

# 2001 Annual Report



**Texas Regional Community Policing Institute**

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law enforcement professionals and community partners.

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# History

## How did TRCPI get started?

The Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) was created through the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. This Act, which was the largest crime bill in the history of the U.S., authorized COPS to put 100,000 police officers on the street for community policing programs and authorized \$8.8 billion to be spent on these services from 1996-2000. The aim of the COPS Office is to advance community policing in jurisdictions of all sizes across the United States. To do so, COPS provides grants to state and local law enforcement agencies to hire and train community policing professionals, acquire and deploy cutting-edge crime-fighting technologies, and develop and implement innovative policing strategies.

In 1997, COPS funded the creation of the only national training network of Regional Community Policing Institutes (RCPIs) to provide comprehensive and innovative community policing education, training and technical assistance to law enforcement agencies throughout the nation. The RCPIs create innovative curricula on law enforcement issues to enhance traditional training material. Collaborative partnerships and problem-solving strategies are essential components of training for criminal justice practitioners, local government officials, and business and community leaders. Training is provided via traditional classroom instruction, CD-ROMs, community forums, teleconferences, interactive television, and the Internet.

The COPS' national network of RCPIs has trained more than 145,000 officers, community members, and government leaders in innovative approaches to community policing. These approaches include:

- 1) Community Mobilization
- 2) Community Partnerships
- 3) Conflict Resolution
- 4) Crime Analysis and Mapping
- 5) Ethics and Integrity
- 6) Problem Solving
- 7) Rural Community Policing
- 8) Strategic Implementation
- 9) Violence Prevention

The TRCPI at Sam Houston State University provides training and technical assistance in Texas on all aspects of community policing. Our training activities since inception have included more than 7,400 participants in numerous training sessions and conferences, resulting in more than 59,000 contact hours. Currently, TRCPI seeks to maximize the infusion of the community policing philosophy throughout the entire state by (a) developing new products, (b) responding to existing needs, and (c) pursuing areas of developing police/probation partnerships.

# Definition of Community Policing

## What is Community Policing?

Community policing represents a departure from traditional law enforcement practices in that it focuses on the prevention of crime and the fear of crime on a local basis. It also attempts to involve members of the community as active partners with the police in addressing crime and disorder in the community. Placing law enforcement personnel trained in community-oriented policing on the streets allows them to foster relationships with members of the community, which hopefully will lead residents to trust and respect the officers. Community policing is built around several key principles, including:

- community involvement in establishing and pursuing the policing agenda
- the decentralization of police services
- innovative problem solving approaches
- partnerships with the community and other governmental agencies
- prevention and early intervention

Several benefits of community policing have been noted, including:

- a more realistic knowledge of police work
- a recognition of the interrelationships among police functions
- a recognition of the limited capacity of the police to accomplish their jobs on their own and of the importance of an alliance between the police and the public
- less dependence on the criminal justice system and more emphasis on problem-solving methods
- increased use of the knowledge gained by police officers of their assigned areas
- more effective use of personnel

# Programs & Trainings

Our training activities for fiscal year 2001 have included more than 400 participants in numerous training sessions or conferences, resulting in more than 3,900 contact hours. Although we have designed many of our instructional formats to be primarily hands on (e.g., web-based instructional materials, small group seminars, etc.) even those deliverables that rely heavily on lecture format do not do so exclusively. All of our curricula are delivered consistent with adult learning principles and new programs are scrutinized for their adherence to such principles before acceptance into Institute programming. Our offerings this fiscal year have included:

- *Executive Leadership Series: Domestic Violence Workshop*

This leadership workshop, with a domestic violence focus, was offered to law enforcement agency heads and members of police administration. The primary goal of this workshop was to deliver a realistic, skill-building experience that demonstrates the integration of community policing principles and service-provider delivery systems to address family violence.

- *Domestic Violence Workshop: Domestic Violence Crime Scene – Evidence Gathering*

This domestic violence workshop was offered to instruct law enforcement officers on the evidentiary value of the various components of the domestic violence crime scene. The focus of this training was on the connections between crime scene investigation, evidence collection, and the medical response to victims of domestic violence. Participants were further educated to recognize the medico-legal implications of such activities.

- *Domestic Violence Workshop: Working with Persons of Hispanic Ethnicity*

This training was offered to law enforcement officers in an attempt to deliver a realistic, skill-building experience that demonstrates the integration of community policing principles and service-provider delivery systems to address Hispanic family violence.

- *Domestic Violence Workshop: Full Faith and Credit*

This workshop was offered to law enforcement officers to address the required enforcement of protection orders for domestic violence victims. Several areas of Full Faith and Credit were discussed including detention and notification procedures as well as arrest authority, penalties, and sanctions for order violations.

