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Dr. Cheryl May CJI Director

This year's annual report highlights some of the Criminal Justice Institute's most successful programs and collaborations in Fiscal Year 2019.

We made tremendous strides in the Arkansas Child Abduction Response Teams (CART) initiative, which ensures a rapid response when any child is abducted, missing or endangered. Thanks to an incredible collaborative effort led by CJI and the Arkansas State Police, Arkansas became the first state in the country to successfully obtain national statewide certification for (CARTs). Other state agencies and many local and county law enforcement agencies worked diligently for several years to ensure the entire state has access to trained, prepared CARTs when a child is abducted, missing or endangered. This has been an extraordinary team effort. I am so incredibly proud of the level of collaboration we achieved and the hard work and dedication of all of the ASP Troop Commanders on behalf of the children across our state.

We also greatly expanded our Arkansas Prescription Drug/Opioid Overdose (PDO) and Blue and You for a Healthier Arkansas Opioid Overdose projects this fiscal year through the implementation of an aggressive naloxone distribution and community prevention campaign. The creation of the NARCANSAS app makes information about prevention and naloxone treatment readily available on mobile devices. Too many families in Arkansas have experienced the loss of a loved one due to an opioid overdose. By continuing to equip first responders with naloxone and educating their communities, lives can be saved and families can be spared this loss.

School safety has been a top priority of CJI since 2002. I was honored to serve as Chair of Governor Asa Hutchinson's Arkansas School Safety Commission this year and work with colleagues of varying backgrounds and experiences to assess the safety of Arkansas's schools and make thirty recommendations to strengthen the safety of schools across our State. In addition, our Arkansas Center for School Safety, the Department of Education and the Arkansas Safe Schools Association created a professional development program to allow School Resource Officers to earn four levels of certificates that acknowledge their achievements for training and dedicated service to their schools and communities.

CJI was honored to be involved in all of these impactful initiatives for Arkansas. I am very grateful for Governor Hutchinson's \$300,000 investment in the Arkansas Center for School Safety. In fiscal year 2020, we remain committed to providing programs and creating collaborations that support the needs of law enforcement and the communities they serve and protect. We're looking forward to another great year!

Best Wishes.

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.



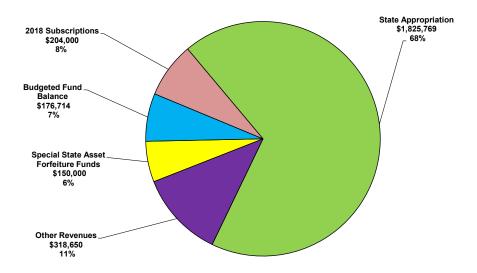
The Institute delivers advanced training and educational opportunities across Arkansas in progressive areas of criminal justice, including law enforcement leadership and management, forensic sciences, computer technologies, illicit drug investigations, and school, traffic, and officer safety. By providing 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.

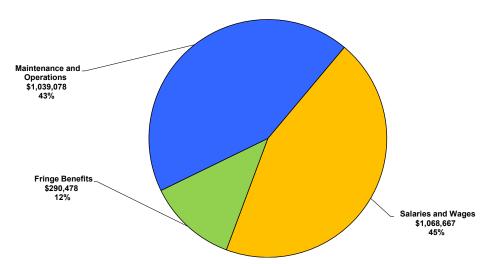
CJI AT-A-GLANCE

Fiscal Overview: FY 2019 Budget—\$2,675,133

FY 2019 Revenues



FY 2019 Distributions



CJI AT-A-GLANCE

In FY 2019, the Institute delivered **704 classes** in the State in **99 different locations**, benefiting Arkansas law enforcement professionals and the citizens they serve and protect.



Counties in red indicate the diverse disbursement of locations where CJI courses were held in FY 2019.

FY 2019: By the Numbers...

Classes Delivered: 746

Total Attendees: 18,364

In-State Programs

Classes Delivered: 704

Number of Different Locations in the State Where CJI Programs Were Offered: **99**

Number of Agencies Represented: **358**

Total Attendees: 17,698

National Programs

Classes Delivered: **42**

Number of Agencies Represented: **328**

Total Attendees: 674

All figures reflect CJI's FY19 fiscal year: July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

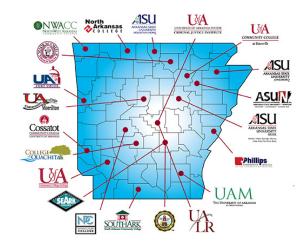
CJI's Higher Education Partnership

Making Higher Education More Accessible for Arkansas Law Enforcement

The Criminal Justice Institute, in collaboration with 21 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.

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.



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In FY 2019, CJI admitted **37** additional law enforcement officers into the academic program, bringing the total number of officers enrolled to **638**.

