



CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEMS COUNCIL BULLETIN

CJJIS COUNCIL MEETING ON JANUARY 20, 2016

FLORIDA INFORMATION SHARING ENVIRONMENT

The Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Systems (CJJIS) Council's mission is to provide statewide oversight of justice information systems and data while developing plans and policies to facilitate the coordination of information sharing and interoperability, and ensuring appropriate access and security. Meeting twice a year, the CJJIS Council receives information and updates and makes decisions on technology projects and initiatives that either affect or will affect Florida criminal justice agencies.

On January 20, 2016, the Council met in Tallahassee, Florida to receive updates on topics, such as FirstNet/FloridaNet, the Florida Information Sharing Environment, grants, the FBI CJIS Security Policy, eWarrants, the Computerized Criminal History (CCH) Modernization Project, the National Crime Statistics Exchange (NCS-X), National Rapback, the 2016 CJIS Annual Training Symposium, and 2016 House Bill 781 - Protective Injunction Electronic Filing. Nominations were also held for the CJJIS Council Chair and Vice Chair positions. For 2016, Green Cove Springs Police Chief Robert Mucso was selected as the chair, and Seminole County Sheriff Donald Eslinger was selected as Vice Chair.

The July 18, 2016 meeting will coincide with the 2016 CJIS Annual Training Symposium in Orlando, Florida.

FDLE Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Donna Uzzell provided an update on the Florida Information Sharing Environment initiative. The Statewide Data Sharing Committee met on December 1, 2015 to discuss options for moving forward. As part of an earlier procurement process with other data sharing systems, Northrop Grumman was chosen as the vendor to work on LInX, which is now known as the Regional Florida LInX. The Regional Florida LInX's coverage includes the state nodes and the Tallahassee, Ft. Myers and Miami regions.

Additionally, FINDER and the National Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) are working together to connect their systems directly. The work is taking place in two phases: Phase 1 connects the two systems to each other directly; and Phase 2 uploads FINDER data into LInX.

SAC Uzzell stated that 35 agencies are expected to come online with the Regional Florida LInX in the first quarter of 2016, and during the second quarter, another 60 agencies will come online as the work ramps up. During the third and fourth quarters, Northrop Grumman will work on the custom systems that are more complicated in hopes of adding these remaining 18 agencies by the end of November.

The key for completion is the availability of agencies to provide data, and the committee wants to take a "no agency left behind" approach. The project completion date is scheduled for December 22, 2016, but if this cannot be accomplished, FDLE will request an extension.



On December 2, 2015, the FBI CJIS Advisory Policy Board (APB) voted to transition from a summary- to incident-based uniform crime reporting through the National Crime Statistics Exchange (NCS-X) project. The APB decided that all states must move to an incident-based format by January 1, 2021; however, the FBI will allow some leeway.

Florida asked for funding in a planning grant to explore the feasibility of Florida transitioning to incident-based crime reporting. Although Florida was awarded the grant, the amount received was less than requested. FDLE is contracting with a vendor to help gather the information

and is also working on a survey to be sent to all Florida sheriffs, chiefs, and agency heads who report uniform crime statistics to find out what it will take for agencies to become incident-based compliant. Once the survey results are analyzed, FDLE in consultation with the Florida Police Chiefs and Florida Sheriffs Association, will provide recommendations to the legislature on the requirements and funding necessary to transition to an incident based system. If your agency receives the survey, please ask both a records person and a technology person to complete the survey as quickly as possible.



FIRSTNET/FLORIDANET

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) Chief Performance Officer Larry Gowen presented on FirstNet and FloridaNet. Both projects are focused on providing a wider broadband service coverage and faster response to public safety providers. FirstNet completed its first round of state consultations, and as part of the consultation process, FloridaNet suggested that the network policies be developed by the state, implemented by the vendor, and then measured and enforced by FirstNet. Florida's response to the cybersecurity notice addressed risk management's cost liabilities, the environmental and physical security affected by hardening (caused by hurricane wind loads and other weather related hazards), and the protection and retention of data security and sensitivity.

FloridaNet provided FirstNet with data usage results from a survey taken from January to September 2015. Those results were obtained from local and county entities. Unfortunately, not all of the local agencies were willing to share their data; therefore, FirstNet's Florida map shows shortfalls in coverage, ultimately leaving the state with blackout areas where public safety personnel have to struggle to meet and support public safety needs.

FloridaNet needs local agencies to share their historical information from their dispatch data and CAD systems, so Florida can demonstrate a need for better coverage. If not, FirstNet will use the data it has to make its own determination of what Florida needs.



The CJIS Annual Training Symposium will occur July 19 – 22, 2016 at the Omni Orlando Resort in ChampionsGate. There are changes in this year's symposium, including revising the session times to include one, one and a half, and two hour sessions. FDLE is also adding Thursday afternoon and Friday morning to the schedule and using a third-party event management company's software for registration and session tracking. The transition to the new software allows an attendee to download an application where he or she can create and access a personalized session schedule. The registration site is open and accessible through the CJNet.

EWARRANTS

FDLE's Renee Strickland and Lee Herring provided a demonstration of eWarrants. Using a web interface, the five segments of a warrant will process electronically through the system. eWarrants is a secure system whose users are assigned role based profiles specific to their part of the eWarrant process.

- The Requester (law enforcement) initiates the affidavit.
- The Screener (State Attorney's Office) reviews the charges of the affidavit.
- The Approver (judge) changes the status of the affidavit from a request warrant to an active warrant.
- The Issuer (Clerk of the Court) assigns a court case number to the affidavit.
- Lastly, the Owner (law enforcement) enters the affidavit into the FCIC/NCIC databases as a warrant.

The eWarrants project staff is currently working with St. Lucie County, under a user agreement, to help push the program from a development phase to a testing phase. Once the testing phase is complete, implementation will begin across the state of Florida.

HELP US, HELP YOU

- **FloridaNet needs your historical data to demonstrate to FirstNet a need for better coverage in Florida. For more information, see the article on FirstNet/FloridaNet.**
- **On December 2, 2015, the FBI CJIS Advisory Policy Board (APB) voted to require all states move to an incident-based format by January 1, 2021. FDLE will send all affected agencies a survey. Please have both a records person and a technology person complete the survey. FDLE will use the analyzed results to ask the legislature for funding to transition from a summary-based to an incident-based system. For more information, see the article on NCS-X.**