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In the Spotlight

Body-Worn Camera Program

On May 18, BJA launched the Body-Worn Camera Toolkit at the IACP's Law Enforcement Information Management Conference. The Toolkit is an online resource for stakeholders and will include lessons learned for implementation, model policies and procedures, and research materials. The Toolkit will consolidate and translate research, promising practices, templates, and tools that have been developed by high-quality experts.



Areas of focus include procurement considerations; training needs; implementation requirements; retention issues; policy concerns; information of interest to prosecutors, domestic violence, and victim and privacy advocates; community engagement; and funding considerations.

BJA also released the [Body-Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program](#) solicitation. Applications are due June 16, 2015.

For more information on BJA's Body-Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program, read or download the [fact sheet](#).

DID YOU KNOW?

Nominate a Public Safety Officer for the Medal of Valor!

Beginning May 29, BJA is accepting nominations for the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor (MOV). The highest national award for valor by a public safety officer, this medal is awarded annually by the President or Vice President of the United States to public safety officers who have exhibited exceptional courage, regardless of personal safety, in the attempt to save or protect human life. Find out more at the MOV [website](#).



FEATURED PROGRAM

BJA-Funded TTA Helps Imperial County Probation Officers Minimize On-Duty Risk

Imperial County, California is 2 hours from the nearest large metropolitan area, making it paramount that its probation officers do all they can to minimize injuries in the field. In order to do so, the [Community Corrections Institute](#) worked closely with the Imperial County Probation Department to tailor a program that would meet the unique needs of the department and implement additional training. Read BJA NTTAC's [TTA Spotlight](#) to learn how Imperial County probation officers are proactively working to reduce risk to themselves and the individuals they supervise.

News You Can Use

Alabama Justice Reinvestment Report Released

BJA and the Council of State Government Justice Center released a report, "[Alabama's Justice Reinvestment Approach: Reducing Prison Overcrowding and Strengthening Community-Based Supervision](#)." Alabama has the most crowded prison system in the nation. The report describes the state's pursuit of justice reinvestment to reduce prison overcrowding by 30 percent. Alabama's efforts include Senate Bill 67, which will strengthen community-based supervision and treatment, prioritize prison space for violent and dangerous offenders, and ensure supervision for everyone upon release from prison.

Leading By Legacy Leadership Training

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) will provide free Leading By Legacy training in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on June 16-18. For additional information or to register, contact the IACP at leadingbylegacy@theiacp.org.

Grants & Funding

Visit our [Funding page](#) to view all open BJA solicitations, including:

- Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
- Tribal Civil and Criminal Legal Assistance Grants, Training, and Technical Assistance
- PREA Program: Demonstration Projects to Establish "Zero Tolerance" Cultures for Sexual Assault in Correctional Facilities
- Second Chance Act Comprehensive Community-Based Adult Reentry Program Utilizing Mentors



- Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

And look for other opportunities on [OJP's Funding Resource Center page!](#)



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In Focus This Month

Destination Zero

In honor of National Police Week, BJA and its VALOR Office Safety Program joined forces with the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) on May 12 to honor four law enforcement agencies with awards for outstanding efforts in maintaining safety and wellness: Dallas (Texas) Police Department (General Officer Safety); Yolo County (California) Sheriff's Office (Officer Traffic Safety); Indianapolis (Indiana) Metropolitan Police Department (Officer Wellness); and Orange County (Florida) Sheriff's Office (Comprehensive and Strategically Implemented).



The awards are a part of the newly established Destination Zero Program, which is designed to help agencies improve the health and safety of law enforcement officers across the country, from agent to correctional officer, from trooper to patrolman, from sheriff to constable.



The primary goal of the Destination Zero Program is to create a platform that provides all U.S. law enforcement agencies with the ability to research successful and/or promising officer safety and wellness programs and identify the resources necessary to begin their own risk management initiatives.

Read the [press release](#) about the award ceremony and learn more about [Destination Zero](#).

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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