



President's Message

Twenty-five Years and Still Going Strong

This year, NAJIS celebrates the 25th anniversary of its first annual conference. During that time, many things have changed, but many have stayed the same. NAJIS remains a practitioner-centered organization dedicated to providing education and networking opportunities to technologists in criminal justice. But many things have changed: Beginning as a prosecutor IT support group, we now address the far broader focus of integrated criminal justice, and the definition of technologist has expanded to include policy and decision-makers as well as technology consumers in criminal justice.

Our primary mission remains to provide a forum for professional education and interaction. Our annual conferences have increased in attendance over the past few years – we now have close to 200 attendees – but we haven't lost our focus on providing a less-formal atmosphere where speakers and attendees can interact and address issues of common interest.

This year's conference will be no different. We expect to offer sessions on a variety of topics spanning many different aspects of technology and its practical application in the criminal justice environment. We hope that you will be able to join us September 20-22 in Miami.

Other changes mark our twenty-fifth anniversary. We are completing our application to become a recognized non-profit organization having submitted our application to the I.R.S. this past fall. We have moved our organizational headquarters to Washington, D. C. and receive organizational and administrative support from the National Criminal Justice Association.

Lastly, we continue to refresh our board of directors, who volunteer their time and

resources to support the efforts of NAJIS. Welcome to our three newest members: Michael Overton of the Nebraska Crime Commission, Pat Nelson of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission and Lynn Vodden of the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office.

Mary Young

San Francisco Conference Another Success

Laura Radke, NAJIS Director

This year's conference attracted practitioners from across the country and included representation from nearly every state.

Many hot topics facing Justice IT professionals were addressed at this conference. The kickoff keynote by Paul Wormeli of the IJIS Institute provided an excellent framework for the conference by offering an assessment of the current state of justice information sharing efforts. The follow-up by Jeff Langford of Mid-Tech Partners offered a look at tomorrow – providing an overview of future technology with practical justice implications.

Conference highlights included numerous opportunities to hear about successful implementations of a variety of solutions. Participants were able to view several state-of-the-art technical implementations of justice solutions; including Contra Costa County's Service Oriented Architecture approach, Pennsylvania's implementation of digital mug shots and facial recognition, Alabama's LETS, and Colorado's consolidated name index.

The NAJIS conference continues to be one of the few venues where all attendees

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are able to present key initiatives or challenges they face within their jurisdiction. Conference attendees are active participants sharing their lessons learned as well as their successes. As always, the 2005 NAJIS conference provided ample opportunities to network with other participants and presenters to learn more about these projects.

Perhaps one of the 2005 conference participants summed it up best, "This was my first NAJIS conference and will certainly not be my last. It was one of the most informative conferences I have been to in my career."

The high interest in this conference caused an unprecedented early sell-out of the conference hotel, with most rooms booked by July. Please take this into consideration when making your NAJIS 2006 conference plans.

Mark your calendars now for September 20-22, 2006. We'll be heading to Miami, Florida and have secured a unique venue for this conference – the Fairmont Turnberry Isle Resort & Club.

Procurement Resource Provides “One-stop” Shopping

By Sarah Jones, Program Coordinator, Justice Technology Resource Center, SEARCH

Justice agencies throughout the nation realize the numerous benefits that modern information services provide, enabling them to perform their responsibilities more effectively and efficiently. However, successful procurement of information systems can be complicated, risky and overwhelming for any agency. The *Justice Technology Resource Center (JTRC)*, located at www.search.org/jtrc, is a significant online resource created by SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics, to assist justice agencies in their procurement efforts. Information maintained by the JTRC can be extremely valuable to agencies in identifying information systems that will meet their specific needs.

The JTRC provides a **one-stop shopping website for justice information technology resources**. It facilitates the exchange of information among criminal justice professionals, allowing them to maintain and expand IT planning and implementation resources, and to improve the information management capabilities of justice agencies throughout the nation.

The JTRC is a Web-based tool created to assist state and local justice agencies in **researching, planning and procuring state-of-the-art information systems**. It is an online source for valuable information on justice information technology software, consulting services and procurement needs. The JTRC database contains an expanding list of justice information systems (covering enterprise-wide integration initiatives, mug-shot, photo imaging, court and prosecutor case management programs, crime reporting, computer-aided dispatch and criminal history recordkeeping systems). The JTRC also

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This Web site allows you to:

- ▶ Access information about justice software solutions and consulting services
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- ▶ Use other agencies' procurement documents to assist in writing your own
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enables agencies to electronically post their Requests for Proposals (RFP), Requests for Information (RFI), and other procurement documents to a Web-based database that is immediately accessible to vendors and other users worldwide.

