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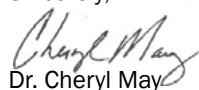
What an exciting year for the Criminal Justice Institute! We have made many big announcements this year regarding the creation of new programs along with the expansion of traditional ones. We have formed new partnerships and strengthened existing ones, all in an effort to continue bringing needed resources and support to communities throughout the State. This *FY18 CJI Annual Report* is designed to celebrate these successes. Two program areas in particular that experienced considerable growth this year were our Safe Schools program and our Prescription Drug program.

Our Safe Schools program has always provided up-to-date training to both law enforcement and educators on school safety topics that are critical to creating productive learning environments and promoting a positive culture on Arkansas campuses. A new partnership with the Arkansas Department of Education officially established the Safe Schools program as the Arkansas Center for School Safety (ACSS) and is helping to bring increased awareness of these programs to Arkansas school personnel. It was also an honor to begin serving this year as Chair of the Arkansas School Safety Commission, which was established by Governor Asa Hutchinson to explore the safety of Arkansas schools and offer recommendations for improvement. We are working hard to explore a variety of safety programs and resources for Arkansas schools and look forward to sharing our final report with you in FY19.

Drug overdose deaths and opioid-involved deaths continue to increase in the United States. Through a partnership with the Arkansas Drug Director's Office and the Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division for Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services (DAABHS), CJI is providing training and support to first responders, substance abuse treatment providers, and other key stakeholders across the state in the administration of naloxone, a medication that can be used to temporarily block the effects of an overdose, and has been effectively used by first responders to prevent deaths due to overdose. CJI is also distributing naloxone kits to trained first responder agencies.

In FY19, we will continue to partner with community leaders and law enforcement organizations to tackle issues such as officer safety and wellness, prescription drug abuse, and school safety as part of our continuing effort to provide Arkansas law enforcement with the training and resources they need to be the very best in their communities. As always, if you have questions or suggestions about CJI programs, please feel free to contact us at 501-570-8000 or 800-635-6310. We look forward to another great year!

Sincerely,


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 opportunities, 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.

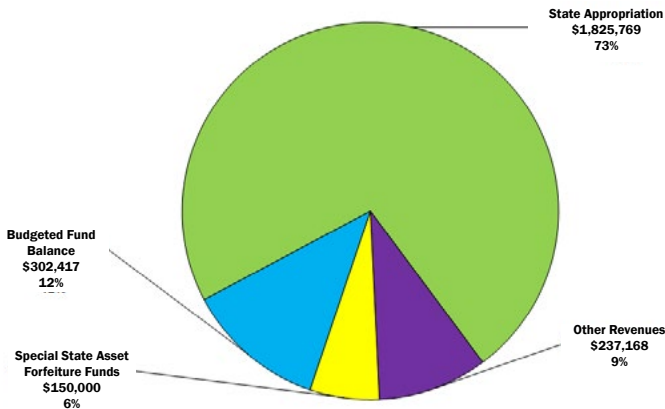
Due to the rural nature of Arkansas and the associated unique challenges, CJI courses are designed to enhance accessibility for officers serving rural communities as well as their urban counterparts. In addition to serving Arkansas law enforcement, CJI provides law enforcement training programs to police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

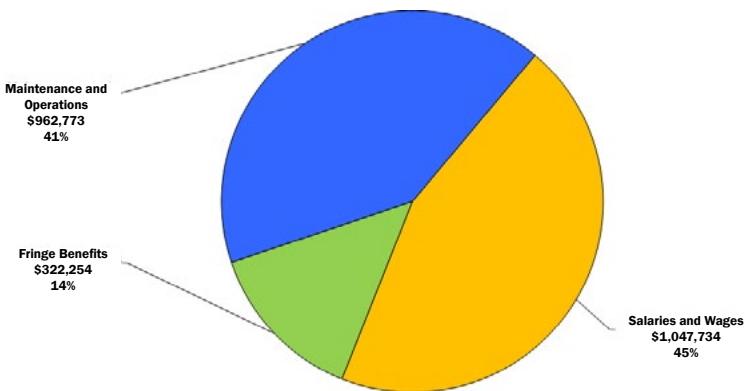
CJI AT-A-GLANCE

Fiscal Overview: FY 2018 State Budget—\$2,515,354

FY 2018 Revenues



FY 2018 Distributions



FY 2018: By the Numbers...

