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Timothy Bynum is a Professor in the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University and is formerly the Associate Director of the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research at MSU. He received his Ph.D. in Criminology from Florida State University. Dr. Bynum has considerable experience in policing research having been the principal investigator in over 30 national, state, and local research efforts in the area of crime and justice. He has published extensively with articles appearing in *Criminology*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*, and *Crime and Delinquency*. He is presently concluding a visiting fellowship with the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. In addition, he was a member of the research teams of the recently concluded national evaluations of the Youth Firearms Violence Initiative and the Weed and Seed strategy. Additionally, Dr. Bynum has been the Site Director for the Detroit Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring (ADAM) program, formerly the Drug Abuse Forecasting Program, since 1994. He is also the Director of the Michigan Justice Statistics Center and is currently the President of the Justice Research and Statistics Association.

Gary Cordner

Gary Cordner is Dean of the College of Law Enforcement at Eastern Kentucky University, where he is also a Professor of Police Studies and Director of the Regional Community Policing Institute. He received his doctorate from Michigan State University and served as a police officer and police chief in Maryland. Dr. Cordner has co-authored textbooks on police administration and criminal justice planning and co-edited the volumes *What Works in Policing?*, *Police Operations: Analysis and Evaluation*, *Managing Police Organizations*, *Managing Police Personnel*, and *Policing Perspectives: An Anthology*. He edited the *American Journal of Police* from 1987 to 1992, co-edited *Police Computer Review* from 1992 to 1995, and now edits *Police Quarterly*. He is currently a consultant to Abt Associates on several national studies and a Senior Research Fellow with the Police Executive Research Forum. Dr. Cordner is a past-president of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, the country's largest association of criminal justice educators and researchers, as well as a founder and former chair of that organization's Police Section.

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Scott H. Decker received a B.A. in Social Justice from DePauw University in 1972. He earned an M.A. in Criminology in 1974 and a Ph.D. in Criminology in 1976, both from Florida State University. He is Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research in 1989. He is the author of six books, over one-hundred articles, and more than one hundred presentations. His research has been funded by the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institute on Drug Abuse and the State of Missouri. Dr.



Decker is Co-Principal Investigator of three projects that focus on youth violence funded by the National Institute of Justice, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and the Gang Crime Prevention Center of the Illinois Attorney General. Dr. Decker is Project Director of the St. Louis Homicide Project. This multi-faceted project includes research, policy and community involvement components. The St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and University of Missouri-St. Louis are active participants in the project. Dr. Decker serves as a consultant to the Missouri Governor's Commission on Urban Violence, the Missouri Governor's Sentencing Commission and formerly served as a member of the Mayor's (St. Louis city) Crime Commission. In addition, he has provided background research for subcommittees of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

Terence Dunworth

Terence Dunworth is Managing Vice President of the Law and Public Policy Area for Abt Associates, Inc. in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He received his B.A. in Economics and Statistics from Durham University in England, an M.A. in Political Science from the University of Utah, and his Ph.D. from Michigan State University. During the past two decades, he has served as a contractor or consultant to a variety of organizations, including the U.S. Department of Justice, the administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, the Federal Judicial Center, the World Bank, the United Nations Development Programme, and several state and local institutions. Previously, he was a member of the faculty of the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University. His areas of research interest include policing, drug abuse enforcement policy, sentencing, problems of determining the allocation of public resources to the justice system, and the management of criminal and civil justice agencies. He has a number of publications in each of these areas. Dr. Dunworth is currently the Corporate Officer-in-Charge of the Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring Program (ADAM) (National Institute of Justice) and recently completed the National Impact Evaluation of Weed and Seed (Executive Office of Weed and Seed and the National Institute of Justice), the National Evaluation of the Youth Firearms Violence Initiative (Office of Community Oriented Policing Services and the National Institute of Justice), and the National Assessment of the Byrne Formula Grant Program (National Institute of Justice).

