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**SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics**

## **Chertoff Keynote Speaker at 2006 Symposium on Justice and Public Safety Information Sharing**

SACRAMENTO, California /February 7, 2006 — The 2006 *SEARCH Symposium on Justice and Public Safety Information Sharing: Effective Decisionmaking for a Safer America* will be held March 13-15, 2006, at the Grand Hyatt, Washington, D.C.

### **Keynote Speakers**

- **U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff** will discuss current and planned information sharing initiatives on Tuesday, March 14 from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m.
- **U.S. Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales** has been invited to be keynote speaker on Monday, March 13.

### **Features and Highlights**

The Symposium will focus on justice, public safety, emergency and disaster management, intelligence, and homeland security—to advance our common efforts for effective decision making for a safer America. More than 100 expert presenters will share leading-edge information with attendees on planning, implementing, analyzing, and technology solutions for information sharing systems, and center around key developments in critical areas such as privacy and security, implementation of the Global Justice XML Data Model, and standards developed for state and local justice and public safety fusion centers. **Pre-conference workshops** will be held on March 12, focusing on three key areas in information sharing: 1) Effective planning and Performance management; 2) Assessing and protecting privacy in the information age; and 3) Information exchange standards and technology.

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## **New Format**

The breakout session format has expanded to include four focused tracks:

- **Planning**—This track is geared toward Information Sharing Leaders, Sponsors/Executive Committee Members (Executive/Legislative/Judicial) and covers topics related to broad oversight and support of information sharing initiatives.
- **Analysis**—Research Analysts, Intelligence Analysts, and JIEM/Business Process Analysts will explore proven techniques and trends geared specifically to their area of expertise.
- **Implementation**—Operational Managers (Information Sharing Project Managers, Business Domain Managers/Specialists, Subject Matter Experts, and Planning Committee Members) will learn from the experiences of practitioners and peers at different stages of information sharing projects.
- **Technology**—Technologists/Developers/Solution Providers will explore emerging technologies to enable enterprise-wide information sharing.

## **Continuing Favorite Features**

The Symposium will continue to offer two enduring favorites: special registration and activities geared specifically toward teams, and case study sessions offering specific explorations of operational justice and public safety systems in use across the country. Dynamic plenary sessions, breakouts, peer networking, vendor demonstrations and a tradeshow will deepen attendees' understanding of the challenges and solutions to the most pressing issues confronting the justice and public safety community today.

**Visit the SEARCH Web site for registration information and full agenda**

<http://www.search.org/conferences/2006symposium/> **The 2006 Symposium is sponsored by:** SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics, and The Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice.

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