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The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPSS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

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Massachusetts Law Enforcement Challenge

Application Deadline: April 9, 2010

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Highway Safety Division, is pleased to announce the Massachusetts Law Enforcement Challenge. The Challenge, a joint effort of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association and EOPSS, is an innovative program designed to stimulate traffic law enforcement activities. The program targets three major traffic safety priorities: occupant protection, impaired driving, and speeding. Participants in the Challenge can win state and national recognition, prizes of traffic safety equipment donated by sponsors, and award plaques at a statewide ceremony to be held in June 2010.

For more information: www.mass.gov/highwaysafety (click on Massachusetts Law Enforcement Challenge) or contact Caroline.Hymoff@state.ma.us.

FFY 2010 Traffic Enforcement Grant Program

Application Deadline: Open, rolling-enrollment from October 2009 – August 2010

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Highway Safety Division, announces the continued availability of approximately \$1,450,000 in federal grant funding in FFY 2010 for municipal, college and university law enforcement agencies for high visibility traffic enforcement during mobilizations.

For more information: www.mass.gov/highwaysafety (click on FFY 2010 Traffic Enforcement Grant Program).

Other Funding Opportunities

The following funding descriptions are taken directly from the official applications.

FY 2010 Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force National Training Program

Application Deadline: April 8, 2010

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention seeks to identify training providers to serve the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program. The state and regional ICAC task forces work collaboratively as a national network of law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies that prevent, interdict, and investigate technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation and Internet crimes against children. The purpose of the ICAC Training Program is to provide training to ICAC Task Forces and affiliated federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies in the areas of investigation, forensics, prosecution, community outreach, and capacity-building, using recognized experts to assist in the development and delivery of training programs.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/ICACTraining.pdf>.

SMART FY 2010 Maintenance and Operation of the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website

Application Deadline: April 12, 2010

The Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking (SMART) seeks applications to provide a comprehensive national sex offender registration and notification system to notify and protect the public from sex offenders. The National Sex Offender Public Website allows law enforcement and the public to search existing state, territory and tribal sex offender registries for public sex offender data.

For more information: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/smart/funding/SMART_FY10_NSOPW.pdf.

FY 2010 Strategic Enhancement to Mentoring Programs

Application Deadline: April 14, 2010

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention seeks applications for evidence-based enhancements to improve the services that mentoring programs offer youth at risk for delinquency or becoming involved with the juvenile justice system. The purpose of this program is to enhance the capacity and effectiveness of established mentoring programs by: augmenting the involvement of and services for the mentoring participants' parents; expanding structured activities and opportunities for the mentors and mentoring participant(s); and increasing the availability of ongoing mentor training and support.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/SEMP.pdf>.

Forensic Technology Center of Excellence

Application Deadline: April 15, 2010

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks applications for funding to establish and operate a Forensic Technology Center of Excellence within the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center System to support its research, development, testing, and evaluation process in all areas of forensic science for criminal justice application. The Center will provide scientific and technical support to NIJ's research and development efforts; supporting the demonstration, transfer, and adoption of appropriate forensic technology into practice by crime laboratories, forensic service providers (supporting criminal justice applications), law enforcement, and other criminal justice agencies; assisting in the development and dissemination of technology guidelines and standards; and providing technology assistance, information, and support to the above law enforcement and other appropriate criminal justice agencies.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000908.pdf>.

Fundamental Research to Improve Understanding of the Accuracy, Reliability, and Measurement Validity of Forensic Science Disciplines

Application Deadline: April 16, 2010

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks applications for funding research to improve understanding of the accuracy, reliability, and measurement validity of forensic science disciplines. Research studies should focus on expanding the scientific basis of forensic methods, development of quantifiable measures of the reliability and accuracy of forensic analyses, and development of an understanding of human factors that may affect forensic analyses. With this solicitation, NIJ intends to extend prior work that examines methods used by forensic scientists to develop a more complete understanding of the scientific basis of physical, chemical, biological, digital, or other forensic evidence.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000909.pdf>.

Research and Evaluation on the Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Elderly Individuals and Residents of Residential Care Facilities

Application Deadline: April 16, 2010

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for research and evaluation that address gaps in the nation's law enforcement and other responsible entities' ability to prevent, detect, and respond to abuse, neglect, and exploitation of elderly individuals and people who live in residential care facilities.

