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A Message from the Executive Director: Remembering Victims

It hardly seems possible. One fourth of the year has already passed by. The staff of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute has been busy with a myriad of projects and programs that serve Hoosiers and uphold the laws that make our communities safer.

During the first week of March, the Traffic Safety staff and I were joined by representatives of the Indiana State Police, the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department and other traffic safety advocates at the NCAA Hall of Champions to announce Operation Pullover Blitz 62. This statewide crackdown on impaired and dangerous driving couldn't have been scheduled at a better time. The combination of college basketball action in downtown Indianapolis and the St. Patrick's Day holiday make drinking and driving and inevitable possibility that our state and local law enforcement partners are prepared to handle.

Our Youth division is working on the collection of data for our Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) initiative and the pending expansion of the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI); and Substance Abuse Services continues to work with Local Coordinating Councils.

But as the first quarter of 2010 concludes, it seems like a good time to remember those most forgotten in the crime equation - the victims.

April 18-24 marks National Crime Victim's Rights Week. As a former police officer and one who has experienced the death of a family member due to homicide, this week holds special significance. In the late 1970s and early 1980s when I was pushing a squad car around the street, victims and their families played more of a secondary role as mere participant or witnesses, who, more often than not, received little or no protection. In most cases, minimal contact was made with the victims until the police had arrested a suspect and

the matter was ready to go to trial. On the other hand, if a suspect was never arrested and the matter was never brought to trial, the victim received even less attention from criminal justice authorities.

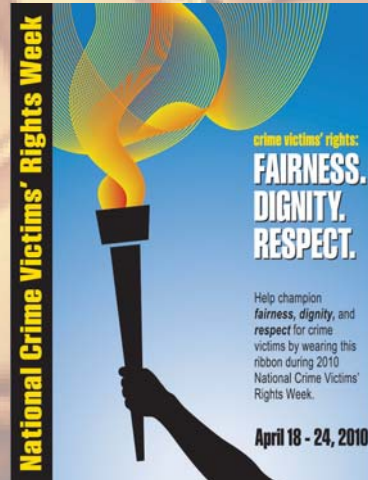
As the criminal justice system evolved into the new century, professional associations like the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV), the Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault (INCASA) and the Latino Coalition Against Domestic Violence emerged to represent the needs of those who addressed the needs of victims. Victim advocates and Victim Assistance Units are now more prevalent, and one can find them within many law enforcement agencies and prosecutor's offices. Depending on the resources available to these units, today, victims have relatively easy access to advocates who are trained to guide them through the often difficult system of justice.

While we have made great strides on behalf of victims in the past decade, still more needs to be done. There are still some jurisdictions without advocates. There are still areas without forensic nurses trained to conduct sexual assault examinations. And there are still places where it is difficult for victims of domestic violence to find safe housing and a refuge from the storm.

As the week of April 18th nears, if you know an advocate, thank them for their wonderful work. Take a few moments during the month to assess how your community meets the needs of crime victims, and what you can do to improve the lives of those most impacted by criminal activity. Resolve to help and make a change for a better Indiana.

Sincerely,


T. Neil Moore
Executive Director 



Division Sees Progress, Expects More for Spring

In January, the Victim Services & Compensation division posted its 2010-2011 VOCA and STOP grant solicitation on the ICJI website. The competitive bid process remained open until March. The division will now have approximately 250 applications to review and score.

For much of the first quarter, the division worked to promote important national initiatives such as National Stalking Awareness Month (January) and National Teen Violence Awareness Month (February). Important information about both observances were featured on the agency's website in an effort to draw attention to all forms of violence.

March is also turning out to be an exciting month, as staff plans to attend the Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault annual conference. Members of the division are looking forward to this opportunity to enhance their ability to maximize services to victims across the state.

The Victims Compensation division continues to process applications in a most efficient manner. Staff is committed to providing excellent customer service to all claimants and resolving any issues that may arise during the initial review process. To further facilitate this effort, the division recently added three permanent, full time staff members. Two interim positions are expected to be filled by the end of March to provide additional support.

40 + Youth Initiatives Funded for 2010

The Youth division has spent a great deal of time on managing several projects during the first quarter. Approximately 40 applications were submitted by the January 29 deadline for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) program. Final funding decisions were made on February 26.

More than 40 organizations will receive funding to implement delinquency prevention and accountability programs aimed at improving Indiana's juvenile justice system.

The division is looking forward to working with this distinguished group of organizations over the next year as they continue existing programs and implement new ones to benefit Indiana youth.

