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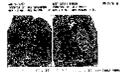


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Mugshots

During the 2005 legislative session of the General Assembly, Section 19.2-390, Code of Virginia, was amended to require law enforcement agencies submitting reports to the Central Criminal Records Exchange (CCRE) to include a photograph of the individual arrested along with the fingerprints with its report. Live Scan agencies responded quickly to the amended statute that went into effect January 1, 2006, and have submitted over 7,000 images between November 21, 2005, and February 7, 2006. Agencies that currently do not have Live Scan are mailing images with ink cards; these images will be scanned into the Electronic Archive System.

The Department of State Police is anticipating approval for a Mugshot System during 2006. A Mugshot System will enable Virginia law enforcement users access to facial, scar, mark, and tattoo images and, additionally, allow agencies to create lineups and search for records that match specific personal criteria, such as age range, hair and eye color, height range, and other personal descriptors. Agencies are reminded of the importance of submitting mugshots which meet the State Police requirements for elements such as background color, focus and lighting. These requirements are listed on the State Police website at <http://www.vsp.state.va.us>. Click on "Criminal Justice Information Systems" in the list on the main page, and then click on "Live Scan." Listed are a number interesting topics including Mugshot Information and Frequently Asked Questions.

Flat Processing for Fingerprint-based Background Checks

In April 2004, the FBI, CJIS Division, published a study which analyzed the feasibility of processing fingerprint searches using ten flat, rather than ten rolled, fingerprints through IAFIS, and found them comparable to civil fingerprint checks. Based on this study, the FBI along with the National Institute of Standards and Technologies developed standards for flat capture devices. The Department of State Police CJIS Division has determined that using Flats for applicant fingerprint-based searches would be advantageous. It is expected that the accuracy of the applicant prints would improve due to the fact that civil personnel are not as highly trained in the taking of the fingerprints nor in the visual assessment of the quality of the fingerprints taken. Additionally, the cost of the flat capture devices is lower than the rolled capture devices which is expected to encourage more civil sites to invest in the flat capture equipment.

Department of State Police personnel have been working with the Live Scan vendors, NEC, and the FBI, to make the necessary changes to accept and process the flats. The testing process with the FBI is expected to be completed during the first quarter of 2006. Sites may have as many as four different hardware choices for doing flats. The four choices are the Heimann LS2, the Cross Match ID-700, Identix's deck and I3's deck. At this time, we are primarily working with the Heimann LS2; however, preliminary information indicates that the Identix deck may be lowest cost option. Several civil sites have expressed interest in the flat capture and processing.

CCRE INFORMATION



Quicker Method to Obtain Criminal Record Name Search Inquiries Through the Internet

The Criminal Justice Information Services Division (CJIS) processes approximately 287,000 criminal name search inquiries (127,000 electronically through the Internet - NCJI, and 160,000 mail-in requests) each calendar year for the purpose of employment, licensure, day care, nursing homes, foster care, and individuals requesting their own records pursuant to Section 19.2-389, Code of Virginia.

The method of processing these types of requests recently changed, and the Department will no longer mail out the following forms: SP-167 Criminal History Record Request (carbonized form), SP-230 Criminal History Record Name Search and/or Sex Offender and Crimes against Registry Name Search, or SP-266 Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Name Search. All participants now requesting background checks should complete the appropriate form online at www.virginiatrooper.org. Detailed instructions for completing the appropriate form online are also provided. After completing the form online, print the form, have the form notarized if specified, enclose payment, and mail to the State Police for processing. Forms processed using the online method will be processed within five working days from the date of receipt. Previously, the time required to process a mail-in request was approximately 15-18 working days from receipt of the request.

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Once online forms are received, the bar code on the form will be scanned and the name, demographics, address, etc. will appear on the screen. The clerical operator will validate the name, and transmit the data against the computerized criminal history and/or sex offender registry to determine if a record exists. The results of the search will be determined, and the record will be archived and mailed in a timelier manner.

For individuals who do not have access to the web, the Department will continue mailing single blank form(s); however, the method of processing will delay the results. The mail-in requests will take approximately 14-15 working days to process.

The Department requests that any of the aforementioned forms you currently have in your possession be destroyed. Any person seeking a criminal background check should be instructed to access the State Police website to obtain the appropriate form for which they are seeking.

VCIN Notes



ATTENTION: AGENCY HEADS AND TERMINAL AGENCY COORDINATORS

Please disseminate the information contained in this newsletter to all users of the Virginia Criminal Information Network (VCIN) within your agency.

The following agencies were added to VCIN during the third & fourth quarters of 2005:

<u>AGENCY NAME</u>	<u>TERMINAL ADDRESS</u>	<u>ORI</u>
*Hampton U. S. Drug Enforcement	DEA6	VADEA06SO
*James River ASAP – Charlottesville	JRAS	VA102015Y
*Prince George Co. Comm. Atty.	PGCA	VA074013A
*Va. Beach Juvenile/ Dom. Relations Court	VBB6	VA128021J
*VMI Post Police – Lexington	VMIP	VA0830300

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Validation Certification of NCIC/VCIN Records

Users are reminded that when sending back your signed certification letter to the VCIN Administrative Office, send only the signed letter **and not the printout of records**. Also ensure to send the VCIN administrative message to CMD1, including the document control number. If the certification letter or administrative message are not received by the deadline date specified in the letter, then the agency's records will be canceled for failure to validate.

