

INTERPOL Notices Program

INTERPOL, the International Criminal Police Organization, administers a system of International “lookouts” or advisory notices that enables law enforcement authorities in member countries to share critical crime-related information. INTERPOL Notices are color-coded according to purpose:

- **Red:** Seek the location and arrest of a wanted person with a view to extradition or other lawful return.
- **Blue:** Locate, identify, or obtain information on a person of interest in a criminal investigation.
- **Green:** Warn about persons who are possible threats to public safety based on their prior criminal histories.
- **Yellow:** Locate a missing person or identify a person unable to identify himself/herself.
- **Black:** Seek information on unidentified bodies.
- **Orange:** Warn of an event, person, object, or process representing an imminent threat and danger to public safety.
- **Purple:** Provide information on *modi operandi*, procedures, objects, devices, or hiding places used by criminals.

INTERPOL-UN Security Council Special Notice:

Inform INTERPOL member countries that an individual or entity is subject to UN sanctions based on an association with terrorist groups.

INTERPOL Washington also has the capability of sending messages or “Diffusions” for investigative purposes directly to any or all other NCBs. Contact INTERPOL Washington for more information.

In the U.S., INTERPOL Washington is responsible for seeking the publication of all INTERPOL Notices on behalf of U.S. authorities and alerting them to the existence of INTERPOL Notices published by other countries. Law enforcement authorities requiring immediate assistance with an INTERPOL Notice should call (202) 616-3900.

Operational Divisions

At the core of INTERPOL Washington’s investigative support activities is the INTERPOL Operations and Command Center (IOCC), which provides a 24/7/365 communications interface between domestic and international law enforcement partners. The IOCC also supports the activities of INTERPOL Washington’s operational divisions:

- Border Security Division
- Counterterrorism Division
- Global Police Services Division
- Transnational Crime Division

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International Reach*

Capabilities & Resources



Transnational crime and terrorism represent growing threats to our citizens, our communities, and our national security. In order to respond effectively, law enforcement authorities must be able to overcome the very real linguistic, cultural, and legal barriers that complicate the international exchange of criminal investigative information and assistance.

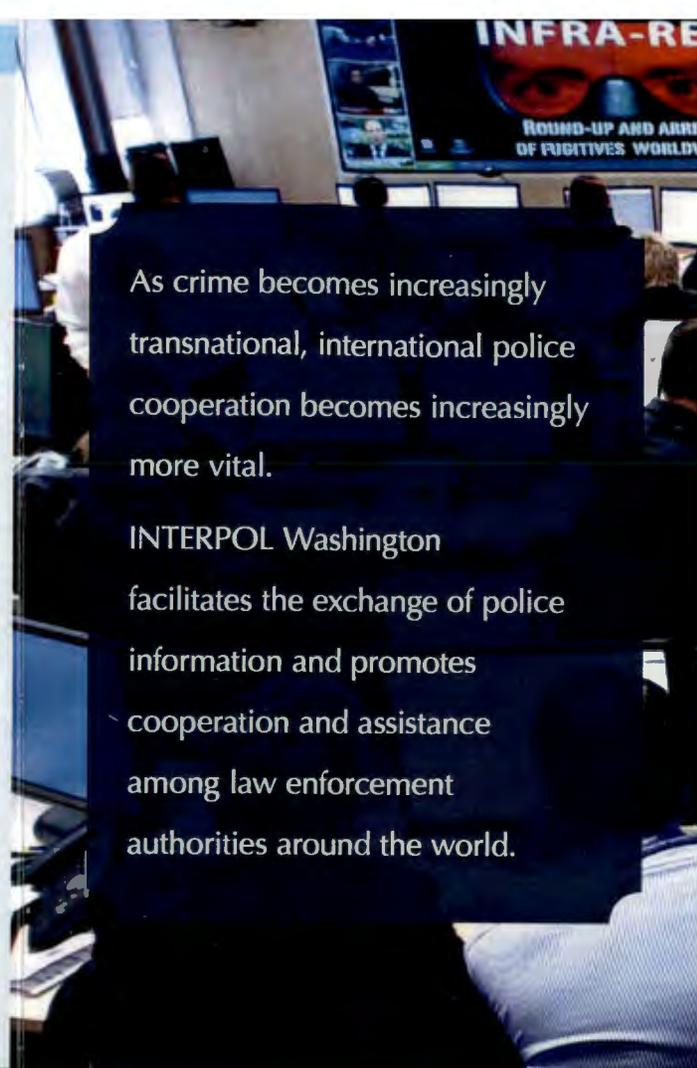
INTERPOL Washington provides the necessary communications network, framework for police cooperation and essential tools and services that lead to timely investigative results for our nation's law enforcement authorities and their foreign counterparts engaged in the fight against transnational crime and terrorism.

INTERPOL Washington offers U.S. law enforcement agencies the unique ability to communicate with all

other INTERPOL member countries, either individually or simultaneously, through a secure encrypted, Internet-based virtual private network known as "I-24/7". This system facilitates police-to-police interaction in real-time on investigative matters ranging from simple criminal history checks to the sharing of vital criminal intelligence and investigative leads. It also provides an international communications link for processing humanitarian assistance requests involving threatened suicides, death notifications, and health and welfare checks on U.S. citizens overseas or foreign nationals in the U.S.

INTERPOL Washington has also extended INTERPOL query access to components of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Department of State, which enables the routine, automated screening of all travelers inbound to the U.S. from foreign locations.

Even for law enforcement agencies with a significant international presence, INTERPOL Washington's services are *complementary*, not *competitive*, and available 24/7/365.



As crime becomes increasingly transnational, international police cooperation becomes increasingly more vital.

INTERPOL Washington facilitates the exchange of police information and promotes cooperation and assistance among law enforcement authorities around the world.

A component of the U.S. Department of Justice, INTERPOL Washington, the U.S. National Central Bureau (USNCB) is co-managed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. As the designated representative to INTERPOL on behalf of the Attorney General, INTERPOL Washington serves as the national point of contact for all INTERPOL matters, coordinating international investigative efforts among member countries and the more than 18,000 local, state, federal, and tribal law enforcement agencies in the United States.



Contact INTERPOL Washington for:

- International investigative assistance
- Secure global police communications
- Searches of INTERPOL investigative databases
- Assistance with all INTERPOL Notices
- Requests for humanitarian assistance
- Verification of questioned passports or other foreign travel documents

