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NYPD, Interpol Sign Agreement for Joint Initiative

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Interpol's U.S. National Central Bureau (USNCB) Director Martin Renkiewicz and New York City Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly teamed up by signing a memorandum of agreement Monday to detail a senior police officer to the Interpol—USNCB at the U.S. Department of Justice. The officer will be assigned to the USNCB's Terrorism and Violent Crime Division.

"We are extremely proud to welcome a New York City Police Department officer to our Washington, D.C. Bureau," Renkiewicz said. "The NYPD already has a close relationship with Interpol. The presence of an officer here at our Washington office will strengthen this relationship, as well as give them direct and immediate access to the international law enforcement community.

"The NYPD and Commissioner Kelly have been leaders among American police officials in recognizing the importance of international police cooperation and information sharing, and this new relationship should serve as an example for their colleagues throughout the United States," Renkiewicz added.

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The U.S. National Central Bureau (USNCB), a component of the U.S. Department of Justice, serves as the United States representative to the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol). The USNCB is the central point of contact for all Interpol matters in the U.S., including secure communications with police authorities throughout Interpol's 187—member countries. Also, all member countries have access to Interpol's cutting-edge databases containing information on wanted persons, terrorists, missing persons, stolen and lost passports and travel documents, stolen vehicles, and other law enforcement information. Furthermore, the USNCB coordinates and transmits requests—daily—for criminal investigative and humanitarian assistance between federal, state, and local law enforcement authorities, including their foreign counterparts.