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## **CPOC POSITION STATEMENT ON INFORMATION SHARING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT**

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Probation's mission is to protect public safety by supervising offenders and facilitating their rehabilitation in order to reduce recidivism. In pursuing that goal, probation recognizes the need to work closely with law enforcement (Police and Sheriffs), and as necessary, sharing probation information (e.g. criminal history, residence, probation conditions, probation compliance, etc.) in a manner that supports criminal investigations and the prevention or reduction of crime.

In sharing probation held information with law enforcement, CPOC believes it is essential that any information exchange system include appropriate quality assurance measures to ensure the accuracy of the information. Further, to achieve the best outcomes for probation and law enforcement, CPOC encourages conducting the exchange in the context of a multidisciplinary team environment, where the mission and objectives of each participating discipline are clearly communicated and understood.

Recognizing that each county may have their own communication systems, CPOC supports a local approach to information sharing systems.

Examples of information sharing approaches may include:

- The real time sharing of probation data including (names of probationers, probationer terms, addresses, assigned probation officer, etc) on an ongoing basis through automated systems as agreed through memorandums of understanding or other operational agreements.
- A case-by-case basis upon a specific request as a part of an investigation of a crime or series of crimes.
- As a part of joint probation/law enforcement operation targeting a specific group of offenders, a directed patrol, warrant sweep, etc.

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