

New & Noteworthy

NIJ's New Director

Sarah V. Hart became NIJ's new Director on August 2, 2001. After being nominated by President George W. Bush, the U.S. Senate confirmed her nomination in a vote of 98-0.

Before joining NIJ, Ms. Hart served as the Chief Counsel for the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, where she assisted Congress in drafting the Federal Prison Litigation Reform Act (PLRA) and 1997 amendments to the PLRA.

Previously, she served for 16 years as a prosecutor in the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, where she acted as lead counsel for 9 years in Federal litigation involving the Philadelphia prison system. She also assisted in drafting Pennsylvania's drug nuisance law, nuisance bar legislation, and sentencing and parole reform bills.



Ms. Hart served on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Appellate Procedural Rules Committee and as Vice Chair of the Legal Affairs Committee of the American

Correctional Association. She has provided training on corrections legal issues to the American Correctional Association, the Association of State Corrections Administrators, the National Association of Attorneys General, and the National Institute of Corrections. She has written several articles concerning courts, corrections, and criminal law.

Ms. Hart received her undergraduate degree in criminal justice from the University of Delaware and her law degree from Rutgers Camden School of Law, where she was associate editor of the law review.

Series Looks at International Crime

An increase in crimes originating outside the United States is the focus of a new monograph series, "Issues in International Crime." The series, developed by NIJ's International Center, highlights research in transnational crime and is intended to stimulate further discussion and study of international crime and justice issues.

To date, NIJ has released three titles:

- *Crime, Criminal Justice, and Criminology in Post-Soviet Ukraine*, by Todd S. Fogelson and Peter H. Solomon, Jr. (NCJ 186166). Available at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/pubs-sum/186166.htm>.
- *The Threat of Organized Crime*, by James O. Finckenauer and Yuri A. Voronin (NCJ 187085). Available at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/pubs-sum/187085.htm>.

New Guides Explore First Responder Equipment

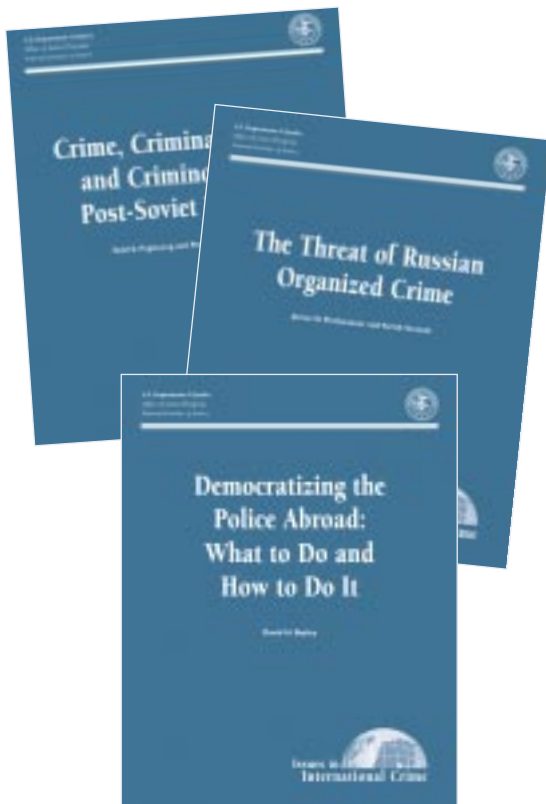
NIJ is creating a series of guides about first responder equipment that will provide public safety agencies with information on the types and capabilities of available equipment.

While only the first in the series has been printed, NIJ is making working drafts of the remaining guides available on the Web in a working draft format.

Titles in the series include:

- *Guide for the Selection of Chemical Agent and Toxic Industrial Material Detection Equipment for Emergency First Responders*, NIJ Guide 100-00.
- *An Introduction to Biological Agent Detection Equipment for Emergency First Responders*, NIJ Guide 101-11.
- *Guide for the Selection of Chemical and Biological Decontamination Equipment for Emergency First Responders*, NIJ Guide 103-00.
- *Guide for the Selection of Communication Equipment for Emergency First Responders*, NIJ Guide 104-00.
- *Guide for the Selection of Personal Protective Equipment for Emergency First Responders*, NIJ Guide 102-00.

