

# CID Unit, Special Agents Recognized for Excellence

A specialized unit and two special agents from the 701st Military Police Group, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (USACIDC) (commonly referred to as the “CID”), recently received top awards for their national and international investigative and community efforts at the highest levels of law enforcement.

The Computer Crimes Investigative Unit (CCIU) received top honors and international recognition for its efforts in homeland security by winning the “Community Policing Award” at the 2008 International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference and Exposition held in San Diego, California, 8–12 November. More than one hundred national and international law enforcement agencies were nominated for the award, which recognizes community policing practices as an integral part of terrorism prevention and response.

As the Army’s Center of Excellence for computer crime investigations, the CCIU investigates intrusions and related malicious activities involving Army computer networks and systems. The work of the CCIU has led to worldwide arrests of Soldiers, civilians, and foreign nationals who were engaged in cybercrime directed at the U.S. Army.

According to the CCIU Director, Special Agent Michael Milner, the success of the unit is due to “building partnerships and then improving those community partnerships to help educate the Army on cybercrime and prevention.” With the CCIU-provided turnkey educational briefings available on the Army Knowledge Online Web site; the CID Cyber Lookout initiative; Army internet safety education efforts; cybercrime alert notices; and partnerships with other local, state, and federal agencies, the CCIU is always on the go.

“The mission is nonstop and multilayered; but for us, success is to have an Army community that is informed,

intelligent, and educated,” Special Agent Milner said. “We are here to help Soldiers, [Department of the Army] civilians, contractors, and family members.” “It was good for the folks here at CCIU to get the international recognition for the work we are doing,” he added. “This makes it all the better.”

And in October, Special Agents Ray Rayos and Mark Mansfield of the CID Major Procurement Fraud Unit (MPFU) were recognized by the President’s Council on Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE) for the outstanding work they conducted as part of a multiorganizational task force in Texas. The PCIE, which is largely made up of Presidentially appointed inspectors general from various government organizations, recognizes exceptional or outstanding achievements and contributions to the Office of the Inspector General.

The MPFU centrally directs and coordinates all fraud investigations worldwide. The unit investigates allegations of fraud involving weapon and support systems within the Army and provides investigative support for civil and military contracts awarded or administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In doing so, the MPFU works with other federal agencies on a regular basis.

“The awards represent the most substantial achievements that best reinforce the government’s efforts to promote integrity and efficiency,” said Mr. Jim Podolak, deputy director of MPFU.

According to Special Agent Rayos, “The award was especially meaningful because, in addition to being recognized for advancing the ideals and purpose of the PCIE, our investigative efforts resulted in protecting the assets of the U.S. Army.”

For more information about the CID, visit <http://www.cid.army.mil>.