VCIN Field Officer's Handbook

The Field Officer's Handbook is in the process of being revised, and should be available some-time during the first quarter of 2006.

DMPP2020 Interface Conversion

Agencies that have not converted their existing VCIN interface over to the new DMPP2020 protocol (Sign-on Interface) need to complete this conversion by **March 1, 2006**. This is mandated for an agency to continue to have access to VCIN/NCIC and comply with VCIN/NCIC CJIS Security Policy standards. These changes were presented to all interface agencies that attended the conference held at Virginia State Police Headquarters on November 22, 2004. There are approximately 50 agencies that have not completed the conversion. If your agency is one of the 50, VCIN/NCIC service will be interrupted if the conversion is not completed by **March 1, 2006**. However, service will not be interrupted provided your agency establishes a satisfactory timeline for completion of the conversion and communicates this timeline to the VCIN Administrative .

Change in Operator Sign-on During 2006

In January 2006, VCIN began migrating towards using another identifying number in our certified operator database in place of the social security number, if an agency or individual elects to do so. **The change is not mandatory. If an agency elects not to make the change for all agency operators at one time, then an individual operator, with agency approval, will have the opportunity to convert their number when the conversion takes place or during recertification training.** Due to the volume of operators, we will be converting one agency at a time, **and those that are in compliance with other VCIN/NCIC Security Policy Standards.**

VCIN Notes — Continued

Change in Operator Sign-on During 2006—Continued

such as encryption and DMPP2020 protocol. Agencies will be given advance notice to coordinate a conversion date. A letter is being drafted and will be sent to all agency heads explaining the options for operator ID conversions, and there will be attached forms that will need to be filled out and faxed back to the VCIN Administrative Office depending on what option you choose.

Use of Purpose Code “C” in DMV Inquiries

When users perform an inquiry to Virginia DMV for an on-going criminal investigation that is confidential in nature, place a “C” in the Purpose Code field. The “C” in the Purpose Code field stands for confidential, not criminal. Using Purpose Code “C” will keep DMV from revealing your inquiry upon a disclosure request made by an individual. For all other criminal justice inquiries, leave the Purpose Code field blank.

When performing the “QNAM” (multiple file search) transaction, please note the Purpose Code field in this inquiry is for DMV purposes as well. It should only be filled in with “C” when there is an on-going criminal investigation that is confidential in nature. The Purpose Code field in the “QNAM” transaction is not related to criminal history. If you include a “Y” in the CCH field of this format transaction, the system will automatically perform a CCH check for you.

UCR Highlights....



2006 Training Sessions

We will be conducting regional training sessions again in 2006, possibly in late spring. All agencies will receive information regarding these sessions in sufficient time to arrange for attendance.

IBR Website

Agencies' nine months' year-to-date reports have been posted on the IBR Website. Go to Statistical Reports on the Main Menu, then YTD and the September 2005 option under each of the five reports will contain your nine months' figures.

Quality Assurance Reviews

The FBI has requested that the UCR State Program begin procedures for conducting a Quality Assurance Review (QAR) of IBR data submitted by contributing agencies. Currently, no personnel are available to perform on-site reviews. We are looking into the possibility of mail-in reviews and as plans are formalized, agencies will be informed of the process.

Statute Code/IBR Code Conversion Table

The conversion table, found on the IBR website on the CJIS Publications option, can also be found on the State Police Website www.vsp.virginia.gov. Click on Criminal Justice Information Services, click on Live Scan, click on Live Scan Documents and the table can be found under Statute Table in either a text or Excel format.

UCR Highlights—Continued



2005 Nine Months' Data

The following figures represent the statewide 2005 nine months' totals. Offenses of a person (murder, kidnapping, rape, sex offenses and assaults) are victim counts. All other offenses are offense counts.

All Group A offenses increased or stayed nearly the same when compared to the figures from the previous year's nine months' figures except the offenses of extortion/blackmail, motor vehicle theft, non-forcible sex, prostitution and bribery. Offenses which increased with double digit percentages were gambling, kidnapping/abduction, and stolen property offenses.

Nine Months' Group A Offenses – 2005

Murder/Non-negligent Manslaughter	344
Kidnapping/Abduction	1,629
Forcible Rape	1,301
Other Forcible Sex Offenses	2,681
Robbery	5,182
Aggravated Assault	8,656
Simple Assault & Intimidation	70,849
Arson	1,261
Extortion/Blackmail	43
Burglary	20,706
Larceny Theft	116,465
Motor Vehicle Theft	11,668
Counterfeiting/Forgery	6,345
Fraud Offenses	12,942
Embezzlement	2,274
Stolen Property Offenses	1,064
Damage/Vandalism of Property	67,901
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	31,554
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	185
Pornography/Obscene Material	147
Gambling Offenses	52
Prostitution Offenses	730
Bribery	10
Weapon Law Violations	7,881

Nine Months' 2005 Arrests

	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Juveniles</u>
Group A Arrests	76,828	13,284
Group B Arrests	126,313	14,077

When comparing the 2005 nine months' arrest figures to the same time during the previous year, we find that the Group A arrests increased 1% and the Group B arrests increased 3%.

The total adult arrests (Group A and Group B) increased 2%, while the total juvenile arrests increased 1%.

Of the total juvenile Group A arrests, 4,283 were for assaults, 3,439 for larcenies and 1,934 for drug offenses.

Of the total adult Group A arrests, 26,261 were for assaults, 20,855 for drugs and 12,839 for larceny offenses.