Priority research areas include studies that: identify and explore forensic markers of physical abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect among the elderly; examine the use of medication as a form of elder abuse; perform rigorous evaluations of programs designed to prevent, deter, detect, investigate, prosecute, or otherwise respond to abuse, neglect, and exploitation of elderly individuals and people who live in residential care facilities; and/or examine the flow of elder abuse cases in the APS and/or justice systems, particularly noting where and why cases do not move forward for prosecution.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000893.pdf>.

Criminal Justice Electronic Crime Technology Center of Excellence

Application Deadline: April 19, 2010

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks applications for funding to operate the Criminal Justice Electronic Crime Technology Center of Excellence within the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center System. The Center provides scientific and technical support to NIJ's research and development efforts; supports the demonstration, transfer, and adoption of appropriate technology into practice by law enforcement and corrections agencies, courts, and public crime laboratories; assists in the development and dissemination of technology guidelines and standards; and provides technology assistance, information, and support to law enforcement and other criminal justice agencies.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000902.pdf>.

Sensor, Surveillance, and Biometric Technologies Center of Excellence

Application Deadline: April 19, 2010

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks applications for funding to establish a Sensor, Surveillance, and Biometric Technologies Center of Excellence within the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center System. The Center will provide scientific and technical support to NIJ's research and development efforts, and will also provide technology assistance, information, and support to criminal justice agencies.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000931.pdf>.

Information and Geospatial Technologies Center of Excellence

Application Deadline: April 19, 2010

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks applications for funding to establish an Information and Geospatial Technologies Center of Excellence within the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center (NLECTC) System to support the NIJ research, development, testing, and evaluation (RDT&E) process in its specific technology areas. The Center will support the RDT&E process by providing scientific and technical support to NIJ's research and development efforts; supporting the demonstration, transfer, and adoption of appropriate technology into practice by law enforcement and corrections agencies, courts, and public crime laboratories; assisting in the development and dissemination of technology guidelines and standards; and providing technology assistance, information, and support to law enforcement and other appropriate criminal justice agencies.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000912.pdf>.

Weapons and Protective Systems Technology Center of Excellence

Application Deadline: April 19, 2010

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks applications for funding to continue operations of the Weapons and Protective Systems Technology Center of Excellence within the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center System. The Center will support the NIJ research, development, testing, and evaluation process by providing scientific and technical support to NIJ's research and development efforts; supporting the demonstration, transfer, and adoption of appropriate technology into practice by law enforcement and corrections agencies, courts, and public crime laboratories; assisting in the development and dissemination of technology guidelines and standards; and providing technology assistance, information, and support to law enforcement and other appropriate criminal justice agencies.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000936.pdf>.

Using DNA Technology to Identify the Missing

Application Deadline: April 19, 2010

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding to perform DNA analysis on unidentified human remains and family reference samples to support the efforts of States and units of local government to identify missing persons. The goal of the this solicitation is threefold: to assist eligible entities in performing DNA analysis on unidentified human remains and/or reference samples to support the efforts of States and units of local government to identify missing persons, to enter the resulting DNA profiles into the FBI's National DNA Index System using the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) version 6.0, and to enter any relevant case information related to unidentified remains into NamUs.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000934.pdf>.

FY2010 Continuation of the Federal Justice Statistics Program

Application Deadline: April 19, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Statistics seeks proposals to administer the Federal Justice Statistics Program (FJSP) in Fiscal Year 2010 to collect, standardize, analyze, and disseminate comprehensive federal justice transaction statistics. Tasks for the next budget period include receiving 2009 datasets from six federal agencies, converting these data to Standard Analysis File format using FJSP processing criteria, and implementing guidelines to ensure data quality and confidentiality. Recipient will also provide technical assistance in using the FJSP data, prepare data and documentation files to support the web-based query system, assist BJS in the creation of new statistical products prepare data files with documentation for the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data, and explore adding to the holdings of the clearinghouse.

For more information: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/fjsp10sol.pdf>.

National Fire Academy Education Program

Application Deadline: April 19, 2010

The United States Fire Administration seeks applications from senior fire executives for The Harvard Fellowship Program. Each fellowship enables a senior fire executive to attend and participate in the three-week "Senior Executives in State & Local Government Program" course that is held twice each year at the Kennedy School of Government-Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. This program offers a superior professional development experience for fire service authorities who have demonstrated significant leadership accomplishment with even further potential.