Go to <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/new.htm> for more information.



- *Democratizing the Police Abroad: What to Do and How to Do It*, by David H. Bayley (NCJ 188742). Available at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/pubs-sum/188742.htm>.

Obtain copies from the NIJ Web page at the addresses above or call NCJRS at 1-800-851-3420. Visit NIJ's International Center at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/international> for more information.

Biometrics Catalog Available Online

BIOMETRICS

A searchable catalog of commercially available biometric products, research and development efforts, and testing programs is now available to Web users.

Biometrics are automated methods of recognizing a person based on physiological or behavioral characteristics unique to each

individual, such as fingerprints, speech patterns, face recognition, dynamic signatures, and iris patterns.

Visitors to the catalog can search by biometric type, category, date range, and keyword. Once a visitor identifies a product or program, the catalog displays a description and downloadable papers or associated Web sites. Visitors can also request more information about specific items.

NIJ and the Department of Defense's Counterdrug Technology Development Program Office jointly developed the catalog, which currently contains more than 117 entries. Although the catalog's postings are added and modified by the vendor or other responsible parties, the sponsors read and approve all postings before they are available through the catalog.

Visit the online Biometrics Catalog at <http://www.biometricscatalog.org>. For more information on biometrics, visit <http://www.biometrics.org> or <http://homepage.ntlworld.com/avanti/whitepaper.htm>.

New Technology Guide Published

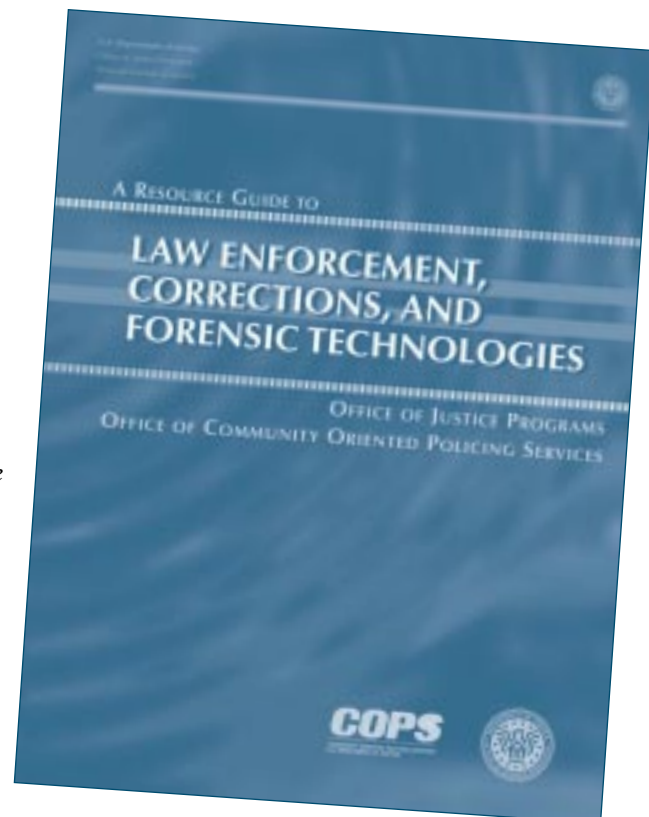
State and local administrators who must make decisions about acquiring new technologies should get a copy of the newly published *Resource Guide to Law Enforcement, Corrections, and Forensic Technologies* (NCJ 186822). This reference book lists research and grant programs from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) and Office of Justice Programs.

The book is organized into four main technology types:

- Officer protection and crime prevention.
- Public safety in critical incidents.
- Communications and information technology.
- Investigative and forensic sciences.

