

## IN THE NEWS

### Acting Assistant Attorney General Announced for OJP

On January 21, 2005, the U.S. Department of Justice announced that Tracy A. Henke will serve as the Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), replacing Deborah J. Daniels who served as OJP's Assistant Attorney General since her Senate confirmation on September 21, 2001. Ms. Henke joined the Office of the Associate Attorney General in October of 2003 to advise and assist the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General in formulating and implementing Departmental policies and programs on a broad range of civil justice, federal, and local law enforcement and public safety issues. Ms. Henke also provides oversight to several Justice Department components including the Office of Violence Against Women, and the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office. Prior to the Department of Justice, Ms. Henke served as the Senior Policy Advisor for U.S. Senator Kit Bond of Missouri, and also worked for Senator John Danforth after graduating from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Known for her highly experienced and effective approaches to law enforcement and criminal justice issues, BJA welcomes Acting Assistant Attorney General Henke to OJP.

## FUNDING

### Comprehensive Approaches to Sex Offender Management Discretionary Grant Program

The Fiscal Year 2005 Comprehensive Approaches to Sex Offender Management (CASOM) Discretionary Grant Program Guidelines and Application Kit are now available at: [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm). The CASOM Grant assists state, local, and tribal jurisdictions to develop and implement management strategies that span the sanctions continuum and address the transition from corrections institutions to community life. All CASOM applications are due by March 17, 2005.

### Drug Free Communities Support Program

The Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announce Drug Free Communities Support Program (DFCSP) grant. DFCSP is designed to reduce substance abuse among youth; enhance collaborations; enable communities to conduct data-driven prevention planning; and provide communities with technical assistance and financial support. Applications for new grantees are due by March 11, 2005. For details, visit: [http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2005/nofa/sp05002two\\_dfc.aspx](http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2005/nofa/sp05002two_dfc.aspx).

## RESOURCES

### Bureau of Justice Statistics Reports

**Violent Victimization of College Students, 1995 - 2002.** From 1995 to 2002 violence against college students decreased 54%, while violence against non-students of similar ages fell 45%. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/vvcs02.htm>

**Crimes Against Persons Age 65 or Older, 1993 - 2002.** The elderly, age 65 or older, experienced lower violent victimization rates than other age groups. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/cpa6502.htm>

**American Indians and Crime: A Statistical Profile, 1992 - 2002.** On average, American Indians experienced an estimated 1 violent crime for every 10 residents age 12 or older. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/aic02.htm>

### National Crime Victims' Rights Week Resource Guide

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), within OJP recently announced the release of its *2005 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Resource Guide*. This valuable victim and public education and outreach package is designed to increase awareness among crime victims and survivors of the rights and services available to assist them, and to educate the public about the impact of crime on victims and survivors, victims' rights, and crime victim services. The Resource Guide is available at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/ncvrw/2005/welcome.html>.

### DNA Website

Now online is [www.DNA.gov](http://www.DNA.gov), offering critical information about funding, training, and other resources related to the use of DNA technology to help reduce the current backlog of DNA samples, identify missing persons, and ultimately solve crimes.

## FOCUS ON THE FIELD

**Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veteran Affairs Clandestine Methamphetamine Training.** The PA Department of Military and Veterans Affairs conducts Clandestine Meth Training through a partnership with its Northeast Counterdrug Training Center and Lebanon Valley College. The goal: to educate local law enforcement in the proper use of equipment and chemical identification as well as personal and environmental safety relating to locating and investigating meth labs. During the first year alone, 120 officers participated in the in-depth training.

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