For more information: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/synopsis.do;jsessionid=DG63L61BN3GSGDTymZN4cLGLCDByn2jG0hbxxfX1p9Ds1SWHypsP!-28231359>.

OVC FY 10 Helping Organizations and Programs Expand (HOPE III)

Application Deadline: April 20, 2010

The Office for Victims of Crime seeks applications for funding for the FY 2010 Helping Organizations and Programs Expand (HOPE III) program. The overarching goal for this project is to expand the vision and impact of the crime victim services field. Five grantees will be selected to: (1) collectively undertake a comprehensive analysis of the current state of the crime victims' field in the U.S., with each grantee conducting a critical portion of the analysis; and (2) develop a consensus document that provides a philosophical and strategic framework for defining the role of the field in the country's response to crime and moving the field forward in the future.

For more information: <http://www.ovc.gov/fund/pdftxt/HOPEIII.pdf>.

FY 2010 Multi-State Mentoring Initiative

Application Deadline: April 22, 2010

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention seeks applications for the enhancement or expansion of initiatives that will assist in the development and maturity of community programs to provide mentoring services to high-risk populations that are underserved due to location, shortage of mentors, special physical or mental challenges of the targeted population, or other analogous situations identified by the community in need of mentoring services. This program will provide funding for organizations currently operating mentoring programs in several states to expand or enhance the capacity of their mentoring initiatives.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/MultiStateMentoring.pdf>.

National Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Support to the Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program

Application Deadline: April 22, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks applications to provide national training and technical assistance support to the Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program. BJA will award a cooperative agreement to a TTA provider to coordinate the National G.R.E.A.T. Program activities and meet the unique needs of G.R.E.A.T. constituents across the country and in several foreign countries. The G.R.E.A.T. Program is a school-based, law enforcement officer-instructed, classroom curriculum whose primary objective is to prevent delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10GREATTAsol.pdf>.

OVC FY 10 Victim Assistance Professional Development Fellowship Program

Application Deadline: April 27, 2010

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) seeks applications for fellowships that focus on the following categories: victim assistance and compensation; tribal victims; underserved crime victims; evidence-based training and technical assistance; federal and military victim assistance; and financial fraud and non-violent crime. The overarching goal of these fellowships is to assist OVC in meeting the larger field's need for evidence-based training, technical assistance, and other resources in the identified topical areas.

For more information: http://ovc.gov/fund/pdftxt/FY10_VictimAssistanceFellowship.pdf.

FY 2010 National Training Conference on Responding to Crime Victims with Disabilities

Application Deadline: April 27, 2010

The Office for Victims of Crime seeks applications from national-scope organizations with demonstrated interest and expertise in the area of the criminal victimization of persons with disabilities to develop and administer a national-scope training conference for practitioners who respond to victims with disabilities. This goal of this program is to provide state-of-the-art, multidisciplinary training that will enhance practitioner responses to crime victims with disabilities. All projects must focus on the criminal victimization of individuals with disabilities and not on “human rights” issues that are not inherently criminal in nature.

For more information: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/pdf/FY2010_NationalTrainingConf.pdf.

FY 2010 Second Chance Act Juvenile Mentoring Initiative

Application Deadline: April 27, 2010

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention seeks applications for mentoring and other transitional services essential to reintegrating juvenile offenders into the community. The initiative’s purpose is to support the successful and safe transition of juvenile offenders from correctional facilities to their communities. To this end, the grant will provide funding to mentor juvenile offenders during confinement, through transition back to the community, and post-release; to provide transitional services to assist them in their reintegration into the community; and to support training in offender and victims issues.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/SecondChanceActMentoring.pdf>.

FY 2010 National Incidence Studies of Missing, Abducted, Runaway, and Thrownaway Children 3 (NISMART 3)

Application Deadline: April 28, 2010

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention seeks applications for research designed to measure the size and nature of the nation’s missing children problem. The purpose of NISMART 3 is to support multiple research methods that together will comprehensively measure the scope and nature of the nation’s missing children problem and estimate the number of missing children recovered each year. This national study should not only measure the number of stereotypical kidnappings by strangers, but also the prevalence of familial abductions; lost, injured, or otherwise missing children; runaway; and thrownaway children.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/NISMART3.pdf>.

Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners Training and Technical Assistance Program

Application Deadline: April 29, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for funding to provide a comprehensive array of training and technical assistance (TTA) to assist Residential Substance Abuse Treatment grantees. Specifically, BJA is seeking a TTA provider with demonstrated expertise in: assisting corrections administrators and substance abuse directors in identifying and defining TTA needs; developing and testing trainer curriculum; and developing cost-effective technical assistance responses. Additionally, the RSAT TTA provider will need to demonstrate the ability to: provide proactive, comprehensive, user-friendly technical assistance services; and develop uniform protocols for the assessment and delivery of technical assistance, as well as tracking, evaluation, and follow-up.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10RSATTTAasol.pdf>.

FY 2010 State Advisory Group Training and Technical Assistance Project

Application Deadline: April 29, 2010

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention seeks applications for an organization to provide national leadership, coordination, and resources to prevent and respond to juvenile delinquency and child victimization. The goal of this program is to support states and communities in their efforts to develop and implement effective and coordinated prevention and intervention programs and to improve the juvenile justice system so that it protects public safety, holds offenders accountable, and provides treatment and rehabilitative services tailored to the needs of juveniles and their families.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/SAGTraining.pdf>.

FY 10 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners Training and Technical Assistance Program

Application Deadline: April 29, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for a training and technical assistance provider for Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) for State Prisoners Program grant recipients. RSAT enhances the capability of states, tribes, and units of local government to provide residential substance abuse treatment for incarcerated inmates; prepares offenders for their reintegration into the community by incorporating reentry planning activities into treatment programs; and assists offenders and communities in the reentry process through the delivery of community-based treatment and other aftercare services.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10RSATTTAsol.pdf>.

Research on Policing

Application Deadline: May 3, 2010

National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks applications for funding to conduct research on policing to improve law enforcement policies and operations at the State and local levels. While research on a wide range of policing issues is eligible for funding, NIJ is particularly interested in proposals addressing the following topics: police legitimacy; police disciplinary practices; research on small-town and rural police departments; and the impact of technology on policing.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000889.pdf>.

Social Science Research in Forensic Science

Application Deadline: May 3, 2010

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks applications for social science research in forensic science. NIJ is interested in a wide range of research that will improve public safety and advance the administration of justice by helping to improve the use of forensic evidence in the criminal justice system and ensure the integrity of forensic processes. Applicants are free to propose projects in the topics identified in this solicitation or propose other social science projects in the area of forensic science.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000892.pdf>.

FY 2010 Research on Technology-Facilitated Crimes Against Children

Application Deadline: May 3, 2010

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) seeks applications for research on technology-facilitated crimes against children to inform policy and to develop effective responses to child abduction, missing children, and children at risk for exploitation and other adverse outcomes. Proposed projects should aim to produce information that will assist federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutors involved with Internet- or technology-facilitated crimes against children cases, policymakers, and professionals who care for and educate children and youth. OJJDP has identified the following two priority research areas: links between online offenses and hands-on molestation, and prevention strategies.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/TechFacilRsc.pdf>.

FY 2010 AMBER Alert National Training and Technical Assistance Program

Application Deadline: May 10, 2010

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention seeks applications for innovative approaches to the design and delivery of training and technical assistance to support the AMBER Alert network. The network includes law enforcement agencies, AMBER Alert coordinators, public safety agencies, departments of transportation, broadcasters, child protection agencies and professionals, including the Canadian provinces, Mexican border states, other countries, and other related partnering agencies/organizations. Applicants must propose approaches that deliver effective, cost-efficient training through a combination of traditional classroom instruction and distance and online learning technologies.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/AMBERTTA.pdf>.

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) National Training and Technical Assistance Program

Application Deadline: May 13, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks training and technical assistance providers who will develop criminal justice-related curricula and deliver training and other technical assistance to state and local law enforcement agencies, other justice system agencies, and communities. The providers will also be responsible for supporting all aspects of the Project Safe Neighborhoods National Training and Technical Assistance Program. The PSN National TTA Program is designed to provide TTA resources that are critical to communities' efforts to reduce violent crime, gun-related crimes, and criminal gangs.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10PSNTTAsol.pdf>.

