

IT-Challenges

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Privacy

- Privacy concerns
 - ACLU, Criminal Rights groups
 - Illogic not challenged by Media
 - Absence of law enforcement response
 - Damaging to crime reduction, increases victims
 - Impact on information sharing video surveillance

“Mythology”

- “laws” why information can’t be shared
- Allows status quo to persist
- Validate these “laws”
- Be vigilant in following up on every refusal

Information sharing philosophies

- Dealing with the investigators with the "big case."
- Need to know vs. need to share
- Challenge the old orthodoxies

- collect sharing success stories
- Tell them constantly-change the mindset

IT Project Management

- The fear factor
- Vendor management
 - Detailed RFP
 - Steal!
 - Contract with liquidated damages
 - Beware of the arms race

IT management, continued

- Rule by IT staff
 - Civilians making operational decisions
 - Lack of police leadership
 - “I’m kind of “tech-phobic”
- Synergetic teams

Conclusion

- Digitize everything, then share everything