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TLETS Re-engineering Project Update

The TLETS Re-engineering team is continuing to make progress. The Request For Proposal (RFP) was returned from the Texas Building and Procurement Commission (TBPC) on June 2, 2003 and was posted to the Texas Marketplace within a few days. The project team is currently planning the Project Review Conference scheduled to occur the morning of June 20, 2003. The project team will also be preparing for the evaluation and bid process that will follow. A standardized scoring system is being developed to ensure that DPS acquires the system that will provide the best value for the State of Texas.

For the TLETS member agencies that do not currently use computer-to-computer interfaces for their TLETS access, DPS is seeking a Web-based user interface that will allow them to receive the information that they currently receive as well as some enhancements that were made available with the NCIC 2000 upgrade. The Web-based user interface is expected to allow DPS to distribute updates to the end user dynamically, provide the member agencies with a more intuitive and aesthetically pleasing user interface, provide an improved online help system, and provide more flexibility to the individual TLETS operator in receiving and reading messages.

DPS is also seeking an online Training and Certification system that will facilitate the training that is currently provided by both the TLETS trainers and the TCIC trainers. DPS expects the Training and Certification system to provide Computer Based Training (CBT) and a variety of on line tests.

As previously reported, DPS will continue to support computer-to-computer interfaces, however, it will be necessary for the member agencies to connect to TLETS and exchange data using the TCP/IP protocol. DPS will provide the communications specifications as soon as possible, but not before a contract has been finalized.

The CJIS Security Policy, which is published by the FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Division, dictates the network security policies that DPS must maintain in order to provide connectivity to DPS. DPS has recently developed a security review process that affects the member agencies. Any computer-to-computer interface that makes a major configuration change will be immediately affected. All other member agencies will be required to comply with the security process during the migration from the legacy system to the new system.

Again, DPS asks that recipients of the TLETS newsletter provide this information to those persons in the agency who are responsible for technical procurements of the equipment used to access TLETS.

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Project progress and the security review process will be communicated through the TLETS newsletter; the TLETS Re-engineering Web Page, <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/TLETSProject/>; And the TCIC2000 Web site. Access the Web site at: <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/tcic2000project/>. The username is TCIC2000, and the password is mel18can2.

TXDPS encourages members to check these resources often to obtain the most recent information.

Questions, comments and concerns may be relayed to: <mailto:tlets@txdps.state.tx.us>

TCIC UPDATES

On April 27, 2003, the Texas Crime Information Center (TCIC) database implemented program changes to meet compliance with the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Technical Operational Updates (TOU) 01-7 and 02-2. NCIC implemented the TOU 01-7 program changes on 09/01/02 and TOU 02-2 on 02/03/03. Since TCIC 2000 was still undergoing database changes, the implementation of this TOU was postponed for Texas agencies.

At this time within the Protective Order file, Texas did not implement the MFC of PSN as shown in pages 2-15 through 2-27 of TOU 01-7.

TOU 01-7 created the ability for Wanted Person records (even Texas-Only records) to receive detainer information. This is via the LOCATE transaction (LW), and allows "DETN" in the MFC EXT. A Wanted Person record is to remain active as long as the detainer is appended. TOU 01-7 also created Detainer Records via the two new transaction codes of "DW" and "XDW". (Note that Texas did not implement paragraph 3 or 4 of page 2-8 specific to the Criminal History Record at this time.) The Detainer data in a query response will appear near the end of the record and will indicate "DETAINED WANTED PERSON". A Detainer may be appended only to records in located status. Entering agencies are to append any detainer information to the record within 5 days of the locate transaction. Appending a detainer keeps the record in the system until extradition can occur, (or indefinitely). Texas policy does not allow a record update to occur via the NIC number so all records are to be identified by NAM/OCA. Only the ORI of the wanted person record is allowed to append a detainer. A wanted person record can only be appended with one detainer. There is no procedure for modifying a detainer appended to a wanted person record other than cancel and re-enter.

For wanted person records entered via MKE "EW," a new two character field, "EXL", has been added to the wanted person entry transaction. If the field is left blank by the operator, it is to default to 1 (FULL EXTRADITION). If EXL is 2 or 5, the MIS field must contain additional information. A Wanted Person record containing an EXL of 5 will not allow a locate to be placed against it. EXL field definitions are found on page 3-1 of the TOU 01-7. For Texas-Only wanted person records (MKE: EE) this field is to be sent as blank.