National Justice Information Sharing (JIS) Initiative

Application Deadline: May 13, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks applications for funding to enhance the ability of justice agencies to share information in order to support critical public safety and criminal justice system activities. Through this solicitation, the criminal justice community will benefit from improved information sharing through advanced technology and tools that will increase efficiency, improve operations, and promote cost savings and reuse.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10NationalJISsol.pdf>.

National Initiatives: Improving Criminal Courts

Application Deadline: May 13, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks applications for the improvement of the criminal court system through two national initiatives: training leader judges and/or improving court communications. Specifically, BJA is interested in funding national programs/efforts, such as training and technical assistance, to address the needs of state, local, and tribal criminal justice systems and communities. Applicants are strongly encouraged to partner with other organizations to submit joint applications for the required services and deliverables.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10CriminalCourtsSol.pdf>.

Intellectual Property Enforcement Program

Application Deadline: May 13, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for funding to address criminal intellectual property enforcement, including prosecution, prevention, training, and technical assistance. Specifically, this solicitation will fund efforts to: assist state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies in enforcing criminal intellectual property laws, including the reimbursement of expenses incurred in performing criminal enforcement operations, such as overtime payments and storage fees for seized evidence; assist state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies in educating the public to prevent, deter, and identify criminal violations of intellectual property laws; establish task forces to include state, local law, or tribal enforcement entities, or both, exclusively to conduct investigations and forensic analyses of evidence and prosecutions in matters involving criminal intellectual property laws; and/or assist state, local, and tribal law enforcement officers and prosecutors in acquiring computer and other equipment to conduct investigations and forensic analyses of evidence in matters involving criminal intellectual property laws.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10IntelPropertySol.pdf>.

Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Training and Technical Assistance Program

Application Deadline: May 13, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for funding to improve the functioning of tribal justice systems by providing assistance to tribal jurisdictions in responding to alcohol- and substance abuse-related crime. The purpose of this program is to assist tribal communities in planning and implementing comprehensive strategies to reduce and control crime associated with alcohol and other drug abuse; and in developing, implementing, and enhancing American Indian and Alaska Native tribal justice systems.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10IASAPTTAol.pdf>.

Encouraging Innovation: Field-Initiated Programs

Application Deadline: May 13, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks proposals that demonstrate innovation in justice; address a demonstrated gap in areas within the justice system or in the knowledge base of justice system practitioners and/or state and local policymakers; and allow for replication nationwide. The purpose of this solicitation is to identify those field-generated innovative strategies that may ultimately be added to the pool of criminal justice evidence-based strategies and promising practices. Applications may be submitted under the following categories: state or local programs that strategically address emerging or chronic criminal justice issues; innovative strategies for addressing these issues; or strategies to sustain innovative of evidence-based programs.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10FieldInitiatedSol.pdf>.

FY 2010 VOCA Regional Children's Advocacy Centers Program

Application Deadline: May 20, 2010

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention seeks applications for four Regional Children's Advocacy Centers (RCACs) that will work to develop teams, programs, and organizations that respond to child abuse and neglect through the delivery of training and technical assistance. The four RCACs, situated within each of the four U.S. Census regions, will work to develop multi-disciplinary teams, local children's advocacy center programs, and state chapter organizations that respond to child abuse and neglect; and strengthen existing multidisciplinary teams, child advocacy center programs, and state chapter organizations through of training and technical assistance.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/VOCA-RCAC.pdf>

FY 2010 Missing and Exploited Children National Training and Technical Assistance Program

Application Deadline: May 20, 2010

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention seeks applications for a training provider to develop and implement training on effective responses to child victimization cases for state and local law enforcement, child protection personnel, prosecutors, medical providers, and child advocacy center professionals. The program's purpose is to provide assistance to the above-mentioned population to strengthen responses to, and improve prosecution of, child victimization cases.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/MECTTA.pdf>

FY 2010 Missing and Exploited Children Program Support

Application Deadline: May 25, 2010

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention seeks applications for a provider to serve the Missing and Exploited Children Program through a variety of services and program support. The Missing and Exploited Children (MEC) Program is the primary vehicle for building an infrastructure to support the national effort to prevent the abduction and exploitation of children. The successful applicant will provide program support to OJJDP, MEC training providers, and other local, state, and federal law enforcement officials partnering with the MEC Program.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/MECPROGSUPP.pdf>

