GLOBAL — SUPPORTING INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The first edition of this newsletter was released in July 2010 and focused on the role of the CICC, resources the CICC has developed, and current and upcoming activities. This second edition focuses on the Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative, which plays an important role in the development of criminal justice information sharing capabilities, and the role of its working groups, including the CICC. To obtain a copy of the first edition of the CICC newsletter, please visit www.it.ojp.gov.

WHAT IS GLOBAL?
The efficient sharing of data within and among the landscape of justice entities long remains a priority to local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement and criminal justice communities. To accomplish this mission, the Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative (Global) was established by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to serve as the voice to the U.S. Attorney General, making recommendations on the most pressing justice information sharing issues. Global’s role is to increase large-scale sharing of critical justice information while vigilantly considering the privacy rights of individuals. Through guidance from DOJ’s Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Global promotes standards-based electronic information exchange to provide the justice community with timely, accurate, complete, and accessible information in a secure and trusted environment. Global’s mission—the efficient sharing of data among justice entities—is at the very heart of modern public safety and law enforcement.

To help steer and facilitate Global efforts, key personnel from local, state, tribal, federal, and international justice entities (supported by the private industry partners) volunteer time and talents to the Global Advisory Committee (GAC), which serves as the advisory body for Global and assists in developing priorities for its membership. Additionally, by serving as a Federal Advisory Committee (FAC) to the U.S. Attorney General, the GAC has had a direct impact on the work of more than 1.2 million justice professionals.

The GAC’s members include agency executives and policymakers, automation planners and managers, information practitioners and, most important, end users. This last group distinguishes GAC as a committee whose members remain actively dedicated to information sharing because they continue to be producers, consumers, and administrators of crucial justice-related data. Members include representatives of more than 30 independent criminal justice organizations incorporating the following constituencies:

- Law enforcement agencies
- Prosecutors and public defenders
- Courts
- Corrections agencies
- Probation and parole departments
- Agencies directly involved in the justice process.

WHY DOES GLOBAL USE WORKING GROUPS?
To assist Global in its efforts to improve information sharing, the GAC has developed five working groups. The GAC working groups are composed of subject-matter experts and work collaboratively to address the policy, connectivity, and jurisdictional issues that have historically hampered effective justice information sharing. The goal of the working groups is to develop quality, relevant, and timely documents and resources to create common, interoperable, and national practices in information sharing.

- Global Infrastructure/Standards Working Group (GISWG)—Develops a conceptual framework that supports national justice information sharing and identifies strategies and tactics that will implement that framework.
- Global Outreach Working Group (GOWG)—Assists GAC members, the other four topic-oriented working groups, and staff in the dissemination of Global resources and news stories and in creating “brand awareness” for the Initiative.
Global Privacy and Information Quality Working Group (GPIQWG)—Assists government agencies, institutions, and other justice entities in ensuring that personal information is appropriately collected, used, and disseminated within integrated justice information systems.

Global Security Working Group (GSWG)—Enables the trusted sharing of justice information by recommending best practices for security guidelines, technologies, and procedures.

Criminal Intelligence Coordinating Council (CICC)/Global Intelligence Working Group (GIWG)—Provides recommendations and guidance on the development and sharing of criminal intelligence across all levels of government.

**Why Does Global Matter to You?**

Global and the GAC’s working groups develop a wide array of products that enable the broadscale exchange of pertinent justice and public safety information. Many of the subjects covered are applicable to any justice information sharing initiative, while some focus on issues related to specific segments of the justice community.

The development of these resources begins when an agency; organization; or local, state, or tribal member identifies a specific need. For example, the Privacy, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties Compliance Verification for the Intelligence Enterprise resource was developed after the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) acknowledged the need for a validation process to ensure that its fusion center complies with appropriate privacy policies and other privacy-related procedures. GBI presented this need to members of the CICC. As a result, the CICC developed a document for agencies to use to verify that they are in compliance with applicable privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties protections and also incorporated the products and resources from other Global working groups. The resource was piloted by the Georgia and the Florida fusion centers to validate the document and then reviewed by the Global Privacy and Information Quality Working Group. It was then presented to the GAC for approval by all members in June 2010. The document is now available to local, state, and tribal agencies and intelligence enterprises and is also referenced in other national initiatives.

