

# DOCUMENTING A DECADE

The Kentucky Law Enforcement magazine celebrates 10 years of informing, entertaining and galvanizing the law enforcement community

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From mimeographed sheets to internal newsletters with blue-ink pictures announcing birthdays, births and transfers, what is now known as the “Kentucky Law Enforcement” magazine has come a long way. Undoubtedly the only publication of its kind in the commonwealth and probably the country, this publication has followed Kentucky law enforcement on its long and successful journey of professionalization.

#### JUST GETTING STARTED

Humble beginnings birthed the concept for Kentucky’s first news magazine strictly geared at providing a gamut of information to the members of the criminal justice community. What at one time started as an internal newsletter for the Bureau of Training, grew into a newsletter for Kentucky’s law enforcement officers that provided information on training, class lists and announcements about new classes. Then, looking to galvanize the entire law enforcement community, in July 1997, the Department of Criminal Justice Training created the “FYI” newsletter.

“One of the things that was recommended by the command staff, chiefs and sheriffs was a more extensive newsletter that did not just cover DOCJT and Justice Cabinet issues, but acted as a typical state newsletter,” DOCJT Commissioner John Bizzack said of the beginning of the ‘FYI.’ “Departments could put something out to other departments ... and they could see what they were doing against other departments and gauge if they were even, ahead or behind. We’d throw in some national news, grant information and just a wider scope. So, the ‘FYI’ grew out of that to create something that was beyond an internal newsletter and more for the police community.”

Over the course of the “FYI’s” first few years, DOCJT received positive feedback from chiefs, sheriffs and agency heads across the state that this idea for getting more information out to Kentucky’s law enforcement was going somewhere, Bizzack recalled.

“But we needed more Kentucky law enforcement news, not Kentucky law enforcement announcements,” he said. “That germinated the idea that we should take this thing and evolve it into more of a magazine for Kentucky law enforcement.

“We needed people to coordinate each issue with something that was going on, or just happened or was about to happen, of general interest to literally 10,000 people,” Bizzack continued.

In the fall of 2001, the first issue of “Inside Information: Kentucky Law Enforcement News” was mailed out across the state.

“We decided this is not about DOCJT, but about DOCJT using its required mission to inform, train and expose Kentucky law enforcement to something that we can, within budget, periodically put out and have people contribute to,” Bizzack said. “It goes to elected officials to let them know what’s going on in the Kentucky law enforcement community and is interesting across the board from the guy who just got out of the academy, right up to the guy who is getting ready to retire, no matter what rank he is. That is a pretty broad scope.”

Daviess County Sheriff Keith Cain agreed.

“The magazine is a culmination of the needs and desires of law enforcement executives across the commonwealth who want their officers to know what the issues and trends are around the state,” Cain said. “It is important that they see and understand that from Pikeville to Paducah >>

## SEPT. 11 ATTACKS

Hijacked jetliners hit the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon outside Washington. A fourth hijacked plane crashed into a field in Pennsylvania. The Federal Aviation Administration halted all flight operations at the nation’s airports for the first time in U.S. history. Hundreds of New York City firemen and policemen sent to rescue WTC workers were lost when the WTC Twin Towers collapsed.

From the first six magazines produced, these covers represent magazines from August 2001 to May 2003. The magazine format was the culmination of years of newsletters and mailings adopted by DOCJT to effectively communicate with Kentucky’s law enforcement community.



# '02

## ENRON SCANDAL

Investors lost more than \$60 billion in the spectacular collapse of Enron. Enron found itself in a huge credit crunch, and the corporation imploded. While executives sold their stock, the workers woke up to find their pension plans were worthless.

Construction on the John W. Bizzack Law Enforcement Complex began in September 2000 and was completed in 2002. The new addition incorporated additional classroom space, offices and a residence hall.



>> officers are facing more similar challenges and success than they realized.”

### GROWING UP

Since 2001, it's not just the form of the publication that has made it successful, but more importantly, the content, which has followed the plethora of changes that have taken place in Kentucky law enforcement within the decade.

