

# Administration of Justice



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## DEA exhibit on cost and consequences of drugs



The Drug Enforcement Administration's traveling exhibit "Target America: Opening Eyes to the Damage Drugs Cause" will open in Los Angeles at the California Science Center on October 2, 2008. The exhibit runs until May 3, 2009.

The exhibit will explore the science behind illegal drug addiction and the myriad of costs of illegal drugs-to individuals, American society

and the world. Other areas of the exhibit will focus on prevention, treatment and law enforcement issues related to drugs in Southern California as well as current neuroscience research aimed at understanding and breaking the cycle of drug abuse and addiction.

Guests will discover the many intricate ways different drugs are produced throughout the world. Displays illustrating drug production include a recreated jungle cocaine lab, an Afghan heroin factory and toxic methamphetamine hotel "cook" room.

Displays that focus on trafficking show how drugs are smuggled in soles of shoes; soaked in fabrics; or even

swallowed by drug "mules". The exhibit also explains where drug money goes and how it is secretly laundered.

The terrible toll drugs take on the body is highlighted as well. Guests view common patterns of brain activity in addicts and learn how MRI machines are helping scientists uncover the secrets of addiction and recovery.

The Science Center is located at Exposition Park in Los Angeles and open daily from 10am to 5pm. Admission to the center is free. Parking is available in the guest lot at Figueroa and 39th/Exposition Park Drive at \$6 per car. For more information call them at 213-744-7446.

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## Women in Law Enforcement Career Day 10-25-2008

This unique seminar is presented by members from the recruitment unit of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. The focus of this seminar is to provide women with the necessary tools to help them successfully complete the hiring process. Women attendees

will be provided with specific information about the department, how to distinguish themselves from other applicants and motivate women to initiate and complete the application process.

Location: College of the Canyons in Valencia On-site testing for deputy sheriff

and custody assistant. For more information, go to their website at [LASD.org](http://LASD.org). Also, exhibits and demonstrations by specialized units such as SWAT, K-9, Arson and Explosives and Search and Rescue.

See you there.

## Legal Interpretation and Translation program at Cal State L.A.

This certificate program sponsored by the Division of Extended Education, trains you for county, state, and federal examinations required for employment as certified interpreters and translators.

Positions exist in a variety of areas: federal, state, superior, and municipal courts; California state administrative hearings; labor-related hearings; government agencies (e.g., Immi-

gration and Naturalization Service); medical centers; insurance companies; financial institutions; international corporations; law enforcement agencies; private businesses; and consulting assignments. Salaries range from \$30,000 to \$50,000 a year and more.

**Admission Requirements:** Completion of a minimum of 54 quarter units (36 semester units) of post-secondary education or

equivalent knowledge and experience to demonstrate the ability to perform upper-division course work. Successful completion of a bilingual (Spanish-English) placement test in the following areas: reading comprehension, spelling and grammar; writing; listening comprehension; dictation; short translations; speaking fluency, and diction. For more information call them at 323-343-4922



## Thefts of Catalytic Converters on the rise in L.A.

According to the El Segundo Police department, catalytic converters from trucks and SUV's are prime targets for thieves wanting to make a fast buck. The catalytic converter is part of the exhaust system located underneath the vehicle and is designed to reduce toxicity of emissions from an internal combustion engine. Thieves steal the

catalytic converters because they contain small amounts of precious metals including platinum-which is worth up to \$1,290 an ounce; palladium-which is worth up to \$370 an ounce; and rhodium-which can trade for up to \$6,000 an ounce on the market. The cost of replacing the catalytic converter can range from several hundreds dollars to

over one thousand dollars. The El Segundo Police department recommend etching vehicle license numbers on the converters and or spot welding the nut/bolt assembly preventing from being removed. Check out their website for more information at [elsegundo.org](http://elsegundo.org)

CATALYTIC CONVERTERS ARE BEING STOLEN FOR THE PRECIOUS METALS THAT ARE INSIDE VALUED AT HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS

## Fingerprint Identification and Classification course

Dates: January 12 - 17, 2009  
Cost: \$82.00  
Location: The Sacramento Regional Public Safety Training Center, McClellan, CA  
College Credit: 2 Units  
Course Description: This five day 40 hour course is designed for those who desire to learn how to identify and classify fingerprints. Also those

who are preparing to become I.A.I. Certified Ten Print Technicians or Latent Print Examiners. The course will consist of lecture, demonstrations and many hands-on practical exercises.  
Instructor: FBI Special Agent Mike Stapleton, M.A. (Retired)  
For further information,

please visit [www.forensicsRus.com](http://www.forensicsRus.com) or contact Mike@forensicsRus.com or call (916) 939-2211. To register, contact the Sacramento Regional Public Safety Training Center, McClellan, CA, phone number - (916) 570-5000. Criminal justice students are welcome.

