

Highlights

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Spotlight on Global Volunteer: Sheriff Mike Milstead



The Honorable Mike Milstead, Sheriff of Minnehaha County, South Dakota, joined the [U.S. Department of Justice's \(DOJ\) Global Advisory Committee \(GAC\)](#) just over a year ago, representing the [National Sheriffs' Association \(NSA\)](#). In this short time span, Sheriff Milstead has become one of Global's most active volunteers, contributing his expertise to the Global [Outreach and Privacy and Information Quality Working Groups](#). Additionally, he provides the local law enforcement voice to other important efforts, serving on the Executive Board of the Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), chairing the [U.S. Department of Homeland Security's \(DHS\) Homeland Security Information Network \(HSIN\)](#) Advisory Committee, and participating on the U.S. Attorney's Anti-Terrorism Task Force and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Joint Terrorism Task Force.

NSA on Information Sharing: Sheriff Milstead's Global Dialogue

A fundamental component of biannual GAC meetings is the roundtable opportunity—a chance for Global members to update colleagues on information sharing successes, challenges, and issues from of his/her community of interest. What's on Sheriff Milstead's priority list?

- **Encouraging effective leveraging of existing Global and Criminal Intelligence Coordinating Council resources** (for example, the extensive privacy-related work) by complementary groups, such as DHS's HSIN Advisory Committee.
- **Encouraging DOJ and DHS to speak with one voice** and "walk in concert" to provide unified guidance on information and intelligence sharing. This would eliminate confusion among state, local, and tribal law enforcement leaders, who are often witness to and confused/affected by the "arms race" (i.e., proliferation of systems).
- **Equality of access to information** (and associated training), regardless of department size.
- **Horizontal information sharing** with emergency management (such as fire commanders), schools, and health and human services.

Sheriff Milstead Participates in Recent Federal Meetings

Last month, Sheriff Milstead was invited to take part in meetings to improve the [Information Sharing Environment](#).

- Mr. Vivek Kundra, U.S. Chief Information Officer (CIO), led a "[Techstat Accountability Session](#)" at the White House Conference Center. This particular convening focused on the progress of HSIN, a federal Sensitive But Unclassified (SBU) network, and included participation by DHS CIO Richard Spires and Office of Management and Budget Chief Architect Kshemendra Paul, recent appointee to Program Manager for the ISE (PM-ISE). Federal stakeholders were "very interested in hearing a sheriff's perspective" on the current status and future value of such networks.
- The next day, a more informal meeting of select Techstat participants and state and local stakeholders was held, focusing on key SBU networks (HSIN, [Regional Information Sharing Systems® \[RISS\]](#), and [Law Enforcement Online \[LEO\]](#)) and eliciting suggestions on enhancing information sharing through improvements such as single sign-on and search capabilities across networks. Participants also discussed how proven assets, such as LEO's Virtual Command Center (VCC), could benefit a broader base of first responders by allowing non-law enforcement partners to access VCC through RISS and HSIN. Other potential enhancements were discussed, with the intent of increasing regular use of such systems, "better preparing us to effectively utilize these networks in the case of an emergency, a significant event, or major investigation."



"I was very impressed with the willingness of key federal partners to listen to a local sheriff's perspective. The fact is that local deputies or patrol officers are in the best position to keep your hometown safe. Having an information sharing environment structured in a way that recognizes that fact and allows for better, more effective public safety coordination across all levels of government is truly a best-case scenario for the citizens we serve."