



**ATF**

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## NATIONAL INTEGRATED BALLISTIC INFORMATION NETWORK

### ◆ IACP AUGUST VOLLMER AWARD TO HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT ◆

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) recognizes the significant impact that forensic science has on the criminal justice system. The August Vollmer Excellence in Forensic Science Award has been created to honor the proactive, innovative use of forensic technologies by law enforcement. Presented yearly at the IACP conference, awards are given in the following categories:

- Current or Past Contribution to Forensic Science by Police Agency.
- Current or Past Contribution to Forensic Science by an Individual
- Current or Past Collaboration in Forensic Science.
- Innovation in Forensic Technology.
- Significant Investigative Value in a Major Crime.
- Enhancement of Forensic Capability by a Forensic Science Provider.

This year, the **Houston PD (HPD) Crime Laboratory Division** received the August Vollmer Award for *Significant Investigative Value in a Major Crime*. The Firearms Section of the Houston Police Department Crime Laboratory Division Utilized IBIS to link firearms evidence in twelve different investigations, including several capital murders and aggravated assaults, involving members of the La Tercera Crips (LTC)

gang over a ten month period. Their diligent efforts resulted in the arrest of eight gang members and a recovery of some of the murder weapons. The success of the arrest of LTC gang members underscores the importance of providing timely investigative information to detectives. Additionally, it highlights the necessity of constructive teamwork. The outcome of the investigations would not have been possible without the open communications and dialogue between forensic scientists and detectives. Working hand in hand both entities openly shared key information to solve the cases. Law enforcement agencies should not overlook the valuable information that their crime laboratories can provide them to assist in solving cases and saving time in manpower resources.



**Accepting IACP August Vollmer Award**  
Imma Rios, Assistant Director  
HPD Crime Laboratory

## NIBIN Updates

### NIBIN Milestone Hit Plaque Presentations

Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD)  
(1500 Hits– December 2009)



SSA Michael O'Neil, NIBIN Branch Chief, ATF  
Doreen Hudson, Assistant Laboratory Director, LAPD

Santa Ana Police Department  
(1000 Hits- November 2009)

San Diego Police Department  
(300 hits– July 2009)

**IBIS Training:** ATF and Forensic Technology (FT) are collaborating to remove the "bullet" portion of FT's IBIS Data Acquisitions Course to create TWO IBIS Data Acquisitions Course (casings only) per month, as opposed to the previous schedule of just one course per month. If implemented, the classes will be held in the same week, with each course lasting 2 1/2 days. All students will continue to be responsible for funding all travel expenses. (This will tentatively take effect March 2010).

**U.S.– Mexico IBIS Exchange** During the week of December 7, 2009, ATF met with FT in Montreal, Canada regarding the US- Mexico exchange. The main issue of discussion was the sanitization of information to ensure that the users in Mexico could not determine what site or user in the US entered the information. Procedures for the sanitization are still under discussion. Detailed plans for the testing of 1 IBIS data correlation international server are underway along with the testing of the 13 US IBIS data correlation servers all to be deployed in the US. The US IBIS servers will be refreshed and the current US IBIS software will be upgraded prior to deploying the US IBIS International server.

## ◆ CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NIBIN EXECUTIVE BOARD APPOINTEES ◆

The NIBIN Executive Board will recommend and provide guidance to ATF regarding NIBIN operations; rules, regulations, and procedures; and external relationships to include expansion of the Program to increase participation from Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies.

On December 11, 2009, the following appointments were issued by the ATF Director:

### NIBIN News

#### ATF NIBIN BRANCH POINTS OF CONTACT

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##### ATF NIBIN Branch Operations

- IBIS Deployments/Refreshes/Moves/Removals
- NIBIN Partner Milestone Hit Plaque Presentations
- NIBIN Partner Crime Lab Operations Support
- NIBIN Best Practices Workshops
- IBIS International Exchanges
- NIBIN/IBIS User Training
- NIBIN Partner Partitions
- Monitoring NIBIN Partner Performance
- Intelligence Reporting QA/QC
- Manage NIBIN Branch Staff

**Deputy Superintendent William Casey**– Boston Police Department. Mr. Casey is a member of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) and IACP and has served on the NIBIN Executive Board since 1999.

