



# **Criminal Justice Institute**

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**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**



## Funding

- COPS Office
- Attorney General Leslie Rutledge
- Governor Asa Hutchinson

# 2017 Needs Assessment

## Administrator Responses

1. Internet Safety, Social Media & other Technologies (On and Off Campus)
2. Response to an Active Shooter/Active Killer
3. Bullying/Cyber-Bullying
4. Identifying/Addressing Mental Health Needs
5. Juvenile Law and Legal Issues
6. Cyber-Security for Schools
7. Youth Delinquency Prevention/ Intervention Programs
8. At Risk and Troubled Youth Programs
9. School Safety Audits, Assessments, and Crisis Planning

## SRO Responses

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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**

## **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Safe Schools Conference**

**July 9-11, 2018**



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# **Arkansas Center for School Safety**

**[www.arsafeschools.com](http://www.arsafeschools.com)**





# **ADE Safe Schools Committee**



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## **ARKANSAS SCHOOL SAFETY COMMISSION INAGURAL MEETING**

**March 13, 2018**

- **Vision:**

**To make Arkansas's Children and School Personnel in  
K-12 Schools Safer.**





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## 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.



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## 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.**



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- 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.**



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- GOAL:

Consider any and all issues associated with school safety.



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- GOAL:

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



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## **Arkansas School Safety Commission**

- **GOAL:**

**Preliminary report due to Governor Hutchinson on July 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Final report due no later than November 30, 2018.**





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**Arkansas School Safety Commission**

**Comprehensive School Safety:**

**Prevent, Protect, Mitigate, Response, Recovery**





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### ■ 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



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### ■ FOCUS AREAS:

- **Safety and Security Audits**
  - Current Status
  - Strategies
- **Emergency Operation Plans and Active Shooter Drills**
  - Current Practice
  - CRASE Included



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### ■ 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



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### ■ 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

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