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**ARKANSAS TAKES A NATIONAL ROLE IN PREPARING STUDENTS  
FOR A CAREER IN LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY**

As increased concern about national security and public safety creates unprecedented job growth in law, public safety and security, the Arkansas Department of Workforce Education is taking a leading role in preparing high school students for careers in these areas.

“As the developer of the national career cluster for law, public safety and security, Arkansas has laid the groundwork to help students transition from high school through post-secondary schools into careers in corrections, law enforcement, security, legal services and emergency and fire management,” John Davidson, DWE deputy director, said.

Davidson presented the state’s efforts at the American Correctional Association’s 134<sup>th</sup> Congress of Correction in Chicago Wednesday, Aug. 4. Also speaking in the same workshop were New York Police Chief Robert N. Davoren and Elvin Gonzalez of the Berrien County Trial Court in Michigan.

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The career cluster developed through Davidson's office is used as the basis for curriculum in high school career and technical programs nationwide. Besides identifying various career paths, it analyzes the knowledge and skills necessary in each field, job potential, educational requirements and possible salaries.

For instance, employment of police and detectives is expected to increase faster than all other occupations through 2010. And jobs in corrections services are expected to grow by at least 36 percent through 2010.

"We're pleased to provide leadership in law and public safety, which are critical careers in today's environment," Dr. Steve Franks, DWE director, said. "Partnering with law enforcement agencies such as the ACA is essential to the success of our career and technical schools and students."

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