

County/User Profile: St. Louis County

St. Louis County is making great strides toward integrating local criminal justice information systems in northeast Minnesota. County officials and law enforcement leaders have partnered with other counties in the Arrowhead region to establish standards and services that lay the groundwork for integration.

The result of this collaboration is the North Eastern Minnesota Enforcement and Safety Information System (NEMESIS). NEMESIS will facilitate information-system integration throughout the Arrowhead region and serve as the regional gateway to CriMNet.

Martin Buscombe, St. Louis County MIS director, attended a National Governors Association workshop on best practices in information sharing last year. The workshop gave him a sense of where Minnesota ranks in this area.



From left: Martin Buscombe, St. Louis County MIS director; Michael Dean, St. Louis County deputy county attorney; Lt. Kevin Kivisto, St. Louis County Sheriff's Office administration; Mark Bolf, St. Louis County MIS senior systems analyst; Terry Ulshafer, Hermantown chief of police

"It was encouraging for me to see the extent to which Minnesota is a leader," said Buscombe. "Many states are making great efforts but are clearly years behind reaching what we have already accomplished here in Minnesota."

Benefits of NEMESIS

- Improved accessibility and management of criminal justice information in the Arrowhead region.
- Productivity gains through establishing a single point of data entry and horizontal and vertical systems integration.
- Long-term savings from spreading costs across multiple units of government rather than acquiring, supporting, and paying for individual systems.
- Supports CriMNet vision of local integration.
- Participating Arrowhead counties and major municipalities will gain access to the subscriber-based Attorney Case Management System.

