

Shaping Technological Development

How Chiefs can Meet the Future
Needs of our Organizations

Calling all chiefs.....

- Chiefs as technophobes?
- Someone else will do it...
- Information overload! Who has time for all this?

Using existing resources

- In-house geeks
- Professional organizations
 - IACP
 - PFI
- Local and regional resources

What will the job of the police be?

- Crimefighter?
- Problem solvers?
- Community builders?

- Do we have the tools we'll need tomorrow and beyond?

Our possible future environment

- Lean and mean
- Less reliance on sworn officers
- Information driven
- Think global, act local
- Shrinking labor pool

People first...technology second

- Technology is a means...not the ends
- Balance between seeking technology and filling out toy chest

Technology needs for our future

- Beat cop as “super-generalist” requires information and public connectivity
- Specialized staff need specialized technology, automation of non-interpersonal functions
- Need to manage and analyze massive amounts of information and intelligence

Technology needs for our future

- Diversity requirements for communication technologies
- Recruiting, testing, and retaining quality employees requires new technologies

Ok, we know what we need...how do we get it?

- Regional collaboration
- Private/public partnerships
- Internal interest and expertise
- Vendor relationships
- Be willing to experiment