



ASCA's Correctional Intelligence, Counterterrorism, Gangs and Violent Crime Project

**Global Advisory Committee Meeting
Biannual Meeting - Fall 2008**



PROJECT RATIONALE

- There is a wealth of information within the corrections community about gangs, security threat groups, terrorism, and radicalization efforts.
- There is a significant need to enhance collection and information-sharing between law enforcement and the corrections community.
- There are a number of impediments to information sharing.



PROJECT GOALS

- Identify and address impediments to information sharing
- Identify case studies and promising practices
- Encourage development of partnership agreements between corrections and law enforcement agencies
- Improve the flow of data elements and other information between corrections and law enforcement
- Encourage linkages to networks / transmission paths



ACTIVITIES TO ACCOMPLISH GOALS

- SURVEY ASCA Membership to
 - Identify intelligence personnel and initiatives
 - Learn what collaboration is occurring and if not why not
- Four Regional Workshops
 - DOC intelligence officers
 - Federal, state and local law enforcement officials



SURVEY RESULTS

- 45 Jurisdictions responded
 - 31 Jurisdictions had dedicated full-time intelligence officers
 - 471 dedicated full-time
 - 376 with other duties
 - 9 Jurisdictions had a total of 94 intel officers with other duties
 - 5 Jurisdictions had no intel officers (AK, IA, KS, SD, VT)



WORKSHOP ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Workshops Identified:

- Barriers to information sharing
- Ways to overcome barriers
- Types of information that needs to be shared
- Laws or regulations that support and hinder sharing of appropriate information
- How successful information sharing consortiums can be replicated
- Models to share information quickly and securely



WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE

A total of 116 people attended, including:

- 63 corrections personnel
- 50 law enforcement
 - County Corrections Officials
 - County Law Enforcement Officers
 - FBI N-DEx office (at each workshop)
 - DEA, ATF, HIDTA
 - FBI National Joint Terrorism Task Force & FBI Field Offices
 - Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS)
 - U.S. Attorneys
 - IACP
 - Fusion Centers
 - NSA Representatives



WHAT CORRECTIONS HAS TO SHARE

- Institutional Corrections:
 - Gang intelligence
 - Security threat groups
 - Terrorism and radicalization efforts
- Community Corrections:
 - Information on friends, relatives, associates
 - Electronic monitoring tracking
 - Employment, residences, hangouts
 - Access to searching of premises & computers without warrants



WHAT CORRECTIONS HAS TO SHARE

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- We have found:
 - Computerization has developed many databases that are now capable of being mined and cross referenced;
 - Much of this information is contained in separate databases, making inter-agency information sharing difficult; and
 - Can access amazing information and relationships between the community and those held in confinement.
- The Corrections Community can also gather and share:
 - Gang Data
 - Telephone conversations and numbers – can be monitored and data mined without warrants



WHAT CORRECTIONS HAS TO SHARE

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- Appriss – who is in custody in real time, escape alerts, DVO notifications, justice exchange court date monitoring, meth purchases, etc.
- Financial transactions (JAYPAY, Western Union data bases)
- Visitation – who comes to see persons of interest
- Staff telephone number data mining
- Social networking sites
- Electronic monitoring
- Inmate email systems
- Real ID



BARRIERS TO COLLABORATION

- Capability to share information electronically
- Financial resources
- Trust between agencies
- Stove piped databases and intelligence systems
- Lack of awareness of what each has to offer



PROMISING CASE STUDIES

- Arizona Attempted Murder Resolved by Nevada Corrections Intelligence
- RISS Resources and Services for Corrections
- Washington Baltimore HIDTA works with the MD DOC Intelligence Coordinating Unit (DOC/ICU)
 - Gathering and documenting intelligence.
 - Provides 3 FT personnel
 - Analyzes data for indications of terrorist or other criminal activity



MD HIDTA continued

Other HIDTA products and services:

- Data mining
- Crime mapping
- Telephone mapping
- Violence in facilities mapping
- Training
- Personnel
- Equipment rental
- Assist in the exploitation of recovered cell phones



MD HIDTA GangNet Initiative

- Provides GangNet to all agencies in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia.
- Offers each agency the opportunity to organize intelligence on gangs and gang members.
- Enables information to be shared on a read only basis with all other agencies that are part of the Washington/Baltimore HIDTA GangNet Initiative (GIS).
- Provides the capability to develop MOUs with other states and federal agencies for a read only sharing of information.



SOLUTIONS TO BARRIERS

- Training
- Technology
- Leadership
- Culture change
- GLOBAL (GIWG, CICC)
- National data standards and exchange models
- Fusion Centers, HIDTAs and RISS Centers
- Associations and organizational collaborations (ASCA, IACP, NSA, AJA, SEARCH, etc)



PROJECT DELIVERABLES

- A comprehensive report, fact sheets and training materials that:
 - Document lessons learned;
 - Identify methodologies that can be replicated;
 - Summary of Promising Practices and Case Studies; and
 - Highlight the importance of privacy and civil liberties protections.
- An inventory of current data sharing initiatives including:
 - N-Dex
 - RISS
 - Fusion Centers
 - HIDTAs
 - etc.



PROJECT DELIVERABLES

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- Establish organizational collaborations that highlight the need for routine collaboration and sharing.
 - ASCA, IACP, NSA, Major City Chiefs, other relevant organizations.

- How:
 - Articles in each other's newsletters
 - Joint meetings
 - Workshops at each other's conferences



CURRENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Creation of a bulletin board for secure information sharing hosted by the New England State Police Information Network (NESPIN/RISS).
- ASCA's participation in IACP's Focus Group
- Newsletters raising awareness
- Networking among workshop participants
- Beginning of data sharing with N-DEx and HIDTA



CURRENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Upcoming ASCA IT Conference
- Working with CTA to develop information exchange packages
- Sharing contacts for Fusion Centers, HIDTAs, RISS Centers with correctional intelligence staff

Assistance to the FBI N-DEx initiative:

- Conduct survey of State DOC technical capabilities
- N-DEx presentation at ASCA's
 - Intel Sharing Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
 - ASCA's Safety Committee Meeting
 - ASCA's Business Meeting in New Orleans
 - Attendance at ASCA's *All Directors Training* in November



IMPLICATIONS FOR GLOBAL

- Make you members/staff aware of what corrections has to share
- Share project deliverables with your members/staff
- Provide leadership that encourages collaborative efforts
- Fusion centers should reach out to corrections
- Work with corrections to develop data exchange packages
- Access information and contacts through ASCA
- Share your efforts, case studies with ASCA



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