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WEEKLY NEWS BRIEF

BJS Releases Report on Justice Assistance Grant Program, 2012 – The Department of Justice’s Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) released the technical report Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, 2012, describing formulas used to allocate state and local JAG awards in FY 2012. The JAG program was created in 2005 when Congress merged the Edward Byrne Memorial Grant (Byrne) program with the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) program. The JAG program provides funding for law enforcement; prosecution and courts; prevention and education; corrections and community corrections; drug treatment; planning, evaluation, and technology improvement; and crime victim and witness programs. The Bureau of Justice Assistance administers the program and BJS calculates the formulas.

NIJ Releases Research Report Digest –The National Institute of Justice recently released the Research Report Digest, Issue 7, which includes brief descriptions of studies in a variety of criminal justice disciplines and evaluations of technologies used in the law enforcement and corrections fields. This issue includes reports based on NIJ-funded research added to the NCJRS Abstracts Database from January through March 2012.
<http://www.nij.gov/publications/digest/issue7.htm>

In the News ...

Chuck Heurich, program manager in the National Institute of Justice’s (NIJ) Office of Investigative and Forensic Sciences, will accept the Paul H. Chapman Award on behalf of NIJ and the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) team, which is the nation’s first publicly searchable online database of missing and unidentified persons. The award is given by the Foundation for Improvement of Justice, Inc., a private, nonprofit organization founded in 1986 to improve local, state and federal systems of justice in the U.S. The NamUs team was nominated by a woman whose childhood friend disappeared more than three decades ago. Mary “Bobo” Shinn, a real estate agent, was called to show a house in Magnolia, Arkansas on July 20, 1978. She has not been seen or heard from since — and her case is one of more than 16,000 cases currently in NamUs. www.NAMUS.gov

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