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A Message from the Executive Director:

When you're finished changing, you're finished - Benjamin Franklin

As the calendar year comes to a close, it gives us here at ICJI an opportunity to highlight several projects staff has been involved with during the last quarter. Interestingly, most of the activity has involved the dreaded "c" word - change. We merely have to observe our various divisions to confirm that change is all around us.

The Victims Services division made the transition of combining the Victims Assistance and Victims Compensation programs in October. This structural move brought ICJI more in line with the statutory provisions that established this unit. The division has worked through this transition period to conduct a full review of the compensation procedures and will be adding more staff by the end of the year. Simultaneously, the vendor questions have been answered in our RFP for the Victims Compensation database. We are confident that the acquisition of this technology and the positive changes that are being put in place will lay the foundation for improved customer service and increased communication with victims in our state.

The staff of ICJI would also like to extend their appreciation to all grantees for their continued patience as changes have taken place resulting from the acquisition of the domestic violence funding streams from FSSA and the transition to a new accounting system (i.e. FSSA funds in Victims.) The changes resulting from these new systems have challenged us all, but once the "bugs" are worked out, we are confident a more efficient and effective system will result.

Change visited us in the budget area as well. Like all state agencies, we have been asked to review our state appropriations for potential spending cuts. We worked with the State Budget Agency to do our part in making responsible recommendations that will help keep Indiana on the right side of the ledger.

The Drug & Crime division has been hard at work finalizing the stimulus package grants while scoring the fiscal year Byrne JAG grants that followed. While it was unfortunate that more grants could not be funded, a large number of projects that will improve the services offered by the state's criminal justice system were funded. Several smaller agencies received new patrol vehicles. One or two more problem solving courts emerged from this funding as well. Additionally, drug task forces and drug investigative training were also

JAG Grant Review Underway, Trainings Planned

The Drug & Crime division is currently reviewing 2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) applications. A total of 230 applications were received for this year's grant cycle, with requests totaling approximately \$20 million. Applicants will be notified of funding decisions in mid-December.

The division is also co-hosting a State & Local Anti-Terrorism Training (SLATT) program in Mount Vernon December 14-15. For more information, visit the ICJI homepage.

Agency Restructures in Move to Increase Efficiency

With a goal of streamlining efficiencies, ICJI's Victims Assistance and Victims Compensation programs were recently integrated into the agency's Victims Services division in October.

The transition will ultimately result in a full review of victims compensation procedures. The division is confident that the merger will mitigate backlogs, satisfy statutory regulations and maximize customer service.

part of the stimulus package grant funding.

The Research and Planning division also saw change. This area of ICJI has been in constant communication with the Sterling Creek Software company regarding the development of the performance measures database. Sterling Creek has visited ICJI on several occasions to demonstrate possible solutions to the agency's database issues. The goal is to create a database capable of allowing the sub-grantee to enter data that will demonstrate the outcomes achieved by their programs. The software presented was positively received by all. The division now awaits the best solution to benefit the agency as a whole.

It has been great to see the many outstanding projects and programs funded by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute this year. We look forward to the new year with great expectations and we wish you all a happy holiday season.

Sincerely,



T. Neil Moore
Executive Director

Trainings Invaluable to Interdiction Efforts in Indiana

In conjunction with ICJI's Drug & Crime division, the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) and the Indiana State Police, the Substance Abuse division hosted the 2009 International Drug Interdiction Assistance Program (DIAP) conference in Indianapolis.

Through grant funding from ICJI, 100 Indiana law enforcement officers were able to attend the event, which focuses on criminal interdiction activities and strategies.

The division also sponsored three consecutive Desert Snow Drug Interdiction

Trainings. Hosted by law enforcement agencies in Warsaw, Brownsburg and Sellersburg, approximately 150 Indiana officers attended. ICJI partnered with IMPD to host this nationally recognized conference.



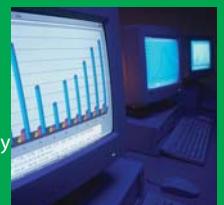
Enjoy the spirit of the season responsibly.

Friends
Don't Let
Friends
Drive Drunk.

Since 2007, ICJI has provided grant funding to more than 300 Indiana law enforcement officers from 80 counties to attend interdiction training.

Division Undertakes Traffic Safety Research

ICJI's Research and Planning division has been hard at work on several new projects on behalf of the agency's Traffic Safety division. Much of the work is related to a project that seeks to measure the impact of motorcycle safety courses on rider safety as measured by crashes, fatalities and property damage. Research and Planning has also done preliminary work towards an evaluation of the Fatal Alcohol Crash Team (FACT) program. The study was recommended by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) as part of a regular review of ICJI's traffic safety efforts.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS - The next ICJI Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for December 18 at Noon.

