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In the Spotlight

Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative

The Nationwide SAR Initiative (NSI) is a local law enforcement initiative to gather, document, process, analyze, and share information about terrorist-related suspicious activities. The state and urban [Fusion Centers](#) participating in NSI are using the SAR Program to collect and share information on behaviors that could be precursor criminal activities with a reasonable nexus to terrorism. The Los Angeles Police Department, the first department to implement the SAR concepts, has identified 1,600 potential SARs reports since last September; 74 of these have resulted in cases being opened by the Joint Terrorism Task Force. Law enforcement analysts and executives have been trained in 11 locations throughout the U.S. The SAR Program was implemented with BJA's support in Washington, DC as part of the preparation for the Presidential Inaugural activities, and over 4,000 line officers received training on behaviors that could be indicators of criminal behavior that could be supporting terrorism. NSI has been endorsed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Major Cities Chiefs Association, National Sheriffs' Association, Major County Sheriffs' Association, and the Criminal Intelligence Coordinating Council. Agencies including DOJ have worked closely with the privacy community to ensure that the initiative is implemented appropriately. [Learn more.](#)

News You Can Use

Drug Court "Operational Tune-Up" Training

Is your drug court program making the most of evidence-based treatment practices? Are you interested in learning the most effective, science-based methods for modifying your program? The National Drug Court Institute (NDCI), which is funded by BJA, is sponsoring an "Operational Tune-Up" training series beginning this July. [Learn more.](#)



MAGLOCLEN 22nd Annual Gang Conference for Law Enforcement

The Middle Atlantic-Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network (MAGLOCLEN), one of six RISS Centers funded by BJA; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; Maryland State Police; and Baltimore City Police Department will co-host the *22nd Annual Gang Information Sharing Conference* in Baltimore, Maryland, on July 12-16, 2009. **Registration is for law enforcement only.** For more information, call 1-800-345-1322, ext. 1516.

BJA's and ATF's Police Executive Fellowship Program (PEFP)

Are you seeking a leadership opportunity at the Department of Justice? If you are a state or local law enforcement official with 10 years of experience, you may be eligible for a 6 month fellowship at BJA or ATF. Learn more about the [PEFP program](#) and download the [PEFP Application Form](#).

Grants & Funding

- [Intellectual Property Enforcement, Training, and Technical Assistance Program](#)
Applications are due June 25, 2009
 - [National Justice Information Sharing \(JIS\) Initiative](#)
Applications are due June 25, 2009
 - [Local-to-Local Information Exchange for Rural Law Enforcement Program](#)
Applications are due June 30, 2009
 - [Encouraging Innovation: Field-Initiated Programs](#)
Applications are due June 24, 2009
- For more information on funding availability, go to BJA's [Current and Upcoming Funding Opportunities page](#).

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS) Program has been in operation for 30 years with funding support from BJA. RISS links more than 8,000 law enforcement and criminal justice agencies across the country, providing training, secure communications, information sharing resources, and investigative support. For more information, go to www.riss.net.



FEATURED PROGRAM

BJA's Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

Beginning in FY 2002, BJA has supported, via [grants and training and technical assistance](#), the Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP), which helps prevent and detect the diversion and abuse of pharmaceutical controlled substances, particularly at the retail level. As of April 2009, a total of 38 states and 1 U.S. territory have active or planned PDMPs, a 244 percent increase since 2003. In 2005, BJA established the [Prescription Monitoring Program Information Exchange \(PMIX\) Program](#), which facilitates information sharing among states. Now in Phase III, the program has developed a prototype system, tested data exchanges, and begun developing data-sharing policies.



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