The Youth division recently submitted four applications to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) to continue Indiana's funding for delinquency prevention, accountability and the enforcement of underage drinking initiatives.

Funding notifications will be made in September 2010.

Next ICJI Board of Trustees Meeting: June 4

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

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Young Driver Safety Focus to Steer Springtime Efforts

Young drivers in Indiana are three times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash than any other driving age group. This is one of the reasons the Indiana legislature passed a comprehensive Graduated Drivers License (GDL) law during the 2009 session. Portions of this law took effect last July while the next phase of this law will go into effect on July 1 of this year. The Traffic Safety division has been working with commercial driver education schools and Indiana SADD to get the message out to both young drivers and their parents about these important new laws.

For more information and to download brochures on this topic, go to www.in.gov/cji.2574.

Interdiction Training Opportunity

The Drug & Crime division recently announced two drug interdiction trainings with a very unique focus.

For course descriptions and application information for the *Patron Saints of Mexican Drug Traffickers* training, visit the ICJI website.

Applications for both trainings are due April 7.

Drug & Crime Funding Continues

The 2010 grant cycle for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program and the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program runs from January 1 - December 31, 2010. A total of \$4,515,590 was awarded for 2010 JAG programs for the following priority areas: multi-jurisdictional drug task forces, prosecution of drug and violent offenders, drug and alcohol court programs, reentry programs and other evidence-based programs. A total of \$275,000 was awarded for 35 JAG Equipment grants. Two local jail programs and one state correctional facility were awarded RSAT funds totaling \$186,280.

With funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ICJI's Drug & Crime Control division funded an effort led by the Indiana State Police to purchase new or updated Livescan machines for all 92 Indiana counties. Systems feature fingerprint, palm print and mug shot capabilities. This program will allow law enforcement agencies throughout the state to aid in criminal justice information sharing efforts.

The division also plans to open JAG equipment solicitation this April for the purchase of audio and video equipment to assist agencies in their compliance of Evidence Rule 617. The rule, which takes effect January 1, 2011, requires that an electronic (audio and video) recording be made of a person during interrogation in order to be admitted into evidence at trial.

Division Models Successful Teen Driving Program

As a part of a cooperative effort to sustain awareness of teen driver safety initiatives in Indiana, on March 20, the Traffic Safety division will join Clarian Health as they host a teen driving focused event at Riverside Junior High School in Fishers. The event will be similar in nature to the Ford Driving Skills for Life events hosted by the division last year. Students will participate in three behind the wheel activities, a seat belt convincer and a distracted and impaired driving simulator course led by Indiana SADD. A number of "safe prom" activities will also be held at participating high schools statewide throughout April and May.

Best Wishes for a Happy Spring Season from the ICJI Staff



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Joined by members of Indiana's law enforcement community, Executive Director Moore announces the "Drunk Driving, Over the Limit, Under Arrest" March enforcement campaign at the NCAA Hall of Champions.

Statewide Enforcement Coincides with College Hoops, St. Pats Celebrations

To help reduce the number of deaths on Indiana roadways, ICJI's Traffic Safety division on March 5 announced the kick off of Operation Pull Over Blitz 62.

The 17 day March crackdown is designed to deter impaired and aggressive drivers during the height of college tournament play and the St. Patrick's Day holiday. In 2009, there were 41 fatalities on Indiana roadways

in March. Twenty four percent of these deaths involved a driver that was legally intoxicated.

For more information about Blitz 62, visit the ICJI website.

Research Division Continues Agency-Wide Efforts

The Research and Planning division continues to work with Sterling Creek to determine the most effective solution for ICJI's proposed performance measures database. The division has also done some preliminary work on a project designed to enhance traffic safety programming. This new data assessment tool will measure the impact that motorcycle safety courses have on rider safety as indicated by crashes, fatalities and property damage.

The division is also continues to maintain a close working relationship with the IUPUI affiliated Center for Criminal Justice Research (formerly the Urban Center for Urban Policy and the Environment). ICJI and the Center have partnered on many successful projects in the past and are excited about current projects in the works. More updates will be available in the coming months.

Upcoming Traffic Safety Campaigns

April

Speed: *Stop Speeding Before Speeding Stops You*
Teen Driver Safety: *Distracted Driving*

May

Operation Pull Over Blitz 63: *Click It or Ticket*

June

Motorcycle Safety & Awareness

Meetings Provide More Info to Domestic Violence Providers

The Domestic Violence Task Force and 2010-2012 STOP Implementation Planning Committee will now meet monthly to address the needs of service providers and assist with funding plans.

Visit the ICJI website for more information.