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FIVE ROMANIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING DIRECTORS VISIT THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING

RICHMOND, Ky. – The Department of Criminal Justice Training hosted five top Romanian law enforcement academy directors today on a visit sponsored by the United States Embassy in Bucharest, Romania and the United States Department of Justice International Criminal Investigative Assistance Program.

The group, which arrived in the United States on March 5, toured the DOCJT as part of an effort by the Ministry of Administration and Interior in Romania to observe and develop a practical, hands-on method of law enforcement training instead of the classroom-based learning methods currently used in their academy.

“We are very pleased to host the Romania police academy this week,” DOCJT Commissioner John Bizzack said. “As the first public safety training academy in the United States and Canada to be accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies under its Public Safety Training Academy Accreditation program in March 2003, we look forward to sharing our methods of success and helping other training facilities to progress.”

The six visiting participants included General Costica Voicu, the rector of the Alexandru Ioan Cuza Police Academy; Ion Ciurea, chief commissioner of the Center for Post University Studies; Chief Secretary Marius Chervase, PhD, the Police Academy Senate’s scientific secretary commissar; Col. Ioan Nastase, chief of the Guard and Protection Service (SPP) Professional Training Center; George Scott, U.S. Department of Justice International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program senior police technical advisor; and Cornelia Bucur, personal advisor to George Scott, who also served as an interpreter.

The participants were given the opportunity to tour the DOCJT facilities, observe the hands-on training that takes place at the department, and take part in defensive driving and firearms demonstrations.

The main purpose behind the Romanian directors’ visit was to help them identify law enforcement training methods that deviate from their current police academy instruction, which relies primarily on lectures rather than practical methods of instruction.



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The six-person group will also visit the FBI Academy, the Bowling Green Police Department, Warren County Circuit Court, Commonwealth Prosecutor Chris Cohron's Office, Warren County Sheriff's Office, Warren County Regional Jail and the Bowling Green Fire Department.

This week's visit is one of two week-long visits the Romanian will make to the United States. The second visit is scheduled for March 26 through April 2 and will be comprised of four police academy and Center for Post University Studies professors.

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