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Administration of Criminal Justice*

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## **Our Mission Statement**

*The mission of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement (LCLE) is to improve the operations of the criminal justice and juvenile justice system and promote public safety by providing progressive leadership and coordination within the criminal justice community.*

## **History**

The Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice was created by Executive Order #59 in 1967. The agency evolved from administering LEAA federal grant funds to a central point for criminal justice policy planning & development for the state. The Commission has fifty-eight members set by Revised Statute 15:1202.

The agency provides a forum for all elements of the criminal justice system to come together in common cause and to develop multi-agency programs which serve the needs of a wide range of criminal justice organizations, support proven, critical, or innovative operational initiatives through the grant programs administered by the agency, promote the highest professional and ethical standards in law enforcement through high quality training programs, and to provide quality services to the criminal justice community and victims of crime within the framework of state and federal law and policy.

The Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice is an Equal Opportunity Employer pursuant to the requirement of federal and state law.

## **Overview / Functions**

Develops Information systems for statewide utilization

- LA. Uniform Crime Reporting - (UCROnline)
- LA. Incident Based Reporting System - (LIBRS)
- LA. Law Enforcement Management Info. System - (LA-LEMIS)
- LA. Victim Information Notification Everyday - (LAVINE)
- Electronic Grant Management System - (Egrants)
- Peace Officer Standards and Training Council - (POST)

## **Research and Analysis**

- Statistical Analysis Center
- Research studies and crime trends/issues
- Clearinghouse for information & research on crime and criminal justice systems
- Process information for requests from the public and government officials

## **Overview / Functions**

### **Policy Planning**

- Develop strategies for drug/violent crime
- Advise governor/legislature on criminal justice policies/legislation
- Coordinate policymaking groups
- Evaluate state & local programs
- Identify needs within criminal justice areas

### **Grants**

- Administer Department of Justice federal grants
- Administer state level grants
- Follow and enforce federal and state guidelines for grant applications
- Egrants Administration (Help Desk and Training)

## **Overview / Functions**

### **Training**

- Implementation of the P.O.S.T. Program
- Basic Peace Officer Training
- Basic Correctional Officer Training
- Uniform Crime Report Training (UCR and LIBRS)
- LA-LEMIS Training classes on RMS
- In-service Training
- Specialized Training Programs (Homicide, Sexual Assault)
- LA New Chiefs Training (LEEMI)
- Training Conferences (Governor's Conference on Juvenile Justice)
- Specialized Training Academies

### **Direct Services**

- Crime Victims Reparations Program
- Louisiana Automated Victim Notification Program (VINE)
- Software Support for LA law enforcement MIS
- Louisiana Medal of Honor Program
- POST Management Information Systems
- Innocence Compensation Fund

## **Programs / Grants**

### **Bulletproof Vests Partnership (BVP)**

The Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) is a program to fund, through reimbursement, up to 50 percent of the cost of each vest purchased or replaced by law enforcement agencies. Vest models purchased must comply with the requirements set by the BVP Program. The BVP Program requires that at least half of all appropriated funds support applications from jurisdictions with populations under 100,000 people ("small agencies"), with any remaining funds available for applications from jurisdictions over 100,000 people ("large agencies").

### **Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG)**

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control drug trafficking, drug-related crime, and violent crime. Based on their own local needs and conditions, agencies are provided with the flexibility to prioritize and place Department of Justice funds where they are needed most.

### **Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant (Coverdell)**

The Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program awards grants to states and units of local government to help improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and medical examiner services. Funds may be used to eliminate a backlog in the analysis of forensic evidence, and to train and employ forensic laboratory personnel, as needed, to eliminate such a backlog. States may apply for both "base" (formula) and competitive funds. Units of local government may apply for competitive funds. No cash or in-kind match is required.

## **Programs / Grants**

### **Crime Victim Reparations (CVR)**

Victims of violence and their families must deal with the emotional, physical, and financial aftermath of crime. The Louisiana Crime Victims Reparations Fund helps innocent victims and their families pay for the financial cost of crime when they have no other means of paying. The fund is administered by the Crime Victims Reparations Board under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement.

### **Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE)**

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education Advisory Board was created in 1993 to develop, promote, monitor, and evaluate the D.A.R.E. program throughout the state, and serve as an advisory board to the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement.

### **Innocence Compensation Program (ICP)**

Act No. 486 of the 2005 Regular Session of the Legislature established the Innocence Compensation Fund as part of a new state policy through which persons who have suffered the experience of being wrongfully incarcerated would receive compensation from the state for the loss of life opportunities resulting from the time spent incarcerated.

## **Programs / Grants**

### **Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)**

The Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) is a nationally known project developed by The Annie E. Casey Foundation (Casey Foundation) in 1992. The JDAI is a comprehensive system reform model that has been shown to safely reduce reliance on secure detention. This system reform model has been proven to reduce detention populations, improve public safety outcomes, expand alternative programs, enhance conditions of confinement, and reduce racial disparities.

### **Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Program (JJDP)**

Title II of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Program (JJDP) is a federal formula grant program implemented by the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-273, 42 U.S.C. § 5601 et seq.) The purpose of the Act is to strengthen accountability, rehabilitation, and prevention of juveniles at risk in the system.

### **Louisiana Victim Information and Notification Everyday (LAVINE)**

In late August, 2019, The Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice launched a greatly enhanced version of Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE). A free service provided by Appriss Safety. VINE is the nation's leading victim notification network. VINE provides crime victims and concerned citizens access to timely and reliable offender custody information through a toll free telephone number, website or mobile application. Users may also register to receive automated notifications relating to changes in custody status via telephone, email, or text message.

