



## Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division Community Outreach Program (COP)

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### **CJIS Division COP Partners-In-Education (PIE) Program**

The priority of the CJIS Division COP is the PIE Program. Currently, the CJIS Division is a PIE with the following schools: *Norwood Elementary, South Harrison Middle, (Harrison County), Monongah Elementary, Fairview Elementary, (Marion County), Alum Bridge, (Lewis County), Rock Cave, (Upsbur County), and Flemington Elementary (Taylor County)*. *Norwood Elementary and their business partners were winners of the 1999-2000 GOLD STAR A WARD, as most effective PIE Program.*

The CJIS COP is very proud of the PIE Program, and continues to strive towards implementing new programs which fulfill the needs of the PIE Schools and their students. Today's programs represent the importance that the CJIS Division has placed upon being a responsible member of the North Central West Virginia business and educational communities. This relationship is evidenced further throughout the year in the form of worthwhile programs in schools, in area public facilities, and at the CJIS Division Complex. The CJIS COP is committed to continuing these presentations and programs.

### **COP INITIATIVES**

Current COP offerings include the following: Caring Officers Promoting Safety (C.O.P.S.), Right Choice Program, Junior Special Agent Program, Finish First in the Race Against Drugs, The Memorial Ceremony in Honor of Fallen West Virginia Law Enforcement Officers, School Violence Program, Community Fingerprinting Program, Statistical Curriculum, Internet Safety Program, and Guest Speakers Program. The following are descriptions of the CJIS Division COP Initiatives:

#### ***C.O.P.S. (Caring Officers Promoting Safety)***

CJIS Division FBI Police Officers present a variety of safety tips to children and young adults and convey how important proper communication skills are in the event of an emergency. The Program also provides information about careers in law enforcement.

**The Right Choice Program** focuses on an adventure film concerning adolescents faced with making the right choices concerning peer pressure, drugs, and crime. Following the videotape, veteran law enforcement officers, now FBI Training Instructors, or CJIS Division Police Officers, address the youth

and share their first-hand accounts of crime, drugs, and violence.

**Junior Special Agent Program** is a year-long course designed for fifth grade students at Norwood Elementary, Harrison County and fourth grade students at Alum Bridge Elementary, Lewis County. This course is designed to stress the importance of being good citizens and providing your best effort at whatever the task. Additionally, the course provides an overview of FBI and CJIS Division operations. Through 34 lesson plans covered on a bi-weekly basis, the COP provides guest speakers from the CJIS Division, welcomes the students for a tour of the FBI complex, and invites their parents and other family members to a graduation ceremony. Upon successful completion of the course, the students will be presented with their Junior Special Agent badge and credentials by Assistant Director In Charge David R. Loesch during the graduation ceremony.

**Finish First in the Race Against Drugs Program** is sponsored in partnership with Interstate-79 Raceway, Shinnston. On a designated night, FBI employees and their families join with community members to promote drug awareness to area youth and adults. COP representatives distribute educational information, activity books, bumper stickers, and posters. The entire evening focuses on the FBI's pursuit for a "Drug Free America" and is depicted in the slogan, "Finish First in the Race Against Drugs."

**Memorial Ceremony in Honor of Fallen West Virginia Law Enforcement Officers** Law enforcement members and community leaders throughout the state are invited to participate in the annual tribute to West Virginians who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Established in May 1996, Governor Cecil H. Underwood, presented the CJIS Division with a proclamation declaring every second week in May as "Fallen West Virginia Law Enforcement Officers Week."

**School Violence Program** During the two-hour workshop, participants will be provided with literature and information concerning topics associated with violence in schools and communities. Topics covered include risk factors that are common characteristics and behaviors for youths convicted of violent crimes.

**Community Fingerprinting Program** Students from area county high schools, including Harrison, Lewis, Marion, Taylor and Wetzel are trained as Fingerprint Technicians, and accompany the COP staff to schools, day care centers, shopping malls, and area fairs and festivals to provide fingerprinting. The children's fingerprints are taken free of charge and given to their parents/guardians to keep as a permanent record in the event of a disaster or foul play involving their child.

**Statistical Curriculum** includes a block of math curriculum presented to each seventh grade student in Harrison County, with material designed by the COP and members of the Education/Training Services Unit of the CJIS Division. The coursework is from the FBI Uniform Crime Data and was launched in every Middle School in Harrison County during the 1999-2000 school year.

**Internet Safety Program** features a Power Point demonstration which is scenario based concerning appropriate safety and internet etiquette. The program is presented to students, school faculties, and community organizations.

**Guest Speaker Program** The COP makes the necessary arrangements for requests made by community organizations, civic groups, colleges & universities, elementary, middle, or high schools, etc., for guest (expert) speakers from the FBI and CJIS Division.

**THE CJIS DIVISION COP WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE CURRENT PROGRAMS AND DEVELOP NEW PROGRAMS TO MEET THE GROWING NEEDS OF THE NORTH CENTRAL WEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITIES.**

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**The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)  
Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division**



**Clarksburg, West Virginia**

During 1991, the FBI purchased 986 acres of land in Clarksburg, West Virginia, on which to construct the home of the CJIS Division. The Division serves as the nation's focal point for criminal justice information services.

Construction of the 528,000 square foot Main Office Building was completed in July 1995. The facility contains a 600-seat cafeteria, a 450-seat auditorium, and atriums for visitors and employees. The Data Center, which is part of the Main Office Building, houses the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System, the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, and the National Crime Information Center 2000 system. Additionally, the CJIS Division produces the Uniform Crime Report which serves as a means of measuring crime in the United States.

Also included in the complex is a Visitors Center, Service Center, Central Utilities Plant, and the Lasting Impressions Child Development Center.

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**CJIS DIVISION  
COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM (COP)**

The CJIS Division COP creates and provides crime, drug, gang, violence prevention, and education programs within North Central West Virginia to meet the growing needs of the local communities. The COP is committed to work with school systems and community organizations to promote healthy lifestyles and provide an environment that supports positive alternative activities to drug use, gangs and violence.

The FBI COP actively conducts weekly educational awareness presentations for elementary and middle school students throughout an eight county radius in North Central West Virginia. Additionally, area high school students are very active in COP functions serving as "Fingerprint Technicians," participating in public service announcements, and serving as mentors.

The Division's COP focus originates from the highest levels of management. Assistant Director in Charge David R. Loesch was the originator of the Division's COP. The support continues with Deputy Assistant Director Michael D. Kirkpatrick and Resources Management Section Chief John S. (Steve) Hooks, Jr.

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*"Crime prevention must begin at home and in our schools, with the establishment of values, building self-esteem, trust, and confidence. We must mold our youth into viable citizenry."*

*---David R. Loesch*