

► ABOUT INTERPOL

INTERPOL's mission is to enable police around the world to work together to prevent and fight crime. We offer police a high-tech international infrastructure of technical and operational support to meet the growing challenges of fighting emerging types of crime.

Only through international cooperation can police hope to tackle today's criminals. We work to ensure that police around the world can instantly share and access the relevant data necessary to assist their investigations through secure communications channels. We facilitate police cooperation even where diplomatic relations do not exist between particular countries, in line with INTERPOL's objective of political neutrality.

The targeted training, expert investigative support and global networks offered by INTERPOL help police on the ground to coordinate their efforts to make the world a safer place.



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In our increasingly globalized world, crime doesn't stop at national borders



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Fighting international crime

Cybercriminals steal personal data and money from unsuspecting consumers at the other side of the world. Terrorists plot their next attack while drugs cross our oceans along complex distribution routes. Traffickers trick people into modern-day slavery and paedophiles sexually abuse children then post photos on the Internet. Passports and cars stolen in one country are used or sold in another while money is laundered by organized crime groups. Fake and illicit medicines and goods threaten lives and economies.

Today's criminals pass borders both physically and virtually. To stay one step ahead, police must coordinate their efforts internationally.

A truly international reach



► GLOBAL PRESENCE

With its General Secretariat in Lyon, France, INTERPOL's global mandate is supported by six regional bureaux – in Argentina, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, El Salvador, Kenya and Zimbabwe – a liaison office in Austria, and three Special Representative offices located at the African Union in Addis Ababa, the European Union in Brussels and the United Nations in New York. The INTERPOL Global Complex for Innovation in Singapore further enhances the Organization's global reach and expertise in the field of cybercrime.

Sharing information on criminals and threats



► NOTICES AND ALERTS

Our unique system of international notices allows police in member countries to share critical information regarding dangerous criminals, fugitives, security threats and missing people. Notices are published by INTERPOL at the request of member countries. Red Notices are alerts issued for persons wanted by national jurisdictions based on an arrest warrant or court decision.

Around-the-clock police communication



► A SECURE POLICE NETWORK

INTERPOL brings the world's police together in a unique network of 194 member countries, all connected by a secure communications system. Twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year, investigators share sensitive and urgent police information with their counterparts around the globe.

Assistance to police officers on the ground



► INVESTIGATIONS AND OPERATIONS

When requested by member countries, we can provide specialized teams of experts to assist national police following a major disaster or serious crime incident, or to help with security preparations for a high-profile meeting or large sporting event. INTERPOL also assists national law enforcement agencies with on-the-ground police operations across a range of crimes such as trafficking in human beings, fugitive investigations, illicit goods and fraudulent travel documents.

A community of 195 member countries



► NATIONAL CENTRAL BUREAUS

At the heart of every member country, an INTERPOL National Central Bureau (NCB) links national police with our global network. Staffed by highly trained law enforcement officers, NCBs update our criminal databases and cooperate together and with national police on cross-border investigations, operations and arrests. Each member country has an equal voice in INTERPOL's governing body, the General Assembly.

Instant access to real-time criminal data



► SPECIALIZED DATABASES

Continuously updated, our databases hold millions of records on names and photos of known criminals, terrorists, fingerprints, DNA profiles, child abuse images, and stolen passports, cars and works of art. Police officers in any member country can access this data in real-time from any location thanks to high-technology devices and infrastructure.

Well-trained police with skills and tools



► TRAINING

To ensure our global network is efficient and robust, we strengthen the ability of police forces, where needed, with skills and training. Crimes and investigative techniques are constantly evolving, so it is crucial that police have access to the latest methods and thinking on all areas of specialized crime and analysis. We provide training on INTERPOL's tools and resources, to ensure they are used to their best advantage.

Cross-sector cooperation



► INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Effective law enforcement can't happen in isolation which is why, at INTERPOL, we are constantly building new partnerships – both strategic and operational – with a diverse range of international organizations and the private sector, to form a powerful alliance against crime. INTERPOL also engages the public to play an active role in preventing crime through educational outreach on how to stay safe.

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