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### **DENVER DA PARTNERS WITH STATE DEPARTMENT AGENCY TO OFFER CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING**

The Denver District Attorney's Office has become the first district attorney office in the country to partner with International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs to provide criminal justice training, mentoring and advice to other countries. We join an elite program of more than 60 agencies, such as police departments and corrections agencies, from across the United States with specialized expertise and an interest in developing relationships with foreign counterparts.

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey is an internationally known expert on presenting DNA evidence in court and using DNA evidence in the prevention, investigation and prosecution of crime. He and Denver Crime Lab Director Gregg LaBerge, also internationally known for his knowledge and expertise in forensic science, recently traveled to Costa Rica to provide four days of forensic training to judges, defense lawyers and prosecutors. They were accompanied by a judge from Arizona who also presented at the training.

Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) William R. Brownfield has now signed the new partnership agreement, which furthers the collaboration between the Department of State and Denver to help other foreign partners improve their criminal justice systems and develop the rule of law.

These partnerships endow the Department of State's foreign assistance programs with the knowledge and skills of many of the best and brightest U.S. criminal justice experts who can assist foreign counterparts. State and local partners are also able to build new relationships with international counterparts and develop new skill sets.

Contact [INL-PAPD@state.gov](mailto:INL-PAPD@state.gov) for more information. You can follow the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs on Twitter @INLbureau and Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/StateINL>.

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