THOUGHTS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Jim Jones

On August 20, 2020, we held the second COE Summit and launched our “New Normal” series of webinars. This important event brought together experts to share strategies to manage the impact of the pandemic on our nation’s infrastructure, law enforcement agencies, and communities. The Speaker Series featured former Homeland Security Director John King, who shared insights on how to strengthen our nation’s resilience. The series also included a panel discussion on criminal investigations and network analysis, moderated by Professor Martin Bouchard of George Mason University, along with experts from the National Institute of Justice and law enforcement agencies. Our attendees learned valuable lessons about how to adapt and thrive in the new environment.

CINA Open RFP 20-21

CINA is seeking white papers presenting research ideas intended to support our mission to advance research on crime, violence, and terrorism. The research ideas should be focused on one of the following areas: (1) criminal investigations and network analysis; (2) criminal organizations and the facilitation of cybercrime; (3) crime streets and the digital ecosystem; (4) social media, digital, and virtual environments. Submissions will be accepted at any time during the RFP open period (June 2020 – June 2021).

NEWS

The Evolution of Human Trafficking During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Over a recent summer, a faculty-student research team from Eastern New Mexico University completed a study on the long-range implications of the COVID-19 pandemic on human trafficking. The project, conducted by the CINA Summer Research Team, utilized data and surveys to explore the challenges faced by law enforcement agencies and the public in addressing human trafficking during the pandemic. The findings highlight the need for continued support and resources for organizations working to combat human trafficking.

A promising alternative to policing high-crime streets

A new study by the American Society of Criminology (ASC) examines the impact of a non-policing strategy on reducing crime in high-risk areas. The research, conducted by Dr. Sally Warren of the University of North Carolina, suggests that a community-based approach, focusing on public safety and social services, can effectively reduce crime rates in such areas. The findings provide valuable insights for policymakers and law enforcement agencies.

EVENTS

Virtual Event/ Finding Trafficking Networks in Online Commercial Sex Ads

On September 12, 2020, a virtual event was held to discuss the challenges and strategies for finding trafficking networks in online commercial sex ads. The event featured guest speakers from law enforcement agencies, technology companies, and non-profit organizations. The speakers shared their insights on how to identify and disrupt these networks, with a focus on using data analytics and AI to enhance law enforcement efforts.

Beyond 9/11/ Homeland Security and Transnational/crime Virtual Panel Discussion

On September 10, 2020, a virtual panel discussion was held to discuss the impact of the 9/11 attacks on homeland security, law enforcement, and the criminal justice system. The panel featured experts from various fields, including law enforcement, academia, and government. The discussion highlighted the need for continued collaboration and innovation to address the evolving threats to national security.

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Meet the Eastern New Mexico University CINA Summer Research Team

CINA conducted this research as part of the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Diplomatic Security’s Global Counterterrorism Fellowship Program. The research focused on the long-range implications of the COVID-19 pandemic on human trafficking. The findings provide valuable insights for policymakers and law enforcement agencies.

Events Calendar