Data in the LIC, LIY, and LIT fields of a stolen vehicle record or add-on vehicle record containing a VIN or OAN will be retired when the vehicle record is retired. TCIC and NCIC are only applying this change to records entered after 09/01/02.

NCIC is now allowing Investigate Interest records via the MKE of "EII," similar in concept to the TCIC 2000 "EIA" (Enter Interested Agency) transaction. Texas users will have to perform separate transactions against TCIC records and NCIC records. TOU 01-7 also created new MKE's for Felony guns.

TOU 02-2 allows for the use of new characters in the MIS field. Texas policy does not allow the use of the vertical bar for Texas transactions as that character is used in a TLETS functionality to separate Texas-Only data from National data in several transactions related to the Protective Order and Vehicle files. Additionally a Boat Hull Number edit check is being implemented which is similar in concept to the existing VIN check used in the Vehicle transactions.

TOU 02-2 also created a new field for the ORI file, for the e-mail address of an agency. Dots in an e-mail address are to be indicated by the use of the word 'dot' within the address. For example: [pam\(dot\)pierce@txdps\(dot\)state\(dot\)tx\(dot\)us](mailto:pam(dot)pierce@txdps(dot)state(dot)tx(dot)us) would be accepted but pam.pierce@txdps.state.tx.us would not be accepted.

Additionally, a new TLETS transaction of QTV has been already implemented for query of construction or farm equipment registered in the Texas Recovery and Identification Program (T.R.I.P.). For information on the T.R.I.P. program call 1-800-447-5933 or send e-mail to TRIP@txdps.state.tx.us.

Contact the TCIC Control Center at (512) 424-2088 or (866) 266-8242 for assistance or questions concerning the TOU 01-7 and 02-2 Texas implementation that occurred on April 27, 2003.

Effective June 16, 2003 DPS Vehicle Inspection Records will be issuing a new 1 year safety inspection certificate. This certificate is for one-year safety inspections only. The certificate description is as follows: certificate is rectangle with the colors of red, white and blue with red and black text and the state capitol inside the Texas flag. The alpha character is K followed by 6 numerics. The regular one-year safety certificate, the H series, is still valid and will be issued. For more information contact VIR 512.424.2550

TRAINING CALENDAR

2003 SCHEDULE

CONROE
July 14-18, 2003 – REGION 2

LAREDO
August 4-8, 2003 - REGION 3

SAN ANGELO
September 15 – 19, 2003 – REGION 4

WICHITA FALLS
October 6-10, 2003 – REGION 5

TLETS/NLETS AND TCIC/NCIC BASIC PROCEDURES COURSE # 3811 – Contact DPS Austin at mnemonic address JJ04 or call 512/424-2419 or 2014. Agencies desiring the 3-day TLETS/NLETS Operator's Course can attend the first 3 days of the 40-hour school. E-mail joanne.jenkins@txdps.state.tx.us

[For more information concerning training, type in TRAINING in the options menu screen and press the F1 Key](#)

Would you like to receive the TLETS Newsletter and other publications via e-mail? If so, please complete the following information:

1. Full name and job title
 2. Physical Address
 3. Business phone
 4. Business fax
 5. E-mail address
- Option: Agency web site address

joanne.jenkins@txdps.state.tx.us

Just a reminder, if your contact person changes or leaves employment please contact us with the new information so we can modify our records. Also if you change address, phone numbers changes or you agency administrator is new, please advise.

Texas Recovery and Identification Program T. R. I. P

This program is designed for owners of both commercial and farm grade equipment to enter specific information regarding their property into a database that will be utilized by law enforcement personnel in tracking stolen equipment. Types of equipment that are eligible for TRIP must meet three criteria.

GRADE: Commercial or Farm Grade.

STYLE: Vehicle must have permanent wheels or tracks.

PIN: Equipment must have a manufacturer Property Identification Number (PIN). Once you register your equipment with TRIP you will be sent decals to be placed on that equipment, then the information will be entered into TCIC. To inquire on a T.R.I.P registered equipment use transaction code: "QTV."

For more information contact DPS 512.424.4143. To register go to:
<http://records.txdps.state.tx.us/mvt/default.cfm>

ORION and Area Code Changes

Several new area codes have been initiated as of March 2003. Other areas of the state will also be receiving new area codes.

West Texas with the area code of 915 has two area codes (325 and 432.) The El Paso area will retain the 915 area code. Another change, is outside the Fort Worth is from 817 to 682. East North Texas area will change from 903 to 469 and 430. Outside of Austin will change from 512 to 737 in the near future.

