

**From:** IACP President Terrence M. Cunningham

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**Subject:** Asset Forfeiture Update: Equitable Sharing Payments to Resume Immediately

## INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION *of* CHIEFS OF POLICE



### Message from IACP President Terrence Cunningham

IACP Members:

I am pleased to announce that earlier today I participated on a phone call with Attorney General Loretta Lynch where she announced that payments from the Department of Justice's Equitable Sharing Program will resume immediately. During our call the Attorney General made clear that she recognized the hardship that this suspension caused for many agencies. She also expressed her gratitude for the continued efforts of the state and local law enforcement community throughout this process.

I would also like to state both my appreciation and admiration for the manner in which the law enforcement community met this challenge and, despite the fact that equitable sharing payments were suspended, continued to provide the protection our communities expect and deserve.

For more information on the resumption of the program, please review the letter ([CLICK HERE](#)) and fact sheet ([CLICK HERE](#)) prepared by the Department of Justice.

However, even with the news that the equitable sharing payments have resumed it is still critically important that we take steps to prevent similar shutdowns from occurring in the future. Earlier today you received an email from IACP asking for your assistance in contacting your Senator on asset forfeiture. This effort remains critical. If you have not already done so, I urge you to use the link below to contact your Senator to voice your support for a proposal that would prevent future shutdowns of the Equitable Sharing Program.

Thank you for your support in our continuing efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. M. C.", written in a cursive style.

Terrence M. Cunningham  
President