the Arkansas State Police Highway Safety Office in 2018, by including other traffic safety partners in recognizing not only the efforts of STEP agencies, but officers involved in both the SFST and DRE programs as well as officers who instruct for those programs. This awards luncheon will highlight those in the law enforcement community who excel in traffic safety enforcement and drunk/drugged driving detection and prevention.

Law Enforcement Liaison (LEL) Project

This project focuses on the promotion of two national safety campaigns—**Click It Or Ticket (CIOT)** and **Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over (DSOGPO)** to law enforcement agencies statewide by our Law Enforcement Liaisons (LELs). The CIOT campaign addresses enhanced enforcement and public education of all traffic laws with an emphasis on occupant protection laws around the period of Memorial Day and the DSOGPO campaign focuses on enforcement and public education of impaired driving laws around the Labor Day holiday.

During the year, the LELs solicited participation in these campaigns from over 301 agencies. Of these, 136 agencies participated in the CIOT campaign while 116 agencies participated in the DSOGPO campaign.

Future endeavors by the LELs will include expanding the the number of safety campaigns that they participate in and providing additional support to agencies across the state in the form of traffic safety equipment, overtime reimbursement, and officer training.



CJI Working With State and Local Training Academies on Highway Safety

CJI continued to provide SFST/TOPS training at Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academies as well as individual agency academies across the State.

During the fiscal year, 434 officers were trained at the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy (ALETA), Northwest Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy, Black River Technical College Training Academy, and most recently Central ALETA in North Little Rock. All of these academies now use the NHTSA-approved SFST/TOPS curricula as part of their basic school.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND GOALS FOR FY 2018

- Addition of **DRE Refresher Training** to its curriculum.
- **Expansion of the Impaired Driving Conference** to include: expanding participating traffic safety partnerships, more localized topic discussions, and adding vendors and sponsors to the event.
- **Expansion of recognition awards** to include SFST and DRE Programs.

CJI's Safe Schools Initiative Division

Keeping Arkansas Schools Safe

CJI's **Safe Schools Initiative Division (SSID)** was established to assist in creating and maintaining a safe learning environment for Arkansas children.

With funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community-Oriented Policing Services (COPS), the Criminal Justice Institute created the **Arkansas School Resource Officer Program** to offer uniform school safety training for SROs, school personnel, school security officers, and juvenile court personnel aimed at increasing their knowledge and skill set on school safety issues. Additionally, the program has created and provides educational resources that enhance decisions regarding safety issues.



Highlights from FY 2017



In FY 2017, 2,589 attendees representing 385 different organizations participated in programs of CJI's Safe Schools Initiative.



96 programs were delivered across the State.

High Expectations: Addiction & Drugs 101

This new course provides participants with technically accurate and descriptive information on a range of topics including alcohol, prescription drugs, and illegal drugs. In this interactive training, participants learn about the effects of these drugs on the body and why addiction happens so fast with youth in relation to adolescent brain development. The class also covers current drug terms such as "cross fading" and includes discussion regarding the current heroin epidemic taking place in our country. This training focuses on facts that school personnel and school resource officers can use for beneficial conversations and presentations with their students. This interactive and highly informative training allows participants to walk away with the ability to easily explain addiction and with extensive knowledge of the drugs listed above.

After the delivery of this class, SROs and educators stated that this was one of the best classes they had ever taken on the topic of addiction. One educator said that because of this training, he now has new ways to go back to his school and talk to juveniles and their parents about drugs, alcohol, and addiction.

Proactive Discipline for Reactive Students: Understanding Student Behavior for SROs and Educators

This course is designed to assist school personnel, school resource officers and others working in a school setting in differentiating between typical and atypical student behavior patterns and to establish practical proactive discipline strategies to address those behaviors. Participants will not only gain an understanding of student behavior, but will also learn how to move away from using negative reactive consequences to using positive proactive interventions. Rather than viewing student behavior as negative, this class focuses on turning misbehavior into “positive energy.” At the conclusion of this class, attendees will better understand the function of student behavior and will be able to implement positive behavioral interventions and supports (PBIS) plans that will teach students the art of self-discipline.

After the delivery of this course, our staff received comments from both educators and school resource officers as to how beneficial this training was for them. A SRO stated that it was great information for him to use with his middle school students and that he is now sharing the strategies he learned with the administration and staff at his school and they are seeing a positive difference with their students. A teacher stated to us that it was very helpful information for using in the classroom to manage student behavior and avoiding negative reinforcement and that she will be using these strategies every day.

CJI Expands SRO Program

For the first time, the Safe Schools Program offered two sessions of the School Resource Officer I Basic classes during the summer of 2016. The first class was held at the Criminal Justice Institute in Little Rock with 43 SROs completing this course. The second class was held at Siloam Springs High School with 24 SROs completing the course.

