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## **ICJIA Announces New Council to Coordinate Crime and Criminal Justice Data Exchange in Illinois**

CHICAGO—May 16, 2014. Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) Executive Director Jack Cutrone today announced the creation of the Illinois Data Exchange Coordinating Council (IDECC).

Created by Executive Order 14-06 and established within ICJIA, the Council is charged with developing a statewide integrated criminal justice information sharing strategy to enhance public safety, improve the efficiency of data collection and entry, and expand the pool of statistical data available to inform and evaluate policy.

While some state and local criminal justice agencies already share considerable information with one another through specialized electronic interfaces, much criminal justice information in Illinois is still processed with paper-based procedures. This results in gaps, delays, errors and redundancies in the entry, exchange, and processing of crucial criminal justice information

“Effective integration strategy involves multiple organizations, budget cycles and funding streams, as well as significant investments of time and resources,” said ICJIA Executive Director Jack Cutrone. “Stakeholder input is a must and this Council ensures equality in decision-making with a place at the table for all relevant organizations and users.”

The IDECC’s mission is to:

- Guide the design, development, and implementation of a statewide-integrated criminal justice information sharing environment that would enable automated information sharing in a common format between state, local and federal criminal justice agencies.

- Develop a governance structure that provides for ongoing planning and oversight of integrated criminal justice systems in Illinois.
- Focus on enhancing the efficiency, effectiveness, and accuracy of criminal justice information.
- Establish the information technology architecture and standards for an integrated criminal justice information sharing environment that makes the most appropriate use of the operational systems of participating agencies.

The IDECC Board of Directors includes Illinois Chief Information Officer Sean Vinck, directors of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, Illinois Department of Corrections, Illinois State Police and Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice, executive directors of the Illinois Association of Circuit Court Clerks; Illinois Association of State's Attorneys; Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police; Illinois Sheriffs' Association, and Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart, Chicago Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy, and two county chief information officers.

ICJIA's Director for Information Sharing Mike Carter helped forward the initiative and will serve as IDECC Director to effectuate strategies developed by the board.

ICJIA is dedicated to improving the administration of criminal justice with work in the areas of grants administration, research and analysis, policy and planning, and information systems and technology. Please visit [www.icjia.state.il.us](http://www.icjia.state.il.us) for more information.

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