Research on Sentencing and Community-Based Alternatives to Incarceration

Application Deadline: June 1, 2010

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for research on sentencing and community corrections policies and practices that promote effective and cost-efficient community-based alternatives to jail and prison without jeopardizing public safety. Priority research areas include: sentencing and community corrections policies and practices that promote effective and cost-efficient alternatives to incarceration for alcohol and other drug involved offenders, including those with mental health issues; and technological applications and protocols for assessment or monitoring support effective and cost-efficient alternatives to incarceration. Other research areas that focus on sentencing and community corrections may be proposed and research areas may be addressed in combination.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000890.pdf>

Research and Publications

Highlights of the 2008 National Youth Gang Survey

Published by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, this report presents a brief snapshot of the results from the 2008 National Youth Gang Survey. The fact sheet focuses on prevalence, specifically regarding gang-problem jurisdictions, gangs, and gang members by rural counties, smaller cities, suburban counties, and larger cities.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/229249.pdf>.

Introduction to the Survey of Youth in Residential Placement

This Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) bulletin explores the history behind OJJDP's Survey of Youth in Residential Placement (SYRP), including its design, methodology, strengths, and limitations. Using anonymous interviews, the SYRP gathers information on demographics, backgrounds, expectations, conditions of confinement, services requested and received, and experiences of victimization directly from youth in custody.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/218390.pdf>.

Improving Responses to People with Mental Illnesses: Tailoring Law Enforcement Initiatives to Individual Jurisdictions

This report, prepared by the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the Police Executive Research Forum for the Bureau of Justice Assistance Office, examines the process and benefits of tailoring law enforcements initiatives to improve responses to people with mental illnesses. The report details the program design process, highlighting how various communities have successfully implemented tailored law enforcement initiatives. The report is divided into two sections: the program design process and program design in action.

Access full text at: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/pdf/CSG_LE_Tailoring.pdf.

Jail Planning and Expansion: Local Officials and Their Roles

Published by The National Institute of Corrections, this report describes how local officials can develop or expand local jail facilities. The development/expansion process, created by policymakers, builders, city and county planners, and criminal justice professionals, includes the phases necessarily to plan, locate, design, construct, and open or expand a jail. The roles and responsibilities of key stakeholders are also discussed.

Access full text at: <http://nicic.gov/Downloads/PDF/Library/022668.pdf>.

Conferences and Trainings

Coalition for Juvenile Justice Annual National Conference

April 10-13, 2010 in Washington, DC

Sponsored by the Coalition for Juvenile Justice, the theme of this conference is "Ensuring School Engagement and Success for Youth at Risk." Speakers include Jeff Slowikowski, Acting Administrator for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and Melodee Hanes, Acting Deputy Administrator for Policy, OJJDP.

For more information: http://www.juvjustice.org/conference_8.html.

Juvenile Gangs – Understanding the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

April 15, 2010 in Bridgewater, MA

Hosted by Bridgewater State College, this conference features local and national juvenile gang experts discussing issues and consequences related to juvenile gangs and youth violence. The conference is comprised of a morning and an afternoon session. The morning session focuses on the scope of the problem and its consequences with keynote speaker James Buddy Howell, author and senior research associate with the National Youth Gang Center. The afternoon session focuses on promising solutions and interventions with Rev. Jeffrey Brown, of Boston's TenPoint Coalition, as the keynote speaker. For more information: <http://www.bridgew.edu/CriminalJustice/> or contact Moira O'Brien at mobrien@bridgew.edu.

2010 Massachusetts Victim Rights Event: Looking Ahead in the Victim Rights Movement

April 29, 2010 in Boston, MA

This annual event, sponsored by the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance, brings together crime victims, survivors, criminal justice and victim service professionals, legislators and public and private agency leaders from across the state to recognize Victim Rights Month. The event is open to the public at no cost and will feature keynote speaker Bruce Shapiro, Executive Director of the preeminent Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma. The Massachusetts Victim Assistance Academy will also conduct an afternoon training workshop on emerging leadership for survivors and victim service providers. For more information: contact Nicole Miozza at Nicole.miozza@state.ma.us.

