

Collaborative Approaches to Justice Information Sharing among Tribal, State and Local Justice Agencies

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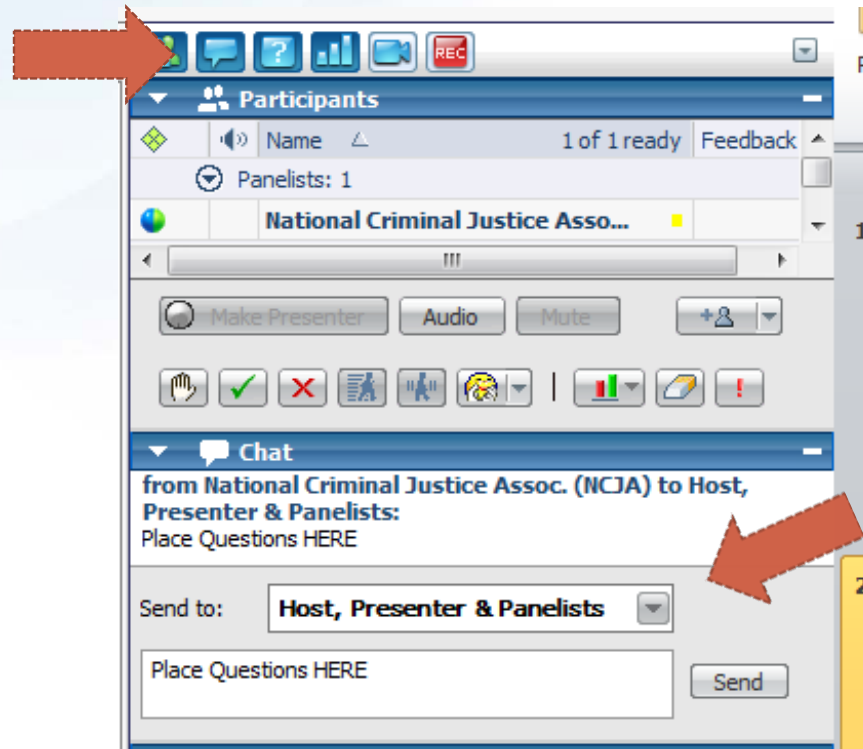
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RMIN/RISS

Support for Tribal Law Enforcement Information Sharing

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What is RMIN/RISS?

- History: 40 years of support to law enforcement
- National Name = regional focus
- Mission: help law enforcement combat crime; facilitate multi-agency information sharing
- Tribal support
 - Nationally - 50 tribal agencies are RISS members
 - RMIN - 30 tribal agencies are RMIN members
- What are tribal agency priorities/needs? (Gangs, drugs, challenges with gaming?)
- How can RMIN/RISS help tribal agencies accomplish mission objectives?



Tribal Information Sharing Initiatives

- Goal: to create an “Indian Country” multi-agency criminal intelligence database
- 5 Tribe Consortium Intelligence Program
 - Participants:
 - Ak-Chin Police Department (PD)
 - Ft. McDowell PD.
 - Gila River PD.
 - Salt River PD, and
 - Tohono O’odham PD.
 - Requirements:
 - Tribal controlled
 - 28 CFR compliant
 - Standardized submissions
 - Secure
 - Cost-Effective, and
 - Dissemination limited to tribal members only.



Tribal Information Sharing Initiatives

- Solution: Tribal “RISS7” Criminal Intelligence Database
 - Tailored for “Indian Country” information sharing use only
 - Cost: free for participating tribal agencies
 - Training: provided by RMIN/RISS
 - Technical Support: RISS RTSC/RMIN assistance
 - Implementation: access; submissions; dissemination controlled by tribal agencies
 - Equipment: purchased through BJA support

Challenges and Benefits

Challenges

- Coordination – Development of intelligence collection plan/process
- Tribal trust
- Policy/legal reviews

Benefits

- Technology
- Cost
- Security
- Training
- System maintenance

Bottom line: the “window of opportunity” for implementing tribal-controlled multi-agency criminal intelligence information sharing in Arizona – but capable of expansion to tribal law enforcement regionally/nationally if initiative proves to be useful, effective, and successful.



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Citizen Potawatomi Nation

- Covers approximately 900 square miles.
- 4 Counties: Pottawatomie, Oklahoma, Lincoln and Cleveland.
- 2,954 acres of Trust Land.
- 1,474 acres of Fee Simple.
- 4,064 acres of Allotment Land. 952 acres 100% Tribal-owned.



