

## IN THE NEWS

### **Law Enforcement Line of Duty Deaths for 2004**

Law enforcement support organizations reported yesterday that of the 154 officers they identified who fell in the line of duty in 2004, nearly half of them died in traffic-related accidents. Reviewing line-of-duty data earlier this month with the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Public Safety Officers' Benefits Office, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) and Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) found that 72 local, state, and federal officers died from traffic-related accidents while another 57 died from shootings. For more information on the report or NLEOMF and COPS, visit their websites at: [www.nleomf.com](http://www.nleomf.com) and [www.nationalcops.org](http://www.nationalcops.org).

### **SAMHSA Survey Notes Treatment Offered in Adult, Juvenile Facilities**

A first-time survey on substance abuse treatment in the nation's adult and juvenile correctional facilities conducted by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) provides information on the number of facilities providing treatment, the number of inmates receiving treatment, and the types of treatment services offered. Findings of the new report, *Substance Abuse Treatment in Adult and Juvenile Correctional Facilities*, revealed that 40 percent of the nation's 7,564 adult and juvenile facilities surveyed offered substance abuse treatment to inmates and residents. The complete report can be found at: [www.samhsa.gov/index.aspx](http://www.samhsa.gov/index.aspx).

## FUNDING

### **Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners Program**

The Fiscal Year 2005 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners Program (RSAT) Guidelines and Application Kit is now available online at: [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm). The RSAT Formula Grant assists states and units of local government in developing and implementing residential substance abuse treatment programs in state and local correctional and detention facilities. All RSAT applications are due by February 3, 2005.

### **Juvenile Accountability Block Grants Program**

The Fiscal Year 2005 Juvenile Accountability Block Grants Program (JABG) Guidance and Application Kit is now available online at: [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm). With the Attorney General authorized to provide grants to states and units of local government to strengthen the juvenile justice system, JABG funds can be used for a broad range of activities regulated by the 16 Congressionally approved purpose areas. All JABG applications are due by February 28, 2005.

## TRAINING

### **Integrated Justice Information Systems Institute**

The Integrated Justice Information Systems (IJIS) Institute, a membership organization representing businesses providing products and services to the justice community, has a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to provide technical assistance to jurisdictions planning to implement, or in the process of implementing, justice information systems. IJIS offers state, tribal, territorial, and local law enforcement and justice agencies objective and cost-effective technology guidance. Agencies interested in obtaining technical assistance or enrolling in one of the Institute's training programs should visit the IJIS website at: [www.ijis.org](http://www.ijis.org), or call IJIS at: 202-628-8615.

### **FOCUS ON THE FIELD**

Utilizing a multidisciplinary approach to address crimes against individuals with disabilities, Massachusetts' Byrne-funded *Building Partnerships* initiative has provided training to over 2,000 police, prosecutors, advocates, and human services providers. *Building Partnerships* affords equal access to the criminal justice system for crime victims with disabilities and enables communities to hold offenders accountable for their violence, and is a collaborative effort of District Attorneys, the Massachusetts State Police, Disabled Persons Protection Commission, Department of Mental Retardation, Department of Mental Health, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, Massachusetts District Attorneys Association, and Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance. Questions? Contact Darius LoCicero, BJA State Policy Advisor, at: [Darius.LoCicero@usdoj.gov](mailto:Darius.LoCicero@usdoj.gov).

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