



CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEMS COUNCIL BULLETIN

The Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Systems (CJJIS) Council met at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Headquarters in Tallahassee on October 25, 2012.

Security Awareness Training

The latest version of the FBI CJIS Security Policy has changes requiring special attention. One such change is to stipulations and actions pertaining to Security Awareness Training. This particular change requires security awareness training for persons who have consumer level access to criminal justice information. Security Awareness Training has been required since 2004 for those individuals conducting query transactions in Florida Crime Information Center/National Crime Information Center (FCIC/NCIC), as well as those working on systems that access this information.

The new policy now includes persons who read or have access to criminal justice information (i.e. criminal justice executives, judges) not just those who query the system. The current CJIS Certification meets these requirements for those who access FCIC/NCIC. The remaining individuals who are consumers of information will be required to complete this training separately.

The new requirement takes effect January 1, 2013. Security Awareness Training is provided by FDLE and available online.

Master Name Index Sharing

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) presented the topic of a state-level computer-aided dispatch (CAD) system. The current system allows for the connection of all state law enforcement and the ability to pinpoint the location of any given officer in the event of an incident. Such a system uses GPS technology to facilitate quicker responses for agencies such as Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) and FWC. In addition to reducing the response time to calls-for-service, it also allows backup to locate an officer who is in distress or cannot be reached via radio or other means. The Master Name Index feature allows any state officer to search reports, arrests, warnings and accidents created by another state officer to be quickly searched and the data retrieved.

An intent to negotiate is currently in process to procure a new state law enforcement CAD, mobile computer and records management software. The current contract expires on July 1st, 2013.

House Bill 1355

Effective October 1, 2012, this law requires all citizens to report any suspected or known child abuse to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) abuse hotline. Any person who knowingly fails to comply commits a felony of the third degree. The law also requires all non-caregiver allegations of abuse reported to the hotline to be transferred to the respective local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction. The transfers will be executed via Florida Administrative Message (FAM) to the county's sheriff's office and, depending on jurisdiction for the incident, may be routed to the police department.

The committee initially formed to oversee and implement this law will reconvene near the end of the 2012 calendar year to review and evaluate the status of that implementation thus far.

Uniform Crime Reporting

A new Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system is being developed and will provide a better portal for Florida's law enforcement agencies to submit their UCR data to FDLE.

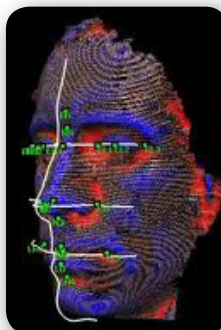
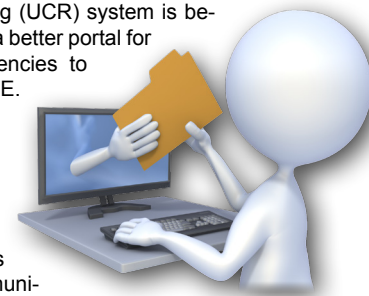
Several reporting agencies were surveyed to seek input on how they currently submit data and how the UCR is processed within each. This information was combined with other communication efforts and evaluation to create a focus group for this project. The new system will not change the methodology for how UCR data is collected or processed by respective agencies, only how they submit it. When the new system comes online FDLE will experience a change in the way it submits the state's overall UCR data to the FBI.

In addition to the crime data currently collected, the new system will also capture cargo theft, hate crime data, and sworn and non-sworn employee counts. Florida has also begun including number of correctional officers killed in the line of duty on the report, in addition to the law enforcement officers killed in action. FDLE anticipates providing local agencies with the interface control document soon to allow for preparation for the new system to go live July 1, 2013.

For Your Information

There are several projects currently in development at the national level with the intent of establishing national standards that will facilitate easier sharing of information between states. One project focuses on the standardization of latent fingerprint transmissions that allows the searching of palm prints nationally, while the others look at accomplishing the same standardization and uniformity goals with regard to facial recognition and rapback.

The progress of these projects will continue to be monitored and as the standards are established, passed and adopted at the federal level, they will be presented to the Council for adoption in Florida.