Classes Delivered: **676**
Total Attendees: **16,979**

In-State Programs

Classes Delivered: **650**
Number of Different Locations in the State Where CJI Programs Were Offered: **65**

Number of Agencies Represented: **343**

Total Attendees: **16,561**

National Programs

Classes Delivered: **26**

Number of Agencies Represented: **214**

Total Attendees: **418**

All figures reflect CJI's FY 2018 fiscal year: July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

CJI's Online Learning Center

Keeping Pace with Changes in Arkansas Law Enforcement Education

In response to recent developments in eyewitness identification and Arkansas legal changes, such as the implementation of the Prescription Monitoring Program with access for Arkansas law enforcement and the passage of Act 423, which implemented Crisis Intervention Units and accompanying training for law enforcement, CJI's Online Learning Center launched five new timely online courses:

- **Eyewitness Identification: Conducting a Photo Lineup Online**
- **Advanced Prescription Drug Diversion Investigation PDMP Certification Course Online**
- **A Prosecutor's Guide to the Arkansas Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Online**
- **Behavioral Health and Crisis Intervention Response for Law Enforcement Online**
- **Crisis Intervention Response for Law Enforcement Online**

The Online Learning Center has also continued its pursuit of providing fully accessible online courses that are compliant with WCAG 2.0 AA electronic information standards. This included upgrading the majority of legacy courses to levels of compliance, as well as ensuring all new courses are fully accessible and consistent with compliance guidelines. The Online Learning Center is on pace to have all of its course offerings compliant within FY19.



Highlights from FY 2018



At least four new courses and several updated courses are planned for FY 2019.

The department seeks to provide the highest quality of online content for its users and actively participates in outside conferences and training in pursuing this standard, including staff training such as the Ark-Ahead Web Accessibility, and Section 508 Best Practices webinars.

Officers continue to enjoy the convenience of flexible scheduling and learning benefits of self-paced courses as well as reduced travel expenses for agencies.

Eyewitness Identification: Conducting a Photo Lineup ONLINE

Working in conjunction with the University of Arkansas' Dr. James Lampinen, Distinguished Professor of Psychological Science Associate Chair, CJI made this training available online for Arkansas law enforcement.

Based on the most up-to-date research, the training describes the process of eyewitness identification and how it must follow specific procedures in order to produce fair and accurate results. Participants also learn the steps in how to construct and administer photographic lineups following the policy recommendations of the Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police.

A law enforcement agency that implements the Arkansas Model Policy on Eyewitness Identification increases the chances that guilty perpetrators will be identified, while reducing the chances that innocent persons will be identified. Having a policy improves the strength of cases in court and also protects agencies and their officers from accusations of wrongdoing.



FY18 ONLINE CLASSES

- Advanced Prescription Drug Diversion Investigator PDMP Certification Course ONLINE
- Animal Fighting/Animal Cruelty Investigations ONLINE
- Autism Spectrum Disorders: Law Enforcement Response ONLINE
- Behavioral Health and Crisis Intervention Response for Law Enforcement ONLINE
- Crime Scene First Responder for the Uniformed Officer ONLINE
- Crime Scene Investigation ONLINE
- Crisis Intervention Response for Law Enforcement ONLINE
- Domestic Violence ONLINE
- Drug Endangered Children Awareness ONLINE
- Effective Report Writing ONLINE
- Ethics for Law Enforcement ONLINE
- Eyewitness Identification: Conducting a Photo Lineup 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
- A Prosecutor's Guide to the Arkansas Prescription Drug Monitoring Program ONLINE
- Racial Profiling ONLINE
- School Safety Refresher ONLINE
- School Site Safety Assessment ONLINE
- Use of Force ONLINE

New Online Programs Introduce Investigators and Prosecutors to Arkansas' Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)

The Criminal Justice Institute implemented two new online programs this year to assist Drug Diversion Investigators and prosecutors in utilizing Arkansas' Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) and provide them with another tool to battle prescription drug abuse throughout the State..

Successful completion of CJI's **Advanced Prescription Drug Diversion Investigator PDMP Certificate Course ONLINE**

allows Drug Diversion Investigators to access the Arkansas PDMP. Act 901 of 2015, which was supported by a coalition of health, medical, pharmaceutical, education and law enforcement professionals, paved the way for law enforcement agencies that have successfully completed a prescription drug diversion certification course to have access to the PDMP. With access to the Arkansas PDMP, advanced prescription drug diversion investigators use the monitoring program to enhance their investigative capability. CJI's online certification course provides an overall understanding of prescription drug abuse issues as well as the effective and appropriate use of the PDMP in drug diversion investigations.



A Prosecutor's Guide to the Arkansas Prescription Drug Monitoring Program ONLINE was created to provide prosecutors with information on how to work prescription drug cases and the role that can be played by the Arkansas PDMP. Key portions of the *Advanced Prescription Drug Diversion Investigator PDMP Certification Course ONLINE* are made available to state and federal prosecutors. Beginning with prescription drug issues and how the PDMP can be an asset for law enforcement in prescription drug investigations, prosecutors are provided information pertaining to the history and development of the Arkansas Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) and the state statutes allowing law enforcement access. Practical strategies for conducting drug diversion investigations using the PDMP and building cases are provided by experienced law enforcement investigators.