Jack R. Greene

Jack R. Greene is professor of Criminal Justice and Dean of the College of Criminal Justice at Northeastern in Boston, where he is responsible for a college enrolling 1000 undergraduate students, 160 graduate students, having a major research center devoted to topics of criminology and criminal justice policy research. Prior to assuming the duties of Dean in the College of Criminal Justice at Northeastern University, Dr. Greene was the Director of the Center for Public Policy at Temple University where he also served as a Professor of Criminal Justice. Dr. Greene received both his M.S. and Ph.D. from Michigan State University in East Lansing. Dr. Greene has extremely varied teaching, grant and research experience. He was the Senior Consultant to the Chief of the Los Angeles Police Department for a National Institute of Justice Project focused on rebuilding patrol services, increasing strategic management, and building part-

nerships with community organizations. He has held similar positions within the Philadelphia Police Department. Dr. Greene has extensive grant experience, serving as principal investigator on research grants investigating the implementation of community policing in municipal agencies, public housing communities and business districts, as well as the assessment of technology utilization in police agencies. He has also been involved in research examining school crime and disorder, and in the development of a research collaborative with the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. Dr. Greene is the author of numerous books, monographs, journal articles, reports, and papers on the police, organizational change and the assessment of police services. Dr. Greene is the recipient of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Fellow Award, for outstanding scholarship and teaching. Among Dr. Greene's publications are his most recent co-authored book *Police Administration* (McGraw-Hill, 1997); *Community Policing: Rhetoric and Reality* (Praeger, 1988) and *Managing Police Work* (Sage, 1984).

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Thomas F. Rich has been an Associate at Abt Associates, Inc. in Cambridge, Massachusetts since 1994. Prior to that he worked for 12 years at Queues Enforth Development, Inc., a criminal justice software and consulting firm. His experience spans criminal justice research and evaluation, criminal justice information systems, software development, and geographic information systems. He recently directed a National Institute of Justice funded effort to introduce crime mapping to community crime prevention organizations in Hartford (CT). He is also the author of two NIJ publications on crime mapping – "The Use of Computerized Mapping in Crime Control and Prevention Programs" and "The Chicago Police Department's Information Collection for Automated Mapping (ICAM) Program."

Shawn R. Ward

Shawn R. Ward is a Senior Analyst for Abt Associates, Inc. in Washington, D.C. Prior to joining Abt, Shawn was a detective and six-year member of the Akron (OH) Police Department. While there, he helped create the Planning and Research Unit and initiated computerized mapping for crime analysis. He also formed a GIS partnership between the Akron Police Department and the University of Akron's Department of Geography and Urban Planning. Shawn has expertise in planning and managing law enforcement grant projects, including those funding technology and community policing efforts. Shawn received both his B.S. in Political Science/Criminal Justice and his M.A. in Urban Planning from the University of Akron. He is currently working on several U.S. Department of Justice funded law enforcement projects, including the Investigation of the Police Response to Illegal Firearms Markets, Impact of Multi-Jurisdictional Task Forces, the Changing Federal Role in Local Public Safety, and the U.S. Attorney General's Report to Congress on the COPS Office.



Vincent J. Webb

Vincent J. Webb is a professor at Arizona State University where he also serves as Chairman of the Department of Administration of Justice. Prior to moving to Arizona State University - West he was on the faculty at the University of Nebraska at Omaha for over 20 years where he served in a number of capacities including Chairman of the Department of Criminal Justice and Director of the Center for Applied Urban Research. Dr. Webb has worked with a number of law enforcement and other criminal justice agencies in areas such as capacity assessment, strategic planning, policy development and program evaluation. One focal point of this work has been on capacity building in the area of information technology to support data-driven decision making. Dr. Webb is currently working on projects that involve assessing the use of contemporary information technology in the practice of community oriented policing. Dr. Webb's recent publications include articles on public preferences for the allocation of police resources related to community oriented policing.

