

## What is Crime Gun Connect?



Crime Gun Connect is a new, sophisticated data platform that the Illinois Attorney General's Office developed in collaboration with Illinois State Police to analyze the sources of firearms recovered in the commission of a crime. With this tool our local, state, and federal law enforcement partners can leverage advanced technology to analyze crime-gun traces and identify gun trafficking patterns. This portal is available only to Illinois law enforcement entities that are enrolled in the federal eTrace platform and who have opted into Collective Data Sharing ("CDS").

### **Crime Gun Connect allows law enforcement to:**

- **identify perpetrators, co-conspirators, suspects, and witnesses**
- **generate leads for additional crimes**
- **provide a big-picture look at the sources of crime-guns in our state**

Crime Gun Connect utilizes more than 10 years of crime-gun trace data, high tech mapping capabilities and advanced search features to help Illinois law enforcement agencies crack down on illegal gun trafficking and straw purchasing.

The Illinois Attorney General's Office makes Crime Gun Connect available to participating law enforcement agencies at no cost to the agency.

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## What Information is In Crime Gun Connect?

- The data includes trace records from all Illinois law enforcement agencies who have enrolled in the ATF's eTrace system and who have opted into CDS.
  - Crime Gun Connect contains over 100,000 trace records dating back to 2009 from over 200 Illinois law enforcement agencies.
  - In 2022, over 11,000 traces were entered into Crime Gun Connect.
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## How Can Law Enforcement Enroll?

Law enforcement agencies must enroll in eTrace and participate in Collective Data Sharing prior to enrolling in Crime Gun Connect. Instructions for enrolling are on the next page.

Enrollment in eTrace and participation in CDS is a crucial tool in combating gun violence in Illinois. Your participation will help expand the information available to the entire Illinois law enforcement community in Crime Gun Connect and provide each of us the ability to improve investigations and prosecutions. Your partnership on this initiative will help ensure the platform's success.

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## Questions?

For questions, please contact Cordelia Coppleson at [Cordelia.coppleson@ilag.gov](mailto:Cordelia.coppleson@ilag.gov) or 312-438-4804.

Thank you for your interest in this program.

**Thank you for your interest in the Crime Gun Connect portal.  
Below are instructions and contact information to enroll.**

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**1. Enroll in eTrace and Collective Data Sharing**

To begin, confirm your department's enrollment in the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives ("ATF") eTrace system and participation in Collective Data Sharing ("CDS").

The eTrace system is a web-based application provided by ATF that allows participating law enforcement agencies to identify the original point of sale of a firearm used in the commission of a crime. CDS is an option within eTrace that allows participating law enforcement agencies to share firearms trace data with other eTrace users in their state who have also opted to participate in CDS. The CDS feature enables law enforcement agencies to share firearm trace data with other law enforcement agencies in Illinois and, in turn, access other participating agencies trace data. The greater number of agencies that opt-in to CDS, the more robust information all Illinois agencies will have access to.

Additionally, by opting-in to CDS, law enforcement agencies will be eligible to access the Illinois Attorney General's Crime Gun Connect and be better positioned to identify gun traffickers and broader patterns of gun violence.

**If you need to enroll in eTrace or establish a new point of contact for eTrace, please contact the ATF:**

eTrace Admin Phone - (800)788-7133 x 01540

M-F 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. EST

eTrace Admin Email – [etraceadmin@atf.gov](mailto:etraceadmin@atf.gov) | [www.etrace.atf.gov](http://www.etrace.atf.gov)

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**2. Enroll in Crime Gun Connect**

To enroll in Crime Gun Connect, users must have credentials to access the Illinois State Police Firearms Services Bureau Law Enforcement Portal. To access the ISP portal, please visit <https://www.cclisp.com/Public/home.aspx>. Once logged-in, users can access a link to sign up for Crime Gun Connect.

If you have previously used the ISP portal, log in with your User ID and Password.

If you have not previously used the portal, locate the mail icon with "Contact Us" to the left of the log in. Click on Contact Us to contact ISP for credentials to sign in.

If you have a User ID/passcode for the ISP portal, log in to the site and look for Crime Gun Connect to sign up. Once you have completed the registration process, the Illinois Attorney General's Office will verify your credentials and provide access to Crime Gun Connect.

At the end of this process, you will have both an ISP login and AG login.

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