NEW ONLINE COURSES FOR FY 2019

Stress for
Law
Enforcement
ONLINE

Communication
Skills for
Law Enforcement
ONLINE

Cultural
Diversity
ONLINE

Racial Profiling ONLINE Redesigned for 2018

The Criminal Justice Institute introduced a completely redesigned **Racial Profiling Online** course for 2018. In addition to the new look and feel of the course, officers encounter an overview of bias-free policing, stereotypes and bias, effective methods for practicing bias-free policing and fighting perceptions of bias, and new law enforcement scenarios for personal review. Coverage of Arkansas laws regarding racial profiling remains a critical component of the course.

In accordance with Arkansas law, law enforcement agencies statewide must keep their written policies on racial profiling up-to-date and available to all members of the public. Policy documents and availability must be universally accessible (which includes access for individuals with disabilities) whether the policies are distributed in print, electronic, or web formats.

The Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police provides access to a model policy on bias-based policing and racial profiling, which is free for use by any law enforcement agency. Model policies are available at the AACP website: www.ARKChiefs.org

Agencies must also provide and require annual training on the prohibition against racial profiling for all officers. CJI provides this course as a way to assist agencies in fulfilling requirements of Arkansas statute 12-12-1404. Individual agencies must also make their officers aware of the specific agency's racial profiling policy and procedures as part of the required annual training, and the agency training must provide officers with personal copies of the agency operating procedures. Racial Profiling Online is offered online twice a month.





CJI's Distinguished Programs

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

School of Law Enforcement Supervision

The *School of Law Enforcement Supervision (SLES)* turned 50 this year! This program provides an excellent opportunity for law enforcement professionals to receive a foundation on which they can build progressive careers in leadership. Consisting of lectures, test, reading assignments and a required research paper, this innovative four-week training continues to prepare first-line and advanced level supervisors for increased responsibility within their agencies and communities.

In FY 18, CJ delivered the fiftieth session of SLES. To commemorate this landmark, previous graduates of the program were invited to share their experiences at the graduation ceremony. Each speaker recognized SLES for helping them build successful careers in law enforcement.

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 2018



A total of **89** participants representing **37** 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 2018



In FY 2018, **33** law enforcement executives from **24** 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.

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; Crime Scene Sketching, Note Taking, and Report Writing; Latent Print Processing; Impression Evidence; Biological and Trace Evidence; 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.

In FY 2018, CJI delivered the Advanced Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program. Sessions of advanced Crime Scene Photography, Crime Scene Processing Techniques, and Crime Scene Reconstruction and Interpretation were delivered over a three-month period to twelve students.

Highlights from FY 2018



In FY 2018, 22 investigators graduated from the Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program.



Since its inception in 1999, 405 investigators representing 125 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 2018



In FY 2018, 34 law enforcement officers completed the Narcotics Officer Certificate Program.



To date, 17 sessions have been completed with 397 graduates representing 162 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 practical knowledge and 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.



NEW LEMD COURSES DELIVERED IN FY 2018

- Administering Photographic Lineups: Experiential Course
- Ambush and Lethal Environment Recognition Training (A.L.E.R.T.)
- Body Cameras, Drones, and Emerging Legal Trends
- Communicating with Difficult People
- Community, Culture, and Command Spanish
- Effective Report Writing Online
- Eyewitness Identification: Conducting a Photo Lineup Online
- Human Trafficking, Sexual Exploitation and Slavery Investigations
- Post Shooting Trauma
- Suicide Prevention
- Uncommon Leadership
- Verbal Fitness and De-escalation for Law Enforcement

LEMD Delivers Training that Focuses on Emotional Wellness and Suicide Prevention

In FY 18, the Law Enforcement Management Division (LEMD) responded to the challenges officers face in the areas of whole body wellness and suicide prevention with three new wellness trainings. These courses—*Ambush and Lethal Environment Recognition Training (A.L.E.R.T.)*, *Suicide Prevention*, and *Post Shooting Trauma*—were evaluated for effectiveness and were well received. A combined total of 83 participants took advantage of these new deliveries.

Ambush and Lethal Environment Recognition Training (A.L.E.R.T.)

Ambush and Lethal Environment Recognition Training (A.L.E.R.T.), taught by retired Chief David Flory, was developed to help mitigate the growing trend of injuries and deaths related to targeted ambush and surprise encounters against law enforcement officers. The skill sets learned during this training aimed to dramatically enhance and improve the law enforcement officer's awareness and threat detection capabilities as well as enhance law enforcement officers' ability to successfully deal with ambush attacks when they may occur. This training also looked at ways to thwart potential ambush situations and turn them from disadvantages into a tactical advantage. The safety principles that were discussed in this new class will benefit officers during routine patrols and stops, when covering special events, and will prepare officers for ambush-type and surprise attack situations. The training taught officers' methods to accurately assess violator and public contacts and gave the officers tools to predict the potential for an encounter to escalate into a threatening event. This class was launched on March 19, 2018.

Suicide Prevention

CJI's Suicide Prevention training was developed from the model provided by the train-the-trainer class, "In Harm's Way: Law Enforcement Suicide Prevention". Dr. Sterling Claypoole, a respected Police Chaplain and CJI instructor who delivers the "Stress Management" block in the School of Law Enforcement Supervision completed the train-the-trainer course. Using the information learned in the initial course, Dr. Claypoole developed a beneficial training that he will carry across the State in an effort to save lives and reduce the risk of suicide among officers. This class took a comprehensive, holistic approach to stress management and suicide prevention, and was launched on May 22, 2018.

