



GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES INTERPOL Washington (USNCB)

FY 2017 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2016 Enacted:	\$33.4 million (77 positions; 2 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$393,000
Program Changes:	+\$3.0 million
FY 2017 Budget Request:	\$36.9 million (79 positions; 2 attorneys)
Change From FY 2016 Enacted:	+\$3.4 million (+10.2%) (+2 positions)

Mission:

INTERPOL Washington is the statutorily designated representative to the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) on behalf of the Attorney General. Its mission includes, but is not limited to, facilitating international police cooperation; transmitting information of a criminal justice, humanitarian and other law enforcement-related nature between U.S. law enforcement authorities and their foreign counterparts; and coordinating and integrating information in criminal investigations that serve to combat transnational crime and terrorism.

Organization:

The USNCB is a component of the Department of Justice (DOJ), and is co-managed with the Department of Homeland Security pursuant to a memorandum of understanding. It is staffed by a multi-sector workforce consisting of permanent DOJ analysts, program managers, and administrative personnel; detailees (including the Director and Deputy Director) representing a variety of U.S. law enforcement agencies, and contractors. Operating 24/7/365, the USNCB serves as the exclusive U.S. point of contact for all INTERPOL matters on behalf of the more than 18,000 domestic law enforcement agencies and their foreign counterparts. Personnel detailed to the USNCB are assigned to work in divisions dedicated to specific investigative areas including counterterrorism, drugs, economic crime, human trafficking, fugitives, and violent crime.

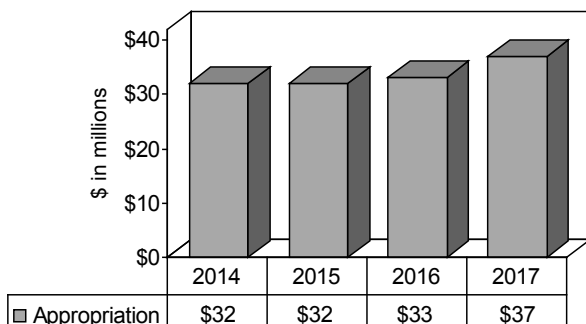
Resources:

The FY 2017 budget request for USNCB totals \$36.9 million, which is a 10.2% increase over the FY 2016 Enacted.

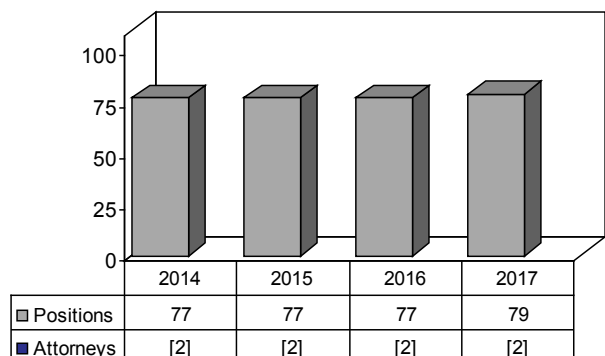
Personnel:

The USNCB's direct positions for FY 2017 total 79 positions. USNCB's FY 2017 request includes an increase of 2 positions over the FY 2016 Enacted of 77 direct positions.

Funding (FY 2014 - 2017)



Personnel (FY 2014 - 2017)



FY 2017 Strategy:

The growth in transnational crime and the threats associated with international terrorism have resulted in a greater need for global law enforcement cooperation and access to international law enforcement information. The USNCB 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 international counterparts engaged in the fight against transnational crime and terrorism.

Facilitate Global Law Enforcement Communications

INTERPOL Washington provides federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement officials with the ability to exchange information with INTERPOL and its 189 other member countries, either bilaterally, regionally, or globally. This unique capability facilitates police-to-police interaction in investigative matters ranging from simple criminal history checks to the sharing of intelligence and investigative leads targeting transnational organized crime groups. It also provides an international communications network for processing humanitarian assistance requests on U.S. citizens overseas or foreign nationals in the U.S.