“The evolution of this magazine came at a time that corresponded with the evolution of standards, new training programs — the development of things that Kentucky law enforcement had not been exposed to,” Bizzack said. “So, it kind of grew up with a lot of the issues that now are institutionalized. I think it would be very difficult for this magazine to be reduced to anything else.”

The first issue of “Inside Information” was published just three years after the enactment of the Peace Officer Professional Standards. With the change

in training standards and requirements came the need for an expanded facility to efficiently and effectively train all law enforcement officers across the state. In September 2002, phase one of the John W. Bizzack Law Enforcement Complex was completed. The new 127,000 square-foot facility featured new classrooms, office space, residence hall, simulated police station, library, computer lab, breath test lab and a recreation room for recruits. Phase two, completed in March 2003, added a 60,000 square-foot training facility for physical fitness and defensive tactics.

“Especially for new recruits, [the training facility] gave a more structured environment,” said Van Ingram, Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy executive director and former Maysville police chief. “It lent itself to a more professional training experience for basic recruits.

“From a fiscal standpoint, for in-service training it made it nice on budgets when we had a place to house people ... that didn't cost anything,” he added.

Expanded facilities made way for expanded training options.

“Ten years ago there were still a lot of 40-hour classes,” said Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police Executive Director Mike Bischoff. “Now we have academies within the academy with three-week classes, 10-week classes. The training has become so much more intensified.”

One example of expanded training was the creation of the Leadership Development Section. Classes like Criminal Justice Executive Development, a five-week class designed to enhance leadership abilities and encourage the development of visionary thinkers came about in the late 1990s. However, classes of that caliber were extended to include the Academy of Police Supervision. Graduating its first class in June 2003, APS, also called the sergeant's academy, is a three-week, 120-hour



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training program targeted for newly-promoted sergeants or officers who are on their agency's promotion list to become sergeants. These and other successive leadership-type courses were compiled to create the Kentucky Leadership Institute.

“I think the leadership institute has been amazing,” Ingram said. “When I first started, if you were promoted to sergeant or lieutenant, you were handed a different badge, maybe some stripes or bars, and that's it. There was not much to prepare you for your new role.

“It's quite the change when you go from one of the guys in patrol to being the boss, and the leadership institute just does a great job preparing people for those changes,” he continued.

Also in 2003, DOCJT became the first public safety training academy to

be certified under the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies' newly created Public Safety Training Academy Accreditation program. This served as another push in the direction for Kentucky agencies to take continued steps toward professionalization. In addition, the Kentucky League of Cities and Kentucky Association of Counties partnered with DOCJT, KACP and others to create model policies agencies across the state could use as a resource in creating solid policies for their departments to follow, Bischoff said.

### TECHNOLOGY DIRECTS TRAINING

Geared at keeping Kentucky's law enforcement community up-to-date and informed on the latest trends and gadgets, the “Kentucky Law Enforcement” >>

Mobile data terminals and advancements in communication technology helped launch Kentucky's law enforcement agencies into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

# '03

## IRAQ INVASION

The 2003 invasion of Iraq was the start of the conflict known as the Iraq War or Operation Iraqi Freedom in which a combined force of troops invaded Iraq and toppled the regime of Saddam Hussein.

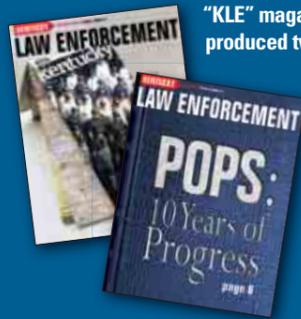


## FACEBOOK LAUNCHES

Harvard University student, Mark Zuckerberg, launched Facebook. It first caught fire with college students and then the world. Every day, 35 million users update their status. They upload 2.5 billion photos per month. Joined by Friendster, MySpace, Twitter, blogs, LinkedIn and other technologies, it is part of a profound communication revolution.

## HOT OFF THE PRESS

This magazine that you are reading makes the 41<sup>st</sup> "Kentucky Law Enforcement" magazine to come off the press since its inception. The first magazine was published in late August 2001. The following year, there were only three magazines printed. Beginning in March 2003, the magazine began its quarterly production, hitting the mailboxes of law enforcement agencies across the commonwealth in March, June, September and December. In addition to these quarterly magazines, the "KLE" magazine staff has produced two special edition magazines — one in 2007 and one in 2009.