Post Shooting Trauma

Post shooting trauma is the emotional aftermath of the use of deadly force by an individual. The trauma has impacts on both emotional and physical levels. This class was designed to prepare law enforcement for the emotional, psychological, social and legal aftermath of an officer-involved shooting incident. Participants were introduced to the nature of trauma, the phases of trauma and the means of reducing the impact of trauma. This class was developed by Dean Pitts who is a recently retired Major from the Fort Smith Police Department. The launch date was March 21, 2018.

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 Courtroom Testimony
- 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:

- Bloodstain Pattern Documentation
- Bloodstain Pattern Analysis
- Crime Scene Reconstruction and Interpretation
- Recovery of Human Remains

Highlights from FY 2018

- CJI presented **32** forensic science and computer programs in locations across the State.
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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 2018, CJI introduced *Adobe Acrobat* to teach law enforcement personnel how to edit and create .pdf files to assist their agencies in operating more efficiently. Other computer classes offered in FY 2018 include: *Advanced Microsoft Excel*, *Using Microsoft Excel*, *Complete Microsoft Word*, *Using Microsoft Access*, and *Using Microsoft PowerPoint*. In addition, CJI hosted *Financial Investigations* delivered by the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C).

Continuing CJI's partnership with the Arkansas State Police and Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC), CJI also delivered *Cell Phones as an Investigative Tool*. This class helps equip students with a basic level of forensic recovery and analysis tools to assist them in their investigations.

The ICAC Task Force Program helps state and local law enforcement agencies develop an effective response to technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation and Internet crimes against children. This support encompasses forensic and investigative components, training and technical assistance, victim services, prevention and community education.

Community Impact

When a vacant rental home was burglarized, the suspect stole a window air conditioner from one of the bedrooms. While working the scene, I noticed the window where the air conditioner was originally located was covered with tinfoil. One of the pieces of tinfoil appeared to have been removed by the suspect and was laying on the floor beneath the window. I did not see any obvious prints on scene, but took the tinfoil to our lab for processing.

The tinfoil was processed using superglue in a fuming chamber and four fingerprints were located on the corner of the tinfoil where it was removed from the window. Any pressure on the tinfoil would cause the folds in the tinfoil to collapse and obscure the fingerprint. I ran tests on several pieces of tinfoil to try and find the best method of processing and lifting the fingerprints. The tinfoil was fumed with cyanoacrylate and processed with conventional powder. I then used Aquasil to lift the fingerprints. The result was a perfectly lifted print with identifiable ridge detail. I tried several other techniques such as using gel glue, flexible tape, magnetic powder, fluorescent powder, and different chemicals, but found the combination I ultimately used was not only the most simple, but also the most effective.

— **Detective Benjamin Tucker**
Russellville Police Department



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.

To fight these drugs in our communities, CJI has partnered with the Arkansas Drug Director's Office to execute the Blue & You grant. Through this grant, CJI was able to develop and train the trainers of all 16 participating law enforcement agencies. In all, CJI was able to provide naloxone administration kits to 1,300 officers across the State. Naloxone has proven to be a very important safety tool for both officers and citizens.

Programs delivered through CJI's Illicit Drug Initiative are funded by the Special State Assets Forfeiture Fund.

Highlights from FY 2018

- CJI presented **23** classes through the Illicit Drug Initiative in locations across the State.
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Community Impact

Officer Cole Meadows with the Springdale Police Department attended CJI's *Criminal Interdiction* class and was soon given the opportunity to utilize the training and knowledge he gained.

On September 13, 2017, Officer Meadows followed a driver displaying deceptive behavior. After committing a traffic violation, the driver was pulled over. The driver and front seat passenger were separated for interviewing. The driver was very nervous and seemed to be "searching" for answers. After asking for and receiving permission to search, Officer Meadows began looking for indicators of drug trafficking.

Officer Meadows found Mexican brand energy pills and an indicator pen that, when activated, will interrupt the signal of an undercover wire. He then felt a large rectangular package within the front passenger seat. He uncovered 1 kilo from the natural voids in each front seat. A loaded semi-automatic .45 caliber pistol was located in the truck by the spare tire.

It was later determined that the traffickers were pulled over and arrested two blocks from their delivery location. This seizure led to an additional seizure totaling 13 pounds of cocaine, five pounds of marijuana, multiple high power firearms, \$40,000 in US currency, two vehicle seizures, and a federal indictment.

"Attending the Criminal Interdiction class several months prior to this traffic stop gave me the tools needed to interdict the two kilos. If it weren't for your course, I wouldn't have known to check the voids that day and the bad guys would have gotten away," said Officer Meadows.



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 early 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.



