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FBI RAP BACK 2017

Beginning in 2017, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) will begin providing updated criminal history information, Rap Back, on the national level. The only way an agency will be able to receive the FBI Rap Back is to utilize the Fingerprint Applicant Services of Texas or FAST program and the Fingerprint-Based Applicant Clearinghouse of Texas or FACT Clearinghouse. In anticipation of this new service being provided by the FBI and only accessible through FAST and the FACT Clearinghouse, DPS is now requiring criminal justice agencies that currently submit hard copy fingerprint cards to DPS directly to begin utilizing FACT Clearinghouse for their responses.

The FACT Clearinghouse is a repository of the DPS and the FBI fingerprint-based criminal history results. The FACT Clearinghouse allows an authorized entity access to a response of the DPS and FBI criminal history fingerprint results. Persons fingerprinted with your ORI number are automatically subscribed to your FACT Clearinghouse account. This subscription ensures that your agency will receive email notifications for new arrests or court dispositions (Rap Back) that may occur on the subscribed person's criminal history record. You will receive an email notification listing your applicants name and informing you of a Rap Back that needs to be viewed. Currently this service will only provide new arrest activity or court dispositions that have been added to Texas criminal history record information, but in 2017 this will also include activity added to the National criminal history record.

Excluding Criminal Justice agencies, only persons processed through the FAST are eligible for FACT. FAST is a service of DPS that provides the electronic capture and submission of fingerprints for a fingerprint background check. By utilizing the FACT Clearinghouse and FAST Program, results will be received by your agency within approximately 72 hours from the time the applicant is fingerprinted. You will be provided with the applicant's photo, demographic information, and a fingerprint-based state and national criminal history report.

Viewing a subscribed person's state and national criminal history record information in the FACT Clearinghouse for the first time will not incur a charge and will be free to view for up to 24 hours. After the 24 hours has expired, viewing the record will cost \$1.00.

If you have any questions regarding the FACT Clearinghouse, please contact the Fingerprint Services Unit at (512) 424-2365, Option 6 or by email at fingerprint.service@dps.texas.gov.

If you have any questions regarding FBI Rap Back, please contact the Rap Back & Training Unit at (512) 424-2746, or by email at RapBack_CHTraining@dps.texas.gov.

Thank you,

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