In short, Global has expanded the efficiency of criminal justice sharing capabilities at the local, state, tribal, and federal levels by addressing the needs specified within the criminal justice community and by the criminal justice community. Through the development of essential resources, Global continues to prove to be an important factor in efficient information sharing.

**Mark Your Calendars**

**GLOBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**
October 7, 2010, Washington, DC

**IACP ANNUAL CONFERENCE**
October 23–27, 2010, Orlando, Florida

For information on upcoming conferences, meetings, and events, please visit www.it.ojp.gov.

**News & Noteworthy**

On August 18, the President signed an Executive Order (EO) related to Classified National Security Information Programs for state, local, tribal, and private sector (SLTPS) entities. This EO represents a significant step forward to facilitate classified intelligence and homeland security-related information sharing with SLTPS partners. The EO will put in place a governance and oversight structure that will serve to ensure the uniform application of security standards within the executive branch and SLTPS communities while maintaining consistency with existing policy and standards.

Additionally, the EO also establishes an SLTPS Policy Advisory Committee charged with discussing program-related policy issues in dispute to facilitate their resolution and to recommend changes to policies and procedures. Members of the CICC will participate on this committee, thereby ensuring ongoing coordination between federal partners and the CICC.
Nationwide SAR Initiative (NSI) Update

Focus on Training

The Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI) builds on what law enforcement and other agencies have been doing for years—gathering information regarding behaviors and incidents associated with criminal activity—and establishes a standardized process to share SAR information to help detect and prevent terrorism-related criminal activity. To support nationwide implementation of the NSI process, an interagency Program Management Office (PMO) was established at the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), to coordinate existing resources and to further develop and deploy the NSI and support prevention efforts at state and local levels. The PMO is currently working to implement the NSI across all levels of government and assist participating agencies in adopting compatible processes, policies, and standards that foster broader sharing of SARs, while ensuring that privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties are protected in accordance with local, state, and federal laws and regulations.

Part of this implementation includes a training strategy that is designed to increase the effectiveness of state, local, and tribal law enforcement professionals in identifying, reporting, evaluating, and sharing pre-incident terrorism indicators to prevent acts of terrorism and to reinforce the awareness of privacy-related issues. This strategy involves three separate but coordinated training initiatives targeting law enforcement professionals with varying duties and responsibilities—agency executives, analytic/investigative personnel, and line officers. This training is a 15-minute roll call program developed by the NSI PMO staff in cooperation with the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

The NSI PMO has prioritized the delivery of the SAR Line Officer Training to reach all 850,000+ law enforcement officers nationwide. In this training, law enforcement personnel are taught to recognize specific behaviors and incidents that may indicate criminal activity associated with terrorism. The duties of officers on the street uniquely position them to be most likely to observe and report suspicious behaviors or activities or to engage with community members who have reported suspicious activity. The line officer training focuses on the critical role officers have in the effective implementation of the SAR process by identifying and documenting suspicious activity.

To efficiently deliver training to a large number of line officers in a timely manner, this 15-minute training CD is available to view free of charge in an online/distance-learning format at LEAPS.TV. Officers can log on to www.leaps.tv—which is the Law Enforcement And Public Safety channel for law enforcement and public safety officers serving police, sheriffs, constables, fire/rescue, emergency medical services, emergency management, homeland and border security, corrections, and related areas—and fill out an online form, and view the SAR Line Officer Training.

Another training option is contacting the Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism (MIPT), which is able to provide on-site training to your agency regarding suspicious activity reporting. InCOP 1, the first of four courses, builds upon and reinforces the processes and policies for gathering, documenting, processing, analyzing, and sharing information about terrorism-related suspicious activities, which is the core of the NSI. MIPT has been designated as one of the official providers of this training, and InCOP has been approved by both the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Department of Justice. Any agency seeking SAR MIPT training may contact MIPT at (405) 278-6319 or training@mipt.org. Additional information can be found on the MIPT Web site. The NSI PMO is working on additional delivery approaches, including Law Enforcement Online (LEO) and the National Criminal Intelligence Resource Center (NCIRC) portal.

The NSI PMO also will make the CD available to fusion centers across the country, which will allow it to be used along with other internal trainings. For more resources and information, please visit nsi.ncirc.gov or contact us at nsiinformation@ncirc.gov.
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