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

In FY 2018, the Criminal Justice Institute continues to deliver traffic safety training courses and to promote national safety initiatives through grant funds received from the Arkansas State Police Highway Safety Office. These funds allow law enforcement officers and others throughout the State to receive training in courses on identifying impaired driving related to alcohol and other drugs and occupant protection. Additionally, three national safety campaigns involving impaired driving and occupant protection mobilizations were promoted, and a lunch and learn was facilitated.

Law Enforcement and Prosecutor Training Project

CJI has provided training on **Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST)** and **Traffic Occupant Protection Systems (TOPS)** to law enforcement officers for 28 years. **SFST Instructor Development** training was also provided to enhance the quality of these programs by ensuring continued standardized training. Training is conducted using curricula developed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). Departments across the state then allow their trained instructors to teach the various courses at no cost to the program.

The Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DECP) —also known as the **Drug Recognition Expert (DRE)** program continues to be offered by CJI. 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 2018



CJI's Traffic Safety Program trained **847** officers from **150** different agencies.



26 officers were trained as Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) across the state. **7** officers were trained as SFST Instructors.



During the year, CJI's Law Enforcement Liaisons (LELs) signed up **13 agencies** for mini-STEP grants, which provided reimbursement for overtime and traffic safety equipment for those agencies who participated in the Click it or Ticket (CIOT) and Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over (DSOGPO) campaigns.

A growing increase in the demand for drugged driving enforcement/training requests in anticipation of the traffic safety issues related to the legalization of medical marijuana in the state has been addressed by continuing to offer the **Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)** course. This course is a “bridge” between SFST training and DRE training. Departments across the state are requesting training for their entire patrol divisions, preparing their officers in conducting various drug-impaired detection tests at roadside for use in drugged driving investigations. A total of 199 officers were trained in ARIDE in FY 2018.

To continue to offer a high quality program and to enhance an officer’s training, CJ recognizes that continuing education is an important factor in that goal. CJ looks forward to adding **DRE Refresher Training** and scheduling evaluation nights across the state, as well as increasing the number of SFST Refresher courses offered. This much needed training will not only keep an officer’s SFST skills honed, but will address the required recertification training all Arkansas State DRE Officers must complete in order to maintain their DRE certification. It will also keep them abreast of changes in the DECP curriculum and standards and current national and local drug trends and how they relate to impaired driving. CJ hopes to add forms of online training to better meet the needs of the State’s DRE officers.

CJ is looking forward to expanding an annual Highway Safety Conference to include DRE and SFST specific training as well as providing diverse topics of training, focusing on the needs of Arkansas law enforcement officers, prosecutors, judges, and toxicologists.

Law Enforcement Liaison (LEL) Project

This project focuses on the promotion of national safety campaigns—**Click It Or Ticket (CIOT)** and **Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over (DSOGPO)** to law enforcement agencies statewide by two 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. The DSOGPO campaign focuses on enforcement and public education of impaired driving laws around the Labor Day holiday and, new this year, over the Christmas/New Year’s holiday with a winter mobilization held from December 13, 2017, to January 3, 2018.

During this fiscal year, the LELs solicited participation in three national traffic safety mobilization campaigns from over 300 agencies. Of these, 44 agencies participated in the CIOT campaign, resulting in 505 seat belt violation citations. 138 agencies participated in the DSOGPO campaign, resulting in 138 DWI/DUI arrests.



TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAMS

New to the LEL program this fiscal year, the mini-STEP grant project was implemented to better serve the law enforcement community by expanding participation in national and local traffic safety campaigns and better address the needs of agencies statewide with traffic safety initiatives in the form of supplies, equipment, training, and overtime compensation.

CJI Working With State and Local Training Academies on Highway Safety

In continued support of Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academies, CJI continued to provide SFST/TOPS training as part of their basic school. During the fiscal year, 330 officers were trained at the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy (ALETA), Northwest Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy, and Central ALETA at Camp Robinson. CJI also provided training to local agency academies across the State. 83 officers were trained at academies in Fort Smith, Little Rock, and West Memphis, and 38 state trooper recruits were trained in Little Rock. All of these academies now use the NHTSA-approved SFST/TOPS curricula.

FY18 Programs and Goals

- Providing DRE Candidates with out-of-state evaluation training to expose them to a more diverse range of drug impairment on test subjects.
- Increasing the availability of all traffic safety courses by creating an annual training calendar with courses pre-scheduled across the state throughout the calendar year to allow agencies the opportunity to easily pre-plan needed traffic safety training for its officers.
- Addition of DRE Refresher Training to its curriculum, including approval of online courses.
- Expansion of recognition awards to include SFST and DRE Programs by honoring service time and exceptional performance.
- Continued expansion of the Highway Safety Conference to include expanding participating traffic safety partnerships, more localized topic discussions, specified sessions to address DRE recertification training, and more vendors and sponsors to the event.



Arkansas Center for School Safety

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. In FY 18, CJI entered into a partnership with the Arkansas Department of Education to become recognized as the **Arkansas Center for School Safety (ACSS)**.

