



## In the Spotlight

### Building the Nation's Crime Analysis Capacity

BJA hosted the Crime Analysis Focus Group in Washington, D.C. on November 27. This meeting brought together 22 subject-matter expert practitioners from across the country representing crime analysts, crime analysis supervisors, academia, and curriculum development and training. The objective of the focus group was to explore with BJA staff—and our partners from the National Institute of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, and the COPS Office—how we can best leverage resources to build the nation's crime analysis capacity. The gathering was especially productive because of the broad spectrum of helpful ideas, insights, and suggestions contributed by the criminal justice practitioners in attendance.



In the coming weeks, BJA will be reviewing the thoughts and recommendations that came out of the focus group to guide development of our strategies in this important arena. The value of crime analytics is significant: it will help law enforcement identify,

gather, and use data in meaningful ways to reduce crime, better protect our communities, and improve the quality of life of those we serve. BJA looks forward to the weeks ahead as we and our partners continue our collaboration to identify challenges and solutions facing the justice system that can be addressed by improving the nation's crime analysis capacity.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Senators Leahy and Coons Mark Million-Vest Milestone for BVP Program

On November 27, Senator Patrick Leahy and Senator Chris Coons highlighted the success of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program, which has funded more than one million vests for state, local, and tribal law enforcement and corrections officers throughout the country. The event celebrated the lives of those officers who survived deadly assaults—at least 17 in calendar year 2011 and 9, to date, in 2012.

Sergeant David Spicer, of the Dover, Delaware Police Department, was present and discussed how the vest he was wearing saved his life when he was shot twice in March 2001 while detaining a career criminal and drug dealer. Sgt. Spicer was bleeding profusely from the first two wounds when he was shot twice more in the chest at close range. Sgt. Spicer made it clear that had it not been for the bullet-resistant vest he was wearing that day, he would not have survived the incident and would not be at the event to thank Senators Leahy and Coons for their support of this invaluable program that helps fund this life-saving equipment for law enforcement officers. Learn more about BJA's [BVP Program](#).



Sgt. Spicer with Senators Leahy and Coons

## News You Can Use

### PREA Zero Tolerance Site-Based Funding Opportunity

BJA's Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Resource Center has announced a [grant opportunity](#) to establish "Zero Tolerance" cultures for sexual abuse in locally and tribally operated adult and juvenile detention facilities. Awards of up to \$100,000 for individual agencies and up to \$300,000 for collaborative applications are available. Agencies that operate small (less than 100 beds) or medium (less than 500 beds) facilities are encouraged to apply. All applications must be completed and submitted online by January 15, 2013.

### OVC and BJA Release Human Trafficking TTA Resources Directory

BJA and OVC have launched the [Directory of Training and Technical Assistance \(TTA\) Resources for Anti-Human Trafficking Task Forces and Service Providers](#). This directory includes TTA opportunities available on topics ranging from building strong cases for prosecution to providing comprehensive victim services.

### New JAG Report Available

Over the past 2 years, BJA has been in the process of revising the performance measures for the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, working with grantees and stakeholders. This document—the [Justice Assistance Grant \(JAG\) Program Closeout Report, January 2010–March 2012](#)—is the last of a series of reports on performance measures submitted by JAG grantees before beginning to report on new measures for April–June 2012.

## Grants & Funding

### Open Solicitations

[Wrongful Conviction Review Program](#)

Applications are due February 6, 2013

Follow us on [Twitter](#) to learn about newly released solicitations.

### Want to become a peer reviewer?

BJA is seeking peer reviewers to assess FY 2013 grant applications. BJA needs reviewers with relevant expertise—from diverse backgrounds, regions, and experience—in the following areas: law enforcement and gangs; crime prevention; adjudication; corrections; building correctional facilities, and reentry; tribal justice; education, mentoring, health care, mental health, alcohol and substance abuse, and/or human and social services; information sharing and technology; and research and statistics. For more information, go to the [BJA web site](#).

## This Month in Law Enforcement



### Nominate an Officer for the Congressional Badge of Bravery

BJA administers the Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery (CBOB) program, created by Congress in 2008 to honor federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement officers for exceptional acts of bravery performed in the line of duty. Nominations for the 2012 CBOB must be submitted by or on behalf of the agency head making the nomination.

The nomination submission period for the 2012 CBOB opened December 14 and closes on February 15, 2013. For additional information on CBOB or to submit a nomination, go to the [CBOB web site](#).

## 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](#).

## FEATURED PROGRAM

### BJA Supports Pay for Success Efforts

BJA participated in a White House-led meeting on December 7 that focused on an initiative the Administration is undertaking to advance the use of "Pay for Success" in federal programs. BJA is supporting this effort in two ways. First, through the FY 2012 Second Chance Act competitive solicitation, BJA awarded grants to two jurisdictions which proposed to plan or implement a Pay for Success model into their reentry initiative. Cuyahoga County, Ohio received an implementation award, and Lowell, Massachusetts received a planning grant. Pay for Success represents an innovation to achieve positive outcomes for the criminal justice population with external financing and at a lower risk and cost to governments.

Second, also in FY 2012, BJA made a competitive award to the Urban Institute to develop a blueprint for municipal, state, and federal governments for using a Pay for Success model to support evidence-based anti-crime programs. BJA plans to continue to incentivize the Pay for Success model in future Second Chance Act solicitations and will be providing more information to the field soon.

Learn more about [Second Chance Act programs](#).

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