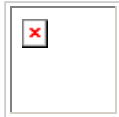
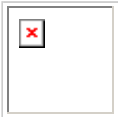


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OUR HISTORY

- **May 11th, 1929 • Fresno, California •** California Division the International Association for Identification Convention. These are the elements that surrounded the birth of our great organization. It was here that a series of events combined lead eleven attendees of this convention to form an association and become members of a group that would soon become the International Footprint Association, Inc..
- Word of the association quickly spread at other conventions where the Footprinters set up headquarters and held open houses for the entertainment and good fellowship of their members. Membership grew rapidly and the Footprinters held their own first Grand Convention at the Whitcomb Hotel in San Francisco in **1931**. About 300 members attended.
- Originally membership was limited to law enforcement officials. Later this limited scope was expanded to peace officers (active and retired) from all agencies, doctors, lawyers, elected and appointed officials, men and women of all professions and businesses, and all citizens sympathetic to good law enforcement and its attendant problems.
- The early rapid growth of the Association was accelerated even more by the first Grand Convention. We continued to grow so fast that we became **incorporated January 26, 1932**. Because of the wide spread popularity of the Footprinters our Board of Directors (on June 6th 1935) voted to form the organization into local chapters each being subordinate to the governing body of the Grand Chapter.

**Today the Footprinters have
28 chapters in six states and over
1,800 members.**

- Each chapter still promotes the original precepts of the Footprinters and, in addition, have added many other objectives to their agenda. While some chapter objectives are unique to the individual chapter, many of them have common threads. Some of these are:
 - To promote support for law enforcement within their community.

- Recognize the achievements of individuals within law enforcement.
- Sponsor worthy movements within their communities.
- Support charitable causes, especially childrens charities.
- Provide scholarships to people interested in law enforcement.