The Criminal Intelligence Coordinating Council (CICC) operates under the auspices of the Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative (Global), a Federal Advisory Committee that advises the U.S. Attorney General on justice information sharing and integration initiatives. In this capacity, the CICC oversees the development of solutions and approaches to improve the nation’s ability to develop and share criminal intelligence. Further, the CICC serves as the primary focal point to address information and intelligence sharing initiatives and issues that affect state, local, tribal, and federal law enforcement and homeland security partners.

To fulfill its purpose and mission, the CICC met March 4–5, 2014. This meeting included a roundtable discussion among members to address current issues and concerns affecting criminal intelligence, identification of priority topics to be addressed in the coming months, and updates on national information and intelligence sharing initiatives and efforts. Agenda topics for the meeting included an overview of the Bureau of Justice Assistance’s activities and initiatives, an update on the Global Advisory Committee, a discussion with federal partners on national-level information sharing initiatives, an open discussion on outreach of CICC products and efforts, and presentations.

Combatting Human Trafficking:
A National Priority

Combatting human trafficking is a national priority, and state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies, including state and major urban area fusion centers, are focusing on identifying human trafficking trends to equip law enforcement officers and personnel in better understanding the crime trend and how to identify potential victims. Additional resources related to human trafficking include:


- **Location of the Bureau of Justice Assistance/Office for Victims of Crime Human Trafficking Task Forces:** [https://www.bja.gov/Programs/40HTTF.pdf](https://www.bja.gov/Programs/40HTTF.pdf)

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Presentations

The Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Cyber Shield Alliance:
This initiative is founded upon a comprehensive online portal designed to provide a variety of cyber-related resources to law enforcement personnel. Resources available via the Alliance include numerous cyber-related online training courses, information on how to report cyber incidents, and information on current threats and trends.

- Access to the Cyber Shield Alliance is available via the Law Enforcement Enterprise Portal: www.cjis.gov.

Implementation of the Smart Policing Initiative within the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). The Smart Policing Initiative (SPI) is a Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)-sponsored effort that supports law enforcement agencies in building evidence-based, data-driven law enforcement tactics and strategies that are effective, efficient, and economical. LAPD is currently implementing tenets of the SPI within the agency, originally focusing on reducing gun crime in the Newton Division of Los Angeles. With the success of the project, LAPD is expanding its efforts to other divisions.


The El Paso Intelligence Center: The El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC) is a multiagency center that includes federal, state, local, tribal, and foreign law enforcement agencies. EPIC supports law enforcement agencies by providing tactical, operational, strategic, and reference support to domestic and international partners on drugs, illegal aliens, weapons, illicit bulk cash/money laundering operations, and transnational criminal organizations.

- The EPIC General Watch Desk contact number is (888) USE-EPIC (873-3742).

The Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS) Offender Transfer Notification Service (OTNS): This service is designed to share probationer/parolee state transfer information with law enforcement agencies and personnel within a state, via the state fusion center, providing a new source of intelligence information for fusion centers and law enforcement agencies.

- Fusion centers that would like to participate in this service are encouraged to contact the American Probation and Parole Association via Research Associate Adam Matz at phone number (859) 244-8058 or by e-mail at amatz@csg.org.

News & Notes

- Mr. Vernon Keenan, Director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, was appointed as the new CICC chair, replacing the outgoing chair, Mr. Bart R. Johnson. Mr. Johnson has accepted a position with the Transportation Security Administration in Albany, New York.

- CICC products and resources are available for distribution at law enforcement and homeland security association spring and summer conferences and meetings. For outreach materials, please contact CICC staff at global@iir.com.

The National Incident Management System Intelligence/Investigations Function Guidance and Field Operations Guide was released in October 2013. Over the last year and a half, the CICC has taken a coordination role to assist in the finalization and release of the document. The document is available at http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/84807.
2014 Priorities

• Developing minimum standards for advanced-level analytic training courses, leading up to the creation of an analyst professional development road map.

• Developing a checklist for law enforcement agency executives to use as they assess agency operations, focusing on potential privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties (P/CRCL) issues.

• Continued outreach of CICC products and resources, including the National Criminal Intelligence Sharing Plan, Version 2.0; the A Call to Action: Enhancing Officer Safety Through the Use of Event Deconfliction Systems; and the Minimum Standards for Intermediate-Level Analytic Training Courses. All CICC products are available on the Global Information Sharing Toolkit, www.it.ojp.gov/gist.

Spotlight on Information Sharing

New Jersey ISE

With the support of the Office of the Program Manager for the Information Sharing Environment (PM-ISE), in partnership with the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), the IJIS Institute, the Institute for Intergovernmental Research® (IIR), and the Rutgers Police Institute, New Jersey is working towards streamlining information sharing across the different law enforcement records management systems (RMS) and other data systems within the state through the New Jersey Information Sharing Environment (ISE) Project.

This effort addresses three areas of innovation:

• Governance Innovation—This initiative includes representation from the Governor’s Office, the Office of the State Chief Information Officer, the Office of the U.S. Attorney General, and the State Association of Chiefs of Police, all working together to improve information sharing within the state.

• Operational Innovation—This project is designed to primarily focus on the high-crime areas of New Jersey, incorporating the tenets of COMPSTAT and intelligence-led policing, anchored by the state fusion center, the New Jersey Regional Operations Intelligence Center (ROIC).

• Information Sharing Innovation—This effort uses standardized approaches to link legacy systems, creating interoperability among RMS and other data systems throughout the state to improve and enhance the ability to share information. Compliance is certified through IJIS’s Springboard Initiative.

Additional information on this effort can be found at http://ise.gov/blog/ise-bloggers/new-jersey-model-statewide-ises.
Crime Analysis on Demand
BJA offers training and technical assistance to law enforcement agencies to enhance their capabilities to analyze and use data to make informed decisions, respond effectively, and prevent crime. Through the National Training and Technical Assistance Center, resources are available that address analytical gaps and needs for crime analysts and law enforcement personnel. Additional information on this opportunity is available at: https://www.bjatraining.org/.

Increasing Crime Analysis Capacity: Training for the Law Enforcement Executive
The Police Foundation and the International Association of Crime Analysts, with support from BJA, are partnering to create a nationally focused, multimethod diffusion plan designed to provide law enforcement executives with the knowledge to effectively integrate crime analysis into their decision making and the operations of their agencies. Additional information on this effort is available at: http://www.policefoundation.org/content/increasing-crime-analysis-capacity

Putting a Value on Crime Analysts: Considerations for Law Enforcement Executives
The Vera Institute of Justice, with support from BJA, recently released this guidance paper that provides information for police executives on how to articulate the value of crime analysts positions through a cost-benefit analysis (CBA). The guidance paper is available at: http://www.vera.org/sites/default/files/resources/downloads/putting-value-crime-analysts.pdf

For More Information
If you have any criminal intelligence or information sharing issues or concerns, please contact your CICC representative. Additional information on the CICC, including a list of CICC members, is available at: www.it.ojp.gov/cicc