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

**Outreach Efforts
Serve Indiana Victims**

Victims Services staff was busy in the month of October attending seminars, participating in trainings and hosting information booths in

support of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The division sponsored an event hosted by the Circle City Fatherhood Coalition Against Domestic Violence, which, in part, focused on the issue of domestic violence from the male victim's perspective. The division also sponsored the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence fall conference and hosted a booth at the Clarian Coalition Against Domestic Violence Symposium. All three events provided staff with excellent training and networking opportunities.

The Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Standards and Certification Board is currently developing the standards and certification process for advocates. Administrative rules have been completed and will be submitted to the State Attorney General's office for review. The Board is pleased to be working on the design of the advanced level certification training curriculum with Dr. Henry Merrill, chairman of the Department of Adult Education at Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI).

As the year comes to a close, the Victims Services staff would like to acknowledge those grantees who work on behalf of Indiana's victims. We recognize that your efforts are their voice and without you, they may not be heard.

Indiana's Traffic Safety Efforts Produce Record Numbers

ICJI's Traffic Safety division has been busy wrapping up another successful federal fiscal year. To date, Indiana is on track to show reductions in traffic fatalities for the sixth consecutive year, leading to the lowest fatality numbers since World War II. Although the economy and continued improvement in the safety of vehicles and roadways has contributed to this decline, driver behavior is the number one contributor to fatal crashes. This is why the division uses federal funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to influence positive behavioral changes in drivers through education and enforcement. Here's a look - by the numbers - of some of Indiana's accomplishments from the use of these federal funds for 2009:



- Nearly \$12 million in federal funds distributed across the state for education and enforcement to improve roadway safety;
- 8,975 DUI offenders taken off the road;
- Nearly 13,000 suspended license offenders ticketed;
- Almost 1,700 criminal felons discovered during various traffic safety enforcement initiatives;
- More than 305,356 citations written.

In November, the Governor's Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving recognized the work of Indiana law enforcement agencies at the annual Operation Pull Over (OPO) awards banquet. More than 400 officers were thanked for their dedication to saving lives on Hoosier roadways. Awards were presented to approximately 40 state and local law enforcement agencies for superior accomplishments during Indiana's OPO campaigns.

Division Works to Enrich Youth, Promote Involvement

From attending state and national trainings to supporting events that benefit Indiana's juvenile justice practitioners, Youth division staff has been busy the past few months. With the help of scholarships provided by the division, more than 100 Indiana juvenile detention workers were able to attend the National Partnership for Juvenile Services Annual Symposium in October. Held in Indianapolis, the event brought together nearly 500 juvenile justice practitioners from across the nation.

provided invaluable information and examined best practices.



Youth division staffers greet visitors at the IYI Kids Count Conference

Also in the month of October, members of the Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group joined Youth division staff in Austin, Texas to attend a national conference hosted by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, State Relations and Assistance division. The conference

In November, the division supported the All Pro Dad program held in connection with the Indianapolis Colts. The event uses professional athletes and coaches to endorse the values and



ICJI Deputy Director, Brian Clouse addresses fathers and children at All Pro Dads Event

importance of fatherhood.

The division used this opportunity to promote its End Underage Drinking Law (EUDL) initiatives. Members of the staff distributed educational materials branded with "The Choice is Ours to End Underage Drinking" messaging, a call to youth that encourages them to make the choice abstain from alcohol.

The division also recently took part in the Indiana Youth Institute Kids Count Conference at the Indiana Convention Center.

JABG APPLICATION INFORMATION

Applications for the 2010 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) program will be available on the ICJI website starting December 21.

Applicants can also contact Lynel Beaty, JABG Program Manager at (317) 232.4387 or lbeaty@cji.in.gov to be added to the distribution list.



Governor's Council Chair, Curtis Hill, presides at the 2009 OPO Awards Banquet. Also pictured, ICJI executive director, Moore and Sebastian Smelko, Public Safety Policy Director for the Office of Governor Mitch Daniels.

New Chair Named to Agency Board of Trustees

In November, Mark Massa was appointed by Governor Daniels as the new chair of ICJI's Board of Trustees (BOT). Mr. Massa replaces former BOT Chair, Jon von Arx. The staff of ICJI looks forward to working with the new appointee and thanks Mr. Von Arx for his years of exemplary service and support. Massa will preside at the next BOT meeting on December 18.

Happy Holidays
-from the staff of ICJI

MethWatch Kits, Materials Available

Methamphetamine continues to be a critical issue in many Indiana communities. To learn what you can do to address this epidemic, visit the Substance Abuse Services webpage or contact the ICJI offices at (317) 232.1233.