



**“Integration is defined generally as the ability to share critical information electronically at key decision points throughout the justice enterprise.”**

**-SEARCH**

### **WHY IS INTEGRATION IMPORTANT?**

Information is the backbone of every aspect of the public safety process. Justice cannot be fairly and properly administered without complete and accurate information. In today’s public safety processes, many inadequacies exist in the collection, storage, and dissemination of information needed to make justice administration decisions, deploy resources, improve operational effectiveness and most importantly, protect citizens.

A detailed examination of justice and public safety processes reveals a complex series of iterative steps and organizational interactions that occur from the time a person enters the system until he/she exits the system. Each step or process requires the collection and dissemination of increasing amounts of information. Although there is a great deal of information stored electronically in Illinois, very little of it is available quickly across agency boundaries. Integration of public safety information is confounded by a combination of problems related to both information quality and information sharing.

### **WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF INTEGRATION?**

- Shared information is more accurate.
- Shared information is more timely.
- Shared information is more complete.
- Shared information produces more efficiency and effectiveness.

### **VISION**

The IIJIS Governing Board envisions Illinois becoming a recognized leader in justice information sharing, benefiting all people in Illinois and across the nation by creating a statewide justice information sharing capability that provides secure and timely access to accurate and complete information throughout the justice enterprise. Through integrated justice information sharing we will enhance the safety, security, and quality of life in Illinois; improve the quality of justice, the effectiveness of programs, and the efficiency of operations; and ensure informed decision-making, while protecting privacy and confidentiality of information.

### **MISSION**

Our purposes are to:

- Bring stakeholder organizations together to comprehensively and effectively plan justice information systems,
- Coordinate information systems development activities,
- Build and expand the range of effectiveness of information systems and sharing capabilities, and
- Improve the effectiveness, efficiency, timeliness, accuracy, and completeness of information.

The IIJIS Governing Board represents justice agencies spanning the full spectrum of the justice enterprise, including law enforcement, prosecution, defense, the judiciary, corrections, and relevant non-justice agencies, at city, county, and state levels.

### **STRATEGIC ISSUES**

- A Governing Body comprised of major stakeholders to oversee and guide the development, implementation, and evaluation of effective electronic justice information sharing initiatives.
- Integrated collecting and sharing of justice data.
- Serve justice, public safety, and homeland security needs while protecting privacy, preventing unauthorized disclosures of information, and allowing appropriate public access.
- Sufficient and coordinated funding and other resources for integration.
- Established standards/regulations for data sharing and infrastructure development.
- Secure, reliable, effective, and efficient information technology (IT) infrastructure that facilitates justice information sharing.
- Rapid identification through biometric technologies.

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# HOW DOES INTEGRATED JUSTICE INFORMATION BENEFIT ME?