Support International Investigative Efforts

INTERPOL administers a system of international "lookouts" or advisory notices to share information with its 190 member countries. As the U.S. National Central Bureau, INTERPOL Washington is exclusively responsible for obtaining the publication of INTERPOL Notices on behalf of all U.S. law enforcement authorities, providing critical information on individuals wanted for serious crimes, potential threats, and missing persons, among other matters. The USNCB also performs an array of activities that directly support domestic and foreign law enforcement and enhances access to international law enforcement investigative assistance, data, and criminal intelligence. These activities typically involve the handling of both incoming and outgoing requests for assistance in criminal investigations. Additionally, the USNCB receives and responds to many requests relating to administrative matters that include applications for licenses and employment with a public safety and security nexus.

Increase and Enhance Access to Law Enforcement Information

The USNCB is committed to facilitating the sharing of international law enforcement information throughout the United States. Its ability to support this mission is intrinsically linked to technology, interoperability and automation. As of the end of CY 2015, INTERPOL Washington facilitated the processing of 446 million queries, an increase of 21 percent (78.5 million) than the number of queries run in CY 2014. Through the USNCB's expansion initiatives, over 94 percent of all states now have the ability to directly query INTERPOL databases. Automating INTERPOL queries is a proven, highly effective method for aggressively identifying, tracking, and apprehending subjects that have committed transnational crimes. The USNCB will continue to extend and automate national access to these INTERPOL systems as well as to improve and simplify our ability to communicate securely with various law enforcement agencies through mobility platforms and Internet connected devices. The USNCB's on-going information sharing approach focuses on gaining efficiencies by reusing and enhancing existing capabilities and technologies to further strengthen national security.

FY 2017 Program Changes:

INTERPOL Washington Operations: \$1.4 million and 2 positions

As an integral U.S. source for international law enforcement intelligence, the USNCB is experiencing a significant increase in demand from state, local, tribal, federal and international agencies for services and assistance due to significant rises in transnational crime and the risk associated with international terrorism. This funding increase will enable the USNCB to hire additional staff and contractor support necessary to process the significant increase in query traffic seen in the past five years and future growth expected in the next few years. The accurate and timely processing of incoming requests is critical to the USNCB's ability to provide timely investigative support to federal, state, local and foreign law enforcement agencies/officials. Funding will allow INTERPOL Washington to manage the risk of persons wanted for crimes that include homicide, child sexual abuse, terrorism, and other serious felonies entering United States undetected and becoming a potentially significant threat to public safety and national security. Current services for this program are 72 positions and \$31.0 million.

INTERPOL Washington IT Expansion Initiative: \$1.6 million and 0 positions

As the United States' communications nexus for global intelligence, the USNCB is heavily reliant on technology and developing/improving federal, state, local, and tribal access to INTERPOL systems. With access to these systems, U.S. law enforcement agencies can obtain global law enforcement intelligence otherwise unavailable to them. Additionally, with increasing demand by more domestic law enforcement agencies joining the network, the USNCB must constantly work to expand its infrastructure and network abilities to handle this increased usage. This funding increase enables the growth of INTERPOL system accesses and the usage of its systems. Specifically, the requested funding will allow for system upgrades to ensure 24/7 operational ability, expansion of automated biometric processing services for improved fingerprint/photo identification, and expanded system integration including real-time passport checks at every land border. Current services for this program are 5 positions and \$3.3 million.

INTERPOL Washington
(Dollars in Thousands)

	INTERPOL Washington		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount
2015 Appropriation	77	62	32,000
2016 Enacted	77	69	33,437
2017 Request	79	70	36,860
Change 2017 from 2016 Enacted	2	1	3,423
Technical Adjustments			
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	151
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	107
Foreign Expenses	0	0	135
Total Base Adjustments	0	0	393
2017 Current Services	77	69	33,830
Program Changes			
Increases:			
INTERPOL Washington Operations	2	1	1,430
INTERPOL Washington IT Expansion Initiative	0	0	1,600
Subtotal, Program Increases	2	1	3,030
Decreases:			
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	2	1	3,030
2017 Request	79	70	36,860

INTERPOL Washington

(Dollars in Thousands)

Comparison by activity and program	2016 Enacted			2017 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
INTERPOL - Washington	77	69	33,437	77	69	33,830
Total	77	69	33,437	77	69	33,830
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	77	69	33,437	77	69	33,830

Comparison by activity and program	2017 Total Program Changes			2017 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
INTERPOL - Washington	2	1	3,030	79	70	36,860
Total	2	1	3,030	79	70	36,860
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	2	1	3,030	79	70	36,860