Commonwealth Fusion Center
Standard Operating Procedure

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Policy

It is the policy of the Commonwealth Fusion Center (CFC) to utilize best practices and national standards to guide the development of our information sharing and intelligence processes. In order to maximize our effectiveness for state and local law enforcement, public safety and private partners, our policies will adhere to the principles and guidelines provided in the following documents:

- National Criminal Intelligence Sharing Plan (NCISP)
- Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative (Global) Fusion Center Standards
- Global Justice XML Data Model (Global JXDM)

National Criminal Intelligence Sharing Plan (NCISP)

To fully participate in the CFC, Massachusetts law enforcement agencies, regardless of size, are encouraged to adopt the minimum standards for intelligence-led policing and the utilization and/or management of an intelligence function as contained in the National Criminal Intelligence Sharing Plan. The standards focus on the intelligence process and include elements such as:

- Mission of the function
- Management and supervision
- Personnel selection and training
- Security
- Privacy rights
- Development and dissemination of intelligence products
- Accountability measures.

Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative (Global) Fusion Center Standards

This initiative developed seventeen standards for the law enforcement intelligence component of fusion centers to provide a consistent framework across the nation. The standards include recommendations on governance, intelligence services and products, collaboration, training, interconnectivity, and Memorandum of Understanding issues.
The CFC will utilize these standards to enhance coordination efforts, strengthen partnerships, and improve anti-terrorism and crime fighting capabilities, and will promote them to other agencies.\(^1\)

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### Global Justice XML Standard

Agencies are encouraged to utilize the latest version of the Global Justice Extensible Markup Language (XML) Data Model (Global JXDM) and its component Global Justice XML Data Dictionary (Global JXDD) \(^7\), when connecting databases and other resources to communication networks. The Global JXDM and Global JXDD were developed to enable interoperability through the exchange of data across a broad range of disparate information systems. \(^2\)

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### 28 Code of Federal Regulations Part 23 - Criminal Intelligence Systems

Agencies are required to comply with 28 CFR Part 23 guidelines because the CFC operates a federally funded multi-jurisdictional criminal intelligence system. Each agency must have its own policies and procedures on submission and entry; security; inquiry; dissemination; and review and purge of criminal intelligence information. \(^3\)

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\(^1\) Guidelines for Establishing and Operating Fusion Centers at the Local, State, Tribal, and Federal Level – Law Enforcement Intelligence Component. July 2005


\(^3\) 28 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 23