

CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEMS COUNCIL BULLETIN

CJJIS COUNCIL MEETING ON JULY 9, 2018

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 July 9, 2018, the Council met in Tampa, Florida to receive updates on topics such as Florida Incident-Based Reporting System, Criminal Justice Data Transparency, the Computerized Criminal History Modernization Project, Protection Orders, FirstNet/FloridaNet, and the Council's Federal Funding Work Group grant proposals.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2019, in Tallahassee and the July 2019 meeting will coincide with the 2019 CJIS Annual Training Symposium in Orlando.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA TRANSPARENCY

The Legislature made significant changes in the collection and reporting of criminal justice data with the passage of SB 1392. The legislation requires the clerks of court, state attorneys, public defenders, county detention facility administrators and the Department of Corrections to collect specific data and provide the data to the FDLE. In turn, FDLE must publish permissible data collected on the FDLE's website and make it searchable and accessible to the public. FDLE sought the guidance from the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Services Council (Council) to assist in this undertaking. The Council convened a work group representing the key stakeholders. The work group held an organizational meeting in June and discussed strategies to identify entities that collect and report data today; evaluating the data currently reported to determine both redundancy and the most comprehensive sources; and standardizing data definitions. In the upcoming weeks, the work group will review documentation from the clerks of court and FDLE, and will offer recommendations on the data elements and definitions for the Council to draft rules and determine the standard for the exchange of information.

FLORIDA INCIDENT-BASED REPORTING SYSTEM

FDLE continues work on transitioning Florida's summary-based Uniform Crime Reporting to incident-based reporting. FDLE submitted a grant application to the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) to create a repository for incident data; implementing a record management system (RMS) for agencies that do not have a RMS or are not National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) compliant; and to make the necessary NIBRS compliant upgrades to record management systems for the agencies identified by BJS. In July 2018, FDLE entered into an agreement with Georgia Tech Research Institute to create Florida's technical specifications for incident-based reporting. FDLE plans to release the specifications in spring of 2019.

FIRSTNET/FLORIDANET

Department of Management Services (DMS) Chief Matthew Matney presented the status of several components of law enforcement communication in Florida and the need to upgrade various systems to meet the demand of technology. The Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) is a digital radio network for state law enforcement officers and other participating agencies throughout the state. The current platform for SLERS has reached its end of life and will no longer be supported by the vendor. The replacement of SLERS is on hold until the implementation of FirstNet. Many of Florida's 911 answering points continue to rely on older wireline technology. Today, eighty percent of calls to 911 centers are through wireless telephone. The next generation of 911 is IP-based and computer controlled; relies on GPS mapping; able to transfer calls to other call centers seamlessly; and is able to better locate wireless callers and receive video, photos, and text messages.



DMS Director Heath Beach provided an update on the public safety broadband initiative known as FirstNet and its Florida component FloridaNet. Over the years, the Council has received several briefings on FirstNet and since the last presentation, Governor Scott decided to opt-in and accept the FirstNet plan. AT&T was selected as the FirstNet provider and will utilize its entire existing commercial network immediately for priority and preemption for public safety. Verizon is also building a public safety core and will use its entire commercial network to offer priority and preemption to public safety users.

GRANT-FUNDING REQUESTS

The CJJIS Council was briefed on two of the Federal Funding Work Group's federal grant requests targeting the improvement of criminal history data. The first request involves the continuation of a project by enhancing court disposition records through the Comprehensive Case Information System. The initial project, encompassing five counties, resulted in over 200,000 felony and misdemeanor records added to the Comput-

erized Criminal History file. Due to the success of the project, the Work Group recommended to continue the project. The second request seeks funding for the Office of State Courts Administrator to purchase rapid identification and livescan devices for courtrooms. The equipment will assist in determining the identity of defendants and associate fingerprints with the defendant at the time of sentencing. Initially, the devices are planned for use in guilty judgements for felonies, misdemeanors, petty theft and prostitution offenses.



PROTECTION ORDERS

Two bills passed during the 2018 Legislative Session creating new types of protection orders. The risk protection order, established in SB 7026, allows a law enforcement officer or agency to petition a court to temporarily prevent persons who are at high risk of harming themselves or others from possessing firearms or

ammunition, including significant danger as a result of a mental health crisis or violent behavior. HB 1059 created a new injunction for the protection against the exploitation of a vulnerable adult. Programming changes were made in the Florida Crime Information Center for the new protection orders, and CJIS Memos were sent to criminal justice agencies statewide.

FDLE is working on an initiative, known as eProtection Orders, to automate the protection order process. The module runs on the same platform as eWarrants. To facilitate the project, FDLE convened a work group to define the system and determine what was needed to accommodate agencies. Domestic violence is the first protection order being built in the module, followed by the risk protection order. Once the protection order module is in production, FDLE plans to work on an electronic search warrant component.





COMPUTERIZED CRIMINAL HISTORY MODERNIZATION PROJECT

The CJJIS Council's Federal Funding Work Group recommended several projects for federal funding. The following projects were funded:

- OSCA Livescan Identification Pilot
- Implement the NIEM XML for CCH
- Electronic Protection Orders and Search Warrants
- Historical Disposition Research
- MECOM Reporting Assistance for Miami-Dade

The Computerized Criminal History (CCH) project is on schedule with a go-live date the end of 2018. Name change and agency corrections are two functionalities of the new CCH currently in use by local law enforcement agencies and clerks of the court. A majority of the work between now and go-live involves testing how CCH communicates with other internal systems, vendors, data migration, performance, and security.

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