- *Domestic Violence Workshop: Accessing and Sharing Information*

This workshop instructed law enforcement officers on information gathering, sharing, and dissemination processes related to domestic violence victims as well as abusers. The focus of this training was on privacy rights within domestic violence cases.

- *Domestic Violence Workshop: Basic Community Policing to Reduce Domestic Violence*

This workshop was offered to law enforcement officers. The goal of this workshop was to deliver a realistic, skill-building experience that demonstrates the integration of community policing principles and service-provider delivery systems to address family violence.

- *Domestic Violence Workshop: Safety Planning and Risk Assessment*

This workshop offered instruction to law enforcement officers who routinely come in contact with domestic violence cases. Specifics of the training included information on obtaining orders of protection, alternate criminal justice options, and any other available community resources to help domestic violence victims. This training promoted victim safety concerns at home and work while examining outcome risks in domestic violence cases.

- *Domestic Violence Workshop: Basic Community Policing to Reduce Domestic Violence – The Role of the Courts*

This workshop was offered to regional judicial officials (e.g., district, county court and senior judges) as well as Victim Assistance Coordinators (VACs). The goal of this workshop was to deliver a realistic, skill-building experience that demonstrates the integration of community policing principles and service-provider delivery systems to address family violence.

- *Domestic Violence Workshop: Recognition of Predominant Aggressor*

This workshop informed law enforcement officers of Texas legislation involving domestic abuse cases. This training helped police officers identify the “predominant aggressor” in domestic information gathering, sharing, and dissemination processes related to domestic violence victims as well as abusers. The focus of this training was on privacy rights within domestic violence cases.

- *Ethics and Integrity 2001 Workshop*

This workshop was designed to educate police personnel about the law enforcement profession's opportunity and responsibility to maximize community goodwill by maintaining high ethical standards and personal integrity. Ethical challenges using participants' real-life experiences were examined during the workshop to help officers make informed and competent choices.

- *Leading Community Policing*

This seminar supplies a blueprint for police command staff and administrators who are implementing community policing into their agency. Additionally, this training provides participants alternatives to management/leadership styles that compliment effective and efficient community-oriented policing in their agencies.

- *Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving*

This course was developed to help law enforcement agencies recognize, encourage, and implement organizational change to supporting problem-solving efforts through external partnerships. The training also offers a model to encourage citizens to partner with law enforcement as well as other community groups in prevention and preparedness efforts to increase residents' feelings of efficacy and security regarding crime and terrorism.

# Staff

## Director

*Phillip Lyons, J.D., Ph.D.*

Dr. Phillip Lyons received his Ph.D., J.D., and M.A. from the University of Nebraska and his B.S. from the University of Houston Clear Lake. Prior to graduate school, he spent several years as a peace officer in the Houston area. Dr. Lyons' professional expertise is reflected in extensive research and numerous publications focused on the intersect of public policy and forensic issues. Dr. Lyons' duties for the Institute include overseeing the Institute's day-to-day operations, facilitating compliance with reporting requirements, and instructing in various programs.

## Project Coordinators

*Robert Werling*

Robert Werling is a doctoral student in the College of Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University. Mr. Werling has a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice and a Masters Degree in Public Administration. He served for 12 years as a police officer on the Longview Police Department. He holds an Advanced Peace Officer Certification.

*Regina Ernst*

Regina Ernst received her M.B.A. from Sam Houston State University and B.A. from Baylor University. Ms. Ernst was previously employed as a technical writer for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and the law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski.

## Trainers

*Drew Diamond*

Drew Diamond earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Northeastern Oklahoma State University. He has served in the U.S. Army as a Special Agent in criminal investigations and been employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Diamond was employed by Tulsa Police Department as a police officer for almost twenty years before eventually becoming Chief of Police. Since 1992, Mr. Diamond has served as the Deputy Director of the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) in Washington, D.C.

*Michael Jez, M.S.*

Mike Jez earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Houston-Clear Lake, and received his Masters of Science degree from the University of North Texas. He has an extensive law enforcement career that began in the U.S. Army Military Police in 1974. Mr. Jez has also served as a patrol officer in Texas City, TX before moving to Alvin, TX, where he rose through the ranks to become Chief of Police. In 1988, he became Police Chief for Denton Police Department. Since his appointment in 1998, Mr. Jez has been employed as the City Manager of Denton, TX.

*Phillip Lyons, J.D., Ph.D.*

Dr. Phillip Lyons is an Associate Professor of Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University and is the Director of the Texas Regional Community Policing Institute. Prior to earning his law and Ph.D. degrees from the Law and Psychology Program of the University of Nebraska, he served as a police officer with the City of Alvin, Alvin Community College, and Hillcrest Village. He continues to hold a Master Peace Officer license with the State of Texas.