Each listing includes Department of Justice (DOJ) funding opportunities, information on DOJ standards and testing, the status of DOJ-supported research and development efforts, and citations to DOJ-related publications.

Copies of the guide can be downloaded from the NIJ Web site at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/pubs-sum/186822.htm> or ordered from NCJRS by calling 1-800-851-3420.



Events

Fifth Annual ADAM Conference



The technical and operational principles involved in maintaining an Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring (ADAM) site were the focus of the fifth annual ADAM conference, which was held June 5–7 in Miami.

The 150 researchers, criminal justice professionals, and site personnel involved in operation of the 35 ADAM sites and 3 affiliated ADAM sites attended the meeting to discuss the challenges of introducing new arrestee sampling methods and a redesigned interview instrument.

Featured topics included:

- Measuring drug and alcohol dependence among male arrestees across ADAM sites.
- Drug market participation among adult male arrestees.
- Pathological gambling, substance abuse, and crime.
- The drugs-crime relationship—history, complexity, amelioration, research, and the role of ADAM.

For more information about the conference, contact Karen Cyrus, NIJ Program and Policy Specialist, at 202–616–3838 or visit the ADAM Web site at <http://www.adam-nij.net>.

Mock Prison Riot

A riot took place at the former West Virginia State Penitentiary in Moundsville, West Virginia, for the fifth straight year. It was a mock riot that



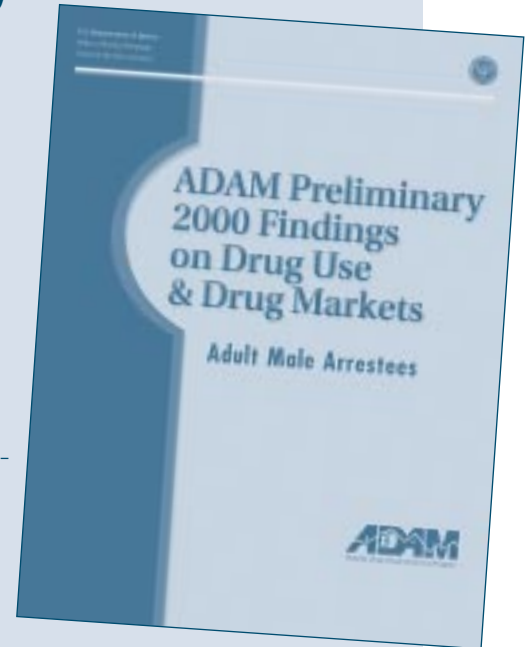
ADAM 2000 Preliminary Annual Report Now Available

ADAM's first report on the new probability-based sampling, post-stratification weighting strategy, and redesigned survey instrument is now available. The redesigned methodology will give researchers and policymakers greater confidence in ADAM data. Highlights of the redesign include new questions about heavy alcohol use, mental health and drug treatment, the need for treatment of drug dependency, and drug market characteristics. The questions are based on items from other national surveys and allow researchers to "cross-walk" between ADAM and other ongoing large-scale research studies.

The redesigned survey also introduces a calendar methodology that allows ADAM respondents to answer questions about their drug-using behavior over the past year in the context of other life events.

The report presents original data from the sites in the ADAM network, describes drug and alcohol use based on urinalysis and self-reports, presents analysis related to treatment needs, and describes a number of features about drug markets.

ADAM Preliminary 2000 Findings on Drug Use and Drug Markets—Adult Male Arrestees (NCJ 189101) is available electronically from the NIJ Web page at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/pubs-sum/189101.htm> or by calling NCJRS at 1–800–851–3420. Visit the ADAM Web site at <http://www.adam-nij.net>.



was attended by 1,347 corrections, law enforcement, and other public safety officers April 29 to May 3.

The riot gives NIJ's Office of Law Enforcement Technology Commercialization (OLETC) a chance to showcase emerging technologies and officers a chance to use and evaluate the technologies in simulated scenarios.

