Fusion Center Guidelines

WHEREAS, the Major Cities Chiefs Association recognizes that in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, there is a need to address the deficiencies that exist in this country in the collection, analysis, and dissemination of criminal intelligence; and

WHEREAS, the Major Cities Chiefs Association recognizes the need to address these deficiencies and to ensure that local, state, and tribal law enforcement are involved in the intelligence process; and

WHEREAS, with the participation of the Major Cities Chiefs Association, the U.S. Department of Justice's Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative convened a working group to develop guidelines for the operation of intelligence fusion centers; and

WHEREAS, the findings of that work group led to the issuance of a report in 2006 entitled Fusion Center Guidelines—Law Enforcement Intelligence, Public Safety, and the Private Sector; and

WHEREAS, the Fusion Center Guidelines—Law Enforcement Intelligence, Public Safety, and the Private Sector report has recommended 18 guidelines for the proper operation of an intelligence fusion center; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Major Cities Chiefs Association supports the *Fusion Center Guidelines—Law Enforcement Intelligence, Public Safety, and the Private Sector* report as a valuable tool to remedy the deficiencies in the existing methods of collecting, analyzing, and disseminating criminal intelligence and that the Major Cities Chiefs Association encourages all law enforcement agencies to utilize these guidelines in the development and operation of intelligence fusion centers.

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