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## PRACTICE NOTE

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### Intelligence and Information Sharing: The Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center's Campus/University Liaison Officer

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The Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center (IIFC) partnered with the Indiana Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (INCLEA) to develop the campus/university liaison officer position at the IIFC. This individual serves as a point-of-contact at the IIFC for Indiana college and university law enforcement personnel.

#### DESCRIPTION

On March 20, 2006, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security established the IIFC to serve as the state's centralized, multiagency information and intelligence sharing network. The IIFC collects, analyzes, and disseminates information and intelligence to help federal, state, and local agencies detect, prevent, and respond to criminal and terrorist activity.

Members of the IIFC Executive Committee developed and launched the IIFC Liaison Program to involve Indiana public safety and private sector critical infrastructure personnel in the collection and submission of threat information. To help achieve this, the IIFC appointed a statewide liaison commander to coordinate the IIFC Liaison Program.

The IIFC statewide liaison commander witnessed an increase in school-related violence across the country and wanted to improve information sharing and suspicious activity identification at Indiana colleges and universities. To achieve this, the IIFC partnered with INCLEA to create the campus/university liaison officer position at the IIFC. INCLEA leveraged its contacts in the Indiana educational system to build awareness and support for the initiative.

Purdue University and Indiana University-Purdue University each assigned a sworn law enforcement officer to serve at the IIFC. These liaison officers provide Indiana college and university law enforcement personnel with a direct point-of-contact at the IIFC. This allows campus law enforcement personnel to share threat information and to submit suspicious activity reports directly to the IIFC, which may initiate an investigation of the threat if deemed necessary. For example, Indiana universities received eight bomb threats

The IIFC Executive Committee consists of 14 representatives from federal, state, and local law enforcement, corrections, and gaming agencies and divisions. The Executive Committee develops policy, provides administrative guidance, and oversees the daily operations of the IIFC.

INCLEA is an affiliate of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA). IACLEA's goal is to advance public safety for educational institutions by providing educational resources, advocacy, and professional development services. For additional information, please visit the [IACLEA Web site](http://www.iaclea.org).

immediately following the 2007 Virginia Tech shootings. Indiana campus law enforcement personnel alerted one of the IIFC campus security liaison officers, who quickly notified all Indiana college and university law enforcement agencies. IIFC analysts then assessed the threat and provided information and guidance to college and university campuses to aid them in their decision making process.

### **CITATIONS**

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