



BACS Evidence Management System Earns Industry Recognition



This month, we were fortunate enough to be recognized by two of the most prestigious and well respected publications in the law enforcement industry, *Law Enforcement Technology* and *Police Magazine*. Our [BACS Evidence Management System](#) – with LEID's Electronic Evidence Lockers and BACS Evidence Management ID Station Kiosk – is the reason we have been recognized. The system, which provides access and tracking for evidence moving in and out of property rooms, has been proven to help achieve better chain of custody, increased accuracy in reporting, and time savings.

LEID earned the industry recognition while showcasing the BACS System earlier this fall at the annual International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Conference in San Diego.

This is the largest meeting of law enforcement executives in the world. The IACP assembles the newest products and the latest technologies at the largest exposition designed specifically for law enforcement.

Our first acknowledgment was in *Police Magazine* when the publication honored LEID Products by including our BACS Evidence Management System in their ["Best of Show" IACP Photo Gallery](#), noted by editors as one of the top 12 products of the 2012 IACP Show. In addition, the BACS System was one of just nine products included in the IACP ["News and Notes"](#) review section of *Law Enforcement Technology Magazine*.



Secure control of property and evidence with a verifiable, documented chain of custody has significant implications for the entire criminal justice system and those that work within the system. Many major police investigations are based primarily upon physical-circumstantial-evidence; therefore, the chain of custody has become an increasingly more important element in prosecuting criminal cases. Ensuring the integrity of evidence is critical.

The typical manual tracking process consisting of filling out property forms to be submitted with evidence stored in a temporary storage for leads to critical and unaffordable errors. Did the officer remember to attach the paper work? What time was it dropped? Who dropped it off? Often, another problem for the property manager is the lack of instructions for what needs to be done to process the property – fingerprint analysis, DNA testing, keep for court, safe keeping, etc.?



To rid police departments of inconsistent chain of custody records and inefficient processes for property transfers, we developed the BACS Evidence Management System. Working directly with North Andover Police Department, a department among a select group of accredited police departments in Massachusetts, our engineers developed the BACS software with the direct input of veteran property managers. This ensured our system addresses the real problems and deficiencies inherent in the typical process in place at most law enforcement agencies. The BACS ID Station Kiosk houses a biometric ID reader for access verification and optional barcode or RFID reader to identify the property and case. The system provides a biometric signature with the date and time of each evidence transfer. Touch screen user-friendly navigation efficiently leads the officer through the selection procedure for proper processing of property by the property manager. The ID Station is interfaced to LEID's Electronic Evidence Lockers that securely store evidence to be transferred from the officer to the property room. Complete chain of custody software tracking and reporting capabilities allow the property manager to monitor all evidence transfers. Remote web access, allows for complete monitoring and management of the system even while off site.

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With more than 800 companies participating as exhibitors at the IACP, it is an honor to receive a nod from industry experts. We know the systems we design and implement at police stations across the country are revolutionary and game-changers for the law enforcement industry, but we do not take for granted the appreciation we receive from our customers and industry professionals.