

Midwest Association of Crime and Intelligence Analysts (MACIA)

Bridge4PS: Enhancing Intel Sharing for Law Enforcement

Bridge4PS serves as a secure, real-time communication hub for law enforcement analysts across the Midwest, facilitating efficient and confidential information sharing. This centralized platform replaces outdated email chains and manual methods, offering dedicated channels for general discussion, requests for information (RFI), and intelligence sharing on known persons and trends.

Since adopting Bridge4PS in 2021, it has become the primary information sharing platform for MACIA. The majority of MACIA members actively use Bridge4PS. The platform offers a secure, vetted space for real-time updates, significantly enhancing response times and collaboration compared to previous methods such as email lists.

Users benefit from features such as secure messaging, file sharing, video streaming, reactions, and member management—designed to streamline collaboration across jurisdictions. By fostering a trusted environment for sensitive data, Bridge4PS enhances operational efficiency, situational awareness, and inter-agency coordination—crucial during ongoing investigations, trend analysis, and operational planning.



Channels hosted by MACIA:

- General Discussion
- Request(s) for Information
- Intelligence Sharing

Highlights

Vetted Membership:

Secure platform allowing access only to verified Public Safety personnel and providing a Public Safety-only directory accessible only to Bridge4PS users. All users appear in the Bridge4PS Directory under their verified name and agency, ensuring no anonymous participation.

Channel Management:

Create and control channels tailored to operational needs.

Real-Time Communication:

Instantaneous sharing of information across jurisdictions.

Impact of Bridge4PS

MACIA's adoption of Bridge4PS has markedly improved law enforcement collaboration. It replaces cumbersome email chains or need for State-wide shared records or CAD systems, enabling near-instantaneous sharing of sensitive information and operational updates. The platform's customizable channels and features allow focused discussions, greatly reducing clutter and improving response coordination.

Key benefits include:

Secure, Confidential Data Sharing: Protecting sensitive information among vetted members.

Cross-Jurisdictional Collaboration: Facilitating rapid multi-agency responses.

Enhanced Situational Awareness: Access to daily intel, suspect updates, and operational alerts in real-time.

Streamlined Workflow: Quick access to contacts, files, and ongoing case information.

Since launch, Bridge4PS is considered the first stop for daily Requests of Information for investigations, trend analyses, and operational planning, demonstrating measurable improvements in communication speed and information accuracy.



Key Features Used

- Directory & Member Management
- Secure Messaging & File Sharing
- Private Channels and Discussions
- Real-Time Alerts & Notifications

Statistics / Metrics

- **Participants:** Approximately 140 law enforcement analysts (60% of MACIA members).
- **Response Speed:** Near-instantaneous sharing and responses.
- **Public Safety Directory:** Nationwide Public Safety contacts available.

Lead Organization

MACIA - Midwest Association of Crime and Intelligence Analysts

Website: www.themacia.org

Other Participating Organizations

Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Iowa Law Enforcement analysts.



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