## **Programs / Grants**

### **LA Law Enforcement Executive Management Institute (LEEMI)**

The LCLE, in cooperation with the Louisiana Law Enforcement Executive Management Institute (LEEMI), administers the municipal chiefs of police training program in accordance with the mandates of LA RS 33:2342. This training provides Louisiana's newly elected/appointed chiefs of police the management courses and skills they need to enhance the safety of the citizens in their respective jurisdictions and the enforcement of state laws.

### **LA Law Enforcement Management Information System (LA-LEMIS)**

A Record Management System (RMS) that uses client/server and internet technologies to assist law enforcement agencies in keeping track of criminal justice information, including complaints, incidents, warrants, citations, tickets and property. LEMIS IBR also has capabilities to perform Computer-Aided Dispatching (CAD), submit LIBRS data and create UCR Reports; and it has a complete jail management system (LOCKDOWN).

### **LA Incident Based Reporting System (LIBRS)**

The Louisiana Incident Based Reporting System (LIBRS for short) is modeled after the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) program. Louisiana Incorporated the LIBRS program in 1998. LIBRS is a statistical records system not a historical one. LIBRS collects and report crime data via way of a LIBRS compatible Records Management System (RMS). Data can be received from participating local and state law enforcement agencies. LIBRS was created by the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement in partnership with the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association.

## **Programs / Grants**

### **National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP)**

An initiative of the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics. The goal of NCHIP is to ensure that timely and accurate records are available for use by law enforcement, including sex offender registry requirements, to protect public safety and national security.

### **Peace Officer Standards and Training Council (P.O.S.T.)**

POST was established by Act 397 of 1976, as amended, to develop training standards for peace officers in the State of Louisiana. The Council's goal is ensuring that the citizens of Louisiana are provided with police services of the highest quality. The Council is responsible for developing and evaluating the curriculum of mandatory basic training courses for municipal officers, deputy sheriffs, state police, wildlife agents and all other persons commissioned as peace officers, defined by state law, and for implementing an in-service training program.

### **Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT)**

The RSAT Program assists states and local governments to develop and implement substance abuse treatment programs in state and local correctional and detention facilities, and to create and maintain community-based aftercare services for offenders. The goal of the RSAT Program is to break the cycle of drugs and violence by reducing the demand for the use and trafficking of illegal drugs. RSAT enhances the capability of states and units of local government to provide residential substance abuse treatment for incarcerated inmates; prepares offenders for their reintegration into the communities from which they came by incorporating reentry planning activities into treatment programs; and assists offenders and their communities through the reentry process through the delivery of community-based treatment and other broad-based aftercare services.

## **Programs / Grants**

### **Truancy Assessment Service Centers (TASC)**

The Truancy and Assessment Service Centers (TASC) program was enacted by the Louisiana legislature and signed by the Governor in 1999. TASC was established to reduce truancy for high risk children in grades K thru 5. TASC is dedicated to the early identification and assessment of truants and the prompt delivery of coordinated interventions to prevent continued unauthorized school absences and the undesired outcomes associated with truancy.

### **Statistical Analysis Center (SAC)**

Funded by a series of grants from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), the Louisiana Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) serves as our state's representative in the BJS statistical analysis national network program. The goals of the SAC program are as follows:

- Enhance the capability of Louisiana to collect, analyze, and interpret data on criminal justice issues relevant to the state and the nation.
- Make maximum use of state statistical organizations and state-level data by the BJS.
- Provide a mechanism which supports the collection and sharing of vital criminal justice system data among the states, and between the states and the federal government.
- Maintenance of a central repository of criminal justice information from all sources, focusing on Louisiana.
- Respond to requests for information from citizens, local, state, and federal organizations.
- Preparation and dissemination of crime trends, and criminal justice correctional indicators, via written reports, verbal testimony and presentation, and informational support.
- Preparation of special issue reports.

## **Programs / Grants**

### **Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)**

The UCR Program was conceived, developed and implemented by the International Assoc. of Chiefs of Police for the purpose of serving law enforcement as a tool for operational and administrative purposes. It was determined that law enforcement would tabulate the number of criminal acts as defined by the UCR Program as these acts were brought to the attention of law enforcement. Recognizing the problem of coping with volume, it was decided that only those criminal acts deemed serious would be counted.

### **Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)**

The Crime Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program was authorized under the Victims of Crime Act of 1984, Public Law 98-473 to provide financial assistance to states for the purpose of assisting victims of crime through the provision of comprehensive, coordinated direct services. Private nonprofit agencies and local units of government are awarded grants to provide direct services to victims. Priority areas are sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse, and previously under served victims. The program requires that agencies funded provide cash or in-kind match, use volunteers and assist victims with filing for compensation through the Crime Victims Reparations Program through the Sheriffs' Offices throughout the State, and encourage reporting to law enforcement.

### **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA: STOP, SASP)**

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) is a component of the United States Department of Justice (DOJ). Created in 1995, OVW implements the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and subsequent legislation and provides national leadership on issues of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Since its inception, OVW has supported a multi-faceted approach to responding to these crimes through implementation of grant programs authorized by VAWA. The OVW STOP Formula Grant Program is authorized by 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg(b) to support communities in their efforts to develop and strengthen effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to combat violent crimes against women, including the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking and to develop and strengthen victim services in cases involving these crimes.

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