

July 27, 2010

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Dear Brian,

This letter is in response to your email of July 16 seeking information regarding how IACLEA uses the data from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics' Campus Law Enforcement Survey. As you know from previous discussions with our Board, the data that comes from the survey is of enormous importance to IACLEA and its 1,200 member institutions, which represent colleges and universities in the U.S. This report by BJS is the only nationwide study with objective and comprehensive data covering a host of campus public safety issues, including: staffing levels, police powers, technology, salaries, training requirements, and reported crimes. In addition to its informational value, it provides crucial benchmarking data not available elsewhere for every campus public safety agency in the country. The BJS data informs IACLEA's public policy discussions. In addition, the data is used by IACLEA assessors who perform management reviews of campus public safety departments under the Loaned Executive Management Assistance Program (LEMAP). IACLEA also receives a number of requests from not only members, but from the general public and news organizations for national data on campus public safety and we generally send a web link to the BJS survey.

From a public policy standpoint, the BJS survey ensures that campus public safety departments are making efforts to operate in accordance with national benchmarks as identified by the survey results. The survey helps members and public policy makers identify gaps (e.g. access to services, emergency management, Homeland security initiatives, etc.) so steps can be taken to make campuses safer and protect vital assets. This benefits the nation in the form of enhanced protection and crime prevention initiatives.

In the past, IACLEA has dedicated resources in efforts to obtain a higher response rate to the BJS survey. This underscores our belief in the importance of the data.

Please feel free to contact the staff at headquarters if you need any further information about how IACLEA utilizes the BJS survey.

Very truly yours,



Phillip A. Johnson  
President

**IACLEA**  
**Institutional Breakdown as of July 27, 2010**

**2-Year Institutions:**

MI2A (Under 1,999)	47
MI2B (2,000-4,999)	64
MI2C (5,000-9,999)	69
MI2D (10,000-19,999)	54
MI2E (20,000+)	33

**4-Year Institutions:**

MI4A (Under 1,999)	276
MI4B (2,000-4,999)	244
MI4C (5,000-9,999)	158
MI4D (10,000-19,999)	126
MI4E (20,000+)	96

**1,293 USA Institutions**