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NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

2009 National Forum on Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This year, the 2009 National Forum on Criminal Justice and Public Safety will focus on “Changing Criminal Justice: Surviving, Adapting, Succeeding.” With federal funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act pouring into state and local communities nationwide, criminal justice professionals find themselves in new uncharted territory—developing plans to quickly and efficiently manage the influx of funding while continuing to deliver proven cost-effective and evidence-based public safety strategies. To survive these

changes, adapt our agencies, and continue on the path of success, criminal justice policymakers and practitioners must learn from each other to find the best ways to address the public safety needs confronting communities across the country. Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA), the IJIS Institute and the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), the National Forum is the only national conference that brings together justice and public safety practitioners with leaders from federal, state, tribal and local governments and the private sector in a neutral venue to share real life solutions

that are working across the country. Last year, 93 percent of National Forum attendees reported that they learned useful ideas and strategies that they could take home and implement immediately. Ninety-five percent of attendees said the National Forum was important for their professional development. The Nation Forum will be held August 9-11, 2009, at the Hyatt Regency Bellevue in Bellevue, Washington. *For more information, please visit NCJA’s Web site at: http://www.ncja.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=2009_National_Forum*

TRAINING/RESOURCES

Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor: Every day, public safety officers risk their lives to protect America's citizens and communities. To honor that commitment, Congress passed the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act of 2001, which created the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor, the highest national award for valor by a public safety officer. The medal is awarded annually by the President to public safety officers who have exhibited exceptional courage, regardless of personal safety, in the attempt to save or protect human life. The nomination period is scheduled to run through July 31 at 8:00 p.m. EST. Nominations must be submitted through the online Medal of Valor Application System. For additional information, or to apply, visit: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/medalofvalor/welcome.html>

2009 Grant Writing Seminars: OCJS will be hosting free Grant Writing Seminars in 2009. OCJS’ grant trainings provide an overview of identifying grant sources, analyzing program objectives, creating a budget, seeking letters of support, and proposal writing. Federal and state grants available to criminal justice professionals will be discussed. Attendees will also receive the OCJS publication, *Grant Writing: Identifying and Applying for Funding in a Competitive Market*. Trainings will take place on the following dates: October 27; and November 24. OCJS will also be hosting free specialized trainings in 2009: Incorporating Evidence-Based Practices on September 29; and Designing and Effective Evaluation Strategy on December 29. All trainings will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Public Safety’s Motorcycle Classroom, located

at 1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, on the first floor. *To download and print a registration form, visit: <http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/Trainingmain.htm>*

Finding Words Ohio: The Ohio Attorney General's Office will host an intensive five-day course for investigators and prosecutors on child sexual abuse. Participants will learn the necessary skills to conduct a competent, investigative interview of a child abuse victim using the CornerHouse forensic interview process. Each course is limited to 30 students, so register early to increase chance of enrollment. Trainings will be held July 20 – 24 and October 26 – 30 at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy, 1650 State Route 56, in London, OH. *For information, contact Ursel McElroy at 614/995.5413 or ursel.mcelroy@ohioattorneygeneral.gov*

TRAINING/RESOURCES CONT.

Strategies to Maximize Staff Competence in Understanding and Delivering Evidence-Based Practice:

The Ohio Community Corrections Association will be presenting "Roadmap to Success: Strategies to Maximize Staff Competence in Understanding and Delivering Evidence Based Practice" on August 20 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the London Correctional Institute Education and Training Center, 1580 State Route 56 in London, OH. The presenter will be Michael Wheeler, Senior Cognitive Behavioral Specialist, Crosswaeh CBCF. Participants will be able to: Plan and implement a core staff training initiative; Recognize the importance of supported learning as an essential adjunct to training; Offer quality skill building experiences to staff members; Identify and utilize indigenous staff leadership in increasing overall staff competence; Initiate mechanisms for the monitoring of staff delivery of interventions; and Provide quality performance feedback to staff members. *For more information or to register, contact OCCA at 614/252.8417 ext. 15.*

2009 Enforcement Expo: Cygnus Expositions will be hosting the 2009 Enforcement Expo Great Lakes at the Columbus Convention Center in Columbus on September 1-2. Enforcement Expo events offer a variety of free classroom sessions and hands-on activities for law enforcement professionals including: School Attacks & Mass Violence Incidents; Operational Planning for Tactical Teams; Off-Duty Law Enforcement Encounters; Internet Crimes Against Children; Basic Interview and Interrogation Strategies for the New Officer/Investigator; Northern Border Initiative (NBI); Human Trafficking; High Risk Traffic Stops; Grievance & Arbitration; VAWA/STOP 2005 Certifications; Food Stamp Investigations; What Law Enforcement Needs to Know Regarding Motorcycle Enforcement; Officers' Rights; Methamphetamine/Clandestine Drug Laboratory Awareness; Church Safety & Security; Establishing a Respiratory Protection Program for First Responders; Death Notification; Building Shooters; Risk Management; Police Response to Ground Fighting Assaults; Operation

Street Smart for a New A.G.E. (Adult Gang Education): Parts I & II; Grant Writing; NICS 101; Active Shooter Update; Search and Seizure Law Update; Drug Recognition: Operation Street Smart Part I & II; Briefing on Terrorism in Ohio; and Detecting Fraudulent Documents. Evaluating new equipment, technology, and services will be available in Enforcement Expo's exhibit hall, displaying the latest offerings from local and national companies. Attendees can browse the exhibits to gain information for upcoming purchasing decisions and keep up-to-date on industry innovations. Partners include the Ohio Department of Public Safety, the Fraternal Order of Police, the Columbus Division of Police, and many others. *For further information on attending or exhibiting at the event, please visit: http://www.enforcementexpo.com/exoh/index.po?jsessionid=2ZoHF9y5Rqgvv_dN5-yrzoUf or call 800/827.8009.*

GRANTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Revised OCJS Grants Calendar:

Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Programs: The normal JAG and VAWA allocation request for proposals will be released August 1 and due to OCJS August 31. Also, FVPSA and RSAT notifications will be made at a later date; we are still awaiting our award amount. *To see the revised calendar, please visit: <http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/GrantsCalendar.pdf>*

NIJ FY09 Advancing Criminal Justice Policy, Practice, and Technology

Grant: The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is the research, development, and evaluation agency of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and a

component of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP). The NIJ is seeking applications for funding of specific innovative, high-payoff projects and activities fostering the adoption into practice of new, cutting-edge policy, practice, and/or technology related to: courts, crime and crime prevention, drugs and crime, forensic sciences, law enforcement, relevant technology and tools, and victims and victimization. The specific areas of interest include: Increasing Understanding of Crime and Justice Issues; Establishing a Law Enforcement Research Agenda; Development of Video Standards; Systematic Assessments of Extant Criminal Justice Research; Improving the Accessibility and Utility of

Research for Policymakers; Forensic Science Education for Policymakers; Forensic Science Education for Law Enforcement Decision-Makers; Identifying Technology; Evaluation of Low-Cost Aviation Options for Law Enforcement; and Corrections Technology Evaluation and Assessment. All applications are due July 6 at 11:45 p.m. ET. *For the full solicitation, please visit: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000882.pdf>*

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