Citizen Potawatomi Nation Police Department



- 25 Commissioned Officers
- 16 Patrol Officers
- 2 General Investigation Detectives
- 2 Indian Child Welfare Detectives
- 1 Gaming Commission Detective
- 1 Emergency Management Officer
- 1 Court Officer
- 1 Task Force Investigator
- All are cross-commissioned with other agencies.

Regional Organized Crime Information Center

Advantages

- Regional information sharing that covers several states.
- Simple to use.
- Receives and disseminates information quickly.

Disadvantages

- Cost \$300 annually.
- Information is sometimes overlooked or dismissed due to the large volume of messages.

District Attorney's Task Force

Advantages

- Multiple departments participate.
- Police Department directly involved.
- Able to conduct or assist in several types investigations simultaneously.
- Helps overcome jurisdictional problems.

Disadvantages

- One patrol officer position is dedicated to the task force.
- Limited oversight of officer when used outside the district.
- Extra equipment cost.

Coordinated Community Response Team

Advantages

- Multidisciplinary Team.
- No cost to the police department.
- Meetings are held in various locations throughout the Multi-County region.

Disadvantage

- Meets Monthly.
- Limited Participation.

Patrol Officer Networking

Advantages

- No cost.
- Information disseminated quickly.
- Officers have different personalities which enable them to interact with various demeanors and attitudes of the citizenry.

Disadvantages

- Not always reliable.
- Policies may differ between departments.
- May induce a “grass is greener” attitude among officers .
- Officers may not have the skills to effectively gather the appropriate intelligence.

East Valley Gang and Criminal Information Fusion Center

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Brief Overview of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC)



- ◆ The SRPMIC is located in the Phoenix East Valley:
 - SRPMIC service population of over 250,000 residents
 - Over 250,000 vehicles daily
 - 3 Major Freeways (SR 101, 202 and 87)
 - Salt River Fields Baseball Stadium (the spring training home of the Arizona Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies).
 - Annual Average 75,000 Calls For Police Service (radio or self-initiated).
- ◆ Staffing:
 - 109 Police Officers (all officers are **Tribal, State and Federal Certified**).
 - 1 Sergeant and 4 Detectives in our Intelligence Unit (including 1 Detective TDY full-time at EVGCIFC).
 - 39 Civilian Team Members.
- ◆ To date, SRPD is the **only** Indian Country Police Department in Arizona actively participating in a Local Fusion Center
 - Receive daily updates on critical DHS information as well as local career criminal and gang information

Proactive Tribal, Local, State and Federal Information Sharing ... because it works!!!



- ◆ Communication, collaboration, and developing partnerships between Tribal, Local, State and Federal Agencies for information sharing is **efficient, effective, productive and protects** our communities.
- ◆ Almost 20-years ago the Salt River Police Department (SRPD) encouraged and established open communication with our neighboring jurisdictions and law enforcement neighbors.
 - Since then, SRPD and our neighbors continue to work together collaboratively on many operations, projects and programs.
 - Working together strengthens sovereignty, enhances trust, mutual respect and helps build cohesive relationships with our neighboring jurisdictions and regional law enforcement neighbors.



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- ◆ Today, SRPD has several mutually beneficial Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs), Contracts and Mutual Aid Agreements with Local and State Partners.
- ◆ **United Partnerships work!!!**
- ◆ All partnerships and teamwork start with communication.
 - East Valley Gang and Criminal Information Fusion Center (EVGCIFC):
 - ◆ Disseminates local, real-time actionable information to police on the streets that results in rapid response, identification and apprehensions.
 - There are numerous examples of our SRPD Intelligence Unit and the EVGCIFC rapidly sharing information with our SRPD Officers that have resulted in the safe apprehension of persons and violent offenders, **ultimately protecting our Communities**.



