

Highlights

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Spring 2010 GAC Meeting – Recap and Recommendations

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The Global Advisory Committee (GAC, “Committee”) met last week to discuss the latest initiatives in justice information sharing and to add new resources to the Global suite of information sharing recommendations. These tools are designed *for practitioners, by practitioners* to help justice colleagues do their jobs better—more effectively, more efficiently, and without having to “reinvent the wheel.”

New Resources

The following tools were unanimously recommended:

- **Fire Service Integration for Fusion Centers: An Appendix to the Baseline Capabilities for State and Major Urban Area Fusion Centers***

This document identifies recommended actions for state and major urban area fusion centers to successfully integrate fire service into their fusion processes. It also provides local, state, tribal, federal, and territorial fire service organizations with an overview of the mutual operational value in working with their fusion centers, as well as various options for establishing these relationships. The document was vetted by the Criminal Intelligence Coordinating Council (CICC), representatives from fire services entities engaged in fusion centers, and state and major urban area fusion center directors.

The Value to the Justice Community?

Fusion centers can use this document to integrate the fire service component and to implement baseline capabilities identified in the Global-approved [Baseline Capabilities for State and Major Urban Area Fusion Centers](#).

- **Fusion Center Privacy Policy Development Guide: Privacy, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties Policy Template****

This resource assists fusion center personnel in developing a privacy policy addressing information the center collects, receives, maintains, archives, accesses, and discloses to center personnel, governmental agencies, Information Sharing Environment (ISE) participants, and other participating criminal justice and public safety agencies as well as private contractors and the general public. Template provisions are intended for incorporation into the center’s general operational policies and day-to-day functioning, and provide explicit and detailed privacy protection guidance to center personnel and other authorized source and user agencies.

The Value to the Justice Community?

This one-stop source for fusion center privacy protections, Suspicious Activity Reporting provisions, and ISE Privacy Guidelines requirements is a time-tested, field vetted, comprehensive tool that fusion centers can use to draft a solid privacy protections policy. A strong privacy policy is good *public* policy: It is responsive to widely held public expectations about the collection and use of individuals’ information and the fair and open operation of a democratic government.

*Available at <http://it.ojp.gov/docdownloader.aspx?ddid=1244>.

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Global Working Groups: Updates

Also during the meeting, **Global Working Group chairs summarized recent and future activities:**

- **Intelligence**
- **Outreach**
- **Privacy and Information Quality**
- **Security, Access, and Authentication**
- **Standards and Architecture**

Also of Note @ the Spring GAC

- A heartfelt “welcome back” was extended to Mr. Bart R. Johnson, Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Intelligence and Analysis, DHS. Mr. Johnson rejoins the Committee as the DHS representative. Previously, while in a different post, Mr. Johnson served in a number of Global leadership roles, including GAC Vice Chair and Chair of the CICC and Global Intelligence Working Group (GIWG).
- Global members reluctantly bid farewell to Mr. Russ Porter, who leaves his role as Chair of the CICC and GIWG, and resigns his GAC seat as the CICC representative to pursue new challenges. Many thanks to Russ for his tireless dedication to advancing Global-related fusion center and intelligence sharing efforts.
- Global would like to congratulate Mr. Ronald Brooks as the newly appointed CICC and GIWG Chair. He is well-acquainted with the groups, having served as Vice Chair of both.
- GAC meetings are open to the public. The fall 2010 event will be held on October 7 in Washington, DC. Contact dliindquist@iir.com for details.