How You'll Benefit

The JTRC offers agencies and/or their consultants the ability to:

- Research justice software solutions and consulting services
- Post procurement documents for bid by software vendors and for review by peer agencies
- Review procurement documents prepared by peer agencies and download them as templates
- Become references for software products, assisting other agencies in their research.

While the JTRC was developed to help justice agencies with their IT procurement processes, it also offers vendors the opportunity to:

- Advertise their products and services — conveniently and cost-effectively — to justice agencies, nationwide.
- Stay current with procurement processes in the justice community.
- Receive notices when justice agencies post new procurement documents
- Bid on open procurements.

What To Do

Visit the JTRC today and register as a new user to take advantage of this opportunity!

If you have any questions regarding the JTRC, please send email to jtrc@search.org.

Arizona Law Enforcement Develops Information Sharing System

Lisa Bergeron, Pinal County Government and NAJIS Director

Twenty police and sheriff's departments around the state of Arizona are working together to seamlessly exchange information. Arizona's InSight project will be the first in the nation to link every sheriff's department throughout an entire state, as well as some police departments, allowing them to share extensive information in real time.

Agencies currently involved in the InSight project include sheriff's departments in Apache, Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai, and Yuma counties; and police departments in the cities of Avondale, Buckeye, Cottonwood, Flagstaff, Surprise, and Tolleson.

Once complete, the project will allow every sheriff's department throughout the state, as well as several police departments, to instantly query the databases of every agency on the system to obtain information on people, vehicles, property, warrants, and incidents. Each agency will also be able to access jail

information from every county in the state.

The software incorporates the Global Justice XML Data Model (GJXDM), which allows information exchange even between agencies using different software systems, and extensive search capabilities without costly interfaces. InSight can be used from both desktop and mobile units, and includes security features with data encryption and user-defined privileges to ensure the highest level of data integrity.

The initiative for the InSight project has been headed by Pinal County Sheriff's Office, with grant funding coming from the Department of Homeland Security, and is based on the InSight data sharing software from Spillman Technologies.

The project is ongoing and is anticipated to be complete within the next year. For further information about this project, contact Lisa Bergeron at 520-866-6690 or lisa.bergeron@co.pinal.az.us.

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Other Procurement Resources

JISP

The Justice Information Sharing Practitioners (JISP) provides another resource for IT product and service evaluation and information. JISP maintains a LISTSERV where registered users can ask questions of others within the practitioner community about various products and services, as well as any other IT questions. The purpose of the [JISP Listserv](#) is for State and Local Justice "integrators" to share thoughts, ideas and resources on the subject of Justice Information sharing. JISP also publishes a newsletter addressing issues of interest to the criminal justice integration community. For further information about JISP, visit their website at www.jisp.us.

SEARCH Symposium

SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics, is holding its bi-annual Symposium on Justice and Public Safety Information Sharing. This year's Symposium will be held March 13-15 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, D. C. The program includes four tracks focusing on topics in Planning, Analysis, Implementation and Technology. The Symposium includes an extensive vendor exhibition and also offers several preconference workshops on Sunday, March 12. This is a great opportunity to meet with colleagues and learn about criminal justice integration activities. For further information, visit the SEARCH website at www.search.org.

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What Is NAJIS?

The National Association for Justice Information Systems (NAJIS) is an organization of individuals responsible for the acquisition, operation and management of local, state and federal criminal justice information systems.

All managers in prosecutor's offices, the courts, law enforcement and allied agencies who design, improve, implement or supervise automated information systems can benefit from participating in NAJIS. Individuals who are investigating, evaluating and purchasing automated systems—both hardware and software—for criminal justice purposes are encouraged to join and participate in NAJIS activities.

NAJIS began in 1981 as the PROMIS (Prosecutors Management Information System) User Group and has grown to encompass the needs of all criminal justice agencies. The promotion of integrated criminal justice and new technologies is the focus of NAJIS.

NAJIS conducts an annual educational conference, publishes a newsletter and website with the goal of improving the criminal justice system through the practical application of technology.

2006 NAJIS Conference Slated for Miami



Mark your calendars now for September 20-22, 2006. This year's conference will be held in Miami, Florida at the Fairmont Turnberry Isle Resort & Club. Join us at this amazing golf resort and spa, secluded on 300 tropical acres featuring spectacular views, upscale amenities and personalized service. Watch for conference mailings or check out the NAJIS website at www.najis.org for more information about the NAJIS 2006 conference.