

Florida Department of Law Enforcement
 Supplemental Legislative Budget Request
 Fiscal Year 2010-11



Issue	FTE	General Revenue	Trust Fund	TOTAL
Expand DNA Database to include Felony Arrests	6	\$2,080,500		\$2,080,500
Increased Demand for Criminal History Background Record Checks	3		\$175,291	\$175,291
Improved Automation of Criminal History Background Record Checks	1		\$102,053	\$102,053
Growth of Credit Card Service charges			\$371,946	\$371,946
TOTAL REQUEST	10	\$2,080,500	\$649,290	\$2,729,790

Expand DNA Database to include Felony Arrests
\$2,080,500 General Revenue

Chapter 2009-190, Laws of Florida, requires the collection of DNA samples (contingent upon funding) from any individual who is arrested for any felony offense, specified misdemeanor offense or an offense committed to benefit a criminal gang. The law established a controlled expansion to be implemented over a 10-year period. First year funding is needed to acquire infrastructure to automate the DNA sample collection/submission system. The Department anticipates an increase of 200,000 samples during the 10 years.

The Department requests funding to purchase 600 Rapid ID workstations (computer, Rapid ID device and barcode printer) to confirm the identity of the arrestee and notify the facility if the arrestee's DNA is already stored in the database. Workstations would be provided to state prisons, county jails, courtrooms, Department of Juvenile Justice facilities, and probation and parole locations throughout Florida. The technology will be a long-term cost savings, as it will eliminate duplicate DNA collections, reduce data entry of offender information, expedite entry of the sample into the DNA Database and minimize personnel. The Department also requests funding for six crime lab analysts and various equipment to handle increased volume of DNA samples.

Increased Demand for Criminal History Background Record Checks
\$175,291 Trust Fund

The S.A.F.E. Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008 requires applicants for loan originator licenses, mortgage broker licenses and mortgage lender licenses to submit fingerprints to the Department for a state and national criminal history background record check. This mandate becomes effective October 1, 2010 and will result in an estimated 50,000 additional background checks during the first year and approximately 4,500 requests in subsequent years. The Department requests funding of three positions to meet this growth in demand and ensure background check results are provided to licensing authorities quickly and efficiently.

Improved Automation of Criminal History Background Record Checks
\$102,053 Trust Fund

The Department maintains the central repository of criminal records in Florida which is used for a wide range of criminal justice and business purposes. More than one million criminal history background record checks are processed annually for employment, licensing, and other related purposes. The Department requests funding to implement a more sophisticated applicant record check search that would automatically search against the fingerprints on file in the criminal history system without a demographic (name search) being conducted first. This change would bring Florida into compliance with federal law and maximize the ability to identify an applicant's previous criminal record.

Growth of Credit Card Service charges
\$371,946 Trust Fund

The Department requests additional budget authority to pay service charges billed by credit card companies for criminal history background record checks. Currently, the Department absorbs these service charges for its customers. Since the Department received initial budget authority for this function in FY 2005-06, credit card service charges have increased 43% and it is anticipated they will grow another 11% over the next several years. Additionally, the volume of criminal history background record checks processed by the Department has increased in recent years. In FY 2008-09, the Department processed 2.7 million criminal history background record checks.