A press conference was held on October 18, 2017, at Greenbrier High School to announce this new center. The ACSS will continue to serve as a "one-stop-shop" to provide education, training, resources, and technical assistance to Arkansas educators and law enforcement professionals to assist them in providing children with a safe environment to reach their academic potential. A new ACSS website—www.arsafeschools.com—was also developed and revealed during the October 18th press conference.



Highlights from FY 2018



In FY 2018, 2,474 attendees representing 366 different organizations participated in programs of CJI's Safe Schools Initiative.



103 programs were delivered across the State.



The ACSS was awarded a Title IV, Part A-Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant in the amount of \$161,588.69 from the Arkansas Department of Education and funding in the amount of \$300,000 from Governor Asa Hutchinson to continue its mission of providing school safety courses and training to Arkansas school resource officers and educators.

ACSS Adds 4 New Classes

The **ACSS** added four new classes to its catalog of programs. *Breaking Down the Bullying Infrastructure in Schools* addresses the social structure of bullying and presents action steps for professionals to follow when bullies and victims are identified. *Strategic Communications for Interacting with Juveniles School* provides participants with a foundation in strategically communicating with juveniles. *Suicide Safer Schools and Communities* is a 6-hour training designed to help better understand suicide, providing historical data and current information, knowledge and resources. This training helps participants better recognize warning signs commonly displayed by at-risk individuals, and provides them with proper techniques to respond to such individuals with confidence.

For the first time, the ACSS hosted the *School Behavioral Threat Assessments: An Introduction* training offered by the U.S. Department of Education's Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) TA Center. This training focused on comprehensive school emergency operations plan (school EOP) and their importance for schools and school districts to understand how to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to and recover from critical incidents. This training introduced participants to various components of school behavioral threat assessments, which were originally put forth by the Safe School Initiative (SSI), alongside new information and guidance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as presented in the School Guide. Participants learned about effective characteristics of threat assessments for consideration when forming their own approach and team. Specialized topics included the use of social media in threat assessments. Participants were given the opportunity to discuss concepts in small-group discussions and practiced a basic threat assessment in a tabletop exercise.

After the training was delivered, we received comments from participants that this training provided them with a better understanding of threat assessment teams and their responses, as well as assisted them in creating threat assessment teams for their school districts. It also provided them with more information on where to gain resources and support.

CRASE Program Continues

The ACSS has continued to offer the Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) trainings by request to school districts throughout the state.

This training features reality-based scenarios that allow school personnel to directly participate in drills. Having the opportunity to practice a variety of active shooter events on their home campus will give educators the opportunity to identify potential problem areas while also feeling better prepared should an active shooter event ever occur.

During FY 2018, this training was delivered to over 1,000 school personnel.



13th Annual Arkansas Safe Schools Conference

The 13th annual Arkansas Safe Schools Conference was held during the summer of 2017 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 Sergeant Michael Touchton and Tina Meir.

The Safe Schools Conference was attended by 244 law enforcement and educational professionals.



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 Todd Henry, Quitman Police Department

Safe Schools Leadership Award for Education Administrator
Mr. Brad Kent, Russellville School District

Safe Schools Kool Aid "SRO of the Year" Award
Officer Brian Todd, White Hall 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 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, 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. This year, CJI hosted *Canvassing, Search, and Recovery Strategies for Abducted Children for Frontline Officers* on April 18-20, 2018. This training provided current CART team members with critical skills needed to conduct effective canvassing investigations and operations. Frontline officers and deputies learned effective search tactics and methods to recover abducted children.

Highlights from FY 2018

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

Teams will soon participate in a tabletop 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. With completion of all required training, along with MOU and CART policy implementation and successful completion of a mock full call-out exercise, Arkansas is on track to be the first state in the nation to have statewide teams certified by the U.S. Department of Justice, ensuring the protection of all of Arkansas's children.



CJI's Cybersecurity 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 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 2018



In FY 2018, **2** courses were delivered in **1** state, and **41** individuals were trained. Additional training will be delivered throughout the country during FY 2019.



Since 2004, through funding from the Department of Homeland Security, CJI's program has delivered **303** courses and trained **5,702** 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 17, 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 (NCP), 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.

NCP 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 2018



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 303 courses to 5,702 critical infrastructure technical personnel.

As part of this effort, CJI's Cybersecurity Defense Initiative (CDI) is developing three 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 cyber-attacks, 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 NCP
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 2018 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 2018



24 deliveries (12 per course) were provided to 376 attendees representing 263 agencies.



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



An article highlighting these courses was included in the April 2018 edition of *Community Policing Dispatch*, the e-newsletter of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

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 2018

New Grant Program Aims To Reduce Prescription Drug Overdose Deaths

The Criminal Justice Institute was sub-contracted by the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to assist in reducing the number of overdose deaths related to prescription drug and other opioid drugs in Arkansas.

