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ACJC awards \$13M in Byrne grant program

At its May meeting, the Commission approved extending funding for drug task force projects, tandem prosecution projects, forensic support projects, and drug adjudication projects for an additional year. The project funding was extended in the amounts of \$4,443,921 for drug task force projects, \$5,231,505 in drug prosecution projects, \$595,280 in drug forensic projects, and \$2,261,628 in drug adjudication projects. Of these amounts, \$10,270,706 in ARRA funds will be used to support drug task forces, tandem prosecution projects, and drug forensic projects and \$2,261,628 in state DEA funds will support drug adjudication projects.

The complete list of [FY 11 drug, gang and violent crime control grant awards](#) is posted on the ACJC web site.

PSN grant awards

The U.S. Attorney's Office (USAO) announced the Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN) awards for FY 11. The USAO awarded \$200,000 for various programs, including community outreach, forensic firearms testing/NIBIN, and gun intelligence support operations. The awards include non-competitive funding for media services. The list of [FY 11 PSN grant awards](#) is posted online; please visit www.azcjc.gov.

Angels on Patrol: front line officers making a difference

Lt. Jacqui MacConnell established the non-profit organization Angels on Patrol in 2009 to assist families identified by on-duty Phoenix police officers responding to a crisis. Officers have the ability to assist families with immediate needs on scene, but that's usually where an officer's involvement ends.

When an officer comes in contact with a family with long-term needs, the officer may apply Angels on Patrol for assistance. Officers can request items such as clothing, tutoring, or personal or medical needs; the nonprofit organization does not provide cash assistance. The application is screened then submitted for board approval.

[Full story](#)

ACJC customer satisfaction survey

In early August, ACJC will send out its annual customer satisfaction survey to criminal justice stakeholders. This brief online survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete. If you receive the survey, please take the time to fill it out as this provides ACJC staff with invaluable feedback about the services we provide to you.

Reporting of sexual assault in Arizona

ARS §41-2406.B requires ACJC to provide an annual report to stakeholders summarizing sexual assault reporting and subsequent case information throughout Arizona. By statute, the report shall include the total number of police reports, charges, convictions, and sentences for sexual assault, as well as for false reports of sexual assault involving a spouse. Data for the report are captured in the Arizona Computerized Criminal History (ACCH) repository, housed at the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

In 2008, there were 498 sexual assault arrest counts with 69 conviction charges for sexual assault. ACCH data were pulled in September 2009, thus giving 2007 arrests and case dispositions an additional year for completion and entry into the ACCH. To view the [full report](#) and other publications, please visit our web site at www.azcjc.gov.