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In the Spotlight

National Center for Campus Public Safety

BJA's new National Center for Campus Public Safety was created to serve as a "one-stop shop" for campus public safety agencies to access resources and information. Until now, there has been no central location to serve as the collection and dissemination point for the wide range of campus public safety resources and initiatives being undertaken nationwide. The National Center will promote innovative practices specific to campus public safety efforts and develop comprehensive responses, resources, and strategies, drawing from the latest research, data, and best practices on school safety and security. The National Center was chartered by Congress earlier this year with bipartisan support in the wake of recent school tragedies and will serve as a clearinghouse for campus public safety leaders to improve and expand their resources to ensure the safety and security of their students and communities.

Margolis Healy and Associates (MHA) was selected from 17 applicants to help establish and coordinate the activities of the National Center. MHA is headed by a former university police chief and former university director of public safety. Working closely with BJA, the National Center will partner with federal campus safety stakeholders and appropriate campus safety-relevant organizations/individuals to deliver essential training and technical assistance to campus security teams, student affairs professionals, and key stakeholders. In addition, the National Center will coordinate resources needed to respond to the security challenges of the 21st century to ensure the safety of students and faculty. The National Center will not compete against the various professional associations and stakeholder groups, but rather will support them and work tirelessly to aggregate and integrate with their offerings and agendas.



DID YOU KNOW?

October Is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently released the results of NIJ-funded research that linked the perpetration of bullying to later perpetration of teen domestic violence (TDV). View the slides from the summary presentation at www.apa.org/news/press/releases/2013/08/bully-dating.pdf.

FEATURED PROGRAM

October Is National Cyber Security Awareness Month

BJA Partners with IACP To Establish a Law Enforcement Cyber Resource Center

BJA is pleased to announce a partnership with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and supporting partners to establish an online Law Enforcement Cyber Resource Center. The center will be an online portal for resources in all areas of electronic and high-tech crime, including training opportunities, lessons learned, infrastructure protection, investigations, and forensics. IACP will be the lead for the development



News You Can Use

National Computer Forensics Institute

The National Computer Forensics Institute (NCFI), located in Hoover, Alabama, was established in 2007 in conjunction with the U.S. Secret Service with the intent to meet the unique needs of state and local law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, and judges by providing cyber-related courses based on the Secret Service electronic crimes training model. Attendees completing the training receive computer equipment, hardware, software, manuals, and tools necessary to conduct electronic-crimes investigations and forensic examinations. All expenses, except salary, are covered by the Department of Homeland Security. Additional information and class schedules can be viewed at www.ncfi.usss.gov/ncfi/. Interested agencies wishing to have officers attend the training should contact their local Secret Service field office to inquire about nomination procedures.



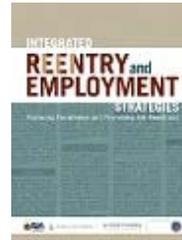
Open Enrollment for the Veterans Treatment Court and Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Planning Initiatives Now Open

Sponsored by BJA, in collaboration with the National Drug Court Institute (NDCI) and Justice

for Vets, the Adult Drug Court Planning Initiatives (ADCPI) is now accepting applications for planning teams for a Veterans Treatment Court or a Tribal Healing to Wellness Court. For more information and to apply, visit the [Drug Court Planning Initiative](#) page. **The closing date for applications is November 1, 2013.**

Reentry and Employment Strategies White Paper Available

In partnership with BJA and the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the Council of State Governments Justice Center released [Integrated Reentry and Employment Strategies: Reducing Recidivism and Promoting Job Readiness](#), a white paper that provides guidance to policymakers, corrections and community supervision administrators, and workforce development providers on how to make the best use of scarce resources by using objective, assessment-based approaches that take into account individuals' risk of future criminal behavior, level of job readiness, and their need for services in order to produce better reentry, employment, and public safety outcomes.



of the center and will work in partnership with other national subject matter experts and federal agencies, whose mission includes supporting state, local, and tribal agencies and the investigation of cyber-crimes. The ultimate goal is to develop an interactive portal where users can ask questions and be provided comprehensive responses that will include information and link them to available resources.

