



# Crime Gun Processing IQ Test

## For Law Enforcers, Forensic Examiners and Prosecutors

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### INTRODUCTION

Good policies will drive and guide intended outcomes. Adhered to policies will sustain them.

Government administrators, law enforcement leaders, prosecutors and crime lab directors can gauge the breadth of policy guidance being applied to drive their firearm crime enforcement and intelligence operations using the survey below. In other words, they can use it to test their “Crime Gun IQ.”

This assessment is based on recommendations by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the New Jersey State Police and the book: *The 13 Critical Tasks: An Inside-out Approach to Solving More Gun Crime* published by Forensic Technology Inc., Cote St-Luc, Quebec, Canada.

*Simply answer yes or no in the context of the questions posed below:*

### IQ TEST

1. Do you know what the acronym NIBIN stands for?  
Yes\_\_\_\_, No\_\_\_\_
2. Is *gun crime*<sup>1</sup> a documented and communicated priority in your *organization*<sup>2</sup>?  
Yes\_\_\_\_, No\_\_\_\_
3. Is there a written policy in your organization calling for the response to all firearm related crimes AND the comprehensive collection of evidence.  
Yes\_\_\_\_, No\_\_\_\_
4. Does your organization have written policies directing how *crime guns*<sup>3</sup> and related evidence are processed?  
Yes\_\_\_\_, No\_\_\_\_

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<sup>1</sup> “Gun crime” used here includes unlawful possession and all unlawful discharges.

<sup>2</sup> “Your organization” used here includes the organization that your agency depends upon to execute the action(s) in question.

<sup>3</sup> “Crime Gun” as used here includes any firearm used in crime or suspected to have been used in crime. This may include firearms abandoned or otherwise taken into law enforcement custody that are either suspected to have been used in a crime or whose proper disposition can be facilitated through a firearms trace.

5. Does your organization have a written policy directing that all recovered crime guns are entered into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) as recovered **and** checked for stolen status?  
Yes\_\_\_\_, No\_\_\_\_
6. Does your organization have a written policy directing the timely and comprehensive tracing of all crime guns through ATF and its eTrace system?  
Yes\_\_\_\_, No\_\_\_\_
7. Does your organization have a written policy directing the timely visual inspection of recovered crime guns for trace evidence such as blood, hairs, fibers, etc.?  
Yes\_\_\_\_, No\_\_\_\_
8. Does your organization have a written policy directing the timely processing of recovered crime guns and magazines for latent fingerprints?  
Yes\_\_\_\_, No\_\_\_\_
9. Does your organization have a written policy directing the timely swabbing of recovered crime guns for DNA?  
Yes\_\_\_\_, No\_\_\_\_
10. Does your organization have a written policy directing the timely processing of crime gun test fires and ballistics evidence through the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN)?  
Yes\_\_\_\_, No\_\_\_\_
11. Does your organization have a written policy to require the a) the timely dissemination of NIBIN Leads and Hits, b) their timely investigative follow-up and c) timely reporting on the results of the leads/hits?  
Yes\_\_\_\_, No\_\_\_\_
12. Has your organization been part of a group discussion involving law enforcers, prosecuting attorneys and forensic experts to collaborate as a team on the design of mutually agreeable policies and protocols for extracting actionable intelligence form crime guns and related evidence best suited for your region?  
Yes\_\_\_\_, No\_\_\_\_
13. Does your organization share the intelligence generated from the policies above with other agencies through a Crime Gun Intelligence Center, Real-time Crime Center or Fusion Center?  
Yes\_\_\_\_, No\_\_\_\_

**Scoring: 2 to 3 Yeses=Poor but passing; 3 to 6 Yeses=Average; 6 to 9 Yeses=Above Average; 10 to 13 Yeses=Outstanding**

## **SURVEY QUESTION**

14. Answering from the **perspective of a victim of gun violence or a victim's loved one** - what do you consider the term "timely" to mean as it relates to the forensic testing of crime guns and evidence? a) <48 hours\_\_\_\_, b) <14 days\_\_\_\_, c) < 30 days\_\_\_\_, d) <90 days\_\_\_\_.