

## IN THE NEWS

### **Nominee Named to Lead OJP**

On March 29, 2005, President Bush announced the intent to nominate Regina B. Schofield to be the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. Ms. Schofield currently serves as Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and White Liaison for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), where her responsibilities include all communication and interaction between HHS and state, local, and tribal governments across the country. Additionally, she is a member of the HHS Grant Review Team, reviewing all Departmental grant announcements for technical and substantive content. Ms. Schofield has a long history of experience in government and politics; prior to joining HHS, she was Manager of Government Relations at the U.S. Postal Service, where she coordinated the full range of liaison services between the Postal Service and the Congress of the United States. She has served on numerous boards and commissions, including the Board of Visitors of The College of William and Mary, to which she was appointed by Governor George Allen of Virginia to oversee the school's \$212 million budget. Ms. Schofield earned her Masters in Business Administration from Jackson State University and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Mississippi College.

### **7<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Crime Prevention**

Registration is now open for the National Crime Prevention Council's (NCPC) Fall Conference, October 8 – October 11, 2005, in Washington, DC. Beyond the more than 70 workshops and plenary sessions, the event will celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the launching of NCPC's widely known "McGruff the Crime Dog" campaign. Training will be available in Identity Theft; Community Preparedness; Neighborhood Watch; Volunteers in Police Service; Secure by Design; Bullying; Meth and Clandestine Labs; Crime Prevention Effectiveness; Telemarketing Fraud; Crime Mapping; and Gang Prevention and many other cutting edge topics. For details visit: [www.ncpc.org/pop](http://www.ncpc.org/pop).

## FUNDING

### **SAMSA Grants for Jail Diversion Programs for Mentally Ill Offenders**

SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) announces the availability of FY 2005 funds for Targeted Capacity Expansion (TCE) Grants for Jail Diversion Programs to divert individuals with mental illness from the criminal justice system to community-based systems with integrated treatment and support services. Approximately \$2.4 million will be available to fund six grants for up to three years. For more information see: <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2005/grants.aspx>. All applications are due May 24, 2005.

### **FINAL NOTICE TO LOCAL JURISDICTIONS Byrne JAG Program**

The application period for the new Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program closed on March 31, 2005: a thank you to all who submitted applications on time or arranged for an extension as required. Because this is the first year for the new grant which blended the previous Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Programs into one, BJA is requesting any eligible local jurisdictions ([www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/jag.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/jag.html)) that may be just now learning of this funding opportunity to contact BJA immediately at: 202-514-2190.

## RESOURCES

### **Methamphetamine Web Portal Coming Soon**

BJA, in collaboration with the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), is developing a web site on methamphetamine. The portal, providing access to a wide range of information on meth including programs; funding; training and technical assistance; conferences; legislation; publications; and research will be launched later this summer.

### **FOCUS ON THE FIELD**

A sergeant with the Stamford, Connecticut Police Department submitted information to the New England State Police Information Network (NESPIN) on a breaking and entering investigation at a Stamford office where 17 laptop computers had been stolen. A NESPIN analyst forwarded information about a similar robbery in Blue Ash, Ohio to the Connecticut sergeant, ultimately connecting the same individual to the two crimes—in very different states. To learn more about the latest in law enforcement and justice technology, contact David P. Lewis, BJA Senior Policy Advisor for Justice Information Sharing, at: [David.P.Lewis@usdoj.gov](mailto:David.P.Lewis@usdoj.gov).

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