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Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE)
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Re: Emergency Contact Information (ECON) White Paper

IHE ITI Technical Committee:

I have reviewed the ECON White Paper Draft for Public Comment Version 1.0 and wish to comment to the IHE ITI Technical Committee as requested.

The goal of developing a system that will quickly put emergency contact information for motor vehicle owners in the hands of crash scene police is an excellent goal. I support development of a system that will allow law enforcement to achieve a significant reduction in the timeframe it takes to confirm the identity of unresponsive crash victims, provide personalized care, and notify their emergency contacts.

The IHE ITI White Paper proposes to develop a standards-based, interoperable Vehicle Identification Number/Health Information Exchange (VIN#/HIE) linking together national law enforcement and EMS systems to provide automated support for a secure hand over transaction. It also proposes to take advantage of the capabilities of the nationwide law enforcement telecommunications network (Nlets).

On behalf of the Communications and Technology Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), I urge the IHE ITI Technical Committee to move forward with this initiative and include the participation of national law enforcement organizations such as the IACP and the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA).

Sincerely,

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