

## **The Internet: A New Tool for Law Enforcement**

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In the past five years personal computers and the Internet have revolutionized how people are obtaining information they feel is important in their daily lives. With this "on-line" information explosion comes the ability for law enforcement world wide to share information with citizens, local communities and other police agencies. As this ability grows, are law enforcement agencies taking advantage of all that the Internet has to offer? Is this a useful technology or just a passing fad? This research paper will help to identify which law enforcement agencies in the state of Florida are using the Internet to post web sites as well as their perceived benefits (if any), and the agencies' goal in developing these sites.