

**IACP SELECTS CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN BERNARDINO  
POLICE FOR NEW VICTIM SERVICE PROGRAM**  
**California State University San Bernardino Police Is One of Eight Test Sites for  
Innovative Program**

**California State University San Bernardino Police:** The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) today selected the **California State University San Bernardino Police** as one of eight sites nationwide to test a new national strategy to enhance law enforcement's response and assistance to victims of crime. The national strategy was developed by the IACP under a multi-year effort funded by the Office for Victims of Crime within the Office of Justice Programs at the U.S. Department of Justice. **California State University San Bernardino Police** will work with the strategy that the Charlotte-Mecklenburg, NC, Beaverton, OR, and Mundelein, IL, police departments pilot-tested over the past year.

The IACP selected the **California State University San Bernardino Police** and seven other sites based on their progressive approach to victim response. These agencies will focus their efforts on validating the usefulness of the draft documents accompanying the strategy -- *The Implementation Guide* and *The Resource Toolkit*—in their respective jurisdictions.

A joint statement from the chiefs of the three original pilot sites confirms the value and impact of this new approach to assisting victims: *“Incorporating the strategy concepts into all aspects of our organizations has taken leadership, vision, commitment, perseverance, and creativity. Nonetheless, in just a little over 12 months, we were able to achieve measurable changes in our agencies in the areas of leadership, partnering, training, and performance monitoring, the core elements of the strategy.”*

In October 2007, representatives from each department associated with the project will meet at the 114<sup>th</sup> Annual IACP Conference in New Orleans, LA, for the validation phase kick-off. Representatives from the newly selected sites will have an opportunity to discuss and finalize their implementation plans. Once validated, the complete strategy package will be released nationally. The ultimate goal of this IACP initiative is to create a cultural “sea change” within America's law enforcement community, helping to move toward a philosophy and practice of enhanced response to victims of crime.

Along with the **California State University San Bernardino Police**, the other sites representing a diverse mix of state, county, municipal, college, and university law enforcement agencies chosen for testing are:

- New York State Police (NY)
- Denver Police Department (CO)
- Flint Police Department (MI)
- Summer Police Department (WA)
- Hastings Police Department (NE)
- Loudoun County Sheriff's Office (VA)
- Broken Arrow Police Department (OK)