Hosted by OLETC, the West Virginia Division of Corrections, and the Moundsville Economic Development Council, the mock riot exhibited 77 new technologies, including biometric fingerprint solutions, chemical agent dispensers, concealed weapons detection devices, facial identification programs, firearms simulations, open holographic

sights, robotics, thermal vision gear, and less-than-lethal technologies such as pepper balls and a ring air projectile.

These innovative technologies were tested through 36 hands-on training scenarios, including:

- A food fight broke out in the dining hall, where two service staff were assaulted and an officer was taken hostage.
- An officer was held hostage in the yard while inmates negotiated for a van to attempt their escape and officers rappelled over the prison wall.
- An inmate holding an employee hostage barricaded himself and his hostage in a cell with weapons.
- A missing inmate was discovered in the prison's basement.

For more information about the 2001 Mock Prison Riot, visit the OLETC Web site at <http://www.oletc.org/riot/riotmainpage.asp>

or call 1-888-306-5382. Videos and photographs of the last five riots are available on the Web site.

Forum Focuses on Drugs and Crime

The future direction of research on drugs and crime was at the core of discussions at a major research forum held April 19-20. Approximately 40 prominent researchers attended.

The discussion centered on ways research can better pinpoint problems created by drugs and crime and develop strategies for solving those problems. The goal was to design a research agenda for the future that will inform policy and improve practice.

The discussion was based on three papers, two commissioned by NIJ and one commissioned by the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

The papers were:

- "At the Intersection of Public Health and Criminal Justice Research on Drugs and Crime," by James C. Anthony with Valerie Forman.
- "Research on Drug-Crime Linkages: The Next Generation," by Robert MacCoun, Beau Kilmer, and Peter Reuter.
- "The Drugs-Crime Relationship: What We May Know, What We Do Not Know, and Significant Research Questions," by Duane McBride, Curtis Vander-Waal, and Yvonne Terry-McElrath.

These papers, along with an executive summary highlighting the research agenda and a summary of the forum discussion, will be published soon. To receive a copy of the forthcoming Drugs and Crime Research papers and agenda, send your name, street address, and email address to Karen Cyrus, NIJ Division of Drugs and Crime Research, at cyrusk@ojp.usdoj.gov.

Science and the Law National Conference

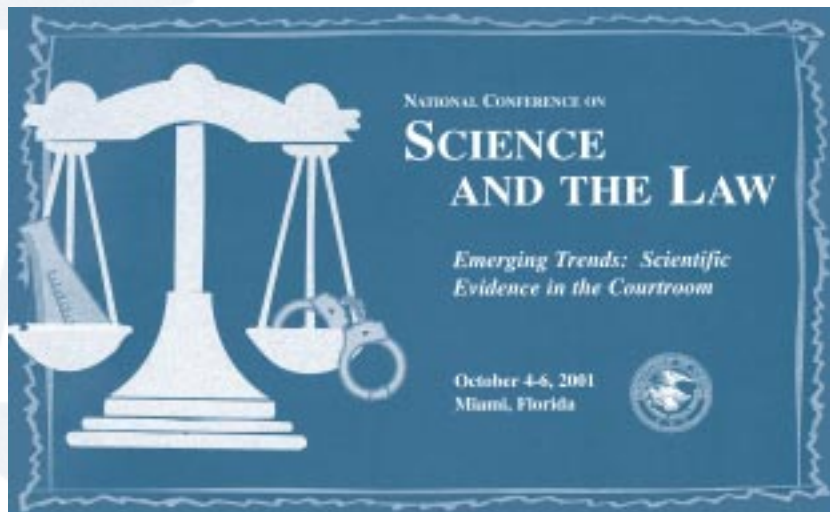
The reliability of evidence and the credibility of witnesses were the focus of the 2001 Science and Law Conference, which was titled "Emerging Trends: Scientific Evidence in the Court."

The conference, which was held in October, brought together approximately 250 members of the criminal justice and academic fields to improve understanding among scientists, attorneys, and judges and to foster and develop questions for future research on the role of science and scientists in the criminal justice system.

