

IDAHO CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

"Collaborating for a Safer Idaho"
Established 2005
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Strategic Planning

A Project Manager was hired through the Byrne-JAG grant to assist the Chair and Commission members with implementing goals and strategies as well as contracting with consultants to provide "evidence based" and "best practice" presentations and college level research, developing and maintaining a Commission web site, tracking assigned tasks, documenting meetings, and developing and implementing statewide presentations.

A "Work Plan" document was adopted to provide balance and integration of key elements at meetings as identified through the strategic planning process:

- Continued learning.
- Continued system-wide evaluation.
- Develop policy recommendations as appropriate.
- Develop/Support legislation as appropriate.
- Action plan implementation.
- Ongoing Commission management.

Gang Strategies

The Governor and the Commission membership brought forward legislation for the first time in Idaho to put in place a statute that provides for a criminal enhancement penalty provision for gang members who commit certain criminal acts. This statute clearly defines the criteria and definition for a gang and gang membership. It also established a penalty for recruiting prospective gang members and for supplying a gang member with a gun. This was a key piece of legislation to address Idaho's emerging gang problem.

An evening Commission meeting was held in Caldwell with a panel of local leaders and the public to listen, learn, talk, and identify key needs and possible actions about gang issues.

The Commission met their strategic plan objective of identifying locations of gang problems or potential/related issues across the state.

Population Management

In addressing the critical problem of continued growth in the incarcerated offender population, both juvenile and adult, available databases were optimized.

Sex Offender Management

An improvement in sex offender registration procedure and requirements was another issue before the legislature this year. The Commission supported the Governor's effort to increase the frequency of registration for all registered sex offenders, as well as, more closely monitor violent sex offenders. This common sense approach to account for and increase law enforcement interaction with sex offenders in our communities will reduce the likelihood that their disappearance would go unnoticed or undetected for a substantial period of time.

Commission members learned about evidence-based assessment processes for effective assessment and treatment programs for sex offenders.

The Commission sent a letter to Idaho's congressional delegation outlining the Commission's concerns for the House and Senate versions of proposed federal sex offender legislation.

Absconders were added to the Idaho State Police and local law enforcement web sites. The Commission supported enforcement of active sex offender registry verification system in Idaho and in coordination with other states; Idaho State Police and Idaho Sex Offender Registry link their data with National Alert Registry.

Substance Abuse

Issues dealing with the methamphetamine situation in Idaho were acted upon during the legislative session. One key piece of legislation supported by the Commission membership dealt with pseudoephedrine control which limit transactions to vendor assisted sales based upon production of valid identification and a per transaction limit of 9 grams of pseudoephedrine. This is not the toughest piece of legislation to address the clandestine use of pseudoephedrine in the manufacture of methamphetamine, but it provides a balanced approach between the needs of the consumer and the theft of this product for use in illicit drug labs.

The Commission supported the establishment of the Office of Drug Policy and support for the director of that office in substance abuse prevention and reduction.