After the two SRO Basic classes were delivered, we received comments from several newly-appointed SROs to thank us for the training. One SRO commented that he now knows how to approach the kids and talk to them on their level and understands that he needs to be in the classroom with the kids more and not just be there to provide security.

Another SRO stated that she started out with a limited knowledge base but after the SRO Basic training, she felt empowered and prepared. Many of the new SROs have stated that they are implementing some of the ideas and resources they learned during this class into their school to better protect their children and staff.



12th Annual Arkansas Safe Schools Conference

The 12th annual Arkansas Safe Schools Conference was held July 18-20, 2016, at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel in North Little Rock. The event is held each year to equip school resource officers, administrators and educators with information regarding some of the most imminent threats to school safety.

CJI was once again honored to co-host this event with the Arkansas Safe Schools Association, the Arkansas Attorney General's Office, the Arkansas Department of Education and the Arkansas Department of Human Services. Keynote speakers for this event included Ally Jacobs, Ray Lozano and Lt. Brian Murphy.

The 2016 Safe Schools Conference was attended by 274 law enforcement and educational professionals.



Pictured: Lieutenant Brian Murphy

Safe Schools Leadership Awards

The Safe Schools Leadership Awards are given during the Leadership Awards Breakfast which is held on the last day of the conference. The purpose of the Leadership Awards is to recognize and give honor to those who have had a positive impact on their school community and have demonstrated support for a safe and positive learning environment in their schools.

The 2016 Leadership Award Winners:

Safe Schools Leadership Award for Chief/Sheriff
Chief Richard Wingard, White Hall Police Department

Safe Schools Leadership Award for Education Administrator
Assistant Principal Jimmy King, Arkadelphia School District

Safe Schools Kool Aid "SRO of the Year" Award
Officer Calvin Allen, Little Rock Police Department

Child Abduction Response Teams (CART)

Local, State and Federal Agencies Join Forces To Form and Certify Teams Across the State

The Criminal Justice Institute, in partnership with the Arkansas State Police and with funding from the Arkansas Attorney General, coordinated the effort to bring the initial Child Abduction Response Team (CART) training to Arkansas in October 2015. Twelve teams have been formed across Arkansas for rapid response to missing child and abducted child situations. Because team composition is critical to a CART's implementation and long-term success, teams include a diverse group of stakeholders who are crucial in the successful recovery of a missing or abducted child. Team participants include representatives from the Arkansas State Police, local and county law enforcement, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, probation and parole, victim advocates, social service agencies, emergency management personnel, school personnel, and other key agencies.

CJI hosts CART trainings, which are provided by the National Criminal Justice Training Center (NCJTC) at Fox Valley Technical College. These trainings provide critical skills needed to conduct effective canvassing investigations and operations. Frontline officers and deputies learn effective search tactics and methods to recover abducted children. After the intense instruction, teams participate in an exercise designed to pull together all of the elements of the training they receive and give them the opportunity to practice what they have learned. Upon completion of all required training, along with MOU and CART policy implementation, the teams will be qualified by the U.S. Department of Justice to be certified CARTs.

Highlights from FY 2017



Arkansas is on track to be the first state in the nation to have teams certified on a statewide basis.



To date, there are 21 certified CART teams in the United States.



CJI's Cyberterrorism Defense Initiative (CDI)

Protecting the Technical Infrastructure

Computers and servers in the United States are the most aggressively targeted information systems in the world. Each year, the attacks increase in severity, frequency, and sophistication. As our nation grows more reliant on information technologies, it also becomes more exposed to cyber-attacks, both foreign and domestic. These attacks are a threat to our nation's economy, public works, communication systems, computer networks, and all other critical infrastructure. To counter this threat CJI has developed and is delivering cybersecurity training to critical infrastructure technical personnel throughout the country.

CJI is currently providing two courses, *Comprehensive Cyberterrorism Defense (CCD)* and *Cyberterrorism First Responder (CFR)*, at no cost throughout the country. CDI training prepares course participants to prevent or greatly reduce the risk of, and/or effectively respond to, mitigate, and recover from any type of cyber-based attack.

Coming soon are two (2) new instructor-led courses; *Malware Prevention, Discovery, and Recovery* and *Cybersecurity Proactive Defense*. All instructor-led courses offered by CJI are delivered utilizing instructor-led classroom lecture along with hands-on applications by use of a mobile computer training lab. In addition, CJI is also developing an entry level web based course that will be available soon to individuals entering the cybersecurity field or who are considering a career change to the IT field.

Highlights from FY 2017



In FY 2017, **10** courses were delivered in **5** states, and **220** individuals were trained. Additional training will be delivered throughout the country during FY 2018.