Panels at the NIJ-sponsored event discussed scientific and legal tutori-

als, court-appointed experts and advisors, law enforcement personnel who testify as experts, the use of eyewitness evidence, and case studies on the admissibility of novel scientific evidence.

Proceedings from the 1999 annual meeting are available at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/pubs-sum/179630.htm>. Proceedings from the 2000 and 2001 meetings are forthcoming.



Perspectives Series Lectures

The Perspectives on Crime and Justice lecture series, sponsored by NIJ and held each year in Washington, DC, gives well-known scholars an opportunity to present provocative points of view to policymakers and practitioners.

Plans are underway for speakers for the 2002 series. Watch the NIJ Web page for the names and dates of upcoming lectures.

In 2001, the series featured:

- “Why Violence Appears to Be Declining,” by Alfred Blumstein, Professor at Carnegie Mellon University and Director of the National Consortium on Violence Research.
- “Juvenile Offenders, Adolescence, and Psychopathology,” by Laurence Steinberg, Professor at Temple University and Director of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Adolescent Development and Juvenile Justice.
- “Key Behavioral and Environmental Factors in Violence Prevention,” by Carl Bell of the Community Mental Health Council and Foundation.
- “The Impact DNA Testing Has Had on Forensics,” by Margaret Berger of the Brooklyn Law School.

The papers and question-and-answer sessions that follow each lecture are published annually by NIJ. Previous lectures featured Sissela Bok on violence, free speech, and the media; Felton Earls on men, fathers, and community; and Randall Kennedy on race and crime. Copies of previous volumes are available on NIJ’s Web site at

Counterterrorism and Critical Incident Responses

NIJ and the other bureaus and offices of the Office of Justice Programs support a number of efforts concerning terrorism. Below is a list to lead you to more information.

- **NIJ’s Critical Incident Response/Counterterrorism Program**
These sites describe NIJ’s portfolio of research and development:
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/sciencetech/counter.htm>
<http://www.nlectc.org/virlib/InfoList.asp?strType=Technology>
- **OJP Office for Domestic Preparedness**
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp>
- **Technology for Public Safety Response to Critical Incidents at OJP**
Research and Statistics:
http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/technology/research_statistics/public_safety_response.htm
Fielded Programs:
http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/technology/fielded_programs/public_safety_response.htm
Technical Assistance and Training:
http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/technology/ta_training/counterterrorism.htm
- **Terrorism and Domestic Preparedness Information at OJP**
http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/terrorism/whats_new.htm
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/terrorism/links.htm>
http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/terrorism/technical_assistance.htm
http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/terrorism/field_tested_programs.htm
- **Publications on Terrorism and Domestic Preparedness**
National Criminal Justice Reference Service Virtual Library
<http://virlib.ncjrs.org/more.asp?category=51&subcategory=151>
- **Center for Civil Force Protection**
Sandia National Laboratories:
<http://www.justnet.org/ccfp>
- **Institute for Security Technology Studies (Dartmouth College)**
<http://www.ists.dartmouth.edu>
- **Oklahoma City National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism**
<http://www.mipt.org>

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij> or from NCJRS at 1-800-851-3420.

For more information about the lectures, visit NIJ’s Professional

Conference Series home page at <http://www.nijpcs.org> and click on “Past Conference Materials.”

Solicitations

Apply for Funding

NIJ regularly issues requests for proposals, called solicitations, for research in a wide range of topics related to crime and justice. All funding opportunities are described in detail on NIJ's home page (<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/funding.htm>).

The following solicitations were recently posted on the Web:

- Doctoral students can receive funding through the Graduate Research Fellowship Program for independent research on issues in crime and justice. There are two application deadlines remaining in 2002: May 15 and September 16, 2002.
- Researchers can receive funds to conduct original research using data from the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data. There are two application deadlines remaining in 2002: June 25 and October 25, 2002.

NIJ's Web page provides specific details and deadlines about these and other upcoming solicitations.

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