*Laura Myers, Ph.D.*

Dr. Laura Myers received her M.S. and Ph.D. in Criminology at Florida State University. She is a Professor of Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University. Dr. Myers is also employed as the Assistant Dean of Students for the College of Criminal Justice. Her research and teaching interests include Organizational Theory, Cultural Diversity, Criminal Justice Education, and Ethical Issues.

*Andrea Perez*

Andrea Perez is a sergeant for the Dallas Police Department. She has served in the Communication Division, Community Services Division, Intelligence Division, and Patrol Division. Sergeant Perez has an Associate's Degree in Applied Science from El Centro College. She has attended numerous training classes and conferences as both a presenter and a participant.

*Armando Perez*

Armando Perez is a detective in the Homicide Division of the Dallas Police Department. During his career with the department, he has served in the Patrol Division, Personnel Division, Vice Control Division, Internal Affairs Division, and Intelligence Division before attaining his present position. Det. Perez holds a Master Peace Officer Certification and has an Associate's Degree in Applied Science from El Centro College and has numerous class hours from Abilene Christian University-Dallas and Southwest Texas State University.

*Sandy Kline*

Houston Police Department's Sergeant Sandy Kline has a B.S. in Criminal Justice from the University of Houston and is a graduate of the Law Enforcement Management Institute. Sgt. Kline started with the Houston Police Department in 1977 and has worked as a patrol officer, field training officer, State-certified crime prevention specialist, crime scene unit operator, and DARE instructor. Sgt. Kline is also a federally-certified hate crimes trainer, federally-certified domestic violence and community policing trainer, and a trained mediator.

# Partners

The Texas Regional Community Policing Institute (TRCPI) maintains partnerships with several agencies and groups across Texas. A tiered-partnership approach is used with one law enforcement agency and one community group as the Institute's primary partners and several other groups as secondary partners subsumed under the primary partners. Community groups also collaborate with the Institute, providing invaluable input and resources.

## **Sam Houston State University**

Sam Houston State University serves as the TRCPI Higher Education partner. Founded in 1879 as one of the first public institutions of higher learning in the state, Sam Houston State University provides educational programming from the baccalaureate through the doctoral level. The Criminal Justice Center (CJC) houses the College of Criminal Justice, which has the largest policing faculty of any criminal justice or criminology program in the country. The CJC also hosts the TRCPI and more than a dozen other Institutes, Centers, Offices, and Programs devoted to training of and technical assistance for criminal justice professionals.

## **Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (LEMIT)**

The Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas operates to provide education, training, research, and service to the Texas law enforcement community in order to inspire excellence in leadership and enhance the effective delivery of law enforcement services. By state statute, LEMIT provides training that is mandatory for every police chief in the state. Additionally, it offers training to police command staff in the form of a command college as well as specialty programs. Accordingly, LEMIT is a valued law enforcement partner.

## **Crime Prevention Resource Center**

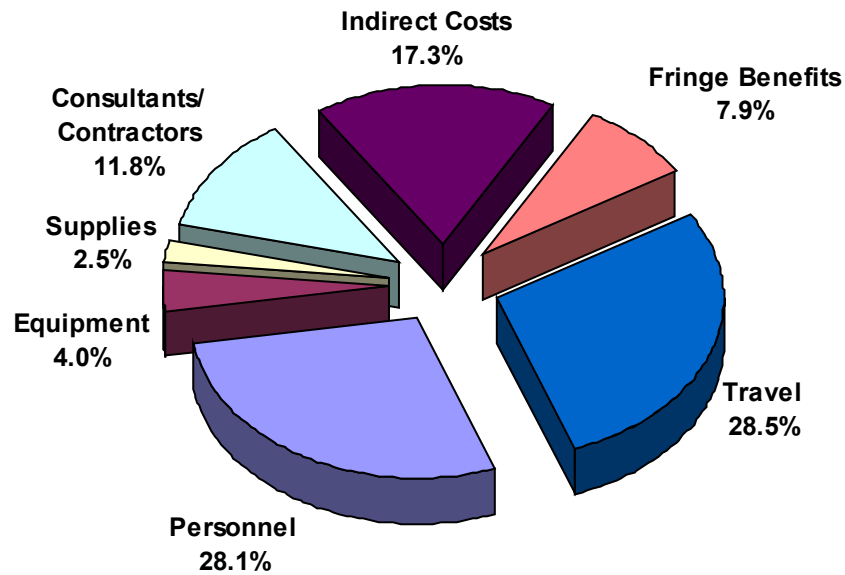
The Crime Prevention Resource Center (formerly known through 1999 as the Citizens Crime Commission of Tarrant County) is a Fort Worth nonprofit agency dedicated to preventing and reducing crime and the fear of crime in Tarrant County, Texas. It promotes crime prevention awareness, education, training, and networking throughout the community.

