



INL POLICE PARTNERSHIPS



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL)



WHAT IS INL?

The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) helps keep Americans safe by building the capacity of partner nations to counter international crime, illegal drugs, and instability. INL assists other countries to improve their ability to deliver justice by strengthening their criminal justice institutions, including national, regional, and local law enforcement; the justice sector; and corrections agencies. By making countries abroad more safe and stable, we safeguard the United States by improving the ability of our partners to combat crime.

WHAT IS AN INL POLICE PARTNERSHIP?

The INL Office of Criminal Justice Assistance and Partnership (INL/CAP) develops and fosters partnerships with state and local law enforcement organizations across the United States and its territories. INL currently has over 20 Memoranda of Understanding with law enforcement agencies, including municipal police departments, state police agencies, sheriff's offices, and related organizations that support them, such as forensic laboratories, and standards and training organizations. These partnerships help INL bring to bear the wealth of U.S. experience in all fields of law enforcement to support U.S. diplomatic and assistance efforts overseas.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN INL POLICE PARTNER?

INL police partnerships are mutually beneficial for INL, our U.S. police partners, and the recipients of our assistance. Foreign governments benefit by improving their capabilities and learning new tools and techniques. At the same time, our U.S. police partners engage in professional development opportunities that can improve teaching and public speaking skills, and give them a more thorough understanding of their own field of work. After the program is done, our U.S. partners return home with enhanced credentials, international and federal experience, and relationships with key foreign institutions that may assist them in policing their own communities. For example, when police in Central America are able to dismantle gangs there it reduces their presence in the United States.

WHAT DO INL POLICE PARTNERS DO?

State and local law enforcement institutions from the United States play a significant role in building rule of law overseas by providing expertise, techniques, and technologies to help foreign nations develop their ability to combat criminal threats. For instance, INL's U.S. police partners help foreign law enforcement organizations develop their capacity to conduct domestic violence and criminal investigations; undertake traffic management and crowd control operations; improve their policies and procedures; and provide assistance in other areas where U.S. state and local law enforcement have specialized, transferable skills.

Police partners also deliver instruction through INL's network of International Law Enforcement Academies (ILEA), where senior law enforcement officers from over 80 countries go to receive training and discuss law enforcement issues and priorities.



WHO ARE INL'S POLICE PARTNERS?

INL has partnerships with major municipal police departments, county sheriffs' offices, state and federal law enforcement agencies, as well as other related organizations from around the United States, such as organizations charged with setting law enforcement standards, and those that conduct specialized law enforcement functions such as forensic analysis.



FAQS

What level of commitment does INL require from U.S. police partners?

INL partners can commit as much of their time and staff as they are willing and able to commit. We appreciate the contributions of our domestic partners, and we try to make these experiences beneficial for them without becoming a burden.

How much will it cost my agency to partner with INL?

INL partners are reimbursed for all expenses incurred related to their INL programs. This includes travel expenses, training materials and equipment, and often salary expenses.

Is my agency obligated to participate in INL's requested activities?

No. Participation in INL programs is voluntary. If a particular activity is not feasible for your agency to participate in for any reason, declining an INL request for support on that activity will not have a negative impact on the overall partnership.

How does it work?

INL and the U.S. police partner organization negotiate and sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that outlines the parameters of the relationship. When a need for assistance arises that fits with the abilities and interests of the American partner organization, INL contacts the organization to determine their willingness and availability. INL then works with them to complete all additional paperwork – and then the activity begins.



Where does training take place?

Partners engage in two main types of activities – mentoring, training, and advising at overseas locations, or they host foreign government law enforcement officials at their agencies.

Who is the INL point of contact?

Partnership enquiries should be sent to INL/CAP at INLCAPPoliceTeam@state.gov.



How are U.S. police partners prepared for assignments?

INL/CAP administers a pre-deployment training program that prepares officers going overseas in support of INL missions abroad.

Do U.S. law enforcement officers need to be certified trainers to participate?

It depends. While officers should have specific skill sets needed for particular assignments, certification is not always required to participate. When hosting a study visit by foreign police officials at your organization training certification is not required.

What type of expertise are you looking for?

We look for a wide range of expertise and departments who have any areas of expertise and are interested in sharing that specialized knowledge with foreign counterparts.

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Bosnia
Burkina Faso
Burma
Burundi
Cape Verde
Central African Republic
Chad
China
Cameroon
Colombia

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Cote D'Ivoire
Democratic Republic of Congo
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Egypt
El Salvador
Georgia
Ghana

Grenada
Guatemala
Guinea
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Haiti
Honduras
Hungary
Indonesia
Jamaica
Jordan
Kazakhstan
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