All affected agencies will need to modify their ORION records. All county agencies will have two records, one by the city and one by the county you represent. All agencies that run traffic for a non-terminal agency MUST change that agency's record as well. First look at your record, enter transaction code "TQ", enter TX in the destination field. Then tab to the ORI field, and enter ONLY the ORI. View your records first. To modify enter transaction code "TU", enter mandatory LOC, only enter the city, do not enter CITY PD OR SO. Example: LOC/HUTTO, then tab to the ORI field and enter ORI. Modify only the fields that need to be changed.

NOTE: FOR COUNTY Sheriff's & agencies.

Modify by city you represent, first ex: LOC/SAN MARCOS, modify the rest of your record then press the enter key, leave the format up, go back to the LOC/HAYS COUNTY, then press the enter key. You have now updated both records. For entry assistance contact: tlets@txdps.state.tx.us or 512.424-2419

**Do you know the TLETS answers?
ANSWERS!**

1. When is it appropriate to send an APB?
Safety of lives and/or apprehension of dangerous felons. Chapter 5 Sec. 5.2
2. In what situations should a user initiate an Attempt to Locate? **Chapter 4 Sec. 4.13**
-Death or serious illness of a family member.
-Urgent police business, witness or officer in a private vehicle.
-Deliver an emergency message.
-Overdue or separated motorist.
3. What help file will assist a user to describe the proper NCIC vehicle colors when creating an "AM" message. **"DIRLIST"**
The help file called "VEHICLE" Chapter 11
4. What are the five parts that make up a formal administrative message?
-Preamble
-Address
-Reference
-Text
-Signature
-Authority
Chapter 4 Sec. 4.4
5. In what format help file would you find H.E.A.T transaction codes? **"DIRLIST"**
Formats2

Reference: TLETS/NLETS Operating Manual

TXDOT UPDATE

Texas Department of Transportation Registration and Title System Division have a Web site available for vehicle information for non-law enforcement use. Cities/counties that have code enforcement can now access vehicle data via the Web for a fee.

[HTTPS://PROD1.DOT.STATE.TX.US/CENCOMP.H
TML](https://prod1.dot.state.tx.us/cencompop.html)

For out-of-state contacts go to:

<http://www.dot.state.tx.us/othertrans/usmap.htm>

BULLETIN BOARD

Grand Prairie PD

Crime Scene Class July 7-11, 2003. The class will be held at the Charles V. England Training facility located at 310 W. College Street in Grand Prairie. The instructor is Ed Hueske from the University of North Texas. The cost for this school is \$375.00. Contact Sgt. John Shaw at 972.237.8686

Midland PD

Midland Public Safety Communications in conjunction with Midland PD will be hosting a Tactical Dispatch course August 25-28, 2003. The course will cover critical incidents, command structure, duties of the team and tactical dispatcher and setting up command post information. The cost for this course is \$275.00 and T.C.L.E.O.S.E credit will be given. For registration information contact Donna Holden or Melba Lucio with Midland PSCC at 432.685.7127. Registration deadline July 25th 2003.

NEW AGENCIES ON TLETS

BRENHAM EMERGENCY COMM CTR	BECZ
DEL RIO US PROBATION	DPBZ
HARLANDALE ISD	HNDZ
LAKE LBJ MUNICIPAL UTILITY PD	LBZJ
PECOS US PROBATION	PPBZ
VERNON SO (WILBARGER)	VNSZ
WACO US PROBATION	WPBZ

