



A cooperative effort to reduce crime  
in the "last frontier"

## Alaska Law Enforcement Information Sharing System (ALEISS) Regional Division

Alaska's cops face some unique challenges. Our state is over twice the size of Texas yet has a population of only 650,000, spread over 570,833 square miles. In addition to the obvious challenges created by cold weather, many Alaskan towns are geographically isolated and inaccessible by road. Modern communication infrastructure is taken for granted in the Lower 48 often presents a real challenge due to mountainous terrain, treacherous weather, and the sheer distance between communities. In 2003 the Alaska Association of Chiefs of Police initiated a collaborative effort to electronically exchange RMS data between our state's police, thus creating the Alaska Law Enforcement Information Sharing System (ALEISS). The ALEISS consortium selected COPLINK as the most cost-effective solution. Start-up demonstration funding, technical advice and expertise, system administration, and space to store necessary hardware were provided by NLECTC-NW. Additional funding was provided by the State of Alaska.

Authorized ALEISS users can now access police records management data from participating agencies via a secure, encrypted Internet connection. ALEISS has been a significant step towards bridging the law enforcement information gap here in the "Last Frontier." We feel confident it will provide our state's law enforcement professionals an effective crime-fighting tool and in turn make our state a safer place to live.