CJI's Online Learning Center

Keeping Pace with Changes in Arkansas Law Enforcement Education

The Criminal Justice Institute offers a series of online programs that has expanded the availability of some of our traditional classroom offerings to the web.

Why Take a Class Online?

Taking a class online helps eliminate many of the barriers officers currently face in obtaining advanced education and training. Here are some of the benefits of these programs:

- · Less time away from the community
- · Reduction in travel costs
- · Completion of courses from work or home
- · Around-the-clock availability

FY 2019 Updates

CJI's Communication for Law Enforcement Online course is going through a major update with additional sections containing subjects such as verbal de-escalation techniques, emotional intelligence, and verbal judo/tactical communication. This course is planned for delivery during FY 2020 and will also be available to students with smart devices.

The Arkansas Prescription Drug and Opioid Overdose for First Responders and Naloxone Administration courses were updated during FY 2019. In order to maintain the most up-to-date statistics, these courses will be updated again in FY 2021.

Two additional online classes were updated in FY 2019: Introduction to Active Killer Response for Educators Online and Stress Management for Law Enforcement Online.



The following are new online courses planned for FY 2020:

- Cultural Diversity
- SRO Roles and Responsibilities

The following courses are being updated during FY 2020:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder for Law Enforcement
- Domestic Violence
- Drug Endangered Children Drug Identification Section
- · Racial Profiling

Updates to Course Delivery

Adobe will stop supporting the Adobe Flash Player by December 31, 2020. Currently, all CJI online courses are formatted for Flash Player access.

The Online Learning Center will begin transferring all existing online courses to HTML or web-based format starting at the beginning of FY 2020. The HTML or web-based format allows students to access their courses from any smart device such as smart phones, iPads. iPhones, tablets, etc.



FY19 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 Bullving 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



School of Law Enforcement Supervision

The School of Law Enforcement Supervision (SLES) provides a platform for law enforcement professionals who want to build progressive careers in leadership. Additionally, this innovative four-week training prepares first-line and advanced level supervisors for increased responsibility within their agencies and communities. The SLES curriculum consists of lectures, tests, reading assignments and an in-depth research paper on a law enforcement topic.

In FY 2019, the Criminal Justice Institute delivered sessions LI and LII of SLES. While this training is primarily held at our facility in Little Rock, there are many advantages to occasionally delivering this training at sites across the State that can accomodate the needs of this program. One of the greatest advantages for local agencies is the reduced lodging and per diem expenses. This enables agencies to send multiple officers to the training without straining department resources. The Criminal Justice Institute and the Arkansas Sheriff's Association have provided lodging scholarships during this fiscal year.

Session LI was hosted by the Jonesboro Police Department. Twenty-six participants, mainly from Northeast Arkansas, attended the training. Session LII was held at the Criminal Justice Institute. Forty-four participants from across the State attended.

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A total of **70** participants representing **36** different agencies in the State graduated from SLES.

ARKANSAS LEADER

The ARKANSAS LEADER program was designed specifically for law enforcement executives and other senior agency leaders. This week-long course focuses on essen-



tial principles and concepts that help produce executive-level decisionmaking skills. Nationally recognized

making skills. Nationally recognized speakers are selected to ensure law enforcement leaders receive well-rounded views of best practices in law enforcement management and leadership. To enhance the learning experience, law enforcement leaders are encouraged to engage in group discussions and hands-on exercises to draw from the experiences and expertise of others in the class.

"This was one of the most beneficial and inspiring trainings I have ever attended."

"Instructors were professional and knowledgeable of topics."

"Overall this was a wonderful training and I am going to encourage my future leaders to attend as slots are available."

Highlights from FY 2019



In FY 2019, **49** 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. Participants spent the last three-day session of practical exams consisting of photography, report writing, diagramming, and processing crimes scenes and evidence.



Highlights from FY 2019



In FY 2019, 20 participants representing 18 agencies graduated from the Crime Scene Technician Certificate Program.



Since its inception in 1999, 425 participants representing 129 Arkansas agencies have completed this program.

Narcotics Officer Certificate Program

Drug-related crimes predominate the type of cases that law enforcement agencies must deal with on a daily basis. To assist Arkansas law enforcement agencies meet their need for trained narcotic investigators, 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. Some of the topics covered include Drug Recognition, Search & Seizure, Interview and Interrogation, Surveillance, Managing Informants, Undercover Investigations, Courtroom Testimony, and using Social Media.

To successfully complete the program, participants are required to attend all five sessions and pass each examination administered at the end of each three day session.



Law Enforcement Management

Raising the level of professionalism in law enforcement

The Law Enforcement Management Division (LEMD) provides training opportunities designed to equip law enforcement professionals with the tools they need to enhance their day-to-day skills and develop successful careers. Local, state, and nationally known speakers use a combination of classroom lectures, scenario-based exercises, and personal experiences to enhance classroom discussions and optimize learning.