MNEMONIC ADDRESS CHANGES

	OLD	NEW
AUSTIN PD	ATP	AUX2

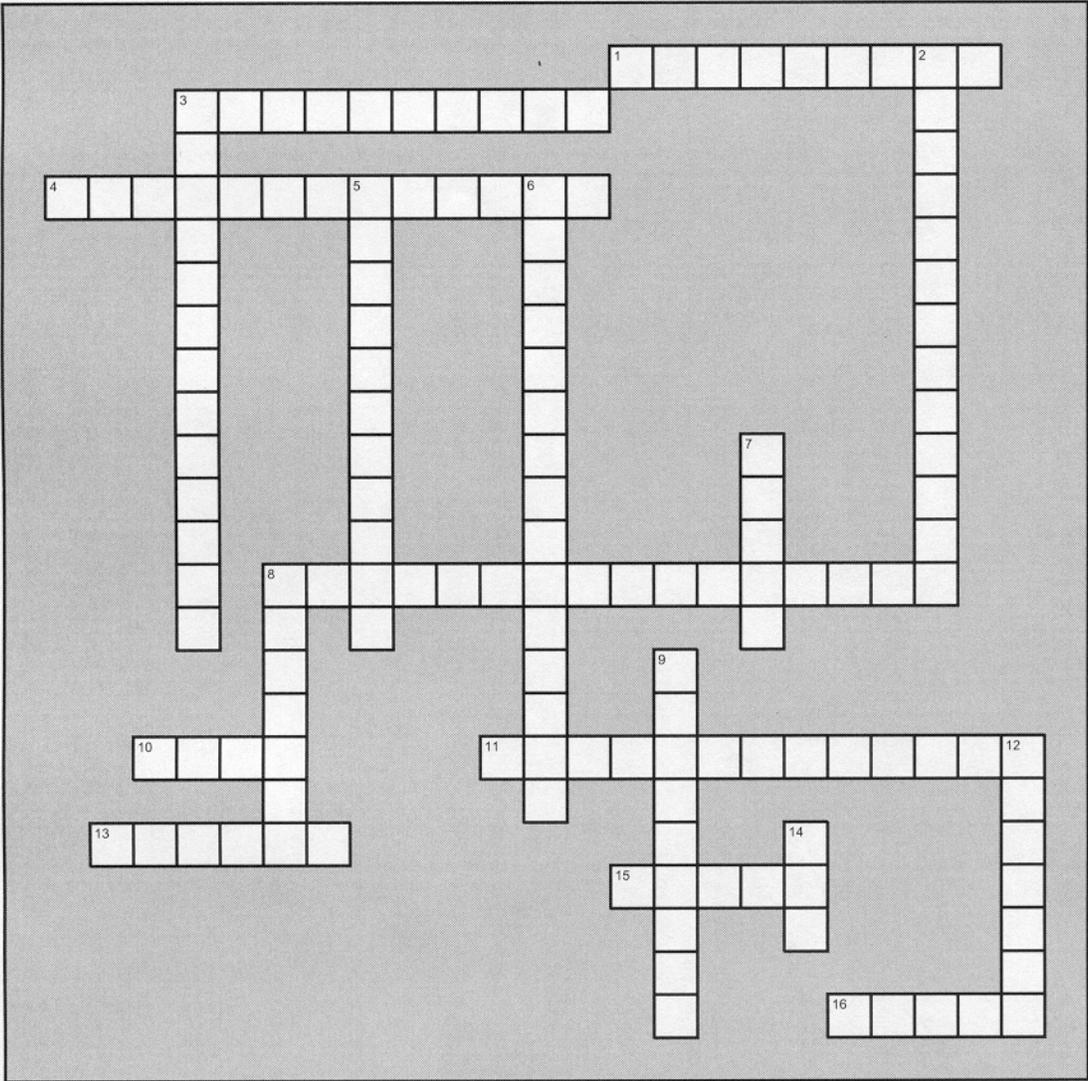
DELETED AGENCIES

BERTRAM PD	BRTZ
DEL RIO US CUSTOMS	NB8E
EL PASO SECRET SERVICE	U04Z
JUNCTION NTF #86	NB50

NAME CHANGES

TROPHY CLUB-WESTLAKE CHANGE TO
TROPHY CLUB

2ND QUARTER TLETS PUZZLER



Across

- 1. Transaction code for the TLETS general help file that provides procedures for public review of arrest records. .
- 3. Sent statewide at 6 AM and 6 PM.
- 4. The first item in the text of all criminal broadcast messages?
- 8. The fourth reason an A TL message is authorized for on TLETS.
- 10. The abbreviation used when warrants will be issued.
- 11. Wellington is this county's seat.
- 13. This help files assists the user to determine Mexican & Indian Tribal license plates.
- 15. This transaction code retrieves the Canadian stolen/wanted formats menu from PF23.
- 16. The NLETS System for finding the ORI of agencies in other states.

Down

- 2. Texas driver license "RDL" inquiries provide users with this.
- 3. SOC numbers with prefix 586 were issued from here.
- 5. DL and ID card photographs may be requested for only this reason.
- 6. Who is responsible for the proper routing of messages on the TLETS/NLETS network?
- 7. NLETS help file for accessing Canadian general help files.
- 8. Transaction code "ADD" retrieves this TCIC/NCIC menu from PF22.
- 9. ORI for addressing messages to INTERPOL.
- 12. This file contains States that permit Texas Concealed Handgun License holder to enter their states legally with their handguns.
- 14. Data element for primary telephone number field used in the NLETS ORION "TU" help modify format.