Since 2004, through funding from the Department of Homeland Security, CJI's program has delivered **301** courses and trained **5,661** technical personnel in **33** states and **1** U.S. territory.



For more information about each course and course locations please visit our website at: www.cyberterrorismcenter.org

National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium

Defense Against Cyberattacks and Intrusions

During FY 2017, the Criminal Justice Institute, the University of Texas at San Antonio Center for Infrastructure Assurance and Security (CIAS), the University of Memphis' Center for Information Assurance, the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, and Norwich University Applied Research Institutes received a three year grant from the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to develop and deliver training that will focus on preparing the country to defend itself against continuous cyberattacks and intrusions.

These five universities have established the National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium (NCPC), and will work in partnership to develop numerous training products on cybersecurity over the next three years. These include web-based training programs as well as hands-on and scenario-based training. The Consortium is organized around the Community Cyber Security Maturity Model (CCSMM) that emphasizes cybersecurity as being the responsibility of the "whole community." This includes public/private sector technical personnel as well as any individual within the community who accesses the internet or a computer network.

NCPC programs have reached individuals in all 50 states, garnering Consortium members' widespread recognition among state and local government leaders and information technology departments, federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, colleges and universities, training academies and other related organizations throughout the U.S.

Highlights from FY 2017



Since 2004, CJI has developed four courses that focus on cybersecurity/cyberterrorism.



CDI staff has traveled to 33 states and 1 US territory to deliver 301 courses to 5,661 critical infrastructure technical personnel.

As part of this effort, CJI's Cyberterrorism Defense Initiative (CDI) is developing three (3) new courses, and continuing to deliver two existing courses, *Comprehensive Cyberterrorism Defense (CCD)* and *Cyberterrorism First Responder (CFR)*. CCD provides course participants with the hands-on expertise necessary to defend communication and data networks. CFR is designed to prepare first responders to effectively and efficiently act to counter any type of cyber-based attack against our nation's critical cyber infrastructure.

Each of CJI's instructor-led courses include hands-on lab applications that simulate cyberattacks, introduce participants to available tools to use in their prevention and response efforts, and provide participants with an opportunity to apply what they have learned in a real world environment. The training enhances the abilities of cyber first responders to prevent, protect against, respond to or recover from any type of cyberattack.

**For more information about the NCPC
please visit our website:
www.nationalcpc.org**

National Center for Rural Law Enforcement

Expanding CJ's Programs Across the Nation



Online Sexual Assault Training for Rural Law Enforcement Personnel Project

The Criminal Justice Institute established the **National Center for Rural Law Enforcement (NCRLE)** to extend needed programs and services nationally. Through federal funding, the NCRLE offers training and professional development opportunities designed specifically to benefit rural and tribal communities.

All of the programs developed through the NCRLE also expand the training and professional development opportunities for Arkansas law enforcement professionals serving rural communities.

The primary NCRLE program offered in FY 2017 was **The Online Sexual Assault Training for Rural Law Enforcement Personnel Project**.

Funded through the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), U.S. Department of Justice, the goal of this project is to provide accessible, no-cost education and training on sexual assault management and investigation to rural law enforcement personnel through the utilization of eLearning strategies.

CJI provides monthly offerings of its sexual assault management and investigation courses online—*Introduction to Sexual Assault Investigation for the Rural Executive ONLINE (SARE)* and *Introduction to Sexual Assault Investigation for the Rural Investigator ONLINE (SARI)*. These courses provide 18 hours and 21 hours of credit respectively. The target audience for the project is law enforcement in 21 rural states designated by the federal government.

Highlights from FY 2017



24 deliveries (12 per course) were provided to 351 attendees representing 218 agencies.



30 different states, including Arkansas, benefitted from this project.



Accreditation of courses by police officers' standards and training was obtained for the two courses from the states of Alaska, Idaho, Mississippi, Montana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and West Virginia.

Each course addresses topics that are central to managing sexual assault cases from an agency as well as from an investigative perspective. Topics covered in the executive course include: *the Dynamics of Sexual Assault and Cultural Awareness; Team Approach to Sexual Assault Investigation; Medical Forensic Examination; Crime Scene; Media Relations; Policy and Procedure; and A Prosecutor's Perspective*.

Topics presented in the investigator course include: *Dynamics of Sexual Assault and Cultural Awareness; First Responder; Alcohol/ Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault; Medical-Forensic Examination; Crime Scene; Victim Interview; Suspect Interview & Interrogation; and A Prosecutor's Perspective*.

A Year in Review: Highlights from FY 2017

Sixth Annual Arkansas Prescription Drug Abuse Summit

The abuse of prescription drugs is a serious public health problem in our state and throughout the country. To address this growing epidemic, the **Sixth Annual Arkansas Prescription Drug Abuse Summit** was held at the Embassy Suites on November 3, 2016, with almost 450 law enforcement officers, medical professionals, pharmacists and educators in attendance.

