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**IADLEST Launches the New National Decertification Index  
Delaware Becomes the 30<sup>th</sup> State to Join**

August 1, 2011, The International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST) announced today the launch of a complete redesign of the National Decertification Index (NDI). The Index is a nationwide registry of law enforcement officer certificate or license revocation actions relating to misconduct. The information is provided via a secure internet-accessible platform.

The NDI keeps law enforcement agencies from potentially hiring officers with criminal backgrounds or who have had their certification revoked for cause by a contributing state. The NDI is a key component of a thorough background investigation. The system can flag potentially rogue officers who are jumping from one state to another after having their license or certification revoked in their home state.

“The NDI is a vital tool for maintaining credibility and our public trust in the law enforcement profession” William Muldoon, Director of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center and NDI Chairman “before we had the NDI, we had no way of knowing if an officer had been decertified for cause in another state.”

Information contained in the NDI is provided by participating state government agencies responsible for licensing or revoking law enforcement certificates. The NDI currently contains over 14,000 records.

Recently, the state of Delaware became the 30<sup>th</sup> state to join the NDI and actively contribute decertification records. “We hope that every State will join this effort” stated Richard Clark, IADLEST President “Access to the NDI is free of charge, and no law enforcement agency should hire an officer without making sure that they have checked the NDI first. It is our duty to uphold the highest professional standards.”

**About IADLEST**

The International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST) is an international organization of training managers and executives dedicated to the improvement of public safety personnel. IADLEST serves as the national forum of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) agencies, boards, and commissions as well as statewide training academies throughout the United States.

**About the NDI**

The purpose of NDI is to serve as a national registry of certificate or license revocation actions relating to officer misconduct. The records contained in the NDI are provided by participating state government agencies and should be verified with the contributing authority. Inclusion in the database does not necessarily preclude any individual from appointment as an officer. The National Decertification Index is a program funded through a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. Neither the U.S. Department of Justice nor any of its components operate, control, are responsible for, or necessarily endorse this website (including, without limitation, its contents, technical infrastructure, policies, and any services or tools provided).