LEMD delivers professional development courses for law enforcement personnel each year. To maintain the quality and integrity of courses and services, evaluations are completed and reviewed at the conclusion of every course delivery to ensure we are meeting the needs of officers and offering relevant training opportunities. We schedule courses throughout the State to make trainings accessible and affordable for all sized agencies. LEMD also offers a variety of online trainings that allow officers to train at their own pace, and at times that are most convenient for them.

Our agency's mission, Making Communities Safer One Officer at a Time, is the guiding principle behind every class developed in LEMD.



Highlights from FY 2019



LEMD presented **251** online and face-to-face classes.

New LEMD Courses Delivered In FY 2019:

- Advanced Principles of Supervision and Leadership for First-Line Supervisors
- Drones: Development and Implementation of an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Program for Law Enforcement
- Fundamental Principles of De-Escalation and Understanding People
- Getting the Confession:
 The Investigator's Secret Tools
- · Ground Survival for Law Enforcement
- Human Relations Training for LE Personnel:
 Communicating and Building Relationships
- . Memory Techniques for Law Enforcement Officers
- Recruiting, Hiring, Background Investigations and Retention
- Sheriff's Administration and Management Course
- Street Cops
- Tactical Street Interrogations for Law Enforcement



SPOTLIGHT on LEMD Trainings

Sheriff's Administration and Management Course

To develop a training specifically for Arkansas sheriffs and key staff, sheriffs from across the state took part in a focus group on September 21, 2018, that laid the foundation for a new course-Sheriff's Administration and Management Course. Those who attended the meeting said Arkansas Leader gives effective tools for leaders, but a school designed for sheriffs could focus on specific areas of need such as budgeting, quorum courts, and special state asset forfeitures. Participants also noted it would be most beneficial if the class was developed from a business manager's aspect in regard to running and managing their departments. Other areas of interest included legislative audit, human resources, relationships with elected officials, jail operations, and the study of Supreme Court rulings that affect running a jail.

Sheriff's Administration and Management Course was delivered for the first time in 2019.

Street Cops

Street Cops, taught by Billy Sides and Ronnie Stiltner with Highway Interdiction Training Specialists Inc., is an all-in-one, street-level law enforcement course that discusses modern beat strategies along with technological advancements that are available to police for investigative purposes. Officers learned current, proven methods to further investigations, how to successfully track fugitives, and solve crimes on the streets. The class featured real video footage of a high-ranking gang member discussing with police the inside scoop of their operations.

Advanced Principles of Supervision and Leadership for First-Line Supervisors

For officers seeking a promotion, many law enforcement agencies in Arkansas require them to successfully complete CJI's School of Law Enforcement Supervision (SLES). The high demand for SLES, which is offered only twice a year, can result in limited availability of class slots and the inability of newly promoted supervisors to attend this beneficial program.

To offer additional training opportunities, CJI held a second focus group on September 21, 2018, with first-line and mid-level supervisors to develop content for a new course—Advanced Principles of Supervision and Leadership for First-Line Supervisors.

Many suggestions were offered as to what the best course content should be for this class. At the conclusion of the meeting, the following educational blocks were recommended for inclusion in the new course:

- Supervision versus Leadership
- Supervision of the Problem Employee
- Below 100
- Uncommon Leadership
- How to Critique Reports
- Communication Skills for Supervisors
- Time Management and Scheduling
- Work versus Life Balance
- Stress and Suicide Prevention

This course was delivered for the first time in April 2019.

Forensic Sciences and Computer Training

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

CJI's Forensic Sciences Program provided training opportunities for law enforcement personnel in the identification, documentation, collection, and preservation of physical evidence—an asset to any law enforcement agency in solving more crime. 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
- Comprehensive Evidence and Property Management
- Crime Scene First Responder for the Uniformed Officer ONLINE
- Crime Scene Investigation ONLINE

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

- Crime Scene Techniques and Investigation
- Fingerprint Classification, Comparison and Identification
- Shooting Scene Investigation
- . Using Forensic Light Sources

Highlights from FY 2019



CJI presented **55** online and face-to-face forensic sciences and computer programs.

In FY 2019, CJI was able to offer five new classes to enhance investigators' knowledge and skills:

- . Bugs, Bones, and Botany
- Cold Case Investigations: Pursuing Delayed Justice
- Homicide Investigation: Crime Scene to Courtroom
- · Investigation of Apparent Suicide
- Investigative Statement Analysis:
 The Truth is in the Lies



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 2019, CJI introduced Access Fundamentals and Excel Formulas and Macros to teach law enforcement how to better utilize their Access databases and use shortcuts in Excel to assist their agencies in operating more efficiently. Other computer classes offered in FY 2019 include: Adobe Acrobat Pro, Advanced Microsoft Excel, Complete Microsoft Word, Using Microsoft Excel, and Using Microsoft PowerPoint.