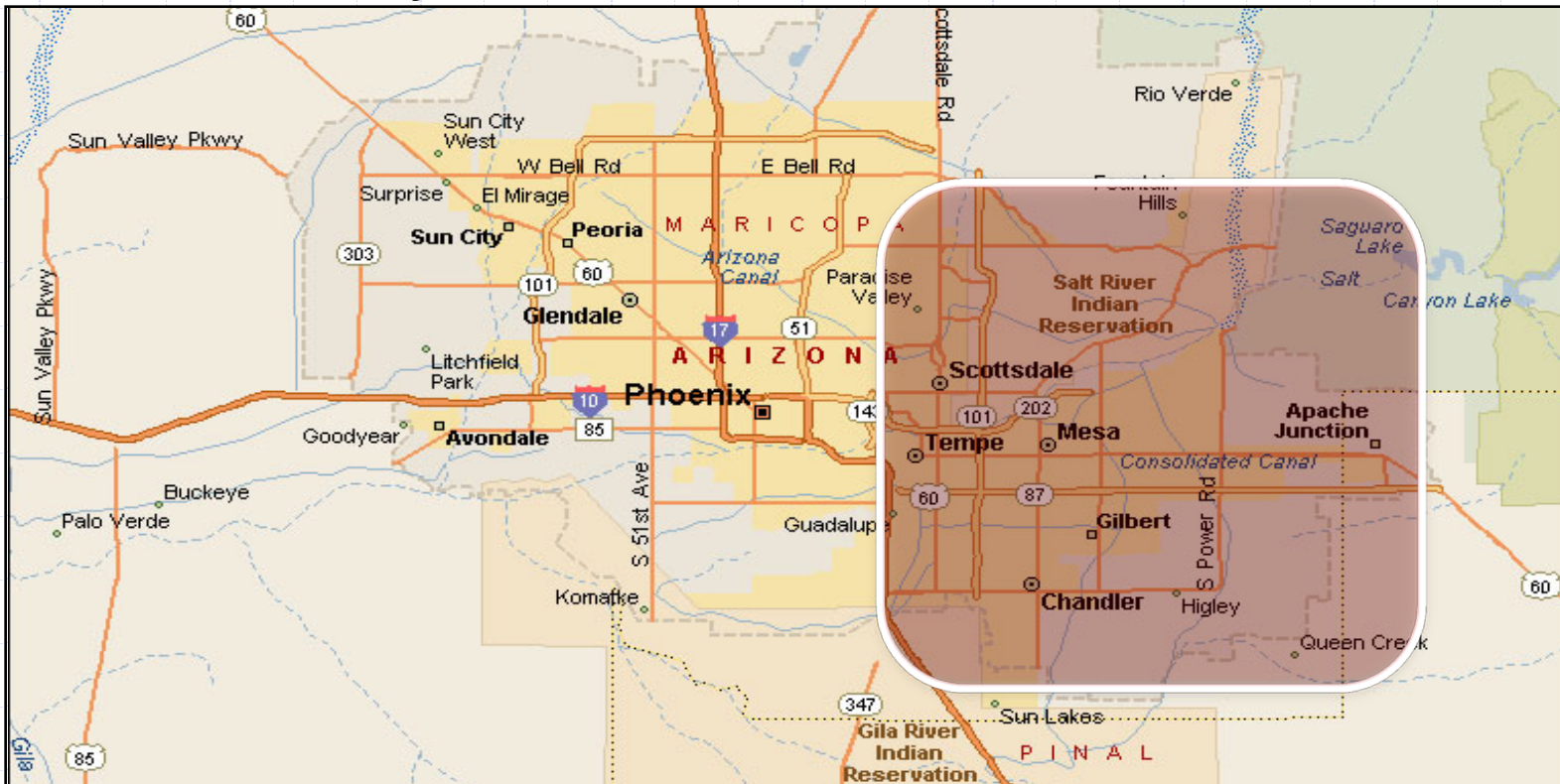
Timeline and Membership of the East Valley Gang and Criminal Information Fusion Center (EVCIFC)

- ◆ The EVCIFC was designed in 2006 as a solution for the regional need for information sharing to effectively combat crime.
- ◆ The EVCIFC was officially launched on September 1, 2007
 - The SRPD joined the EVCIFC on November 4, 2008
 - SRPD assigned 1 full-time Detective to the EVCIFC in December of 2008
- ◆ Crime activity focus areas:
 - Gang Activity
 - Cross-Jurisdictional Crime Trends
 - Repeat Offenders
- ◆ The EVCIFC Partners include:
 - Apache Junction PD, Chandler PD, Gilbert PD, Mesa PD, Salt River PD, Scottsdale PD and Tempe PD.
- ◆ EVCIFC governance is made up of all seven Arizona East Valley Chiefs of Police.
 - Meet quarterly to ensure strategic planning, budget and operations are on-track and meeting needs/



Geographical Map of the Area the East Valley Gang and Criminal Information Center (EVGCIFC) Serve

East Valley Police serve over 1.5 million residents.





