

**International Association of Chiefs of Police
Semi-Annual Progress Report to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice
Programs, National Institute of Justice for January 1, 2011 – June 30, 2011
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The activities from January 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011 centered on analyzing the collected information necessary to develop the policy and operational guidance for the document.

From July 2010 to December 2010 IACP achieved the following goals and objectives:

- ☐ **AAMVA Spring Workshop:** IACP presented on the preliminary findings of the project.
- ☐ **2011 IACP LEIM Conference:** Project personnel presented on the preliminary findings of the project.
- ☐ Continued drafting the final document
- ☐ Continued outreach to the association's members via:
 - **Website:** General information about the project is available to the IACP membership and public on the IACP website (www.theiacp.org)

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- ☐ Drafting and publishing the final report
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The activities from July 2009 to December 2009 centered on collecting the information necessary to develop the policy and operational guidance for the document and general outreach to the IACP membership and the law enforcement community informing them about the initiative.

From July 2009 to December 2009 IACP achieved the following goals and objectives:

- ☐ In July 2009, IACP hosted a meeting in Schaumburg, IL with a group of law enforcement practitioners and subject matter experts to draft the field interview questionnaire / survey on LPR.
- ☐ IACP distributed and collected a survey to the stratified random sampling of 500 law enforcement agencies previously identified
 - Preliminary Survey results:
 - 264 agencies responded that they were NOT using LPR systems
 - 74 agencies are using LPR systems
 - 160 agencies did not respond to the survey
 - 2 agencies were absorbed into other departments or dissolved since the initial contact prior to sending out the survey
- ☐ Conducted site visits to 9 agencies to gather information lessons learned, challenges and solutions, potential promising practices, and to see various types of LPR in use
 - Jefferson Parish (LA) Sheriff's Department, Norfolk (VA) Police Department, Long Beach (CA) Police Department, Boston (MA) Police Department, Broward County (FL) Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles (CA) Sheriff's Department, Minnesota State Patrol, Kent (WA) Police Department, and Seattle (WA) Police Department

- ☐ Conducted outreach to the association's members via:
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- ☐ **NIJ Information Led Policing Technical Working Group Meeting – October 2009:** General information about this project was shared during the NIJ ILP TWG meeting.

In the next performance period, IACP will focus on the following:

- ☐ Conduct 3 site visits to law enforcement agencies to identify and document problem-specific and concrete examples of LPR successes and challenges.
 - Escondido (CA) Police Department, Arlington (VA) Police Department, Long Beach (NY) Police Department
- ☐ Develop and draft the Policy and Operational Guide document
- ☐ Present on the LPR: Policy and Operational Guidance for Law Enforcement project at the ISC West Conference in March 2009

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Originally funded through September 30, 2009, IACP applied for a 6-month no cost extension in April 2009 to extend funding through March 31, 2010. The no cost extension was approved in May 2009.

The activities from April 2009 to June 2009 centered on kicking off the project, general outreach to the IACP membership and the law enforcement community informing them about the initiative, and establishing a framework to begin collecting the information necessary to develop the policy and operational guidance for the leading practices guide.

From April 2009 to June 2009 IACP achieved the following goals and objectives:

- ☐ IACP hired Captain Dale Stockton (ret.) as a consultant to assist IACP with this effort
- ☐ Identified a stratified random sampling of 500 law enforcement agencies and sent notification requesting their participation in an LPR survey and data collection
- ☐ Conducted outreach to the association's members via different communication conduits:
 - **Website:** General information about the project is available to the IACP membership and public on the IACP website (www.theiacp.org)
 - **Police Chief Magazine:** The Tech Talk column in the May 2009 issue of *Police Chief* featured the article, *License Plate Readers in San Diego County* by Sgt. Don Shumate from Escondido (CA) Police Department
 - **IACP Info:** General information is included in the biweekly newsletter to update IACP members and other subscribers with information on the project

- **IACP LEIM Conference, Dallas (TX) – May 2009:** General information about this project was shared during a full day LPR Workshop held during the conference.
- **NIJ Conference, Arlington (VA) – June 2009:** General information about this project was shared during as part of the Reading License Plate Readers In Real Time workshop held during the conference.

In the next performance period, IACP will focus on the following:

- In July 2009, IACP is hosting a meeting in Schaumburg, IL to draft the field interview questionnaire on LPR.
- Distribute the survey and collect responses
- Conduct 10 site visits to law enforcement agencies to identify and document problem-specific and concrete examples of LPR successes and challenges.
- Develop and draft the Policy and Operational Guide document

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- ☐ Conducted site visits to 3 agencies to gather information lessons learned, challenges and solutions, potential promising practices, and to see various types of LPR in use
 - Escondido (CA) Police Department, Long Beach (NY) Police Department, and Arlington (VA) Police Department
- ☐ **LPR Policy Symposium:** A LPR policy symposium was held in conjunction with the ISC West Security Show. Panelists spoke on policy, practice, and privacy and shared lessons learned with the attendees. A discussion of the NIJ standards process was also held.
- ☐ **IACP LEIM Conference:** Two workshops were held during the IACP LEIM conference on LPR. One workshop was a policy and practice focused session in which panelist shared policy development, operational implementation, and lessons learned with the attendees. The second workshop focused on the technical side of LPR implementation and lessons learned.
- ☐ **NIJ Conference:** IACP presented on the preliminary findings of the project.
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