



# The IACP / ChoicePoint Award for Excellence in Criminal Investigations



## 2007 Application

Recognizing quality achievement and innovation in managing and conducting criminal investigations with the goal of sharing information to advance the art and science of criminal investigations.





## Members of the Irvine Police Department Accepting the 2006 IACP/ChoicePoint Award

*Pictured from left to right:*

Corporate Vice President Jim Zimbardi, ChoicePoint, Inc.

Detective James Hutchcraft, Irvine PD

Analyst Lorie Velarde, Irvine PD

Chief David Maggard Jr., Irvine PD

Sgt Gary Wyatt, Irvine PD

Chief Mary Ann Viverette, IACP President



**The IACP/ChoicePoint Award for Excellence in Criminal Investigations** is given to a law enforcement agency, law enforcement unit, task force or inter-agency task force in recognition of exceptional innovation and excellence in the area of criminal investigations.

## 2006 Winners

Winner:

### The Irvine Police Department

The Irvine Special Investigations Unit (SIU) utilized advanced law enforcement methodology and DNA technology to apprehend a suspected serial burglar believed responsible for as many as 500 residential burglaries and the theft of more than \$2.5 million in property over a 20-year period.

Geographic review of similar crime scenes gave investigators important clues about how, where and when the burglaries were being committed. Additional analysis helped them pinpoint the most likely sites for future crimes. Further, advancements in DNA technology allowed them to gather trace amounts of DNA evidence from some of the crime scenes and match it to a single individual.

Undercover SIU surveillance observed a vehicle driving in a suspicious manner near a crime target area. A check of the license plate on the car revealed it was a rental vehicle and that the individual who had rented it had been renting vehicles on a weekly basis for the past 20 years. An analysis of DNA samples taken from one of the suspect's rental cars matched DNA evidence found at the previous crime scenes. The suspect was subsequently arrested after he committed another burglary and stolen property was found on him.

1st Runner Up:

### The Georgia Bureau of Investigation

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) was recognized for implementing and utilizing a combination of protocol and software tools to gather, organize and instantaneously make available all investigative case information in a centralized location. Use of the innovative systems streamlines investigations, increasing efficiency exponentially across the GBI.

2nd Runner Up:

### North Little Rock Police Department

The North Little Rock, Ark., Police Department was recognized for their public methamphetamine awareness training program, "Meth Aware," which helped increase the seizure of methamphetamine labs by 137 percent and increase arrests for possession of methamphetamine by 350 percent.

## First Runner Up Award Recognition for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation

*Pictured from left to right:*

Corporate Vice President Jim Zimbardi, ChoicePoint, Inc.

Director Vernon Keenan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation

Special Agent Tracy Sands, Georgia Bureau of Investigation

Chief Mary Ann Viverette, IACP President

Assistant Special Agent in Charge Dean McManus, Georgia Bureau of Investigation

Assistant Director Chris Ash, Georgia Bureau of Investigation

Special Agent Dawn Diedrick, Georgia Bureau of Investigation



### THE GOAL

This award is intended to recognize quality achievement and innovation in managing and conducting criminal investigations with the goal of sharing information to advance the art and science of criminal investigations.

### AWARD CATEGORIES

There will be one winner selected for the IACP/ChoicePoint Award For Excellence in Criminal Investigations. Additionally two runner-up recipients selected and recognized for their achievement.

### EVALUATION CRITERIA

Nominees will be evaluated based upon:

- Innovation in the development or enhancement of investigative techniques
- The significance of the contribution to the advancement of the art or science of criminal investigations
- Exceptional achievement in managing or conducting a criminal investigation





## 2nd Runner Up Award Recognition for the North Little Rock Police Department

*Pictured from left to right:*

Corporate Vice President Jim Zimbardi, ChoicePoint, Inc.

Chief Dan Bradley, North Little Rock Police Department

Chief Mary Ann Viverette, IACP President

Capt Leonard Montgomery, North Little Rock Police Department

Capt Mike Davis, North Little Rock Police Department

Sgt Tim Willis, North Little Rock Police Department

Lt Jay Kovach, North Little Rock Police Department

## PROCESS

The IACP Police Investigative Operations Committee wants to stress that this is not an individual award but an award to recognize the overall work done by an agency, police unit or task force resulting in innovation and improved investigative technique or management.

To be considered, a nomination must be submitted in the requested format, returned to the IACP Police Investigative Operations Committee and postmarked no later than June 1, 2007. Extensions to this deadline will not be considered. Each nomination must be endorsed (signed) by the chief executive of the agency or, in the case of the nomination of a task force, by the chief executive of one of the member agencies. If the nomination is not signed, it will not be considered.

The investigation referenced in the nomination must have had some portion of it occur between the period of January 2006 to June 2007, and must not have been submitted for this award in a prior year. The IACP Police Investigative Operations Committee will evaluate all applications, and the committee is solely responsible for the selection of the winners.

All applicants will be notified prior to the 2007 IACP Annual Conference if they were selected as a winner. The formal announcement of the winners and the award presentation will be made at the IACP Annual Conference in New Orleans in October 2007.





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## Application/Nomination Form

Date

Name of Agency/Unit/Task Force being Nominated

Address

City State ZIP

Name and Title of the Operational Supervisor of Agency/Unit/Task Force being nominated

Name of Contact Person for Additional Information

Agency

Telephone

Authorization of Entry

### Agency Official

(Print/Type Name)

(Title)

(Date)

(Signature)

***The application/nomination must be postmarked no later than June 1, 2007.***

#### **Mail all nominations to:**

The International Association of Chiefs of Police  
IACP Police Investigative Operations Committee  
ATTN: Mr. Phil Lynn  
515 N. Washington Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314





## MANDATORY APPLICATION/NOMINATION FORMAT

The application form that is a part of this document should be copied and attached as the first page in front of the responses to the following mandatory sections.

**Executive Summary** (not to exceed one typewritten page): Include a short overview of the case and the investigative unit, time frame of the investigation, innovation used by the investigators to merit recognition, excellence in case management and significance of the case.

**Case Overview** (not to exceed three typewritten pages): Discuss the overall case, any background information deemed significant in developing or investigating the case(s) by this unit, the time line of the investigation, innovations developed to overcome obstacles or otherwise assist in solving the case, and the results of the overall investigation.

**Innovation(s)** (not to exceed one typewritten page): This section should specifically point out innovative ideas and processes or demonstrated excellence in conducting and managing the case.

**Significance to the advancement of the art or science of criminal investigation** (not to exceed one typewritten page): Outline the value of lessons learned from this case and how the ideas and investigative techniques, if replicated in other agencies or in future cases, will be of value. This is not a technology award, but an award to recognize the art as well as the science of criminal investigations.

**NOTE: Please do not attach newspaper articles, photographs or other material to the application/nomination. They will be discarded before the nomination is given to the judges. All applications are final and material submitted becomes the property of the awards committee.**

## WINNER RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

The winning agencies/task forces will be recognized during a formal presentation at the IACP Annual Conference in New Orleans in October 2007. ChoicePoint will pay for air transportation and lodging for two days for two representatives from each of the three winners. The first place winner will receive the unique IACP/ChoicePoint Award For Excellence in Criminal Investigations trophy pictured on the brochure cover. Each of the runner-up winners will receive plaques.

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