Continuing CJI's partnership with the Arkansas State Police and ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children), CJI also delivered 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.

Community Impact

Investigative Statement Analysis: The Truth is in the Lies

I have used statement analysis on a number of cases. Anytime we obtain a written statement from a suspect on major cases, I analyze it prior to the interview. Even on shorter written statements, it amazes what can be gleaned from what the suspect says or doesn't say.

In one particular case, a woman reported a violent rape. Reviewing her written statment—specifically the time frame in which the alledged events occurred and the lack of detail one would expect from a violent sexual assault—helped us to craft interview questions and ultimately determine she filed a false report.

- Sgt. Jason Causey, Harrison Police Department

After attending the statement analysis class by Stanley Burke, I worked a homicide involving a mother and son. The following is an excerpt from the son's written statement:

"So my mom comes back from her shopping trip and she says she has a headache then like 30 mins of laying down she said she was gonna take a little powernap she called it. Then I waited for her to completely fall asleep cause I was planning on walking down the street so I could go get a blunt to smoke cause I was also gonna have a small bonfire."

After reading this statement, it was clear to me I had him, but had to get him to confess. I told him I grew up with his mother, then confronted him about his statement, in particular about the above lines. He eventually admitted to killing his mother. He waited until she had "completely" fallen to sleep and walked down the street, later, to purchase more illegal drugs. The detail before and after the event was very noticeable in each statement he wrote.

- Det. Craig Grisham, Sherwood Police Department

Illicit Drug Investigations

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

CJI's Illicit Drug Initiative provides training to law enforcement personnel 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 illicit drug trade and its clientele.

With the restrictions on over-the-counter pseudoephedrine sales, the number of clandestine methamphetamine labs has decreased significantly over the years; however, methamphetamine continues to be the illicit drug of choice for many in Arkansas. Methamphetamine is consistently ranked by the Drug Enforcement Administration as Arkansas's #1 drug threat. In recent years, however, Arkansas has seen a drastic spike in Heroin use. This spike is largely related to the difficultly for users to obtain pain medications at a fair price. To combat these illicit drugs in our communities, narcotics personnel need as many investigative skills as possible.

Highlights from FY 2019



CJI presented **23** classes through the Illicit Drug Initiative.





Community Impact

Sergeant Courtney Kelly with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office attended CJI's *Criminal Interdiction* class and was soon given the opportunity to utilize the training and knowledge he gained.

Sgt. Kelly and his K-9 partner, Soder, have used the tools learned in this class to help Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and the Jefferson County Drug Task Force work more efficiently while continuing to positively impact the wellbeing of their community. Since taking this course, Sgt. Kelly and his team have been responsible for the seizure of approximately 150 grams of Marijuana, 500 grams of Methamphetamine, 25 grams of Cocaine/Crack Cocaine, 20 grams of Fentanyl, 4 grams of Heroin, 260 Ecstasy pills, 35 illegal firearms, \$8,500 in US currency and 4 vehicles as part of asset forfeiture. Three stolen vehicles were also recovered.

Earlier this year, Sgt. Kelly was called to assist on a traffic stop in which the driver acted suspiciously. K-9 Soder alerted to the white Nissan Titan. During the search, Sgt. Kelly used the skills learned in *Criminal Interdiction* to look in the natural, but often overlooked, hiding places of the vehicle. Forty grams of Methamphetamine were found hidden behind the gas car door.

"The Criminal Interdiction class was by far one of the most informational classes I have ever attended. I learned several tactics that I have used on the streets, such as being aware of hidden compartments and other places that may be used to conceal illegal substances. Also, the proactive tools I have learned have been very successful for Jefferson County," said Sgt. Courtney Kelly.









The Maltreatment and 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 Maltreatment and 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.



In February 2016, CJI began implementing pilot projects designed to broaden the professions involved and deepen their collaboration in identyfing 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.

To further refine the CJI Maltreatment and Drug Endangered Children Collaboration Model, Saline, Craighead, and Garland counties were initiated for law enforcement, school and child welfare professionals.

Partial funding provided by Governor Asa Hutchinson.

CJI's Traffic Safety Program

Improving Highway Safety

In FY 2019, 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 deputies 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.



CJI has provided training on Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) and Traffic Occupant Protection Systems (TOPS) to law enforcement officers for 29 years. In addition, CJI also offers advanced training classes like SFST Instructor Development, Drug Recognition Expert Instructor Development, SFST Refresher, and Drugged Driving to continue the outreach of the program throughout the state.

Training is conducted using standard curricula developed by the National Highway Traffic Safety (NHTSA) Administration and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). Departments across the state allow their trained instructors to teach the various courses at no cost to the CJI Traffic Safety 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.

