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# **Library Links**



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#### A helpful resource...

The Maryland Community Services Locator (MDCSL; <a href="www.mdscl.org">www.mdscl.org</a>) is a way for service providers as well as the public-at-large to locate information about a wealth of community services and their locations. The site was developed by the Center for Substance Abuse Research (CESAR) at the University of Maryland, College Park and it includes available services across the entire state. The site is currently in expansion mode and users should always contact the agency they are interested in prior to visiting.

There are informational and promotional materials on the website that can be utilized in a variety of ways; some are available as PDF documents that can be downloaded and others can be ordered from the organization.



#### **Now in Production**

The 2009-2010 edition of the <u>Directory of Maryland County Officials</u> is currently in production. This extensive publication is printed every two years, and the library will hopefully have a copy for your perusal after it has been published.

#### What We Have...

This is the address for our agency intranet-http://10.23.152.52/--and from here, you can click on the very first link under the heading "Agency Resources." That will take you to our online catalog <u>Surpass</u> where you can search to find what the library has for you. Or you can go to http://10.23.152.54/surpass/websafari.exe/. "What is more important in a library than anything else—than everything else—is the fact that it exists." ~ Archibald MacLeish

Books, videos, DVDs, CDs, reports, and other materials are available to help you in your teaching and your research. Well over **1500** items and counting! Any questions?...Send me an e-mail or call me at x3544.

## **Another New Acquisition**

We have received an updated/revised version (version .09) of the training CD entitled <u>Use of Force</u>. This revision of the 2004 original will allow instructors to view the content of this 8-hour course. It is now catalogued and available for checkout and is identified by the call number **No. 183, Series 2** in our <u>Surpass</u> online catalog.

If anyone is interested, please come by to check it out

#### **Training Notes**

If anyone would like a hard copy, the print version of our March-April issue of <u>Training</u> Notes is available at the circulation desk.

The May-June issue is currently under construction and you will be notified when it is available online.

Remember if you have any good ideas for articles to submit to <u>Training Notes</u>, please contact me at x3544 or send me an e-mail.

#### **Our Subscription Database**

I just wanted to remind you about our subscription database, <u>Criminal Justice</u> <u>Periodicals Index (CJPI)</u>, which is a great

resource for locating information published in journals and magazines relevant to criminal justice.

If you go to <a href="http://proquest.umi.com/login">http://proquest.umi.com/login</a>, you will be connected to the database, and you can search a subject using either a basic or advanced search. You can also search by publication (e.g., <a href="#FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin">FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin</a>). In addition, there are many ways to narrow your search, either by date or by document or by publication type. In addition, you can request a full-text search only which will bring up just those articles that appear in their entirety. You can limit the parameters of your search even more by specifying that you want the system to only search for scholarly articles.

Save the above web address to your **Favorites** list to readily access this database and search to your heart's content. If you aren't sure how to get started, contact me and I'll be happy to set up a training session with you.



# In the Line of Duty

The latest two DVD programs in the <u>In the Line of Duty</u> series have arrived in the library and both are now available for checkout. They are:

**Volume 12, Program 9**—"Large Animal Crash Response/Backup: Jail Home for Abused Animals" (**29 minutes**)

Volume 12, Program 10—"Hazardous Materials/What Every Cop Needs to Know/Porn Star (Somehow) Gets TN Deputy's Uniform" (30 minutes)

There will only be a few more programs produced in DVD format, after which the product will only be available in a streaming video format from <u>In the Line of Duty</u>. So enjoy this option while you can!

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### Regular Updates

If you have an ongoing topic of interest and would like me to do a periodic subject search on that for you, please contact me. You get to stay abreast of the new information that is being published without having to worry about making time to do it regularly. Send an e-mail or give me a call at x3544.



#### **Fun Reading**

Don't forget about our small collection of leisuretime reading that has been accumulated in the library. These materials are not part of our "official" collection but there is a physical space dedicated to them, and they are available for checkout.

In case you don't have time to go to the library or you want to conserve your hard-earned \$, here's a place to come for a Dean Koontz novel, a James Patterson novel, or a host of other popular novelist choices.

Stop by and browse to find something for that beach getaway or for a quiet evening at home.



#### **Did Yoy Know,...**

- ~ more than 6 out of 10 adults (60 percent) use a public library at least once a year?
- ~ a 2008 Harris Poll showed that the percentage of adults in the U.S. who have public library cards is now at an historic 68%?
- ~ that for many people, especially in tough economic times, the library is the best resource for the price? By offering free access to books, fast Internet connections, guidance by library professionals, and access to a variety of online resources and training not available to users at home, libraries are an important component of economic solvency for a community.

(This information comes from recent publications issued by the American Library Association)

Have an enjoyable and safe Memorial Day weekend!