13th Annual Massachusetts Association of Crime Analysts Training Conference: "Predict This"

May 10-14, 2010 in Hyannis, MA

Sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Crime Analysts, this training conference will provide knowledge, skills and training related to the support of analysis-driven predictive policing. The conference will feature a wide variety of general sessions as well as skills-based training in the hands-on computer lab. Session topics include: fundamentals of crime analysis, data and database management, GIS, Compstat, traffic crash analysis, and social networking data collection. For more information: www.macrimeanalysts.com.

Northeast Juvenile Firesetting Conference: Take-Home Tools & Effective Strategies

May 13-14, 2010 in Worcester, MA

Hosted by the state Department of Fire Services, Mass. Association of Safety & Fire Educators, The Brandon School & the Mass. Property Insurance Underwriting Association, the Northeast Juvenile Firesetting Conference has grown into the country's premier collaborative event for professionals working to assess, prevent and treat firesetting behaviors in children. Topics include, but are not limited to: cyberbullying; social media and the Internet; middle school fire safety; community interventions; and anger management.

For more information: <http://brandonschool.org/pathways/index.php>.

2010 National Symposium on Sex Offender Management and Accountability

May 18-19, 2010 in Portland, OR

Sponsored by the SMART Office, the 2010 Symposium will highlight implementation issues related to the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act, as well as enforcement, policy, emerging issues, and comprehensive approaches to sex offender management. Sessions will offer a variety of topics and training opportunities concerning sex offender management and implementation of the Adam Walsh Act.

For more information: <https://www.circlesolutions.com/smart/>.

34th Annual International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Law Enforcement Information Management (LEIM) Training Conference and Exposition

May 24-27, 2010 in Atlanta, GA

Sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, this conference features national and global experts share best practices and lessons learned in the use of technology to combat crime and improve departmental efficiency. This year's conference offers the following workshop topic tracks: technology; systems/information sharing; communications and interoperability; project management; development; and intelligence/analysis.

For more information: <http://www.theiacp.org/Technology/LEIM2010Conference/tabid/665/Default.aspx>.

2010 Crime Victim Law Conference

June 3-4, 2010 in Portland, OR

Sponsored by the National Crime Victim Law Institute, the theme for this year's conference is "Due Process for Victims: Meaningful Rights in Every Case." Designed for attorneys and advocates, this conference will provide participants with the fundamentals of victims' rights law. The conference will focus on the knowledge and practical skills essential in securing basic victims' rights such as: reasonable notice, victim voice, and privacy protections.

For more information: <http://legacy.lclark.edu/org/ncvli/2010conference.html>.

CrimeStat III for Crime Analysts

June 7-9, 2010 in Brookline, MA

Sponsored by the National Institute of Justice, participants of this conference will learn to: prepare data for CrimeStat III; produce results; import data into ArcGIS and CrimeStat III; create basic descriptive statistics using spatial distribution; measure clustering using distance analysis; and perform several hotspot techniques. Participants must have intermediate-level experience with ArcGIS 9.3 and have a minimum of two years experience analyzing crime patterns, series, and problems in municipal or county police agencies.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/maps/training/crimestat-training.htm>.

National Institute of Justice Conference 2010

June 14-16, 2010 in Arlington, VA

Sponsored by the National Institute of Justice, this conference focuses on what is effective, what is ineffective, and what research shows is promising in the field of criminal justice. Specifically, the conference will showcase innovations in forensic sciences and related policy and resource issues. Strong emphasis is placed on the advantages of researchers and practitioners working together to create and support evidence-based best practices. Keynote speakers include Laurence Tribe, Harvard Law Professor, renowned constitutional scholar and head of the new Justice Department's Access to Justice Project, and Paula Zahn, award-winning news journalist and current host of the television show "Investigation Discovery."

For more information: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/nij_conference/welcome.htm

Conference on Reducing Violence Against Women on College Campuses: A Coordinated Community Response Approach

June 16-17, 2010 in Las Vegas, NV

Sponsored by The Office on Violence Against Women and The California Coalition Against Sexual Assault, this conference is open to college campuses and their community partners who are interested in starting/strengthening their coordinated community response team as a requirement for potential application for the OVW "Grants to Reduce Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking on Campus." Some of the topics will include: student programming; orientation and prevention; campus law enforcement training and response; campus disciplinary board development and effectiveness; collaborating with campus and community stakeholders; Cleary Act guidelines; and accessing grant funds for Campus program

For more information: <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/campus-institute.htm>.