Currently Arkansas has 130 active DREs throughout the state. The state DREs combined for a total of over 450 Drug Influence Evaluations in 2019.

Traffic Safety Programs

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. This course teaches law enforcement officers to observe, identify, and articulate the signs of impairment related to drugs, alcohol or a combination of both, in order

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to reduce the number of impaired drivers and impaired driving related to traffic collisions. It is not designed to qualify the person as an expert.

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 217 officers were trained in FY 2019.

To continue to offer a high quality program and to enhance an officer's training, CJI recognizes that continuing education is an important factor in that goal. CJI looks forward to adding DRE Refresher training and scheduling evaluation nights across the state as well as increasing the number of SEST Refresher courses offered.

CJI Working With State and Local Training Academies on Highway Safety

In continued support of Arkansas law enforcement training academies, CJI provided SFST/TOPS training as part of their basic academy curriculum. During the fiscal year, 575 officers were trained in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing at academy classes including 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. Officers were trained at academies in Fort Smith, Little Rock, West Memphis, and the Arkansas State Police, All of these academies now use the NHTSA Approved SFST/TOPS curricula.

FY19 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.
- Expansion 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

The Arkansas Center for School Safety (ACSS) provides training, resources, and technical assistance to Arkansas educators and law enforcement professionals to assist them in providing our kids with a safe environment to reach their academic potential.

Through a partnership between the Criminal Justice Institute and the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, a comprehensive catalog of basic and specialty school safety training courses are available to both law enforcement and school personnel, including administrators, teachers, staff, counselors, and school security officers. In FY 2019, ACSS added three new courses to our catalog of programs: School Site Safety Assessment & Audit Training, Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) for Schools and Suicide Prevention and Alertness Training.

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In FY 2019, the ACSS delivered 109 school safety classes.



School Site Safety Assessment

This course provides participants with an overview of the importance of evaluating and auditing school facilities from a school safety perspective. Attendees gain a better understanding of the purpose and procedures of conducting school site safety assessments as well as toolkits they can utilize to evaluate their campus safety needs. This training focuses on the use of the "Site Assess" app developed by the U.S. Department of Education. The app is practical, easy to use and contains multiple checkpoints for personnel to use in evaluating facilities, policies and procedures.



A portion of this class includes an actual walk through and physical evaluation of a school site to provide participants with hands-on experience. Participants gain valuable resources to use in the setting up of safety and security monitoring and reporting for their district as well as knowledge on selecting campus and district emergency response teams and campus evaluation teams.

Crime Prevention through Environmental Design for Schools

This course allows participants to use advanced Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) strategies and solutions to promote safety, orderly behavior, and a reduction of fear in the school environment. There are technical sessions. on transportation, signage, landscaping, and lighting. Additionally, participants are guided through a comprehensive school assessment process followed by a real assessment of a school. Working in teams, participants will develop, prioritize, and present feasible recommendations for improving safety and comfort of students and staff. This training will prepare participants to examine and apply the principles of CPTED to a school environment, to develop and apply strategies and present recommendations for improving the safety and security of schools.

Suicide Prevention and Alertness Training

This course is designed to help participants become more aware of the risks and warning signs of suicide and ways to help prevent it. The first half of the course addresses topics such as the general scope of suicide, the research on prevention, and what people can do to fight suicide. The second half of the course focuses on the "safeTALK" concept which will help participants learn to notice and respond to situations where suicidal thoughts may be present. Participants will learn to apply the TALK steps (Tell, Ask, Listen and KeepSafe), notice and respond to situations where suicidal thoughts might be present, recognize the invitations for help that are often overlooked and the community resources that are available.

Stop the Bleed Training for School Resource Officers

In partnership with the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy (ALETA), the Arkansas Center for School Safety offered two 4-hour sessions of the Stop the Bleed Training for School Resource Officers in December 2018.



Stop the Bleed is a national campaign that provides participants with proper bleeding control techniques, including how to use their hands, dressings and tourniquets, and provides the skills to stop uncontrolled bleeding in emergency situations. Through this training, participants learned how to provide time-sensitive, life-saving interventions in order to save lives until professional responders arrive. In addition, each student received a Stop the Bleed kit upon successful completion of the course.

Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) Instructor Training

Through funding provided by the Title IV, Part A Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant received from the Arkansas Department of Education, the ACSS provided two Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) Instructor trainings in FY 2019. A total of 26 school resource officers and school personnel attended these intensive three-day trainings and became certified YMHFA instructors.

The National Council for Behavioral Health's curriculum is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis.

In addition, the ACSS offers Youth Mental Health First Aid, an 8-hour course that introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Topics covered include anxiety, depression, substance use, disorders in which psychosis may occur, disruptive behavior disorders (including AD/HD), and eating disorders. The ACSS now offers the eighthour YMHFA curriculum, at no charge, to any requesting school district in the state.



