

Guidelines for Bulletins in new APBnet – December 12, 2016

Bulletins Involving Officer Safety

Officer Safety Bulletins are usually **Crime** or **FYI Police Information** bulletins that contain a defined threat/danger to officers that needs to be communicated and remembered.

Past examples of bulletins that were incorrectly labeled as Officer Safety are:

- A gun has been reported as being stolen from a home
- A court bench warrant was issued for Failure to Appear
- Individual entered xyz Liquors and shoplifted a bottle of Hennessy
- Suspect has history of marijuana transportation and sales
- Motel had two overdosed males in the same room

The new APBnet enhances the flow of Officer Safety information via:

- Any bulletin can be labeled, if appropriate, as involving Officer Safety
- A new User Settings option causes Officer Safety bulletins to automatically be listed first
- A new Bulletin Search choice can be used to retrieve just bulletins involving Officer Safety
- Emails explicitly note when the attached bulletin contains Officer Safety information
- Less important information can now be sent using the new 'Other Messages' bulletin type
- The color **Red** is used in APBnet to note bulletins with Officer Safety information
- To receive only Officer Safety bulletins in your email, in User Settings put your email address in the second box from the top and do not put your email address in the next to the bottom box. If you have two email addresses, you can put your second email address in the entry box next to the bottom of your User Settings screen and that email address will receive the other bulletins.

FYI Police Information Bulletins

FYI Police Information bulletins contain non-public Official Police Information.

These bulletins should not be used to communicate information about:

- Social events
- Training
- Retirements
- Fund-raising event

The new bulletin type '**Other Messages**' should be used to communicate such information.