FIRE Recruiting Volunteers to Beta Test Law Enforcement App

Through BJA funding, the Forensic Institute for Research and Education (FIRE) has created an app for first responding law enforcement officers. This app has the potential to radically improve crime scene documentation and preservation of perishable evidence. The FIRE team is currently seeking volunteers to participate in the beta test of the app, which will be offered free to the participants. Visit www.csimtsu.com for more detailed information (including criteria) and to register as a beta tester.

Since 1996, BJA has provided funding and support for training and technical assistance in the areas of electronic and high-tech crimes. Over the last 5 years, more than 35,000 law enforcement, prosecutors, and public safety officials have attended BJA-funded classes and as a result have solved thousands of cases involving the use of technology to commit crimes. The Law Enforcement Cyber Resource Center will be a valuable addition to help direct agencies to critical assistance.

Register Now for These Upcoming Events

In-Person Training:

- [VALOR Specialized One-Day Training](#) (November 13, 2013 in Gainesville, FL)
- [Alzheimer's Training for Public Safety](#) (November 20, 2013 in Ft. Myers, FL)

Webinars & Online Training:

[Strengthening Court Systems: Understanding State and Federal Resources Webinar](#)

While grant funding is ideally suited to seed promising initiatives, it can be very difficult to get initiatives funded at the city, county, or state level. This webinar, to be held November 21 at 3-4:30 p.m. ET, will highlight two statewide initiatives that successfully used grant funds to seed, expand, and evaluate programs that have now transitioned to state funding.

[Leading by Legacy](#)

The Leading by Legacy Program offers distance learning opportunities through online webinars including "Accreditation for Small Agencies" and "The Role of Leadership in Reducing Agency Liability."



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Grants & Funding

OJP Releases API of Grant Award Data

In keeping with President Obama's Digital Government Strategy, the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) recently published an application programming interface (API) that provides access to 20 years of OJP Grant Awards Data (1993-2013) in open, machine-readable formats, including current-year grant awards data that is updated daily. The API can be accessed at <http://data.ojp.gov/developer/index.html>

You can also view FY 2013 OJP grant award information at grants.ojp.usdoj.gov:85/selector/solicitations.

Other Important Information

BJA recommends that new grantees review the following OJP resources:

- [Post-Award Instructions](#)
- [Managing and Reporting for Office of Justice Programs \(OJP\) Awards](#)
- [2013 Financial Management Training Seminars](#)

In Focus This Month

LAW ENFORCEMENT: Reducing Officer Injuries

At the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Conference in Philadelphia earlier this month, IACP, in partnership with BJA, released the **Reducing Officer Injuries (ROI)** final report and toolkit. In order to begin to better understand line-of-duty injuries among law enforcement personnel, IACP and BJA partnered to conduct a multi-site evaluation of all injuries sustained by officers over a 1-year period. The report summarizes the data findings and recommendations from data collected from 18 participating agencies from 5 different states.

Over the course of the study, a total of 1,295 injuries were reported by the 18 participating agencies. Details on each specific injury, the situational circumstances associated with the injuries sustained, and the resulting cost of labor projections are presented in the final report. Also available within the ROI Toolkit is the Injury Tracking Tool used by the participating agencies during the study. This tool is being made available so that any law enforcement agency can similarly track departmental line-of-duty injuries. The ultimate goal of this initiative is to prevent injuries from occurring to officers through the identification of trends and patterns.



For more information and access to the *Reducing Officer Injuries* project resources, visit www.theiacp.org/roi or contact the IACP Center for Officer Safety and Wellness project staff at officersafety@theiacp.org.

Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program

Enacted in 1976, the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program provides death, disability, and education benefits to those eligible for the program. For details regarding these federal benefits for law enforcement officers, firefighters, and first responders killed or catastrophically disabled in the line of duty, call the PSOB Office toll-free at 888-744-6513 or 202-307-0635, or visit the PSOB [web site](#).



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