

Local Stakeholders Identify Top Public Safety Issues for the San Diego Region

In late 2007, the Criminal Justice Research Division (CJRD) surveyed Clearinghouse stakeholders (which include collaborative partners and individuals and groups who access or utilize CJRD information and data). The primary goal of this survey was to learn how CJRD products were received and what additional types of information would be useful to practitioners and policy makers across the region. In addition, an open-ended question was included on the survey which asked respondents:

“In your opinion, what are the top three criminal justice issues for the San Diego region in the upcoming ten years?”

As Figure 1 shows, the top five responses to this question related to the issues of drugs, gangs and juvenile violent crime, prisoner reentry (from jails and prisons back to the communities), illegal immigration and border security, and law enforcement budget constraints (and difficulty maintaining staffing). During the remainder of 2008, the CJ Faxes distributed by the CJRD will focus on these five areas in particular, providing information about what we know at the national level on these issues, as well as how this applies on a local level. To learn more about recent SANDAG studies in these areas, please visit our Web site at www.sandag.org/cjc.

Figure 1
TOP FIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ISSUES FOR THE SAN DIEGO REGION IN NEXT DECADE

