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THE NEW DRIVER LICENSE SYSTEM

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) introduced the new Driver License System (DLS) on April 15, 2009. This included a new TLETS driver license message format. Anticipating the impact the new message format might have on the criminal justice community, numerous parallel runs were performed where both the new and the old TLETS responses were returned. Notifications to law enforcement community through TLETS broadcast messages were delivered to agencies announcing the rollout of the DLS.

Chapter 6 of the TLETS/NLETS Operating Manual was revised and made available through the TCIC Listserv, in Omnixx Help and posted on the TLETS web site. This chapter may be found under the Omnixx Force Help and at: http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/director_staff/information_management/tlets/tletsindex.htm

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Despite our best efforts, it seems as though the new DL return caught many of you off guard. The DPS has fielded emails and phone calls to confirm interpretation of records, explain the new statuses, and provide understanding of the new format. Through these emails and phone calls, two issues were discovered that we are working to resolve. The first issue is to provide a listing of the first 50 names on a name only search/response rather than simply stating that the search exceeds 50 names. It was also identified that certain Class C misdemeanors are not displayed in the DL return. These misdemeanors are specific to minors who are convicted of alcohol-related offenses. Both of these issues are scheduled to be fixed before June 30.

Additionally, a considerable effort was placed on migration of the legacy data into the DLS. Approximately 24 million records were successfully migrated, along with millions of driver history entries. Should you have questions or concerns regarding information in the DL returns, we encourage you to contact the Driver Improvement and Compliance Tech Support line at 512-424-7120.

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As with the legacy DL system, the responses from DLS will vary depending on the data input, the type of request made, and what types of matches are reported in the database. DLS no longer supports the use of the "Alarms" which were used in the legacy database.

One of the primary goals in the design of the DLS was to ensure that, during a traffic stop, law enforcement officers would know if a person was eligible to drive or not. This was accomplished by segmenting the information that was previously encompassed under "Alarms" and creating various statuses to provide a clearer definition. DLS provides record, administrative, and card statuses. The Record Status will indicate either "Eligible" or "Not Eligible." If the Record Status indicates "Eligible," the person is eligible to drive.

If the Record Status is "Not Eligible," the person is not eligible to drive. The driver history record will no longer list the history in chronological order, but will categorize the history into Enforcement Actions, Convictions, and Crash (accident) information. Each category of driving history will be grouped together in the response. The sample driver record below highlights some of the most significant changes in the return with a brief explanation of each. More detailed explanation is provided in Chapter 6 of the TLETS/NLETS Operating Manual. Personal information included in this record has been intentionally blurred.

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SEARCH ON ██████████

LAST NAME: ██████████
1ST/MID/SFX: ████████, ████████, ████████
DESCRIPTION: WHITE\MALE\████████\5-09\140\BLONDE\GREEN
SSN: ████████-██████-██████ SEX OFF: N COMM IMPED: N ORGAN DONOR: VISA EXP:
PHYSICAL ADD: ██████████
CI/CO/ST/ZIP: ██████████, ██████████, ██████████, ████████-0000
MAILING ADD: ██████████
CI/ST/ZIP: ██████████, ██████████, ████████-0000
REC STATUS: ELIGIBLE
ADMIN STATUS:
HME THR ASMT:
EXP:
CARD TYPE: DL #: 20391056 CLASS: C TYPE: DL EXPIR DATE: 05292010
RESTRICTIONS:
ENDORSEMENTS:
CARD STATUS:
ENFORC ACTN: ALR SUSPENSION - REFUSAL
STATUS: EXPIRED BEGIN DT: 09172008 END DT: 03152009 LIFT DT: STATE: TX
ENFORC ACTN: REVOKED MINOR FAILURE TO APPEAR
STATUS: LIFTED BEGIN DT: 11212002 END DT: 12319999 LIFT DT: 03082004 STATE: TX
ENFORC ACTN: REVOKED MINOR FAILURE TO APPEAR
STATUS: LIFTED BEGIN DT: 11152002 END DT: 12319999 LIFT DT: 03082004 STATE: TX
CONVICTION: DRIVING SAFETY COURSE
OFF DT: 03052006 CONV DT: 08272006
OFFENSE LOC: TX, CMV: N HAZMAT: N
CRASH DT: 08082008 CRASH LOC: CRASH#: 8380471
SEVERITY: POSSIBLE INJURY ACCIDENT CMV: N HAZMAT: N
CRASH DT: 05112005 CRASH LOC: CRASH#: 5106817
SEVERITY: NON-INCAPACITATING INJURY ACCI CMV: N HAZMAT: N
***** END OF RECORD*****

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REC STATUS (Record Status)
Indicates a person's eligibility to drive

ADMIN STATUS (Administrative Status)
Provides information about the driver, but does not have any affect on the person's eligibility to drive

CARD STATUS
Provides information about the DL or ID. Does not have any affect on the person's eligibility to drive. Examples: Voluntary surrender, Returned by PO.

