

## **International Association of Chiefs of Police National Law Enforcement Policy Center**

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The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) published a model policy on criminal intelligence as part of the ongoing efforts of the National Law Enforcement Policy Center. Originally published in 1998, the policy was substantially updated in 2003 to reflect the changing environment of and demands on law enforcement intelligence gathering by state and local law enforcement agencies.

As with the more than 100 model policies published by the center since its inception in 1987, the model policy on criminal intelligence is designed to serve as a prototype for law enforcement agencies that can use it as a framework for establishing a more customized policy to meet the specific needs and environment of their local jurisdictions. Developed through a board of nationally recognized police professionals the policy is however, intended to address the essential components on criminal intelligence functions in a broad cross-section of the nation's state and local law enforcement agencies. The document's policy statement makes clear the need for professional intelligence standards for each police agency as well as the responsibility of all officers in the identification and collection of information that may provide useful to the intelligence function.

The policy is accompanied by a discussion paper that provides background and greater depth about certain aspects of policy and procedure for information gathering and its transformation into useable intelligence. For more information about IACP's model policies please visit: <http://www.theiacp.org/pubinfo/PolCtr.htm> or call 1-800-THE-IACP.

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