>> magazine has covered the gamut on many of the technological advances that have come available to law enforcement officers in the past decade. From the onset of mobile data terminal use around 2001, to e-warrants, to social networking and iPhone apps, the technological world surrounding policing has grown by leaps and bounds.

"One thing that comes to mind quickly with both positive and negative implications for law enforcement is social networking," said Kentucky State Police Commissioner Rodney Brewer. "On the positive side, we have already attempted to take the harness. We have a KSP Facebook page with more than 33,000 friends. ... So, I think in the law enforcement world, in developing information and from a community-oriented policing aspect and with recruiting, social networking has some very powerful implications that you don't want to miss out on.

"The downside is that we are recruiting from a generation that has grown up with that," he continued. "They feel very comfortable with that — maybe too comfortable."

In addition to social networking, computers and technology have given a new

angle on crime and investigation, too. In a world that becomes smaller every day because of the ease of communication and the advances in information sharing, law enforcement training has to become more globally focused, Brewer said.

"When you talk about Internet crimes and Internet crimes against children, fraud-type crimes, intelligence sharing and immigration into our state by different cultures, I think it is important that we continually establish relationships not only in our state, but across the United States and even the world," he said. "And, I think it's important that our training reflects that as well."

Popular culture and technology also have influenced the direction of law enforcement capabilities. When the show "CSI" premiered in late 2000, it began what is now referred to as the 'CSI effect,' where the people in the communities served by local law enforcement expected those officers to be able to use the techniques and solve cases in the same way as the 'detectives' on "CSI."

"DNA used to take a year, if you could get it done, and it cost a fortune," Bischoff recalled.

## HURRICANE KATRINA HITS LOUISIANA

Massive Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Region of the United States on August 29, 2005. The category four hurricane caused extensive and severe damage in Louisiana and Mississippi, but the hardest hit area was New Orleans. A break in the levee system caused massive flooding throughout most of the city, leaving about 180,000 homes under water.

Though many of the things they do on the show are not accurate, and the timelines are skewed, the true capabilities of the KSP forensic laboratories have transformed over the past decade, allowing some of what is seen on TV to be reality.

Likewise, the training offered for law enforcement officers in the field of crime-scene investigations has risen to meet the expectation — equipping Kentucky officers with the skills necessary to keep pace with what their communities have grown to expect.

In 2007, DOCJT launched the Kentucky Criminalistics Academy in an effort to thoroughly train new crime scene investigators so they could hit the streets running, instead of learning slowly over the span of a 10-, 15- or 20-year career. At its inception, the KCA was a 10-week, 400-hour training course consisting of lectures and practical exercises, covering numerous topics related to CSI work. KCA training covers:

- Digital photography
- Advance latent print development
- Evidence collection and documentation
- Arson investigation
- Shooting reconstruction
- Bloodstain pattern recognition
- Post blast investigation
- Forensic mapping and computer crimes investigation.

Beginning next spring, the KCA will be offered as two five-week courses, allowing DOCJT to provide advanced forensic training to a broader law enforcement audience without sacrificing the quality of training.

In 2008, legislation made it mandatory to obtain a DNA sample from every convicted felon. These DNA profiles are put into a DNA database and can be used as a source to link known offenders to unsolved cases. >>



Advancements in forensic capabilities, such as DNA processing, over the past decade have added a new dimension to law enforcement investigations across the commonwealth.

## AMISH SCHOOL SHOOTING

A milk truck driver carrying three guns and a childhood grudge stormed a one-room Amish schoolhouse. He sent the boys and adults outside, barricaded the doors with wood planks and opened fire on a dozen girls, killing three people before committing suicide.



## THE STAFF

The Kentucky Law Enforcement magazine has had many talented individuals who have worked in various capacities through the years to make the publication what it is today.

