

Small criminal justice agencies with less than 50 sworn officers, along with rural, tribal and border agencies, represent the largest number of criminal justice agencies in the United States (11,372, according to the 2004 Census of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies.) The Small, Rural, Tribal and Border (SRTB) Regional Center publicizes National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center (NLECTC) System programs and services to this historically underserved segment of the criminal justice community.

Federal Surplus Property Program

An SRTB program manager serves as the NLECTC System contact to the Federal Surplus Property Program, performing related outreach activities and serving as a facilitator for agencies wishing to use the program. For more information on its services, visit JUSTNET, the website of the NLECTC System, at https://www.justnet.org/other/do_more_with_less.html. Since June 2010, the Federal Surplus Property program manager has responded to 3,200 requests for assistance with the program.

Law Enforcement Aviation Program

Small agencies often serve large geographic regions that could be well-served by the use of aircraft. The Law Enforcement Aviation Program explores various less-expensive aerial alternatives and coordinates cooperative demonstration projects where several agencies share a small aircraft. More information on this program can be found at <https://www.justnet.org/aviation/index.html>.

Outreach

Staff from the SRTB Regional Center exhibit and often present at conferences and tech fairs, focusing on those hosted by organizations serving the target community. These outreach

efforts also enable SRTB staff to obtain valuable input from the field, creating a two-way channel of communication between practitioners and NIJ.

Collaboration With Other Centers

Through collaborative efforts with the other centers in the NLECTC System, the SRTB Regional Center enhances the information exchange services it makes available to practitioners. Working through NLECTC-National, which serves as the hub of the system, the SRTB Regional Center can draw on the expertise and assistance of the other NLECTC System components, if and as appropriate, to meet the information needs and technology requests of its constituents.

Constituent Advisory Group

Feedback obtained from the field is channeled back to NIJ via the SRTB Regional Center Constituent Advisory Group (CAG), a representative group of experienced and respected chiefs and sheriffs representative of small, rural, tribal and border law enforcement agencies, jail groups and campus law enforcement that provides first-level comment on NIJ technology needs and requirements. SRTB staff make contact with CAG members bi-weekly.