WELCOME NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS



Eleese Davis

Ms. Eleese Davis is a Certified Public Manager with over 30 years experience in state government. Currently, she is the Chief of Quality Assurance for the Florida Department of Children and Families, Child Welfare division. Ms. Davis joined DCF in 2008 to establish a child welfare systems performance

management process for quality assurance and data reporting and analysis.

Prior to joining DCF, Ms. Davis served in several leadership positions at the Department of Juvenile Justice. While at DJJ, she was the Director of the Office of Program Accountability and was responsible for management, leadership, and oversight of four major program areas. Ms. Davis was also responsible for the Department's Emergency Operations, State Advisory Group (SAG), and Grants and Contract Management for all federal funding awarded annually by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Ms. Davis has a Bachelor of Science in Criminology from Florida State University.



Gina Giacomo

Ms. Gina Giacomo has twenty three years of criminal justice experience, eighteen of which have been in leadership positions. She started her career at the Department of Corrections as a Correctional Probation Officer supervising offenders in the community. She began working for the Florida Parole Commission in 1993 and has held positions of Parole Examiner, Revocations Administrator and Director of Operations.

Ms. Giacomo now serves as the Commission's Director of Administration since her appointment in December 2008. In this capacity, she oversees the budget, human resources, information technology, research and data, purchasing, leases, and contracts. Ms. Giacomo has coordinated State and county agencies in a statewide "Warrant Sweep" Task Force, resulting in over 500 offenders being apprehended.

Ms. Giacomo holds an Associate of Science Degree in Criminal Justice; a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice Administration; and a Master of Science Degree in Adult Education.

Florida Law Enforcement eXchange (FLEX)



The overall objective of the FLEX (Florida Law Enforcement eXchange) project is to enable law enforcement agencies throughout the state of Florida to easily and efficiently share data. The control and maintenance of the data will be the responsibility of the regional systems.

The project is adopting the National Information Exchange Model (NIEM) and is seeking to have the ability to connect to the Law Enforcement National Data Exchange (N-DEX) in the future.

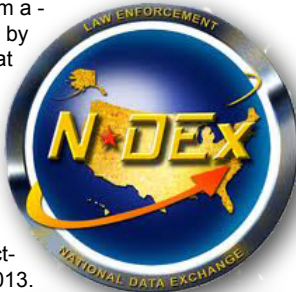
Information is already being collected and shared by law enforcement agencies but, currently, that sharing is only among agencies within the same region and via that region's respective system. FLEX will allow for data sharing among all of Florida's law enforcement agencies regardless of region or system.

The anticipated timeline to have all of the regional systems connected through FLEX is by the end of 2013.

Project Updates

Both the Judicial Inquiry System (JIS) and the Computerized Criminal History (CCH) Modernization Project continue to move forward. JIS is progressing and has an expected live date of Spring 2014.

The CCH workgroup has completed the Strategic Needs Assessment and Request for Information and have submitted Schedule IV-B recommendations to the Florida Legislature to purchase a system that can be customized to meet Florida's specific requirements.



Search Warrants and Identity Management

Expediency in obtaining a search warrant is always imperative to the outcome of any investigation. Delays can result in the loss or destruction of vital evidence, without which successful prosecution can be nearly impossible. For law enforcement officials in geographically large jurisdictions, having to travel long distances to obtain a search warrant is often an impedence.

Some agencies in Florida, such as Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO), have inquired about the possibility of having search warrants signed electronically, thereby requiring only a network connection and a few minutes to obtain the procedural vehicle they need. The concern raised with this option is how to sufficiently authenticate and verify the identity of the officer making the request.



A workgroup comprised of members from the Florida Police Chiefs Association (FPCA), the Florida Sheriff's Association (FSA), the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and the Office of State Court Administrators (OSCA) has met to develop recommendations.

Comments, Questions, Suggestions

If you have any questions or comments about any of the information items presented or if you have suggestions on agenda items you would like to see discussed at future CJJIS Council meetings, please contact us at CJJISCouncil@fdle.state.fl.us.

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