Hosted each year by the Criminal Justice Institute, the Arkansas Attorney General's Office, the Arkansas Office of the Drug Director and the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy, the Summit is a free training and educational opportunity that allows participants to hear from experts in the field concerning the latest information about prescription drug abuse, prevention and treatment. We are grateful to all of our partners for making this Summit successful and for the impact this will have on the quality of life in communities across Arkansas.

The information and skills gained from the Arkansas Prescription Drug Abuse Summit will hopefully reduce Arkansas's opioid prescribing rate. Arkansas has the second highest opioid prescribing rate in the nation in 2016. 114.6 opioids are prescribed per every 100 people while the national average is 70.8 per 100 people.

Monitor



Secure



Dispose



CJI Offers Resources for Clandestine Burial Recovery

The recovery of buried human remains presents unique investigative, financial, and technical challenges for law enforcement. Through the donation of Hayden Baldwin of Forensic Enterprises Inc., the Criminal Justice Institute is pleased to offer a fully equipped, enclosed trailer exclusively for use in the recovery of human remains.

This fully stocked trailer contains all of the equipment needed to find, document, and recover human remains. The entire unit can be requested by law enforcement statewide free of charge. CJI also has a full size truck that can be used to tow the trailer anywhere in the state.



CJI Developing Online PDMP Certification Course to Assist Law Enforcement in Battling Prescription Drug Abuse

The Criminal Justice Institute (CJI) is developing an 8-hour online course—*Advanced Prescription Drug Diversion Investigator PDMP Certificate Course ONLINE*—to provide Arkansas law enforcement agencies with the knowledge and skills they need to have access to the Arkansas Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) and provide them with another tool to battle prescription drug abuse throughout the State.

This course will meet law enforcement certification requirements established by Act 901 of 2015. This Act, which was supported by a coalition of health, medical, pharmaceutical, education and law enforcement professionals, allows law enforcement agencies that have successfully completed this prescription drug diversion certification course to have access to the Arkansas Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). This online course will be made available to all Arkansas law enforcement agencies in Fall 2017.



Oct. 16-22, 2016, Recognized as Arkansas Safe Schools Week

The Arkansas State Board of Education passed a resolution recognizing October 16-22, 2016, as Arkansas Safe Schools Week. This was a great opportunity for schools, law enforcement agencies, and communities across the State to celebrate the strides we've made in safeguarding Arkansas schools while also brainstorming and discussing additional measures we can implement, both individually and collectively, to continue our progress in ensuring Arkansas children have the opportunity to learn in an environment free of violence.

In an effort to keep Arkansas schools safe, the Criminal Justice Institute's Safe Schools program remains committed to providing year-round training, resources, and technical assistance to Arkansas educators and law enforcement professionals.



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Pictured left to right: Captain Jamie Hammond, ADE Safe Schools Committee; Otistine Smith, ADE Safe Schools Committee; Mireya Reith, Chair of the Arkansas State Board of Education; Dr. Cheryl May, Director of the Criminal Justice Institute; Sgt. Bubba Jones, ADE Safe Schools Committee; Johnny Key, Commissioner of the Arkansas Department of Education

CJI Provides Unique Training Opportunities Through Partnerships with National Agencies

CJI hosted two classes from the El Paso Intelligence Center at our Little Rock campus in July 2016: Operation Jetway Training and Operation Pipeline Training. Operation Jetway Training introduced transportation interdiction officers to the fundamental principles of methods and techniques involved in criminal interdiction. Operation Pipeline Training introduced uniformed patrol officers, detectives, agents and investigators to the fundamental principles of criminal roadway interdiction of passenger and commercial motor vehicles.



Also in July, a nationally-renowned course, Interdiction for the Protection of Children, was held at Camp Robinson in North Little Rock. Presented by the Texas Department of Public Safety, this program is designed to make patrol officers aware of the variety of resources available to assist them in establishing the status of a child who may be missing, exploited, or at risk of exploitation and what courses of action are immediately available.



In August 2016, the National Institute of Corrections visited our Little Rock campus to present Objective Jail Classification Training. This 14-hour course demonstrated how an objective jail classification system provides jail administrators the ability to assess inmate risk/needs and the means to establish a safe and secure housing plan. A properly implemented objective jail classification system can be expected to identify the level of risk presented by newly admitted inmates, based on the use of valid and reliable information. Appropriate housing and program assignments can then be made based on the inmate's potential risk to staff, other inmates, and him or herself.



CJI extends a special thanks to all the members of our Advisory Board for your unwavering commitment to the advancement of the law enforcement profession.

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