East Valley Gang and Criminal Information Fusion Center (EVGCIFC) 1-Stop Shop Results



PRODUCT	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Request For Information	770	1776	2247	2956	3073
In-Progress Events	35	29	70	83	98
Major Cases	27	12	5	15	20
Research Projects	55	69	125	177	396
Time Critical Bulletins	60	88	59	75	90



Unique Features

- ◆ EVGCIFC shares information between all member agencies and others
 - Each member maintains possession and complete control of their own original data.
- ◆ The Universal Fusion Center Concept (Bottom-to-Top Model) the East Valley Fusion Center, has delivered measurable and sustainable results the last 5-years.
- ◆ SRPD has been able to utilize actionable intelligence to rapidly solve crimes, thereby protecting and enhancing sovereignty in a way never before possible.
- ◆ Sharing of information with surrounding agencies is resulting in numerous felony arrests and solved crimes within Indian Country and other local jurisdictions.



Initial Challenges for SRPD to Launch Partnership with EVGCIFC

- ◆ Cultural Awareness:
 - Protecting and Preserving Sovereignty.
 - Developing trust within the Tribal Council for the IGA with the EVGCIFC.
- ◆ Operational, Procedural and Equipment:
 - Training within the Law Enforcement Agency.
 - Required new technology and the issuing of BlackBerrys to all SRPD Police Officers
 - Budget and funding
 - ◆ Annual costs (staff and membership) is now a budgeted line item.
- ◆ Inter-Governmental Agreements:
 - Specific language was included to protect and preserve sovereignty and specific terms and conditions.



Benefits to the SRPMIC and SRPD

Because of our partnership with Tribal-State and Local



- ◆ Access to Relevant Crime Information:
 - Gangs
 - Narcotics
 - Weapons Violations
- ◆ Time Critical Exchange of Information
- ◆ Rapid Narrowing of Suspect Pool
- ◆ Geographic & Link Analysis of Crime Trends
- ◆ Formalized Multi-Agency Communication:
 - Bi-Weekly Product
 - Time Critical Bulletins
- ◆ Numerous felony arrests (homicides, drive-by shootings, armed robberies, narcotics and interstate stalking).
- ◆ Multi-jurisdiction agency investigations



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◆ **Proactive Intelligence Based Policing and Information Sharing** is vital to the safety and protection of our Communities

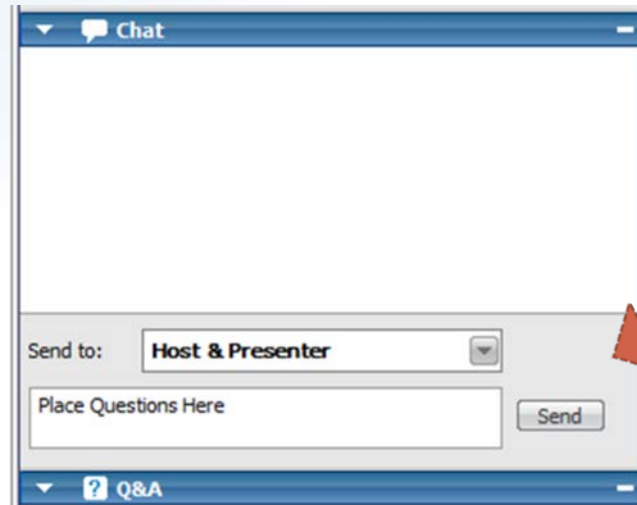
◆ **Benefits:**

- Consistently delivers measurable results.
- Creates opportunities for positive interactions with our community.
- Builds trust and improves communication.
- Enhanced offender accountability.
- Results in enhanced public safety.

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BJA & Other Resources

Justice Information Sharing

- Regional Information Sharing System (RISS)
<http://www.riss.net/>
- Office of Justice Programs: Justice Information Sharing
<http://www.it.ojp.gov>
- Tribal Justice Information Sharing Systems
<http://tjiss.net/>
- SEARCH: The Online Resource for Justice and Public Safety Decision Makers
<https://www.search.org/>
- IJIS Institute
<https://www.ijis.org/>
- *Improving the Administration of Justice in Tribal Communities through Information and Resource Sharing*
https://www.bja.gov/publications/appa_tribalinforesourcesharing.pdf
- *Information Sharing in Criminal Justice – Mental Health Collaborations: Working with HIPAA and Other Privacy Laws*
https://www.bja.gov/publications/csg_cjmh_info_sharing.pdf

Federal Resources

- Bureau of Justice Assistance Website
(<https://www.bja.gov/Default.aspx>)
- BJA's National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC) (<http://bjatraining.org/>)
- DOJ Tribal Justice and Safety Website
(www.justice.gov/tribal/)
- Training and Technical Assistance Webpage, DOJ Tribal Justice Safety website
(<http://www.justice.gov/tribal/tta.html>)
- Office of Justice Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of Interior
<http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/BIA/OJS/>
- Walking on Common Ground Website
(www.WalkingOnCommonGround.org)

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