

National Criminal Intelligence Resource Center (NCIRC) Now Available on Secure Networks

Criminal justice professionals will now benefit from a new centralized online repository of criminal intelligence resources—the National Criminal Intelligence Resource Center (NCIRC), www.ncirc.gov. Funded through a Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) grant under the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), NCIRC is a dynamic secured-access Web resource for law enforcement agencies that are developing intelligence operations, expanding current intelligence efforts, or transitioning personnel into intelligence processes. NCIRC was developed to provide local, state, tribal, and federal agencies with timely intelligence information that supplements the *National Criminal Intelligence Sharing Plan* (*NCISP* or Plan).

In October 2003, the U.S. Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) approved and endorsed the *National Criminal Intelligence Sharing Plan* as a formal intelligence sharing initiative to address the security and intelligence needs recognized after the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Developed by DOJ's Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative (*Global*) Intelligence Working Group (*GIWG*), NCISP is a comprehensive reference guide that can be used as a blueprint by law enforcement officials to develop or improve their intelligence functions and support their crime-fighting, public safety, and antiterrorism efforts. The Plan supports collaboration and fosters an environment in which all levels of law enforcement can work together to improve the safety of the nation. It includes model policies and guidelines for establishing, managing, or reviewing an agency's intelligence function.

Information contained within the NCIRC Web site features the latest developments in the field of criminal intelligence. NCIRC supplements the NCISP by providing recommended criminal intelligence and training standards; best practices; policies; information about local, state, tribal, and federal information/intelligence sharing initiatives; legislative information and funding opportunities; technology-related information; current issues (e.g., fusion centers and privacy concerns); and discussion forums and listservs. NCIRC houses up-to-date information and proactively solicits user input, content suggestions, and submissions. While NCIRC serves as an intelligence resource, it does not contain specific criminal intelligence data.

NCIRC is securely accessible via the Regional Information Sharing Systems® (*RISS*) network (*RISSNET™*), the *RISS* Automated Trusted Information Exchange (*RISS ATIX™*), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Law Enforcement Online (*LEO*) secure law enforcement Web site. In the future, NCIRC may be accessible on the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN).

Additional information about NCIRC is available at www.ncirc.gov or via e-mail: information@ncirc.gov.