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Arizona Forensic Science Academy to educate prosecutors and defense attorneys

The Arizona Forensic Science Academy has developed a comprehensive curriculum to educate prosecutors and defense attorneys on the forensic science issues that arise in their cases. The seminar will meet every Friday afternoon beginning Jan. 14, 2011 (excluding April 22), for a total of 20 weeks. Attendees must commit to attending at least 80 percent of the sessions and actively participating. The curriculum includes tours of laboratories, practical exercises, and presentations in the areas of crime scene processing, forensic biology, DNA, controlled dangerous substances, toxicology, ballistics, friction ridge analysis, death investigations, and digital forensics. This groundbreaking academy has already garnered national attention for its revolutionary efforts to increase the knowledge and skills of the criminal practitioners. The academy [announcement](#) and [application](#) are available on ACJC's web site. **Deadline for application: Nov. 1, 2010.**

SAC publishes AZ Crime Trends fact sheet

The FBI Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program is a valuable tool for analyzing crime totals and rates by state across the country. The crime rate is measured by four violent crime rate offenses. They are murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

In 2002, Arizona reported 554.5 violent offenses per 100,000 residents, but that measure decreased in 2008 to 447.0 violent offenses per 100,000 residents. Although Arizona's violent crime rates declined from 2000 to 2008, when compared to the U.S. rates, Arizona's violent index offense rates were consistently higher from 2000 to 2008. However by 2008, Arizona's violent crime index offense rates declined to a lower level than the U.S. rate.

Visit ACJC's web site to access the fact sheet on "[Arizona Crime Trends, CY2000-2008.](#)"

Arizona Youth Survey reports coming soon

ACJC's Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) is finalizing the Arizona Youth Survey data collection and reports. SAC expects to publish the state and county reports by the end of November. The reports will be available on the ACJC web site, www.azcjc.gov.

John R. Justice law school loan repayment applications due 10/29

The Administrative Office of the Courts is administering the federal John R. Justice Loan Repayment Program, which will provide loan repayment assistance for local, state, and federal public defenders and local and state prosecutors who commit to continued employment as public defenders and prosecutors for at least three years. Eligibility and application materials can be found on the [AOC web site](#). **Applications must be postmarked by Friday, Oct. 29, 2010.**

For more information, please contact Tracey Gardner at trgardner@courts.az.gov.

SWBA grant open

The Southwest Border Anti-Money Laundering Alliance is granting funds to enhance investigations and prosecutions of money laundering in the Southwest border area. Alliance funds are available for federal, state, county, local, tribal, and Mexican initiatives under the following multi state priority areas: disruption of violent smuggling organizations, disruption of weapons across the border, information sharing, training relating to money laundering, and money laundering investigations. Application information is available on ACJC's grant resources web page, <http://www.azcjc.gov/ACJC.Web/Grants/Default.aspx>.

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