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## VIRGINIA TECH SHOOTING

Thirty-three people were killed on the campus of Virginia Tech in what was the deadliest school-shooting rampage in American history. Many of the victims were students shot in a dorm and a classroom. Witnesses described scenes of mass chaos and unimaginable horror as some students were lined up against a wall and shot.

>> “One of the struggles we’ve had because of legislation that was passed ... is it created a back log in our system,” Brewer said. “We are processing those (samples) painstakingly and would love to get those into databases even quicker.

“Though DNA has posed challenges, I think the challenges are far outweighed by the benefits of the database and the intelligence we’re getting from that,” he continued.

### SPREADING THE WORD

“In the ever-changing field of law enforcement, professionals must constantly balance time-tested methods with new and innovative techniques,” said Justice and

Public Safety Cabinet Secretary J. Michael Brown. The “Kentucky Law Enforcement” magazine fills a critical need by highlighting the important and often dangerous work performed by law enforcement, as well as providing officers and staff with the most current data, skills, equipment and technology to support their mission. For the past decade, this publication has been the go-to source of information on trends, issues and legislation impacting the law enforcement community.”

The goal of the “Kentucky Law Enforcement” magazine since its inception was to provide an avenue for effectively keeping police executives and officers informed about changing issues, and to showcase

## FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN PRESIDENT ELECTED

Barack Obama changed more than 200 years of history by winning the election as the first African-American president of the United States. A crowd of nearly a quarter-million jammed Grant Park and the surrounding area in Chicago, where Obama addressed the nation for the first time as its president-elect at midnight.

## U.S. FALLS INTO ECONOMIC CRISIS

The International Monetary Fund projected the 1.3 percent drop in a grim forecast. As a result, it was estimated at least 10 million people around the world would be jobless. The IMF said, “By any measure, this downturn represents by far the deepest global recession since the Great Depression. All corners of the globe are being affected.”

how current law enforcement issues were being handled across the state by varying agencies.

“I think the magazine is a high-class publication,” Brewer said. “Among many purposes it has served, it has been a tremendous outreach into the law enforcement community ... and has served as an incredible avenue for law enforcement to get to know one another and know what’s going on in different communities throughout the commonwealth.”

Since the magazine is a publication, intended for law enforcement officers at every stage of their careers, it is important that departments make it available to each officer.

“When I was chief I made sure I got one for every one on the department, because it’s important for a police officer in Maysville to know that the issues he or she is facing as an officer are the same as those an officer in Middlesboro is facing,” Ingram said. “It’s important that we all get information at the same time and the magazine helps do that.”

“The pass along on these is what has always astonished me,” Bizzack said. “I saw a copy in a cruiser once and that one issue was dog eared ... inside pages folded, there were highlights and notes. I asked [the officer] if he did that and he said ‘No,’ but probably the 10 people who had it before him did.”

“The idea today is that there is enough information in these publications that every officer in the state can find at least one thing in there that is interesting and contributes to the performance of his work, expands his knowledge of where to go and look for other things or gives him information he may never have known,” Cain said. “Every single page of every single issue may not interest every single officer, but there is something in every issue that does.”

The months of planning, traveling, interviewing, photographing, writing and designing that go into each issue is specifically tailored to meet the needs and wants of Kentucky’s law enforcement community. The magazine is constantly striving to remain a product that proves useful to its audience, by including informative stories and sharing the unique aspects of departments across the commonwealth with their comrades in every county and city in Kentucky.

“It’s interesting, it’s informative,” Bischoff said. “I’ve traveled the state and I still learn a ton of stuff (from the magazine). ...It covers the entire gamut and does it very, very well.”

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## BP OIL SPILL

The BP oil disaster was the largest accidental marine oil spill in the history of the petroleum industry, dumping about 4.9 million barrels of crude oil along the Gulf of Mexico. The spill caused extensive damage to marine and wildlife habitats and to the Gulf’s fishing and tourism industries.

## OSAMA BIN LADEN KILLED

Declaring “justice has been done,” President Barack Obama announced Osama Bin Laden was killed by U.S. forces in Pakistan, marking the end of the worldwide manhunt that began nearly a decade ago on Sept. 11, 2001.

