



Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Systems Council Bulletin

The Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Systems (CJJIS) Council met at Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Headquarters in Tallahassee on May 9, 2012. The next meeting will be on October 25 at 1pm at FDLE Headquarters and via WebEx.

FDLE's FBI Technical Audit

FDLE's Information Security Officer, Larry Coffee, discussed the recent technical audit of Florida by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This provided an opportunity for Florida to undergo a review under the new CJIS Security Policy (v5.0) in areas such as security and access training, security addendums with vendors, compliance with password requirements, background checks on vendors and support personnel, and management control agreements between agencies and counties.

Additionally, to continue in this effort, FDLE has been approved by the legislature to acquire two technical auditor positions. These auditors will assist local agencies and work with them to use these audits as a training tool for continued compliance with the CJIS Security Policy.

Welcome New Council Member



The Council's newest member, Stacy A. Scott, represents the Florida Public Defender Association. She was appointed to her position, as Public Defender for the Eighth Judicial Circuit by Governor Charlie Crist in 2010. Stacy brings to the office a strong commitment to defending the rights of indigent people accused of crime and has dedicated her professional career to ensuring fairness and integrity in the criminal justice system. Stacy served as an Assistant Public Defender in the Eighth Judicial Circuit for over 10 years. Previously she has served as an Assistant State Attorney, and worked in the private sector as a criminal defense attorney. For more than 14 years, Stacy has litigated criminal cases ranging from misdemeanors to capital cases.

Stacy earned her Juris Doctorate with Honors from the University of Florida College of Law in 1995.

Electronic Filing

For those agencies who wish to participate or provide input, the Florida Courts Technology Commission (FCTC) and Office of State Courts Administrator (OSCA) are requesting representation from CJJIS Council members for a workgroup to discuss requirements



for agencies to e-file. Specifically, this workgroup will allow agencies to determine what information is required, what information is already being collected and how it is collected, discuss strategies for funding, and the next steps for criminal justice agencies to file electronically.

Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs)

IT Manager Mary Fahlstrom with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office briefed the Council on the status of automated license plate readers. At the time of the meeting, agencies such as Lee County Sheriff's Office, Orlando Police Department and Sarasota Police Departments had begun initial discussions with Florida Highway Patrol, Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles regarding interest in the project. A workgroup is preparing to meet in June to discuss the development of an interface, forming Memorandums of Understanding, metadata retrieval and policy concerns.



Uniform Crime Reporting

FDLE is working toward enhancing the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program. The goal of this system update is to create a web-based program to allow agencies to submit statistical data to FDLE via the Internet. The new system will also allow for other crime reporting, such as hate crimes and cargo theft.

Federated Identity Management

Identity Management is a term that refers broadly to the administration of individual identities within a system (i.e. an agency, network, or a domain such as law enforcement, criminal justice or public safety). Advantages of identity management include simplicity and single username and password to access multiple services and applications. Additionally, there are cost savings for building, maintaining, operating, and authentication. The CJJIS Council continues to endorse the concept of a federated system in Florida and to exploring potential avenues and arenas for its implementation.



Status of the NARIP Grant Funded Projects

FDLE received federal grant funding under the NICS Act Record Improvement Plan (NARIP) to directly support initiatives with Florida's Firearm Purchase Program (FPP) and Computerized Criminal History (CCH) systems, as well as developing an electronic warrant interface and various disposition and record research/retrieval efforts. The overall goal of this funding is to not only improve the processes, but also improve the completeness and availability of records to those individuals at the state and national levels who make determinations on whether an individual can purchase a firearm.



CCH Strategic Needs Assessment

One of these projects, the CCH Strategic Needs Assessment, was completed this summer and will provide FDLE with the tools necessary to determine the best course of action and requirements needed to modernize the state's CCH system.

Firearm Purchase Program (FPP)

Two more initiatives using this grant funding are related to the Firearm Purchase Program, specifically the development of a new Firearm Eligibility System (FES) and staff augmentation to ensure adequate levels of customer service and response to Florida's gun dealers requesting record checks. Phase I of the system redesign is complete and has been "rolled out" to large Florida gun dealers to begin using the system.

Electronic Warrants (eWarrants)

Another project, the electronic warrant interface, is being developed with the ultimate goal of improving the turnaround time for a warrant by moving from a paper to an automated process. FDLE is using grant funds and working with local agencies and multiple counties to create a standardized exchange specification to assist local agencies and the vendor community to develop the interface.

National Data Sharing (N-DEX)



The original concept for Florida's involvement with the National Data Sharing project (N-DEX) was to have one Florida portal to N-DEX. Since that concept was first presented the plan for the project has been modified to include data sharing among all criminal justice entities, not just law enforcement agencies. With that change the model has shifted to having regional connections. To address the concern that criminal justice can be defined differently between states, an ORI data sharing template has been created to specify who Florida will share data with nationally.

FLEX and RLEX

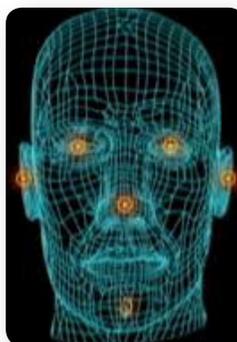
FDLE completed regional data sharing (RLEX) projects in 2011. FDLE is moving forward and focusing efforts on FLEX to provide query access between the regional data sharing projects and develop data exchanges to ultimately connect Florida to N-DEX. The timeline for FLEX has been recognized as:

- Phase 1: research and design including planning staffing, requirements, architecture, design, and recommendations to Executive Steering Committee for final determination.
- Phase 2: build and development – through 2013 including procurement, development and implementation.

The FLEX Executive Steering Committee consists of group leaders from across the state that govern the project and ensure goals are met. FDLE is supporting and coordinating the project, with the regions guiding their data and their system. Additionally, Chief Robert Musco, CJJIS Council Chair, volunteered to serve as the Council's representative on the FLEX Executive Steering Committee.

Florida DHSMV Facial Recognition Project

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) has received monies to further the facilitation of their facial recognition project. The funds will allow the procurement of licenses to load the more than 21 million driver's license photos, already in the DHSMV database, into the system and establish 30 more facial examiner system workstations. The workstations will provide regional fusion centers access to the system

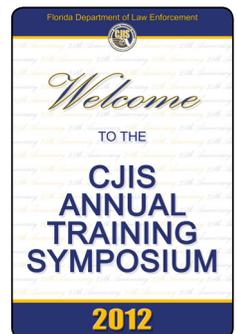


to conduct analytical reviews and gather information on cases they are working. With the project's current progress the timeline for it being ready for test and ultimate deployment is estimated to be late in the 2012 calendar year.



Annual Training Symposium

In July FDLE hosted the 25th CJIS Annual Training Symposium in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. CJIS presented informational sessions for criminal justice and law enforcement personnel on a variety of topics. FDLE partnered with the Florida Sheriff's Association, Fusion Centers and Chief Information Officers/IT Managers from across the state to provide an additional 3 tracks of training sessions for attendees. Copies of presentations given at this event have been made available on CJNet for those who were unable to attend.



Next year's symposium will be hosted July 9-11, 2013 at the Omni ChampionsGate in Orlando, Florida. Please visit FDLE's website (www.fdle.state.fl.us) under Upcoming Events to access information about the symposium.

Want to Know More?

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

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