Criminal Justice Institute

Dr. Cheryl P. May, Director

Provide Advanced LE Training and Educational Opportunities (Leadership, Supervision, Prof. Development, Forensics, Computer and Drug Investigations, Officer, Traffic, and School Safety)

Vision:

Making Communities Safer One Officer at a Time
Criminal Justice Institute

Mission:
Enhance Proficiency and Professionalism
Enhance Quality of Life in Communities Across State
Providing Resources to Schools in Arkansas and Nationally Since 2000

School Violence Resource Center
CJI’s Arkansas Center for School Safety

- July 2017 MOU Between CJI and ADE to form the Center
- Less Half the States in U.S. have a State-sanctioned Center
- Provides school safety training, resources and technical assistance to all law enforcement and education professionals in Arkansas
Since 2009:

- Conducted 487 School Safety Classes
- More than 14,773 attendees
  - Law enforcement
  - Educators

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SYSTEM
CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE
Funding

- COPS Office
- Attorney General Leslie Rutledge
- Governor Asa Hutchinson
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Current Course Offerings

- Active Killer: Response for Educators
- Active Shooter/Rapid Response
- Active Shooter Level II
- Breaking Down the Bullying Infrastructure
- Behavioral Threat Assessments
- Changing School Climate
- CPTED
- Drugs on Campus
- High Expectations: Addiction & Drugs
- Identifying and Preventing Bullying ONLINE
- Juvenile Takeover of Social Media: Investigations and Internet Safety
Current Course Offerings

- Learning from the Teen Brain to Improve Bullying Prevention, School Culture, and Safety
- Planning, Conducting and Analyzing Emergency Crisis Plans: From Tabletop to Full Drill
- School Resource Officer I/II
- Understanding Juvenile Law
- School Safety Refresher ONLINE
- School Site Safety Assessment ONLINE
- Solo Engagement Response to an Active Killer
- Strategic Communications and De-escalation
- To Serve & Inspect: Digital Challenges for School Resource Officers
CRASE:
Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (for Schools)

- Over 4,701 School Personnel Trained
- 10 Schools Scheduled This Summer
CJI Safe Schools

- SRO Census Each Year
- 2017-2018 School Year
  - 316 SROs in Arkansas
    - Increase of 17 from previous year
  - More than 60% of Districts an SRO in at least one school
CJI & ASSA

14th Annual Safe Schools Conference

July 9-11, 2018
Arkansas Center for School Safety

www.arsafeschools.com
ADE Safe Schools Committee
ARKANSAS SCHOOL SAFETY COMMISSION
INAGURAL MEETING
March 13, 2018

• Vision:
To make Arkansas’s Children and School Personnel in K-12 Schools Safer.
Arkansas School Safety Commission

**Mission:**

Through a report, advise the Governor and the Department of Education on school safety across Arkansas and make recommendations on changes needed to increase safety in K-12 schools.
Arkansas School Safety Commission

- **GOAL:**

Study and analyze the safety of K-12 schools throughout the State taking into consideration the physical and mental health of students.
Arkansas School Safety Commission

**GOAL:**

Study the architecture and construction of school buildings as it relates to the safety of students and staff in those buildings, including prevention and response to active shooter threats.
Arkansas School Safety Commission

**GOAL:**
Consider any and all issues associated with school safety.
Arkansas School Safety Commission

■ **GOAL:**

Undertake school visits, visits with SROs, building principals, counselors, superintendents and others to have a comprehensive view of this topic.
Arkansas School Safety Commission

GOAL:

Preliminary report due to Governor Hutchinson on July 1st

Final report due no later than November 30, 2018.
Arkansas School Safety Commission

Comprehensive School Safety: Prevent, Protect, Mitigate, Response, Recovery
Arkansas School Safety Commission

- **FOCUS AREAS:**
  - **Legal Issues**
    - Act 484 of 2013 (Safe Schools Initiative Act)
    - Act 950 of 2015 (School Safety Act of 2015)
    - Act 541 of 2017 (Security Records/FOIA)
    - Act 905 of 2011 (Cyberbullying)
    - School current legal/policy requirements
  - **Intelligence/Communication**
    - Current Practice
    - Fusion Centers
    - Panic Button
Arkansas School Safety Commission

- **FOCUS AREAS:**
  - Safety and Security Audits
    - Current Status
    - Strategies
  - Emergency Operation Plans and Active Shooter Drills
    - Current Practice
    - CRASE Included
Arkansas School Safety Commission

- **FOCUS AREAS:**
  - Law Enforcement and Security
    - School Resource Officers (SROs)
    - Commissioned School Security Officers (CSSOs)
    - Auxiliary Officers/Deputies
    - School Visitations by LE
    - Combinations of the above
  - Considerations
    - Training
    - Funding
    - Choice of Personnel
FOCUS AREAS:

- Physical Security
  - Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
  - Single Point of Entry
  - Electronic Access Badges
  - Door Locks
  - Metal Detectors
  - Other Strategies
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**FOCUS AREAS:**

- Mental Health
  - Current State
  - Mental Health First Aid
  - Crisis Intervention
  - Suicide Prevention
  - Other Strategies
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**FOCUS AREAS:***

- **Prevention**
  - Safety and Security Teams
  - Behavioral Threat Assessment Teams
  - School Climate Surveys
  - Anonymous Tips (Say Something, Safe 2 Tell)
  - Break the Cycle (Domestic Violence)
  - Adult Predatory Behavior
  - Naloxone in Schools

- **School Bus and Transportation**
Thank You!