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## In the Spotlight



Intellectual property (IP) crime is a burgeoning problem that threatens the safety and welfare of citizens, undermines the effectiveness of our technology, and can adversely impact our nation's economic well-being. While IP crime is commonly perceived to be victimless, the impact on individuals and businesses can be devastating. Whether trafficking legitimate-looking pharmaceuticals that could contain toxic ingredients, counterfeiting critical computer equipment that can fail or provide harbor to harmful spyware, or selling electric accessories that can cause fires, these criminals callously put consumers and businesses at risk for their monetary gain.

To address this issue, the U.S. Department of Justice established a [Task Force on Intellectual Property](#) to better coordinate federal law enforcement efforts. As Attorney General Holder stated, "This Task Force will allow us to identify and implement a multi-faceted strategy with our federal, state, and international partners to effectively combat this type of crime."

BJA is helping to combat IP crime by funding state and local IP enforcement efforts through specialized task forces, prosecution efforts, and public awareness campaigns. BJA also sponsored the National White Collar Crime Center and the National Association of Attorneys General to develop and deliver specialized training on IP crime.

## DID YOU KNOW?

That the public can report Internet scams and crimes to the BJA-funded Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) to ensure that investigative agencies are aware of the crime? Since its inception, the IC3 has referred more than 750,000 criminal complaints to law enforcement agencies. IC3 is a partnership among the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C), BJA, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). IC3's mission is to serve as a vehicle to receive, develop, and refer criminal complaints primarily relating to online crime. State, local, and tribal agencies can access IC3 data remotely to query or expand their investigation using a tool NW3C has termed ICSIS, or the Internet Crime Search and Investigation System. For more information, go to [www.nw3c.org](http://www.nw3c.org) or [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov).

## News You Can Use

### Intellectual Property Crime Enforcement Training Is Now Available!

BJA, the National White Collar Crime Center, and the National Association of Attorneys General are pleased to offer specialized training on counterfeit merchandise to law enforcement personnel. [Register now](#) for the Fake Products, Real Crime: Intellectual Property Theft training.



### Police Executive Fellowship Program (PEFP) Brings State and Local Officers Into BJA

The PEFP, a partnership between BJA and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), is a program designed to provide a 6-month professional opportunity for executive-level state, local, and tribal law enforcement officials. BJA's current Fellow, Captain Brad Sangray, joins BJA from the Montana Highway Patrol where he has served for 19 years. Captain Sangray will be closely involved in several of BJA's high priority and highly visible law enforcement

initiatives while working in BJA.

For additional information on the PEFP and how to apply, contact BJA Policy Advisor Deborah Meader at 202-305-2601 or [deborah.meader@usdoj.gov](mailto:deborah.meader@usdoj.gov).

## FEATURED PROGRAM

The Mississippi Attorney General's Office developed an educational campaign known as "Operation Knock Out Knock-Offs" and created a statewide Intellectual Property Task Force to help educate law enforcement officers and the community about IP crime. The Task Force was designed to provide intense training and investigatory assistance to local law enforcement officers and to increase collaboration among federal, state, and local authorities. This project also includes a multisource campaign that works with local authorities to educate merchants and the community about the dangers of IP crimes. The Task Force's main objectives are to (1) seize infringing goods sold throughout the state; (2) indict and convict people who refuse to stop selling fraudulent merchandise; and (3) inform and educate the community and businesses about counterfeit products. Attempts to deter these crimes are being undertaken by training law enforcement to recognize IP infringements and by using the Task Force to enforce state and federal laws.

## Grants & Funding

The following competitive solicitations are open:

- [Intellectual Property Crimes Enforcement Program](#)  
Applications due February 10, 2011
- [Criminal Intelligence System Operating Policies \(28 CFR Part 23\) National Training and Technical Assistance Program](#)  
Applications are due February 10, 2011
- [Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program](#)  
Applications are due February 3, 2011
- [Wrongful Conviction Review Program](#)  
Applications are due February 3, 2011

## 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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