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A Message from the Executive Director:

Welcome to our third issue of *Inside CJI*. As the summer comes to a close, the staff at the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute has been hard at work with media events and efforts to get American Recovery Reinvestment Act (stimulus) dollars in the hands of sub-grantees throughout the state.

While each division has been working diligently on behalf of the state's criminal justice professionals, service providers and traffic safety personnel, some have been tasked with greater challenges.

State agency Byrne JAG funds have been directed for spending and the local portion of these funds are in the grant scoring process at this very moment. The 2010 JAG solicitation has just been released with a funding level of \$5 million to distribute in Indiana.

In Victims Services, STOP and VOCA Recovery Act funds are making their way into the field. Division staff has also been transitioning four new funding streams from FSSA. These funds were directed to be handled by ICJI through legislation emanating out of the last General Session. Grants awarded through this funding will serve victims of domestic violence and the providers who serve them.

Recently, ICJI's Victims Compensation division was the focus of several news stories. In March 2008, the agency received an assessment report from Crowe Chizek detailing process, personnel and technology recommendations designed to improve the overall operations of this very important area. Since then, ICJI has been working to address the citations made during the assessment. In summary, those actions have included:

- Signing a contract with QPA vendor Sterling Creek to begin initial database improvements. Work is nearing completion.
- With the help of staff, initiating the development of legislative changes to bring the working process more in line with federal requirements.
- Working with the State Personnel Department to identify ICJI staffing needs, particularly those of the Victims Comp division. The agency hopes to increase the number of compensation analysts and add a recovery specialist. The matter is pending before the Strategic Hiring Committee.

- Receiving notice from the Bureau of Justice Assistance that planning and administration funds from the JAG Recovery Act could be used to support the development of a web-based database for the Victims Compensation division.
- Releasing a request for proposals (EFP) focusing on the web-based database for the division is currently under review at the Indiana Department of Administration. This database will enable staff to pay and track victims comp claims in a more timely and efficient manner. It will also allow data about this population to be accessed for other types of analysis.

First and foremost, we, here at the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, are committed to serving the people of Indiana. We are constantly striving to positively impact the programs we serve as well as the community at large. Moving forward, we will continue to dedicate our work towards that exact purpose.

Best wishes for a wonderful fall season!

Sincerely,



T. Neil Moore
Executive Director



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Division Gets Up New Grant Program Up and Running

Even though relatively new to ICJI's Victim Services division, the Domestic Violence programs are already up and running. Staff is already receiving claim vouchers and close-out reports for DVPT, SOS and SSBG grants that ended June 30. Preparation of grant contracts for FY 2009-11 has also begun, as well as the distribution of most DVPT and SOS grants to sub-grantees, who are now beginning to turn in performance reports and claim vouchers for the current year.

Report forms are now available online at in.gov/cji/3405. The federal Family Violence Prevention and Services contract is currently being developed and will be distributed to grantees in the near future.

For questions or more information, a general mailbox has been created for correspondence at dvpt@cji.in.gov.

New Program Manager Named

ICJI is pleased to announce Kathy Teachout as the new Domestic Violence Program Manager. An agency veteran, Kathy not only brings a strong background of accounting and organization, but an broad knowledge of the agency's divisions. Kathy has been working hard to transition these programs from their previous agency, the Family Social Services Agency (FSSA).

Trainings Support Agency Efforts

Members of the Research and Planning Division have spent a great deal of the summer traveling in support of other divisions as well as the agency as a whole.

After completing a grant training with Traffic Safety division, Research Associate Megan LaMade traveled to New Orleans with division Director, Josh Ross for a Crime Mapping Research Conference conducted by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ).

Research associates Karlye Maloney and Christine Reynolds recently traveled to Salt Lake City for a process evaluation training conducted by the Office of Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center.

After the majority of the division's associates wrap up assisting their perspective divisions with grant application reviews, Research and Planning looks forward to beginning program process evaluations in the areas of Drug & Crime and Traffic Safety.

Applications are now available online for Desert Snow Phase 3 - visit ICJI online to download.

"Nothing is to be preferred before justice." - Socrates



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Busy Summer Gives Way to Fall for Youth Division Staff

The Youth division received over 100 applications for 2009-10 Safe Haven funding. Approximately \$1 million has been awarded to the School Resource Officer (SRO) and evidence-based program to Indiana school corporations.