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 2019, this training was delivered to 1,192 school personnel in the following schools and districts:

Lighthouse Charter School
Quitman School District
Smackover School District
Kirby School District
Lisa Academy Charter School
DeWitt School District
Ouachita School District
Wonderview School District
Cutter Morning Star School District
Malvern School District
West Side School District
Valley Springs School District
Bismarck School District
Gentry School District

14th Annual Arkansas Safe Schools Conference

The 14th annual Arkansas Safe Schools Conference was held during the summer of 2018 at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel in North Little Rock. The event is held each year to equip school resource officers, school 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, MidSOUTH Center for Prevention and Training and the Arkansas Department of Human Services. Keynote speakers for this event Dr. Victoria Calder and Carly Posey.

The Safe Schools Conference was attended by 271 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 2018 Leadership Award Winners:

Safe Schools Leadership Award for Chief/Sheriff Chief Sonny Stover, Morrilton Police Department

Safe Schools Leadership Award for Education Administrator
Ms. Sondra Monger, Mountain Home School District

Safe Schools Kool Aid "SRO of the Year" Award
Officer Paul Colvin, Stuttgart Police Department

Arkansas Prescription Drug/Opioid Overdose (PDO) Project

Opioid misuse has become a national epidemic that reaches into Arkansas, putting both citizens and first responders at risk for overdose and death. Long-acting opioid pain relievers were introduced to the public in 1996 at the same time that pain became recognized as the fifth vital sign. Pain relief became associated with patient satisfaction, leading to a demand for opioids and starting a trend of overprescribing, addiction, and overdose. This contributed to the 416 drug overdose deaths reported to the Arkansas Department of Health in 2017.

According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), two out of three drug overdose deaths reported in the U.S. in 2018 were opioid related. In addition, Arkansas ranked 34th in drug mortality in the United States, with 15.5 per 100,000 people suffering from drug overdose fatalities. Arkansas has the second highest rate for prescribing opioids at an average of 102.1 prescriptions per 100 people in the population. This represented a 10.9% decrease from the previous 12-month period. Prescription rates for every county in the state still remain over the national average of 58.7 per 100 as reported in 2017.

In May 2017, the Criminal Justice Institute was awarded the community service contract for the Prescription Drug/Opioid Overdose Death (PDO) grant from the Arkansas Department of Human Services' Division of Aging, Adult & Behavioral Health Services (DAABHS). This five-year grant provides services to three different high need communities each year. The grants focus on preventing overdose



deaths from opioids in individuals over the age of 18 and reducing adverse effects associated with opioid addiction. In the fall of 2017, CJI was awarded the community service prevention contract from State Targeted Response grant also received by DAABHS.

The contracts' components included:

- Naloxone training and kit distribution to first responders (law enforcement, fire and EMS) and support systems such as family and friends of individuals with opioid use disorder and recovery groups.
- Health literacy campaign
- Media campaign about Arkansas'
 911 Good Samaritan Law
- Local Advisory Councils in High Need Communities
- Public awareness campaign

FY 2019 Program Highlights

- Counties included Crawford, Franklin, Sebastian, Scott and Sharp under the PDO funding and Baxter, Marion, and Garland under the STR funding.
- Trained 1,008 first responders on the administration of naloxone in eight counties.
- Trained 244 school nurses in 101 school districts.
- There have been 79 lives in five counties saved using naloxone funded with PDO/STR monies.
- Trained nine families and supporters of individuals going through treatment for opioid use disorders on administration of naloxone and trained 175 treatment center staff as trainers.
- Trained 101 librarians on the administration of naloxone.
- Established or expanded local advisory councils to specifically address opioids in seven local communities encompassing 25 counties and provided technical assistance to help these groups form plans to address factors contributing to opioid misuse.
- Conducted buy-in meetings with leaders of first responder agencies in each of the counties to assure that they understood the process and requirements for participation in the training and distribution of naloxone.
- Conducted the first annual Community
 Advisory Council Forum in Little Rock with
 49 members from across the state of
 Arkansas. This two-day summit brought
 in national experts from Community Anti Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) to help
 members of local advisory councils develop



a plan for changing the environmental and social risk factors that increase the possibility of opioid misuse by their citizens. This was a networking and educational meeting with brief presentations by each community about what activities were beneficial in combatting opioid use in their county.

- Conducted kickoff events in seven locations serving the 6 targeted communities with the assistance of the local advisory councils for a total of 246 people attending.
- Visited 160 pharmacies in 13 counties and provided opioid information and health literacy materials for distribution to their customers.
- Distributed Cooperative Extension health literacy materials with the assistance of the local advisory councils at community events in 8 counties, through training conducted by the Regional Prevention Representatives (RPR) in 13 regions across the state, and at two statewide organizations' conference.

