

FRIO COUNTY DATA REPORTING IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Section I

Legislative Requirement

Chapter 60.10, Code of Criminal Procedure (CCP) creates provisions regarding a data reporting improvement plan applicable to a county that has an average disposition completeness percentage, including both juvenile and adult dispositions, of less than 90 percent. The statute requires the Commissioners Court of such a county to establish a local data advisory board, as described by state law, not later than November 1, 2009. The bill sets forth the persons authorized and required to be included in such a local data advisory board. The statute requires a local data advisory board to prepare a data reporting improvement plan, in addition to other duties prescribed by law, and requires the plan to describe the manner in which the county intends to improve the county's disposition completeness percentage; ensure that the county takes the steps necessary for the county's average disposition completeness percentage to be equal to greater than 90 percent in the first report DPS submits to certain state officers and agencies regarding local jurisdiction reporting on or after January 1, 2013; and include a comprehensive strategy by which the county will permanently maintain the county's disposition completeness percentage at or above 90 percent. The statute requires a local data advisory board established under the bill's provisions, not later than June 1, 2010, to submit to DPS the data reporting improvement plan prepared for the county. DPS, on receipt of a data reporting improvement plan, is required to post the plan on the DPS Internet website. The statute authorizes the public safety director of DPS to adopt rules concerning the contents and form of a data reporting improvement plan.

It is the mission statement of Frio County Data Advisory Board that the Board will strive to improve data reporting for Frio County so as to meet statutory requirements and to establish a system within the county to maintain compliance.

Section II

Composition of the Local Advisory Board Members

Members of the Frio County Data Advisory Board, as appointed by the Commissioners Court, are as follows:

Frio County Sheriff Lionel Trevino (or his designee)
Frio County District Attorney Rene Pena
Frio County Attorney Hector M. Lozano
Frio County District Clerk Ramona Rodriguez (or her designee)
Frio County Clerk Angie Tullis (or her designee)
Pearsall Chief of Police Henry Martinez (or his designee)
GEO Group Automated Data Processing Service/Intake Staff - Monica Flores

If it should become necessary that a member of the board be replaced, the remaining members of the board will notify the County Judge of that necessity and ask him to have the commissioners court appoint a replacement within the requirements of the law.

Section III

Current Process

The current flow of information between entities in Frio County is as follows:

1. Arrest Reporting to Repository - In Frio County, all CR-43 forms are electronically processed by GEO Group when the arrested person is taken into custody. GEO Group will then print the CR-43 and attach to complaint and booking information of the

arrested person. The arrested person's paperwork is then delivered to the Frio County Sheriff's Office. Added charges will also have a copy of the CR-43 with the assigned TRS.

2. The Frio County Sheriff's Office processes the arrested person's paperwork and forwards it to the District Attorney or County Attorney, depending on the level of the offense.
3. Prosecution Reporting to Repository - Both the District Attorney and County Attorney report their actions at the DPS on-line site. Added charges are also submitted on-line.
4. Prosecution to Court Clerk - Once prosecutor actions are reported on-line, a copy of that page from the Repository, with the TRN and TRS, is made and delivered to the County Clerk or District Clerk, depending on the level of offense.
5. Court Clerk Reporting to Repository - The County Clerk and District Clerk report court action directly to the Repository on-line .

Each agency has developed procedures to ensure that all charges are reported to the next county agency and to DPS.

Section IV

Identifying Problems

1. Arrest Reporting to Repository: Verification of CR-43 submission is not being confirmed by Intake Staff. GEO Group will contact Identix Life Scan to enable transmission verification/rejection of CR-43s. Intake Staff will also insure submission of CR-43s on all arrests that are required to have CR 43 forms. Intake Staff is currently processing any arrests on out of county persons or persons arrested out of county on in-county warrants.
3. Arrest Reporting to Prosecutor: The Frio County Sheriff's Office will make sure that all arrests are assigned a TRN and TRS.
3. Prosecution Reporting to Repository: Prosecutors encountering problems with CR-43s will address the Intake Staff and correct or clarify any issues.
4. Prosecution Reporting to Court Clerk - All cases filed with the Clerks will have a copy of the on-line CR-43 attached.

5. Court Clerk Reporting to Repository: The Clerks will begin submitting CR-43 court information in a timely manner.

Section V

Plan to Remedy Problems

The data advisory board met on May 12, 2010, and each member discussed ways to remedy the problems listed in Section IV. It was agreed that each member would call the agency necessary to address the problems they encountered in reporting data. It was also agreed that each agency would work closely with all others to streamline the reporting process, do what they could to remedy the problems listed in Section IV and to maintain compliance.

The Intake Staff will have Identix Life Scan programmed to print Intake Pass/Fail Reports to determine if all CR-43s have been accepted by DPS.

Additionally, each agency agreed that special emphasis should be, and would be, placed on completing CR-43 information in a timely and efficient manner.

The advisory board will meet again in 60 days to determine if all problems are being resolved.