HME THR ASMT (Hazmat Threat Assessment)
Reflects the subject's assessment when they carry the H - Hazardous materials endorsement. If approved, the expiration date will be included

CONVICTION
Describes the subject's driving convictions, including the offense date (OFF DT), conviction date (CONV DT) and location (OFFENSE LOC)

ENFORC ACTN (Enforcement Action)
A specific action that has been imposed on a person
STATUS
PENDING (which indicates that an EA will become active at the future date indicated), ACTIVE, LIFTED OR EXPIRED
BEGIN DT
The date the EA began or will begin
END DT
The date the EA will end (a date of 12319999, indicates an indefinite EA) Once the person complies with all the requirements, the STATUS will be updated to LIFTED and the LIFT DT will be populated

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DPS is currently piloting the DLS in several DL Offices across the state. All offices are scheduled to have the DLS installed by the end of summer 2009. Your patience and support as we move through this transition is greatly appreciated.

Along with the new Driver License System, DPS unveiled newly designed Driver Licenses (DL) and Identification Cards (ID). These identification documents contain many advanced security features to combat counterfeiting, photo swapping, tampering, and various other types of fraud. The back of the DL and ID cards contain machine readable technology that is comprised of data from the face of the card, in addition to two other physical identifiers (hair color and weight). Remember that the legacy design of the DL and ID cards will continue to be valid for up to six years. If your agency employs machine readable technology, programming must accommodate both the old and new formats.

Lone Star Texas License Plate Set to Hit Texas Roadways

AUSTIN – Eight-year-old John Thomsett of Gilmer, Texas, joined Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) officials on Tuesday to announce that the colorful new [general-issue license plate](#), Lone Star Texas, is about to hit Texas' roadways.



"My fellow Texans, I am pleased to announce that the new license plates have left the factory," John said during a TxDOT press conference at the Travis County tax office in Austin. "You will begin seeing it on cars and trucks near you real soon."



TxDOT began shipping the new general-issue plates to the 254 county tax offices statewide on Monday. County tax offices should have the Lone Star Texas plate in stock by no later than June 12.

You may download high-resolution versions of the [passenger](#) and [truck](#) plates.

"Because our state is real big, it will take about two weeks for the plates to arrive in all the county tax offices," John explained. County tax offices will need to exhaust their current plate inventory before issuing the Lone Star Texas plates.

In February 2008, John and his classmates at Gilmer Elementary School helped to choose the Lone Star Texas design as part of TxDOT's first online vote for a new general-issue license plate. John's teacher, Kerry Hradecky, cast the vote for the class.

"I was very excited that my students could be involved and have a voice in voting for such a prevalent symbol - our state license plate," said Hradecky, who teaches first grade at the Gilmer Elementary School. "We discussed that different states have different license plates based upon state characteristics and our privilege as Americans to vote."

Cindy Jones, who can trace her Texas roots back to an ancestor in the Republic of Texas Navy, said she cast her vote for the Lone Star Texas plate because it shows off the state's majesty and pride.

"The license plate was an inspiration - and I never thought I'd say that!," said Jones, who lives in Mason. "Allowing everyone to vote was a great idea."

Ed Serna, TxDOT assistant executive director for operations, said at the press conference the new general-issue plate goes by a special name at the agency. "At TxDOT we affectionately call it 'The People's Plate,'" Serna said.

Texans chose the Lone Star Texas plate from five different designs. The plate design received 455,878 of the more than 1.1 million Texans votes. The Texas Transportation Commission, which by law must approve the state's general-issue plate, unanimously agreed with online voters and approved the plate on Feb. 28, 2008.

The opportunity for a new general-issue license presented itself when the agency realized it was going to run out of the six-character plate patterns. The new general-issue plate features seven-character license plate numbers.