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- Developed a general public presentation about opioid misuse which was conducted by the RPRs in 13 regions across the state.
- Promoted a media campaign, using local advisory council input, which included a direct mail out, billboards, flyers, posters, Facebook posts, video, and radio public service announcements. All media campaigns were developed in association with local media experts Mangan Holcomb Partners. Billboard placement was done throughout the PDO/STR counties and promoted the Don't Run Call 911 message.

A PDO theater advertisement was shown on screens in Little Rock, North Little Rock, Benton, Fayetteville, Conway and Russellville. A PDO Spotify ad was also conducted during this time period. Pandora messages reached all 75 counties in Arkansas. Ads were also shown on Connected TV, such as Hulu, Netflix, and streaming services, which aired in 75 counties. There were a total of 21 radio stations playing PSA's during this time period.

The NARCANsas Mobile App also reached Arkansas through the Apple App Store and Android Google Play.

 The reach of our media campaign averaged over 1 million views monthly.







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, probation and parole, victim advocates, social service agencies, emergency management personnel, school personnel, and other key agencies.

In August 2018, 120 CART members completed a Child Abduction Tabletop Exercise at the Criminal Justice Institute. This exercise. conducted by the National Criminal Justice Training Center (NCJTC) at Fox Valley Technical College, was designed to pull together all of the elements of previous CART trainings and gave CART members the opportunity to practice what they have learned. The multi-disciplinary, multiiurisdictional tabletop exercise was built around a realistic abduction scenario. Participants worked through initial deployment response, investigation, recovery and reunification procedures utilizing appropriate local resources.

Highlights from FY 2019



Arkansas becomes the first state in the nation to have CARTs certified on a statewide basis.



Building on the successful completion of the tabletop exercise, 135 CART members returned in March 2019 to complete the CART Practical Exercise at the H.C. Red Morris Training Center in Mayflower. The Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, the Arkansas State Police, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, and CJI developed a full call-out exercise built around a realistic child abduction scenario. AMBER Alert assessors evaluated the ability of each of the 12 CARTs to meet 47 standards covering 12 operational areas included in the developed exercise.

With completion of all required training, along with MOU and CART policy implementation, Arkansas is 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 (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 2019



In FY 2019, **2** courses were delivered in **2** states, with **44** individuals trained. Additional training will be delivered throughout the country during FY 2020.



Since 2004, through funding from the Department of Homeland Security, CJI's program has delivered **305** courses and trained **5,746** technical personnel in **33** states and **1** U.S. territory.





For more information about each course and course locations please visit our website at: wwww.cybersecuritydefenseinitiative.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.



As part of this effort, CJI's Cybersecurity
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**

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 training on sexual assault management and investigation to rural law enforcement personnel through the utilization of eLearning strategies.

In January 2019, the previously offered two sexual assault courses were restructured into three courses. CJI provides monthly offerings of its sexual assault management and investigation courses online—Sexual Assault Investigation for the Rural Executive ONLINE (SARE); Foundations of Sexual Assault Investigation for the Rural Officer ONLINE (SAF); and Sexual Assault Investigation for the Rural Investigator ONLINE (SARI). These courses provide 8 hours, 10 hours and 13 hours of credit respectively. The target audience for the project is sworn law enforcement personnel in 21 states designated by the federal government as rural.

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:

Team Approach to Sexual Assault Investigation;

Media Relations; and Policy and Procedure.

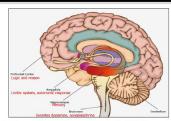
Topics covered in the foundations course include: Dynamics of Sexual Assault and Cultural Awareness; First Responder; Crime Scene; and A Prosecutor's Perspective.

Topics presented in the investigator course include: Sexual Assault Medical-Forensic Examination; Alcohol/Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault; Victim Interview; Suspect Interview & Interrogation; and Sexual Assault Report Writing.

Neurobiology of Trauma

Trauma ignites amygdala

- Capacity for reason degrades
- 2. Memory is affected/ encoding, sequencing, context
- Fight, flight or freeze



Tonic Immobility

Highlights from FY 2019



36 deliveries were provided to 545 attendees representing 244 agencies.



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



A new module, Sexual Assault Report Writing, was added to the Sexual Assault Investigation for the Rural Investigator Online course in January 2019.

In addition, CJI developed a new training module, Sexual Assault Report Writing, which will assist investigators in using grant writing techniques. As a result of the training received in the new module, officers will be able to utilize report writing techniques that accurately describe the reality of a sexual assault victim's experience.

