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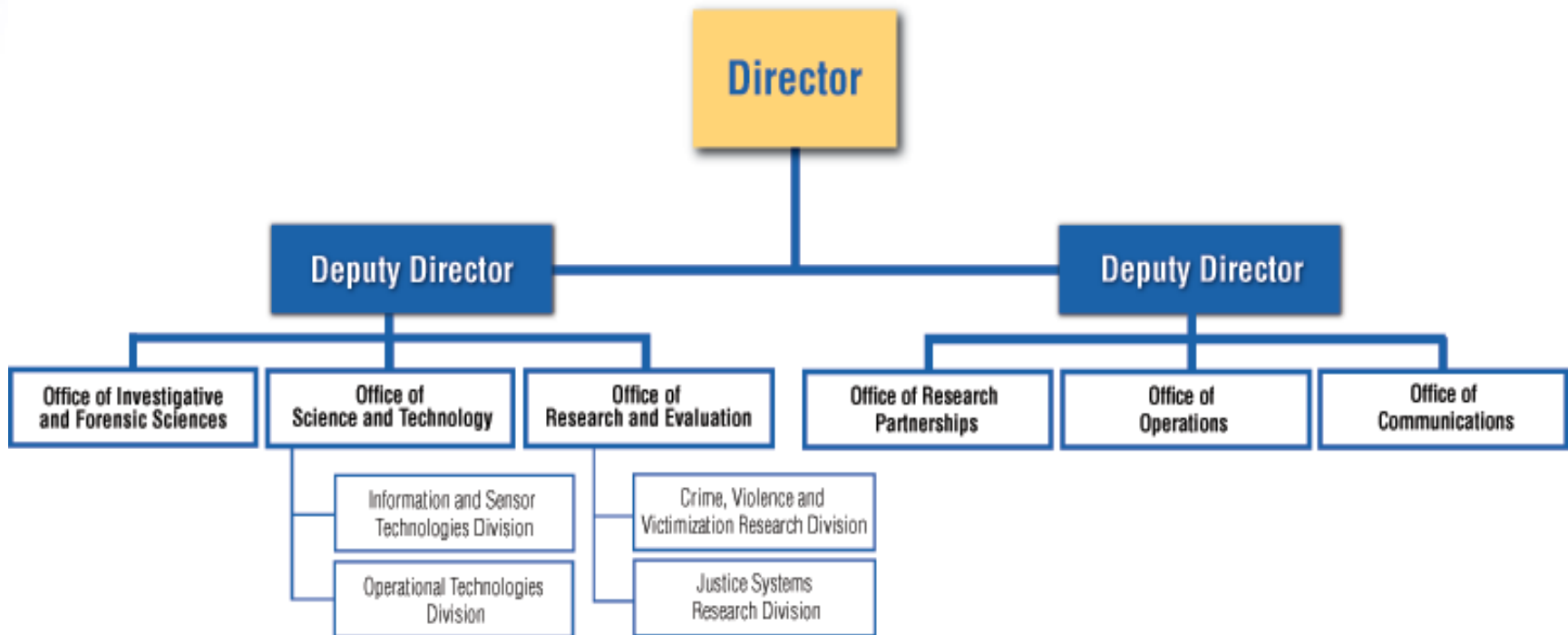
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What is NIJ?

- Research, development, and evaluation arm of DOJ
- Nation's leader in scientific research on crime and justice
- Mission to advance research that is rigorous and scientifically sound
- Relevance for the field, especially local and state practitioners

Organizational Structure-- NIJ



My Vision for NIJ

- Establish NIJ as the leader in scientifically-based research on crime and justice
- Create an organizational culture grounded in science and research.
- Obtain more funding for research and more fully integrate NIJ's three "bedrock" sciences

My Vision for NIJ

- Develop an innovative, cutting-edge research agenda
- Reach out to stakeholders
- Improve the diffusion of scientific knowledge

Translational Criminology

- What is translational criminology?
- Knowledge creation process
- Knowledge application process

NIJ's Current Budget Status

- Operating on a continuing resolution (CR)
- FY 2011 budget (in millions)
 - Total / Base: \$227.6 / \$47.9
- FY 2012 outlook (in millions)
 - Total OMB Request/Base: \$288.8 / \$48.0
 - Total President's Budget/ Base: \$192.8 / \$55.0

Coping in an Era of Limited Budgets: The Bad and the Ugly

- Uncertainty— planning is nearly impossible
- Carve outs and less discretion to promote the best science
- New tasks (conference costs, etc.)
- Staff morale has decreased

Coping in an Era of Limited Budgets: The Good

- Establishment of new Office of Research Partnerships
- Existing partnerships with other DOJ offices
- Taking advantage of “natural experiments”