**Sheriff Al Lamberti**- Broward County (FL) Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Lamberti was named Sheriff on October 26, 2007 and is a member of the National Sheriff's Association (NSA).

**Chief Scott M. Knight**– Chaska (MN) Police Department. Chief Knight was appointed Chief of Police in January 2000 and serves as the Chairman of the IACP Firearms Committee.

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##### ATF NIBIN Branch Intelligence

- Identify ATF field division NIBIN intelligence wants/needs
- Review, transfer, track, and close NIBIN intelligence cases
- Monitor ATF and outside-ATF agencies and NIBIN investigations
- Manage NIBIN Branch Firearms Crime Analysts

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**Doreen Hudson**– Doreen is the Assistant Laboratory Director for the Los Angeles Police Department Crime Laboratory and is a member of the American Society of Crime Lab Directors (ASCLD) and IACP's Firearms Committee.

**Chief Val B. Demings**—Orlando Police Department. Chief Demings was appointed Chief of Police on December 17, 2007 and is a member of IACP.

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##### NIBIN FIREARMS CRIME ANALYSTS

- Collect, analyze, summarize and track NIBIN intelligence
- Identify NIBIN hit persons/locations matches to ATF cases
- Share NIBIN intelligence with outside-ATF agencies
- Identify "gang-related" NIBIN hits
- Identify "cross-jurisdiction" NIBIN hits
- Identify "crime" for NIBIN hit shootings
- Identify and prepare NIBIN Success Stories

##### ATF NIBIN BRANCH AGENTS MEET WITH ATF SPECIAL AGENTS IN CHARGE

From October 2009 to December 2009, ATF NIBIN Branch Agents delivered NIBIN briefings to the following ATF Field Division Management Teams:

- Detroit
- St. Paul
- Kansas City
- Dallas
- Houston
- Chicago
- Columbus
- San Francisco
- Los Angeles
- Phoenix

## ◆ DOJ - Office of Justice Programs - Byrne/JAG Local Grant Application ◆

### **Description: Overview of the JAG Program**

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program (42 U.S.C. 3751(a)) is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. JAG funds support all components of the criminal justice system, from multijurisdictional drug and gang task forces to crime prevention and domestic violence programs, courts, corrections, treatment, and justice information sharing initiatives. JAG funded projects may address crime through the provision of services directly to individuals and/or communities and by improving the effectiveness and efficiency of criminal justice systems, processes, and procedures.

### **Deadline: Registration**

Applicants must register with the Office of Justice Programs' (OJP) [Grants Management System](#) (GMS) prior to applying.

### **Deadline: Applications**

The due date for applying for funding is estimated in July 2010.

### **[Download Application](#)**

### **Eligibility**

Applicants are limited to units of local government. For reference you can view the 2009 list, go to [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/09jagallocations.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/09jagallocations.html). For JAG program purposes, a unit of local government is: a town, township, village, parish, city, county, borough, or other general purpose political subdivision of a state; or, it may also be a federally recognized Indian tribe or Alaskan Native organization that performs law enforcement functions as determined by the Secretary of the Interior. Otherwise a unit of local government may be any law enforcement district or judicial enforcement district established under state law with authority to independently establish a budget and impose taxes.

In the District of Columbia or any United States Trust Territory, a unit of local government is any agency of the District of Columbia or Federal government performing law enforcement functions for the District of Columbia or Trust Territories of the United States. For a listing of eligible units of local government, go to [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/09jagallocations.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/09jagallocations.html).

### **Purpose Areas**

JAG funds may be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, **PERSONNEL**, **EQUIPMENT**, supplies, contractual support, information systems for criminal justice, and criminal justice related research and evaluation activities that will improve or enhance:

- Law enforcement programs.
- Prosecution and court programs.
- Prevention and education programs.
- Corrections and community corrections programs.
- Drug treatment and enforcement programs.
- Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs.
- Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation).

### **Organization Information:**

**Organization:** Bureau of Justice Assistance

**Website:** <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/index.html>

### **Contact Information:**

**Contact Phone:** 1-888-549-9901, option 3

### **More Information:**

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/09JAGLocalSol.pdf>