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Mr. Tom Goodman
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Dear Mr. Goodman:

On behalf of the Charlotte Regional Information Sharing System (CRISS) this letter is to formally request the establishment for the functional sharing of information of NC LinX through CopLink. This would be a bi-directional search using CopLink and NCLinx enabling some 100 law enforcement agencies and North Carolina's Information Sharing and Analysis Center (ISAAC) to share data. Currently, we have requested from IBM/I2 to receive a quote for this functionality and connectivity.

As background, in 2007 the U.S. Department of Justice, through its Community Oriented Policing Services Office (COPS) awarded the City of Charlotte a technology grant for the development of a regional data interoperability system within our Metropolitan Statistical Area (11 counties including in North Carolina Anson, Cabarrus, Catawba, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Stanley, and Union Counties and in South Carolina, Lancaster and York Counties).

One of the goals of CRISS, as outlined in our grant application, is to collect, analyze, and disseminate all hazards intelligence information to our CRISS partner agencies in collaboration with ISAAC.

The CMPD selected CopLink software from IBM/I2 to achieve data interoperability. CopLink will permit the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD) and our region's police agencies to detect, disrupt, or prevent criminal activity by linking people, places, and events. CopLink will provide data linkages among the various records management systems and help agencies develop timely and actionable information.

The first police agencies have already "gone live" with others on schedule to go live in the coming months. A Governance Council will be established comprised of agency representatives from the CRISS region to make decisions concerning the operation and future development of data sharing. At this time, decisions rest with a steering committee of representative agencies (those copied below).

I look forward to receiving your positive response. If you have any questions please contact Applications Development Manager Crystal Cody (ccody@cmpd.org / 704-336-8076) me (kgraue@cmpd.org / 704-432-0429).

Sincerely,

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