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New TLETS/NLETS inquiry form

Bulk Cash Smuggling Center

The BCSC is currently housed with the LESC in South Burlington, VT. The BCSC operates 24 x 7 x 365. The message key used to inquire into the BCSC resources is BCQ. ICE requests that all local, state and federal law enforcement use the BCQ in conjunction with other resources when dealing with a case or traffic stop involving large sums of money or other securities.

BCQ provides law enforcement access to real-time data via Nlets for contraband interdiction and enforcement of federal, state, and local financial regulations and related criminal laws. All information obtained via the Nlets system may be used only for criminal justice purposes. Improper use could result in suspension or complete termination of Nlets access. A person's name, sex and date of birth are needed to make the request. Additional personal identifiers and vehicle information may be provided to expand the search.

Response

There is a delay to the response to the BCQ, normally up to 5 hours. If the response results in a positive match, the BCSC will contact the requestor by phone. The response may include information on the following:

- 1) The direction, date, and location of a person's most recent border crossing.
- 2) The direction, date, and location of a vehicle's most recent border crossing.
- 3) The value (if any) of the currency declaration made (if any) incident to the most recent border crossing.
- 4) The existence of an investigative interest in the person and/or vehicle, and the point of contact information for the investigative record holder.
- 5) A determination of whether the subject is legally or illegally present in the United States.
- 6) Additional remarks relevant to the request, or to any of the above five categories of information.

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U.S. Coast Guard Vessel Identification System (VIS)

VIS consists of registration and ownership data from participating VIS states, as well as those registered only through the USCG National Vessel Documentation Center. The BQ format may be used to search through VIS by placing CG in the Nlets destination field. Because the inquiry to VIS is by either Coast Guard Document Number (CGN) or Boat Name (BNM), only that inquiry may be performed. Information from VIS will help identify vessel ownership history, identify registered vessels that change registration between different states, and identify changes in law enforcement status for vessels.

The information provided by VIS may vary depending on what agreements are in place between the USCG and the state. If the state has Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Coast Guard regarding exchange of state vessel data via VIS, then the state's registration number (including the state's two character prefix) may be used as the CGN in the inquiry. If the boat is only registered through the USCG, the CGN is prefixed by the letters "DO".

US Coast Guard Vessel Identification System (VIS) Responses:

The contents of the VIS response will vary depending on whether the requesting state has a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Coast Guard regarding exchange of state vessel data via VIS. If an MOA exists, the answer will contain any information in VIS, and possibly Coast Guard documented information. If an MOA does not exist, the response will contain only data on Coast Guard documented vessels. It should be noted that using Vessel Name (BNM) as search criteria may provide a large number of results. If the State has an MOA with the USCG, then VIS results may include any or all of the following data elements:

- Vessel name
- Registration number
- IMO number
- Type of service (Vessel Use)
- Type of trade
- Call sign
- Hull material
- Shipyard name w/address
- Hullyard name w/ address
- Depth
- Owner name with address, city, state
and zip
- Breadth
- Tonnage
- Insurance date
- Insurance status
- Previous names
- Previous owners

¹ NOTE: The Boat Registration number on the boat or registration papers may contain a prefix of "TX". Do not include "TX" when submitting the inquiry to TX in the BQ format.

LICENSE PLATE READER DATABASE UPDATE

Last March the National Vehicle Service (NVS) announced their support for the Nlets RQ message key to query their LPR License Plate Recognition database. Nlets users, in addition to being able to query the Customs and Border Protection Border Crossing LPR database via destination "NA", can now also send RQ to destination "VS" to query the NVS database containing over 5 million reads per month. As an update to this database system, users can check all available license plate reader databases via Nlets utilizing a new destination of "LP". THE "LP" destination will be sent to all available LPR databases on the network. This may include responses from NICB/CBP Border Crossing LPR system and the National Vehicle Service LPR. For more information, see Chapter 7 of the TLETS/Nlets Operating Manual available on the TLETS web page:

http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/director_staff/information_management/tlets/tletsindex.htm

A security screen will appear: **The login username is: tlets and the password is: DPSTCIC7# (ALL UPPERCASE)**

TEXASSURE UPDATE

DPS provides access to the TEXASSURE (FRVP) database through TLETS. The FRVP database is administered by the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI). TDI has requested that DPS remind law enforcement that statute does not require insurance companies to report commercial policies to TEXASSURE. Therefore, commercial vehicles insurance statuses do not necessarily reflect an accurate status by the TEXASSURE system.

Before taking police action, law enforcement officers should use traditional methods to verify insurance when the TEXASSURE system (FRVP) displays "verify manually" or "unconfirmed" statuses.

Law enforcement officers should familiarize themselves with the details of the document published by DPS regarding the TEXASSURE program, which is found on the TLETS website (site listed above).

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES UPDATES

UNIFIED CARRIER REGISTRATION (UCR) - 2010

- Moratorium on enforcement of 2010 UCR until further notice
- Fees not approved for 2010
- Roadside enforcement for registration year 2009 only
- More detail in CVSA bulletin of 12/23/09

Contact Angel Oliver, Motor Carrier Division, Texas Department of Motor Vehicles at (512) 465-3571 or aoliver@dmv.state.tx.us for more information.

NEW ELECTRONIC TEMPORARY PERMIT DATABASE

We are very pleased to announce the implementation of the new Electronic Temporary Permit Database. Temporary permits include 72-hour, 144-hour, 30-day, one-trip and factory, and delivery which have also been redesigned. This database provides law enforcement with the ability to inquire by permit number to verify the validity of the permit including applicant name and permit period. The database is accessible by law enforcement through TLETS.

Temporary permits are printed on 8 ½ x 11 RTS-500 paper. The new permit pattern will be six numbers and one alpha character (NNNNNNA). An example of a permit number is 345678B.

The purpose of the temporary permit database is to:

- Collect and store permit information
- Provide law enforcement 24/7 access to permit information (near real-time from issuance)
- Reduce fraud
- Print tags at the point of sale
- Eliminate cardboard tag inventory.

The permits first appeared on September 28, 2010. Statewide implementation for Temporary Permits was October 10, 2010. Implementation will be staged over a period of weeks and as a result, both current cardboard and new paper temporary permits will be valid. Only the newly designed paper temporary permits will be in the database.

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. The types of businesses that 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

BLANCO PD	BLNZ
HAMLIN PD	HAPZ
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD	UPRZ

DELETED AGENCIES

US PROBATION PECOS	PPBZ
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CORRECTION: 3/23/11

LEAGUE CITY still maintains their mnemonic	LGCZ
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All TLETS and TCIC schools are placed on the OMNIXX Trainer. To view/enroll click on the below link:

Instructions for Login into Omnixx Trainer

The url for Omnixx Trainer (and Console) over the public Internet is:
<https://tlets.txdps.state.tx.us/omnixx/desktop/> NOTE: you must have an OMNIXX User Name issued by DPS to access the OMNIXX Trainer. If the above link does not work try this one:
<http://tlets.txdps.state.tx.us/omnixx/desktop/>

This site can be accessed through any internet connection from any PC. Enter your Omnixx Password, and then click on the Log In Icon.

NOTE: There will be two separate enrollments for each TLETS and TCIC training.