A Year in Review: Highlights from FY 2019

Arkansas is the first state in the country to obtain national statewide certification for Child Abduction Response Teams (CARTs)

Through a collaboration between the Criminal Justice Institute (CJI), the Arkansas State Police (ASP), the Attorney General's Office, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC), the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM), Arkansas Community Corrections, as well as numerous state and local law enforcement agencies, Arkansas is the first state in the country to successfully obtain national statewide certification for Child Abduction Response Teams (CARTs), ensuring that all children in Arkansas are better protected if abducted, missing, or endangered.

Twelve CARTs have been formed across Arkansas. These multi-agency and multidisciplinary teams, led by ASP Troop Commanders, are pre-organized and practiced to respond, substantially saving time and increasing the likelihood of the successful recovery of a missing, endangered or abducted child. Because of prior coordinated planning and the identification of resources, substantial time is saved and the likelihood of the successful recovery of an abducted child is increased. CART members include representatives from the ASP, local, county and state law enforcement, community correction, victim advocates, emergency management personnel, school personnel, and representatives from other key agencies or organizations.

National CART certification is awarded through the U.S. Department of Justice, AMBER Alert and Technical Assistance Program. The certifi-



cation of the Arkansas CART was coordinated by CJI. The delivery and coordination of all face-to-face courses were funded by AMBER Alert, Attorney General Leslie Rutledge, and Governor Asa Hutchinson, Each CART was also required to implement a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with local law enforcement agencies and other key agencies and organizations. Certification also required implementation of statewide Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). Finally, the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, the Arkansas State Police, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, and CJI developed a full call-out exercise built around a realistic child abduction scenario. AMBER Alert assessors evaluated the ability of each of the 12 CARTs to meet 47 standards covering 12 operational areas included in the developed exercise.

To maintain certification, there are continued annual meeting and training requirements. The Arkansas CART Executive Board will oversee the activities, policies, and operating procedures of all CARTs in the State. CJI will coordinate CART recertification and Arkansas CART Executive Board activities.

CJI Assists in Development of New NARCANSAS App

CJI led in the development of the new "Narcansas" app. This free app, available for both Android and Apple users, features life saving information and resources on opioid addiction, including how to save a life with naloxone.

Understanding the signs and symptoms of an opioid overdose emergency is critical to knowing when and how to take action.

The NARCANsas app is a free opioid overdose resource containing resources, links, and tools that will help you administer the drug naloxone in the moment of an opioid overdose and provide steps on how to save a person's life in the event of an opioid overdose. The app also features information for treatment, prevention and recovery.



Funding from Blue & You Foundation Continues to Expand Availability and Usage of Naloxone

Through a \$150,000 grant provided to CJI by the Blue & You Foundation for a Healthier Arkansas, CJI expanded the availability and usage of naloxone by providing preliminary training and kits containing this lifesaving drug to 1,420 Arkansas officers across the State. Each kit consisted of two doses of Naloxone, nitrile gloves, a CPR face shield, hand sanitizer and a carrier.

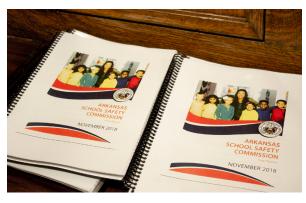
Naloxone has proven to be a very important safety tool for both officers and citizens. 39 first responder agencies participated in this year's grant. Agencies selected for this program did not have a funding source to equip their personnel with this life-saving drug.



Arkansas School Safety Commission Completes Final Report

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. Dr. Cheryl May, CJI's Director, was appointed by Governor Hutchinson as Chair of this Commission.

Members of the Commission visited schools across the state to determine better ways to protect Arkansas students



in the classroom. The commissioners evaluated safety and security policies, emergency plans and policies, and the design of schools – including concepts such as single-point entry and electronic-access badges. The Commission also focused on the mental-health aspect and surveyed the availability of school counseling for students.

The preliminary report was issued on July 3, 2018 and the final report was submitted November 30, 2018. In the final Commission report, a total of thirty recommendations were provided to assist Arkansas schools in creating safe environments where students can reach their true academic potential.

NEW! School Resource Officer (SRO) Certificate Program

CJI's Arkansas Center for School Safety (ACSS), in partnership with the Arkansas Department of Education, implemented a new program that allows school resource officers (SROs) in Arkansas to earn various levels of certificates that acknowledge their achievements for training and dedicated service to their schools and communities.

School Resource Officers (SROs) help ensure a safe and secure school campus by serving their schools through the SRO Triad Model of educator, informal counselor and law enforcer. To provide support to them in each of these roles, four levels of certificates are now available through a new SRO Certificate Program. These levels include: Basic, Intermediate, Advanced or Senior.



To be eligible for the award of a certificate, each applicant must be a sworn law enforcement officer appointed by a law enforcement agency located within the State of Arkansas. Applicants must also be a current School Resource Officer. These various certificate levels will ensure that SROs receive specialized school safety training to be of benefit to both the officer and the school district and students they serve.

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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