



## WELCOME MESSAGE

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***Dear IIJIS Summit Participants:***



Welcome to the 2009 Illinois Integrated Justice Information System (IIJIS) Summit, *Providing Key Information for Illinois Integration Success: Best Practices and Lessons Learned*. On behalf of Governor Pat Quinn, members of the IIJIS Implementation Board, and the IIJIS Outreach Committee, I want to thank you for your attendance and participation at this year's event.

Information sharing is vital to every component of the justice community. Improving interoperability, integration, and efficiency, all support information sharing objectives. It is also fundamental to helping justice officials develop innovative strategies for applying information technology to meet the challenges that we are faced with every day.

The Summit serves as a catalyst for all law enforcement and justice agencies, local, state and federal, to find ways to overcome obstacles to sharing information. Doing so not only increases our ability to solve crimes and keep communities safer, it helps to meet the increasing responsibilities our agencies are faced with daily.

The IIJIS Board's mission of improving the administration of justice in Illinois by facilitating the electronic sharing of justice information throughout the state is an effort to which we all have committed. We understand that in order to protect the American public and help defend against terrorism, criminal justice and law enforcement organizations must establish information infrastructures that enable officers to share data and exchange intelligence efficiently, securely and accurately across jurisdictional and technological boundaries. This year's Summit reflects those objectives and will provide you with breakout sessions that are essentially mission-critical to achieve effective public safety and meet homeland security requirements such as Citizen Law Enforcement Analysis and Reporting (CLEAR), electronic warrant processing and court security.

In addition, the search for grant funding on the internet, a walk-through on implementing integration with grant funding, and tips on strategic planning, will be presented by the Hawthorn Institute.

I hope you enjoy the 2009 IIJIS Summit and that you gain valuable information that will broaden and enhance your organization's capabilities in keeping America safe.

Sincerely,

**Dorothy Brown**  
**Chair, IIJIS Implementation Board**  
**Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County**