Mandatory training for applicants interested in 2009 Title II Formula Grant funding was held in June. With more than 100 people in attendance representing youth service agencies from across the state. More than 50 grant applications were received for Title II funding. Funding recommendations will be made at the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting.

As a cosponsor of the Summit on Racial Disparities in the Juvenile Justice System, the Youth division invited ICJI Executive Director Moore as a panelist during the event's Pre-Summit Law Enforcement Roundtable.

For the next few months, division staff will be out in the field visiting sub-grantees, and providing technical assistance.

A trip to Austin, Texas for the Office of Juvenile Justice-State Relations and Assistance Division (OJJDP-SRAD) National Conference is also planned for Youth staffers.

Board Helping Improve Standards for Assault Victims

In 2008, the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute was given the responsibility of implementation of the Sexual Victims Advocates Standards and Certification Board. Under the leadership of Sharon Langlotz, the Board has been working diligently to develop standards and rules for the certification process. Among the issues under consideration by the board are curriculum, education and experience requirements, as well as the certification and testing process. The group anticipates entering into the rules promulgation process this fall as well as the announcement of public hearings for the rules process in 2010.

Conference Showcases Law Enforcement Cooperation

In partnership with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, Indiana State Police and the Indianapolis Fraternal Order of Police, ICJI hosted the 19th annual Motor Vehicle Criminal Interdiction, Intelligence Networking & Training Conference.

The goal of the meeting was to facilitate the exchange of intelligence between criminal justice professionals on issues concerning the use of national highways to transport illegal drugs and contraband. The need to examine and enhance best practices in this area was supported by statistics obtained from criminal interdiction blitzes conducted on Indiana highways in 2008. According to ICJI, more than \$350,000 in cash, several hundred pounds of marijuana and over 8,000 grams of cocaine were seized as a result of these operations.

The event played host to the largest number of criminal interdiction experts and practitioners in the United States. Key topics covered during this year's conference

included maximizing the dismantlement of criminal organizations by increasing the use of real time informational resources, the informed use of asset forfeiture laws, and optimizing specialized support teams.

ICJI Executive Director Moore spoke during the event's opening session to welcome more than 600 attendees, reaffirming ICJI's commitment to developing programs that advance criminal interdiction efforts.

JAG Solicitation Open, Training Planned

The Drug and Crime Control division has now opened the 2010 JAG solicitation. For application information, visit the ICJI website.

The division will also be conducting a grant training session on Thursday, October 15 at the Jonathan Byrd Cafeteria in Greenwood.

The session will cover such topics as the 2010 JAG solicitation, grant writing, financial management, performance management and reporting.



Attendance is required for all new sub-grantees through the Recovery Act JAG Program, as well as those interested in 2010 funding beginning January.

Registration for the event can also be found by visiting in.gov/cji. Look for the link on the homepage in the "Special Announcements" section.

Teens Get Real Behind the Wheel With Driving Program



Lt. George Crooks, IIMPD, addresses DSFL participants.

Thanks to a \$20,000 grant from The Ford Foundation, nearly 100 teens from across the state were able to participate in the first of three Driving Skills for Life (DSFL) teen driver safety events at O'Reilly Raceway Park in Indianapolis.

A program developed by Ford and the Governor's Highway Safety Association, DSFL helps young drivers learn the rules of road by literally putting them behind the wheel. During the event, participants are taken through road course exercises that focus on potentially dangerous

driving situations for new drivers. Police officers specially trained in emergency vehicle operations instructed teens in activities such as hazard recognition, vehicle handling, and speed and space management. The event also gave both parents and teens an opportunity to learn about safe driving practices, traffic safety resources and Indiana's new Graduated Driver's Licensing (GDL) requirements.

Members of the Brownsburg Fire Department, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD), and the Marion County Fatal Alcohol Crash Team (FACT) staged a mock extrication to show the reality of being

involved in a traffic collision.

The second DSFL event is scheduled for October 20 at Grissom Air Force Base at the North Central Law Enforcement Training Council in Peru. All SADD chapters and high schools in the northern region of the state are invited, as well as any area juvenile correctional facilities.



Members of the Brownsburg Fire Department perform a mock extrication.



For more information about the Ford Driving Skills for Life Program, visit drivingskillsforlife.com.



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