



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

International Footprint Association, Inc.

(Organized by Law Enforcement Officers in Fresno, California, May 11, 1929)

OBJECT OF ASSOCIATION: The purpose of the International Footprint Association is to encourage good fellowship, mutual respect and helpfulness between peace officers, federal law enforcement agencies, public safety officers, business and professionals and all persons having a sympathetic attitude and understanding toward law enforcement agencies and to promote the true spirit of AMERICANISM. International Footprint Association Chapters contribute financially to public safety organizations and community causes.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Full Name:	Home Phone:	Bus Phone:
Address:	Bus Address:	
City / Zip code:	City / Zip code:	
Date of Birth:	Cell Phone:	
Have you ever made application for membership in the IFA?	Date:	Results:
Occupation / Agency:	Email Address:	

Will you, to the best of your ability, assist all enforcement officers of the Federal, State, County, City, Town and the Government of the United States of America in eradicating any and all subversive activities and promptly respond to the proper authorities any and all information you may have or acquire regarding any person or persons who plot or assist in any way to overthrow the orderly arrangement of the Government of the United States of America, or any other Nation? _____

Will you take advantage of your membership in this organization to secure special favors from Law Enforcement Officers _____

Will you pledge yourself to bring in new members whom you know will be good Footprinters? _____

In making application for membership in the International Footprint Association, Inc. I am fully aware of am in full sympathy and accord with the objectives of this organization.

I, having read and answered all questions in this application, do hereby and hereto affix my signature.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

THIS APPLICANT IS RECOMMENDED BY

1		No.		Phone:	
2		No.		Phone:	
3		No.		Phone:	

Received by Secretary _____ Acted on by Board of Directors _____

Application Approved _____ Denied _____

History of the International Footprint Association, Inc.

The International Footprint Association, Inc. was organized in a spirit of fun at a convention of the California Division of the International Association for Identification held in Fresno, California, May 11 1929. The original object of their association was to promote fun, friendship and entertainment at conventions of any group of Law Enforcement Officers. Since that time we have outgrown the period of being just a fun group, and have now entered a period of pleasant mutual respect, good fellowship and helpfulness between Peace Officers of all Law Enforcement Agencies, Federal, State and Local. Its first membership was limited to Law Enforcement Officials; however, the organization has now grown to over thirty chapters with a membership of almost 2,500 and the scope of the membership has expanded to include peace officers from all agencies, doctors, lawyers, judges, elective and appointive civic officials, men and women of all professions and businesses and all citizens sympathetic to good law enforcement and its attendant problems, which you will agree are many. There are chapters in six States west of the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean.

The original organizers were eleven in number and each year, sometimes twice a year thereafter, the Footprinters held conventions along with other law enforcement groups, where they maintained a headquarters and open houses for the entertainment and good fellowship of the members. Membership rapidly grew as friendships developed and cooperation between agencies was promoted. In 1931 the Footprinters held a convention of their own in San Francisco at which time there were about three hundred members in attendance. On June 6, 1938 at a meeting of the Board of Directors held in Los Angeles, California, it was voted to form the organization into chapters, each chapter so formed being subordinate to the governing body of the Grand Chapter, also formed at the same time. The Footprinters were incorporated on March 3, 1938 and since that time have been known as the International Footprint Association, Inc. Annual Conventions are now held in cities of the outgoing Grand President or within his district, if feasible.

The slogan adopted by the Organization was *Bigger and Better Footprints*, which stands for closer cooperation between all law enforcement agencies as well as business and professional people, who are also eligible to be members of the Organization. The symbol of the Organization is that of the fictional characters, Robinson Crusoe and his man Friday – the former following footprints of the latter on the sands of the beach; here Crusoe was shipwrecked which ultimately resulted in excellent cooperation between Crusoe and Friday, which symbolize the ideals of this organization.

We believe that our Organization fills a great need in the community by bringing together at regular meetings law enforcement officials of all levels and all branches, and the citizens of the community who are interested in the activities of those officials. The members of a chapter of the International Footprint Association, properly screened and selected can certainly form a strong support group of law enforcement agencies at all levels. We do not become involved in politics, but there is nothing to prevent the supporting of a well defined and accepted law enforcement program. We believe that you, your friends and brother peace officers can visualize the benefits to your community through this affiliation. The individual chapters are at liberty to engage in civic activities, sponsoring such worthy movements as camps for under-privileged children, aiding in charitable work, sponsoring boys and girls club for sports, etc., and particularly awarding scholarships to young people interested in law enforcement careers or related fields, and aid to handicapped children.

The size of our chapters vary from approximately 500 to 25 in the smaller communities. The membership applications are closely screened as this is necessary to the success of a chapter in attaining a respected position in the community. Elimination of those desirous of becoming members for ulterior motives is mandatory and is as necessary as the dropping from membership of those who have not evidenced good faith with the precepts of the International Footprint Association, Inc., or with the oath to which they have subscribed. This is the only method by which we can maintain the prestige and community recognition which we have earned.

Requirements for a Chapter application for a Chapter of the International Footprint Association, Inc. are at least 12 men or women in good standing in the community, the minimum of the whole must be at least two law enforcement or public safety officers. The Chapter fee is \$100.00 and per capita tax to the Grand Chapter is adjusted each year by the Consumer Price Index. The Grand Chapter fiscal year is July 1 to June 30 inclusive. Upon receipt in the Grand Secretary's Office, completed in full and accompanied by the Charter fee, plus the per capita tax for each member, the application is referred to the Grand Board of Directors for their vote of acceptance.

Should you desire to apply for a Chapter Charter, or membership in a existing local chapter, please contact the Grand Secretary/Treasurer at P.O. Box 1642, Walnut, California 91788. For any additional information and assistance, please contact the Secretary or Officers of the Chapter nearest your location or our website at: <http://footprinter.org>.