



2007 4th Annual IACP-iXP Excellence in Technology Award

Response to Computer Related Crime Category *Regional/Multi-jurisdictional Agency Division*

Agency: Indiana State Police

Project: On-Scene Computer Forensic Triage



Two years ago, the Indiana State Police (ISP) instituted a program in which examiners conduct on-scene computer forensics. The paramount goal of the Computer Forensics Field Triage program is to utilize departmental resources efficiently to improve cyber crime investigations in a forensically sound manner. The ISP found that the model of exclusively conducting examinations in a laboratory setting was inferior in comparison to the ability to conduct examinations on-scene. There are also specific circumstances when an on-scene examination is the only viable alternative. In this approach, a number of experienced detectives receive specialized training as “first responders,” so they can review the contents of digital storage media and computer hard drives in a forensically sound manner. Overall, the program is a resounding success. Since implementation, the ISP has been able to provide better information more quickly and efficiently, while at the same time utilizing the agency’s finite human resources in a more cost effective manner.