One way to reduce this number is the administration of intranasal naloxone. Naloxone is a medication that can be used to block the effects of opioids, especially in overdose, and has been effectively used by first responders to prevent deaths due to overdose.

As a sub-grantee for the PDO grant program, the Criminal Justice Institute (CJI) is providing a two-hour training to first responders, substance abuse treatment providers (to train families and friends of persons with opioid use disorders), and other key stakeholders across the state in the administration of naloxone. This five-year grant is providing services to the following high need counties: Crawford, Franklin, Sebastian, Scott, and Sharp. The grant centers on preventing overdose deaths from opioids in individuals over the age of 18 and reducing adverse effects associated with opioid addiction.

Through this grant, CJI is also designing media and public education campaigns to increase health literacy and knowledge about the use of naloxone in overdose interventions to address prescription drug/opiate misuse disorders. The campaigns are designed to focus on the importance of calling 911 in the event of an overdose and the Joshua Ashley-Pauley Act



The “Good Samaritan” law provides immunity from arrest, charge and prosecution for people who seek medical assistance for drug overdose victims to alleviate fear associated with making a potentially lifesaving phone call.

CJI is working with local advisory councils and coalitions in high-need communities to assure cultural competency and community buy-in. These councils will create ways to distribute health literacy information about better communications with medical personnel and help promote the media campaign and support of the first responders.

To date, CJI staff has met with coalitions and key stakeholders in all of the counties involved in the PDO grant and the STR grant kick-off.

Events are being scheduled in the eight counties covered by the PDO and STR grants. The community members have started the buzz about the project by use of their social media pages, conversations with additional stakeholders, plans for how to promote health literacy, proper use of opioids, and best placement for media information about the "Good Samaritan" law.

The initial naloxone training sessions for first responders was conducted on October 27 at the Van Buren Police Department with 52 officers from Crawford County trained during three class sessions.

New Grant Program Expands Availability and Usage of Naloxone to Reduce Overdose Deaths

Through a \$125,000 grant provided by the Blue & You Foundation for a Healthier Arkansas, CJJ was able to further expand the availability and usage of naloxone by providing preliminary training and kits containing this lifesaving drug to 1,300 Arkansas officers and deputies across the State.

On March 8, 2018, CJJ delivered a naloxone administration "train-the-trainer" program to law enforcement officers representing 16 agencies across the State. These officers then returned to their agencies to train additional officers in naloxone administration.

After adoption of an approved policy and medical director MOU, agencies received naloxone kits for those officers and deputies who successfully completed a two-hour Naloxone administration training. Each kit consisted of two doses of Naloxone, nitrile gloves, a CPR face shield, hand sanitizer, and a carrier.



Crisis Intervention Training

In 2017, Act 423 established the operation of Crisis Stabilization Units (CSU) in the state of Arkansas to provide communities with an option, other than jail, when a person experiencing an acute crisis due to a mental illness or other behavioral health condition commits a low-level offense.

Law enforcement is an integral part of this process. There are requirements set forth in Act 423 (2017) that define the critical role law enforcement plays when encountering an individual in the midst of a behavioral health crisis. The Act also establishes mandatory training that each officer should have, along with advanced training that is required for designated agencies.

With funding from the Arkansas Governor's Office, the Criminal Justice Institute is helping Arkansas law enforcement meet this training requirement. In FY18, CJI replaced our 7-hour course— *Law Enforcement Response to Persons with Behavioral Health Issues ONLINE*—with a 9-hour course. This new course, **Behavioral Health and Crisis Intervention Response for Law Enforcement ONLINE**, is designed to provide a better understanding of people suffering from behavioral health impairments who may come in contact with law enforcement. Keeping officers' safety foremost, this course explores policies, procedures, and protocols for officers to follow while dealing with this difficult issue and identifying concerns of dangerousness. This course also provides a better understanding of the provisions in Act 423 that establishes the formation of Crisis Stabilization Units, Crisis Intervention Teams and training guidelines for law enforcement. Included are guidelines for officer safety as well as the safety of behaviorally impaired individuals.

CJI Receives Awards from AACP and the Attorney General's Office

CJI received the Vendor of the Year award from the Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police at their 50th Annual Convention in Hot Springs.



The Institute was also honored to receive the Star of Excellence Award at the Never Forgotten: Arkansas Takes Action event hosted by Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge. This annual event not only recognizes Arkansas's missing children and adults, but also provides support for their family and loved ones and raises awareness of the challenges associated with missing persons cases.

"We're so proud to be recognized for the strides that have been made in establishing Child Abduction Response Teams statewide," said Dr. Cheryl May. "Through this program, teams have been formed across Arkansas to facilitate a rapid response to an abducted, missing or endangered child. We are grateful to our critical partners such as the Arkansas State Police, Arkansas Game and Fish, local, county and federal law enforcement, and children advocates across this state, for without them, achieving our goal of protecting our most vulnerable would not be possible."