It also is the state's first digitally-produced and full color general-issue license plate. The Lone Star Texas design features clouds in a blue Texas sky and brushes of red and blue with the familiar Lone Star in white. The plate also features the Davis mountain range.

The digital process creates a more environmentally-friendly plate, eliminating the need for 484 gallons of paint thinners and 396 gallons of ink annually, and the energy needed to power huge ovens that dried the plate ink. The factory at the state prison in Huntsville, where the license plates are manufactured, was retooled and outfitted with new equipment for digital production.

"We are asking Texans to join us in our concern for the environment by not rushing down to their local county tax office to purchase this plate," said Rebecca Davio, director of TxDOT's Vehicle Titles and Registration Division, which oversees the manufacturing of the state's plates. "Our plates are made of recyclable aluminum but if everyone decides to run out for the new plate then good plates will be wasted."

Texans eligible for the new license plate will be those that purchase a new vehicle, and those whose license plates are seven years old, the mandatory time when plates are replaced because they begin to lose their safety reflectivity.

Nelda Wells Spears, the Travis County tax assessor-collector, reminded Texans that the reflective sheeting on license plates helps rescuers and citizens spot vehicles at night that have run off the road or are pulled off on the shoulder. License plates also help to save lives and catch criminals, Spears said.

"One of the primary tools for police when they are looking for a suspect, whether it be someone who abducted a child or robbed a bank, is to ask citizens to be on the look out for a certain vehicle model with a specific license plate number," Spears said. "While there may be thousands of the same type of vehicles on our roadways there will be only one with that unique license plate number."

There are more than 21 million registered vehicles in Texas and the majority of them have general-issue license plates. License plates are a part of "Put Texas in your corner," the vehicle registration process that includes annual renewal of the registration sticker. Content from TXDOT web page June 2, 2009

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Automated Boat Registration Records through TLETS

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has partnered with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Service (TPWD) to automate boat registration responses. This new file went into production on May 21, 2009. The system can be accessed from the BQ and Master Query forms. Response time has been reduced from minutes to seconds. DPS and TPWD are hopeful that the TLETS membership will find great benefit to having boat registration information in a timely manner. More information can be found on the TLETS web site:

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TRAINING CALENDAR

2009 SCHEDULE

NACGODOCHES
July 13-17, 2009 – Region 2

PHARR
August 24-28, 2009 Region 8

BROWNWOOD
Sept. 28- Oct. 2 2009 – Region 4

DECATUR
October 17 – 23, 2009 – Region 5

MESQUITE
December 7-11, 2009- Region 1

TLETS/NLETS Basic Procedures Course #3809
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For those agencies that are on OMNIXX, to get to the OMNIXX Trainer go to the DPS public internet:
<https://tlets.txdps.state.tx.us/omnixx/desktop/>
Enter your User Name and Password. Once your login has been accepted, select Classes> at the right hand bottom of the screen, select All Classes. You can view all classes that are available. Double Click on the class selection to view the details of the class, such as dates, location and address. If you want to enroll, in the bottom right hand corner, select Enroll. You will then receive a confirmation of the enrollment.

TXDOT UPDATE

The Texas Department of Transportation, Vehicle Titles and Registration Division have a web site available for vehicle information for non-law enforcement use. Types of businesses may be interested include:

Auto dealers, auto auction, wrecker services, salvage yards, insurance companies, bank / credit unions, title services, collection agencies, city/county municipalities that have code enforcement, university/colleges and private investigators. This information is available 24-hours a day. For further information go to:

<https://prod1.dot.state.tx.us/cencompop.html>

NEW AGENCIES ON TLETS

AUBREY PD	ABEZ
HUDSON OAKS PD	HUDZ
UNIV. OF TX BROWNSVILLE PD	BRUZ
VAN PD	VPPZ
WACO US PROB/PRETRIAL	WPBZ

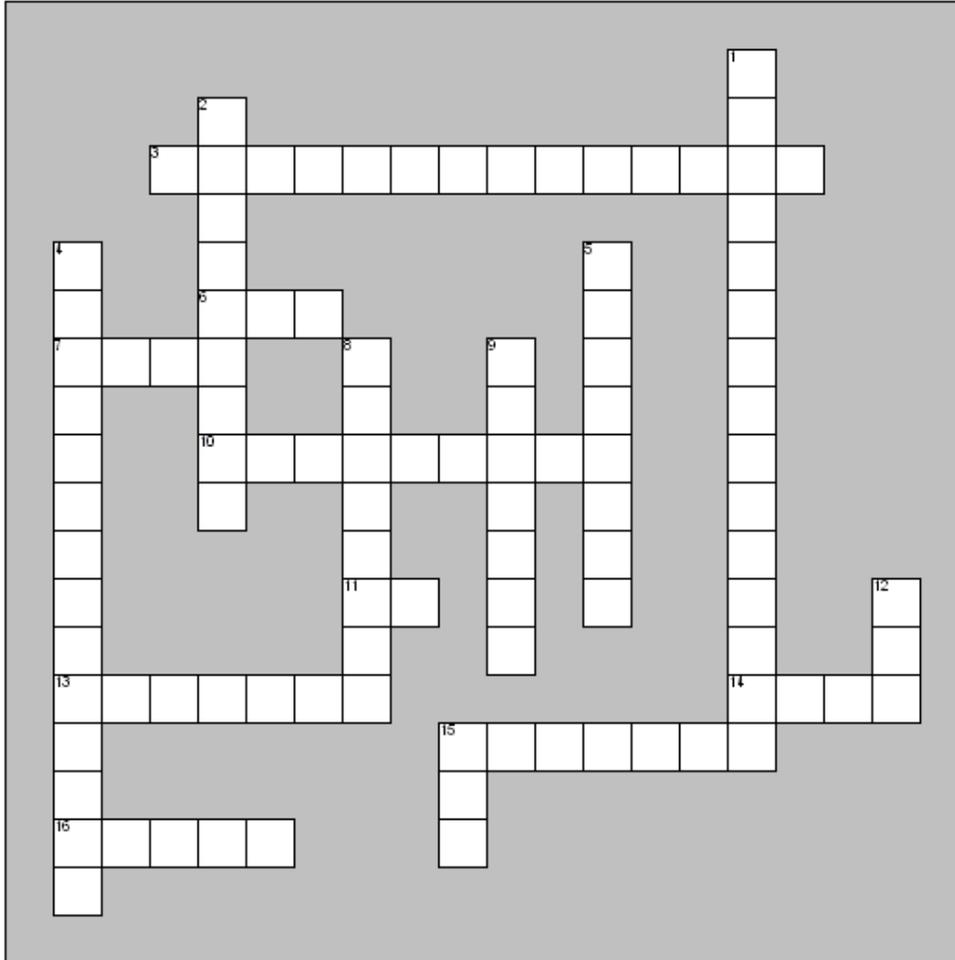
MNEMONIC CHANGES

	OLD	NEW
GALVESTON PD	GGPZ	GGX2
SOUTHLAKE PD	SLX1	SLX2

General Services Announces the New Federal Motor Vehicle Registration System

The GSA has now completed the new Federal Motor Vehicle Registration System. This system will enable law enforcement to quickly identify authentic federal vehicle that may be in your area or during a crisis such as a hurricane etc. This database houses 600,000 vehicles owned or leased by the government as well as a complete inventory of government license plates. The big change is the expiration date stamped directly on the plate, so if a plate is lost or stolen, there is a date that will tell law enforcement that this plate is not on the right vehicle, expired or being used for inappropriate purposes. User must use form RQ and the point of entry is GS to retrieve GSA information.

Crossword



Across

3. These type messages can only be sent to a maximum of three geographical area/regions in Texas.
6. Broadcast mnemonic address for all Texas Sheriff's Offices in Texas.
7. The "T" of the "PARTS" of a formal message.
10. The "R" of the "PARTS" of a formal message.
11. The transaction form to inquire into the Texas Parks and Wildlife for boat registration.
13. The first item in the text of a wanted person message.
14. This organization assists criminal justice agencies in vehicle identification and vehicle theft investigations.
15. The "A" of the "PARTS" of a formal message.
16. Reason code "S" used in the RSN field of all Canadian NLETS/INTERPOL inquiry forms.

Down

1. One reason to send an All Points Bulletin "APB".
2. The "S" of the five "PARTS" of a formal message.
4. This type of administrative message is used for an emergency message.
5. The "PPS" field in all Canadian transaction form to indicate the PERSON/_____ in sight.
8. The first part of a formal message.
9. The type of administrative message used when a 17 year old person leaves home without the consent of the parents/guardians.
12. Broadcast mnemonic address for all Police Departments in Texas.
15. This type of message is used to deliver an emergency message.

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