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LiveScan Field Reps:
Michael Denney, South Region (512) 424-5067 michael.denney@txdps.state.tx.us
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**If your agency is interested in becoming a LiveScan site, contact Juan Flores, LiveScan Coordinator at (512) 424-2409 juan.flores@txdps.state.tx.us**

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TCIC

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AFIS

Automated Fingerprint Identification System

Texas DPS AFIS Latent Cases

Remote

Total Submissions

Remote Sites

March

OFFENSE

Texas

Lubbock

San Antonio

Waco

DPS Central Site

Latent Print Section

TOTAL

638

3

1

1

2

1

1

1

1

2

5

13

17

23

148

228

65

929

185

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Fingerprint & Records Bureau

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A. No. Refer to NCIC Operating Manual, Supervised Release section. No arrest or detention should be made solely on convicted person on supervised release file record response. This notification is used to inform the parole or probation officer that an inquiry has been made on a subject this officer supervises. Contact the entering agency only if the record subject is arrested for a new offense.

Q. When entering an all terrain vehicle into the stolen vehicle file where the make is known and a valid VMA code exists for that make, can VMA/ATV be used?
A. No. The proper VMA should be used along with VMO/CYL and VST/MV (for multiwheel).
On April 1st through 4th of this year, DPS hosted the 2nd Texas Sex Offender Registration Conference in Galveston.

The goal of the conference was to discuss the registration process and improve communication between agencies. Some classes presented information on developing successful interagency councils and effective networks. The guest speakers were outstanding, representing all areas within the criminal justice community.

The highlight of the conference was the keynote speaker, Patty Wetterling, whose son was abducted in Minnesota on October 22, 1989 at age eleven, by a masked gunman. Patty, along with her husband Jerry, co-founded the Jacob Wetterling Foundation which is a non-profit organization. Their hope is that other children will not be abducted, molested, or exploited. In 1991, Minnesota’s Sex Offender Registration Act was the first legislative initiative of the Jacob Wetterling Foundation. In 1994, Congress passed the Jacob Wetterling Act requiring states to create sex offender registration programs.

The conference was a huge success and the CJIS/Sex Offender Registration Unit would like to thank the speakers, attendees and all those who worked to make it effective and successful.

The next Sex Offender Registration Conference is slated for November 17-20, 2003 in Galveston. We will provide more details as they become available.

The CJIS/Sex Offender Registration Unit is responsible for training criminal justice agencies on criminal history reporting and sex offender registration. Should you have any questions or need training you may contact this unit at one of the following phone numbers.

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Electronic Disposition Reporting

Currently, 60 counties are participating in Electronic Disposition Reporting (EDR) for the State of Texas. From January through June 2002, electronically, a total of 205,123 dispositions were applied to the Computerized Criminal History database.

NEWS FROM THE DRIVER LICENSE DEPARTMENT

In a 6-3 decision in Allen v. State, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ruled that non-payment of the reinstatement fee required under Texas Transportation Code §724.046(a) does not extend the 90 day suspension period under Texas Transportation Code §724.035.

CR News On-Line

Visit the Department of Public Safety web site at http://txdps.state.tx.us/siteindex.htm, and choose the “Crime Records Service Newsletter” hyperlink to view current or archived issues of CR News. You will also find an e-mail hyperlink that can be used to submit changes to your agency information, provide comments on CR News or ask questions pertaining to CR News. If you prefer to correspond via USPS, you may use the form provided below and send it to the address on the front of this newsletter.
States granted more time, with approval of a Readiness Plan

Earlier this year, the FBI indicated that any state not fully compliant with NCIC 2000 requirements on July 11, 2002, would be permitted to continue sending legacy NCIC transactions, if they submitted and received approval of a Readiness Plan.

The NCIC 2000 compliant Texas Crime Information Center (TCIC) database and TLETS direct-member agency screens were implemented on January 27, 2002. The only remaining compliance factor for Texas was that all Interface Agencies were required to submit a plan to DPS, even those who have achieved compliance with NCIC/TCIC 2000 programming requirements. The Texas state plan submitted to the FBI was comprised of the readiness plans of the interface agencies.

On May 16, 2002, DPS hosted a meeting to discuss the TCIC 2000 issues, including technical issues and the expectations for the Readiness Plan. Texas Interface Agency plans submitted included the following elements:

1. The percentage of agency’s programming completed on the date of the letter
2. The projected completion date
3. A general description of the plans for achieving this date
4. Point of contact name, phone number, and e-mail address
5. Whether the interface system is used for all TCIC/NCIC transactions or for inquiries only
6. The number of TLETS direct terminals at the agency and whether those terminals would be adequate for entry, locate, modify, cancel and clear transactions

It is anticipated that all Texas Interface Agency programming will be complete so that the entire state can be reported as compliant no later than March of 2003. If your agency has outstanding concerns or issues regarding this effort, contact Pamela Pierce via e-mail at pam.pierce@txdps.state.tx.us or (512) 424-2898.

TLETS TCIC 2000 Message Format programming specifications are posted at www.txdps.state.tx.us/tcic2000project with the USER ID of ‘tcic2000’ and PASS-WORD of ‘mel18can2’. The NCIC 2000 Operating Manual, Code Manual, Technical Operational Updates (TOU’s) and TCIC User Specification Pages are also posted in this site. Employees of law enforcement and criminal justice agencies are permitted to access and use this site.