CJI Implements Subscription Program

In January 2018, the Criminal Justice Institute began administering a subscription program for enrollment in many of CJI's face-to-face and online classes. Courses provided through our grant-funded programs, such as traffic safety, safe schools, and rural sexual assault investigations, continue to be free of charge.

This subscription program allows CJI to develop and deliver new training programs and services that best meet the evolving needs and challenges of Arkansas law enforcement professionals. With a subscription, Arkansas law enforcement agencies can provide access to all of its officers, as well as its civilian and corrections personnel, to CJI's face-to-face and online programs for a calendar year.

The decision to implement a subscription program was aided by discussions with the CJI Advisory Board, law enforcement leaders throughout the state, and the University of Arkansas System. Although operation costs have increased an average of 3% or more each year, state appropriation funding for the Criminal Justice Institute for the past 15 years has remained flat. Despite no new base funding, the number of officers and deputies benefiting from our programs has more than tripled, from 4,500 in 2010 to 16,000 in 2016. In order for CJI to continue to grow and meet the critical and constantly changing needs and challenges of the Arkansas law enforcement community, additional revenue is necessary.

Subscription rates are based on the average number of officers/deputies from the agency who have attended any CJI classes for the past three years.

2019 AGENCY MEMBERSHIP RATES

Unlimited Attendance	\$6,250
Averages 200 classes per year	\$5,000
Averages 150 classes per year	\$3,750
Averages 100 classes per year	\$2,500
Averages 50 classes per year	\$1,250
Averages 25 classes per year	\$625
Averages 10 classes per year	\$250
Averages 5 classes per year	\$125

INDIVIDUAL RATES

Per Class	\$25
Unlimited Attendance	\$125

SCHOLARSHIPS

Training in specialized and advanced areas of policing is critical for officers and deputies at all ranks and for departments of all sizes, therefore it is essential that all officers have access to CJI programs. For agencies who cannot afford a membership, scholarship opportunities are available.

Arkansas Center for School Safety (ACSS) To Provide Educators and Law Enforcement with Specialized Training and Resources

A new partnership between the Criminal Justice Institute and the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) established the Arkansas Center for School Safety (ACSS), a program that will ensure educators, leaders and law enforcement professionals have access to training and resources that will assist them in meeting the safety needs of Arkansas's children in public schools.

CJI's historically successful safe schools program forms the foundation of ACSS and continues to provide free training to Arkansas educators and law enforcement professionals in a variety of topics that increase knowledge and skills related to school safety issues. A sampling of topic areas include professional development for school resource officers, safety and crisis planning, active shooter response, drugs on campus, gang awareness and intervention, and bullying awareness and prevention.

"We are honored to partner with the Arkansas Department of Education in establishing a one-stop shop for meeting school safety needs in Arkansas communities," said Dr. May, CJI Director. "I am grateful to Commissioner Key, the ADE Staff, and the Safe Schools Committee for their advocacy for school safety and their commitment to reducing violence and crime in Arkansas schools. Working together with all of our partners, we can create learning environments in our schools that will ensure the wellbeing of all of our children and help each child reach their academic potential."



ACSS Launches Redesigned Website

With the establishment of the ACSS, a new website was launched, featuring a comprehensive list of resources to guide educators and administrators as they implement policies and procedures on their school campus. The website also features training announcements, a scrolling calendar of upcoming school safety classes, online registration, news related to safety on school campuses

www.arsafeschools.com

Dr. May is Serving as Chair of the Arkansas School Safety Commission

Governor Asa Hutchinson issued an executive order creating the Arkansas School Safety Commission on March 1, 2018, and tasked the Commission with assessing the security of Arkansas's schools and making recommendations accordingly. The Governor also committed \$300,000 to the Criminal Justice Institute (CJI) for additional training for school resource officers and security assessments for schools.



“It is a top priority for me, as Governor, to ensure that our schools are a safe environment for our students to learn and for our teachers to teach,” Governor Hutchinson said. “I’ve appointed first-rate members of this commission who will travel to schools all across the state to listen and to assess what all is being done to secure our schools—as well as what more needs to be done. I am grateful for their willingness to serve our state.”

Dr. Cheryl May, Director of the Criminal Justice Institute, is honored to serve as Chair of this Commission. The Commission met for the first time on Tuesday, March 13, 2018. The task force’s initial report is due to the Governor on July 1, 2018.

CJI Provides Training on Medical Marijuana

The Criminal Justice Institute and the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) co-sponsored a new training - **Medical Marijuana & Alcohol for Patrol Officers** - designed to assist law enforcement in understanding the recently adopted rules and regulations pertaining to the sale and dispensing of medical marijuana and the issues that may arise from its use. Trainings were held in Little Rock, Jonesboro, Fayetteville, Warren and Hope.

The training highlighted various laws pertaining to arrest and probable cause situations. The second part of this course will educate local law enforcement about the duties of ABC enforcement agents in the state and how ABC could assist with alcohol-related issues. This section will also include alcohol-related state laws and ABC rules and regulations pertaining to alcohol permitted locations.



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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