# Training Summary

Training Topic	Date	Length of Session (hours)	Number of People Attending	Contact Hours
Executive Leadership Domestic Violence Workshop	1/8/2001 - 1/9/2001	14	17	238
Domestic Violence Crime Scene-Evidence Gathering Workshop	2/13/2001	8	14	112
Domestic Violence Workshop Working with Persons of Hispanic Ethnicity	2/23/2001	8	13	104
Domestic Violence Workshop Full Faith and Credit	2/26/2001	8	12	96
Domestic Violence Workshop Accessing and Sharing Information	3/6/2001	8	11	88
Domestic Violence Workshop Working with People of Hispanic Ethnicity	3/20/2001	8	23	184
Domestic Violence Workshop Basic Community Policing to Reduce Domestic Violence	4/3/2001	8	15	120
Domestic Violence Workshop Safety Planning and Risk Assessment	4/17/2001	8	10	80
Domestic Violence Workshop Working with Persons of Hispanic Ethnicity	4/27/2001	8	18	144
Domestic Violence Workshop Recognition of Predominant Aggressor	5/9/2001	8	23	184
Domestic Violence Workshop Working with Persons of Hispanic Ethnicity	5/15/2001	8	13	104
Domestic Violence Workshop Community Policing to Reduce Domestic Violence: The Role of the Courts	5/24/2001	8	13	104
Ethics and Integrity 2001 Workshop	8/17/2001	8	27	216
Leading Community Policing Presentation to the governing board of The Woodlands on how to implement a community policing department from initial formation of the Police Department.	8/17/2001	2	18	36
Ethics and Integrity 2001 Workshop	8/30/2001	8	26	208
Leading Community Policing	9/6/2001 - 9/7/2001	16	29	464
Leading Community Policing	9/13/2001 - 9/14/2001	16	30	480
Ethics and Integrity 2001 Workshop	9/26/2001	8	26	208
Leading Community Policing	9/27/2001 - 9/28/2001	16	36	576
Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving	9/27/2001	8	30	240
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>404</b>	<b>3,986</b>

# Expenditures

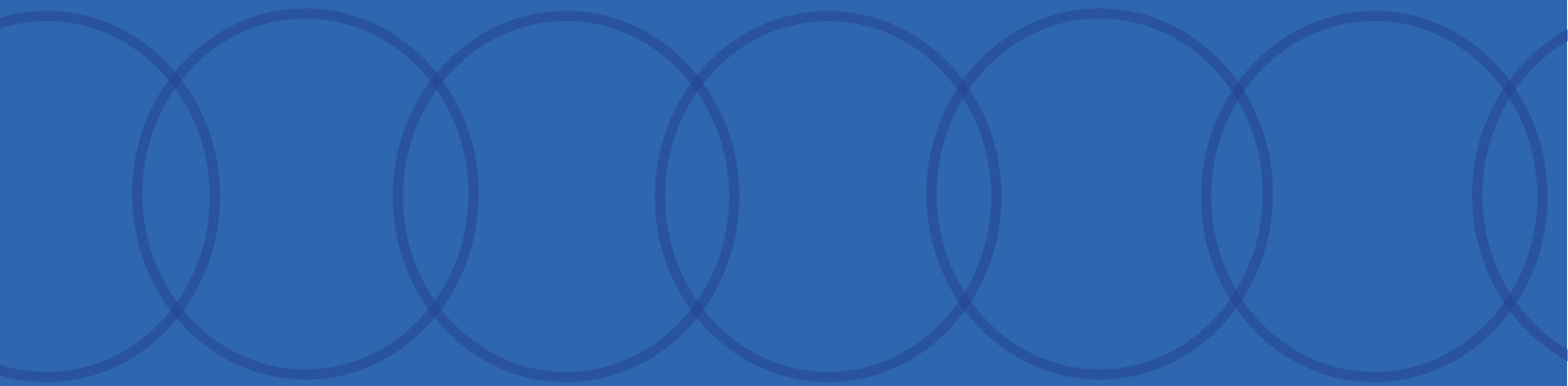
Budget Category	Approved Budget
Personnel	\$70,228
Fringe Benefits	\$19,664
Travel	\$71,150
Equipment	\$10,000
Supplies	\$6,209
Consultants/Contractors	\$29,600
Indirect Costs	\$43,149
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>





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