



NATIONAL CENTER FOR RURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT INTERNET PROJECT

While Internet service with e-mail capability is essential to the everyday operations of law enforcement agencies, there are some agencies that lack the funding for it or are located in rural areas where there is no Internet service. The Internet Project provides toll-free dial-up access and e-mail capability to rural and tribal law enforcement agencies nationwide.

Funded by the Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, the Internet project is administered by the National Center for Rural Law Enforcement (NCRLE), University of Arkansas System.

Having toll-free dial-up Internet access and e-mail capability significantly improves the technological and professional capabilities of rural and tribal agencies. It provides an essential tool for numerous administrative and law enforcement activities, including criminal investigations, information sharing, public relations, and internal and external communications.

In addition to Internet access and e-mail capability, the Internet project provides:

- Technical assistance through a toll-free help desk.
- Free web site assistance and hosting.
- Informational resources and publications.
- A portal to online continuing education classes.
- Model policies and procedures.
- Hands-on assistance in applying for BJA Bulletproof Vest Partnership funding.
- Membership in CopShare, an e-mail listserv that promotes information sharing among law enforcement agencies nationwide.

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