News

The following are excerpts from newspaper articles regarding public safety topics.

Companies 'Named And Shamed' For Bad Behavior

***NPR*, March 7, 2010**

According to *NPR*, newspapers in the Boston area are running a growing number of "mea culpas" that are ordered by the courts. Increasingly, companies that plead guilty to crimes that harm the community, i.e. polluting, are being required to publish an apology as part of their punishment. Former federal prosecutor Michael Sullivan has helped increase the use of these kinds of sanctions in Massachusetts, especially with companies that run afoul of environmental laws. The goal is deterrence, and Sullivan says the high-profile mea culpas also tend to be more satisfying to a public increasingly frustrated by corporate wrongdoing.

Access full text at: <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=124357844>.

SJC Backs Trigger-lock Law on Guns in Homes

***The Boston Globe*, March 11, 2010**

In a case that drew attention from the Gun Owners Action League and the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence, the Supreme Judicial Court upheld a state law requiring trigger locks on guns kept in people's homes, reports *The Boston Globe*. In what was seen by some as a victory for law enforcement and advocates of gun control, the state's highest court ruled that the Second Amendment does not restrict the right of Massachusetts to impose its own rules on gun ownership.

Access full text: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2010/03/11/sjc_upholds_trigger_lock_law_for_guns_in_homes/.

Anti-bullying Bill Passes State House

***The Republican*, March 19, 2010**

According to *The Republican*, the state House of Representatives overwhelmingly voted to approve an anti-bullying bill, following the deaths of two students in Western Massachusetts. The bill bans bullying at schools, school buses and through electronic devices including cell phones, e-mail and social networking sites. The bill also prohibits retaliating against people who witness bullying and report it, and calls for bullying prevention to be incorporated into curriculum and for each school to develop intervention and prevention plans. The House also approved amendments that mandate training for teachers and requires teachers to report incidents to principals.

Access full text at: <http://www.masslive.com/chicopeeholyoke/republican/index.ssf?/base/news-26/1268983175278780.xml&coll=1>.

US Judge Urges Skepticism on Forensic Evidence

The Boston Globe, March 29, 2010

According to *The Boston Globe*, US District Court Judge Nancy Gertner says forensic evidence isn't everything that it's cracked up to be. In a move that some legal scholars said may be the first by a federal judge, Gertner has ordered defense lawyers and prosecutors to assume that evidence routinely accepted in the courts for decades is reliable. Defense lawyers, she wrote, should vigorously challenge fingerprints, bullet identification, handwriting, and other trace evidence, and prosecutors should be prepared to show it is valid.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2010/03/29/us_judge_urges_skepticism_on_forensic_evidence/.

Police Patrols to Increase in Hub

The Boston Globe, April 2, 2010

Police Commissioner Edward F. Davis said that he is shifting more patrols into Dorchester, Roxbury, and Mattapan, seeking to stem the violence that has left four people dead and several wounded, reports *The Boston Globe*. Davis also said officers are once again teaming with probation officers to track, and take into custody, if warranted, offenders considered to be potential sources of disruption in neighborhoods. The commissioner said he remained encouraged about the levels of shootings and other violence in Boston overall. He also said the department's response to gang violence over the last several years appears to be having some positive impact.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2010/04/02/police_patrols_to_increase_in_hub/.

Announcement

Perceptions of Racial and Ethnic Overrepresentation in the Juvenile Justice System Study

The Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC) has prepared a short survey for people who work at least partly in the juvenile justice system. The goal of this survey is to gather information that will provide Massachusetts with a better understanding of the racial and ethnic disparities in the Massachusetts juvenile justice system. The results will be used by the JJAC to advise the Governor and Legislature on juvenile justice issues, garner insight into how best to spend federal discretionary funds in Massachusetts, and ensure Massachusetts' compliance with the mandates of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. Please note that the surveys are confidential and that no identifying information will be shared.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Polk, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, at 617-725-3364 or andrew.polk@state.ma.us.

To access the survey:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=rpku_2fpNGYzWlvy4ceeRkA_3d_3d.

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