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Back in Business: the Texas Data Exchange (TDEx)

It's been a few months now since the Department's contract for the Texas Data Exchange (TDEx) ended, resulting in all contributing agencies being taken offline. However, a new contract is now in place and the Department is ready to be back in business.

The new contract was awarded to Appriss. Ten agencies have been identified as the first to be brought online as part of contract kick-off. Preliminary discussions with those agencies have already begun and the Department is moving forward with getting data flowing back into the Texas Data Exchange and the National Data Exchange (N-DEX).

At the close of the last contract, the Department had well over 600 agencies contributing their data to TDEx and N-DEX. Though the process may be time consuming, we are hopeful that our partner agencies will continue to participate as contributors of data.

The Department will be taking on the monumental task of reaching out to our partner agencies to gauge their willingness to continue working with us on this valuable project, but we would be more than happy to hear from you if you're willing to continue the partnership. Just give us a call at 512-424-2629 or send us an e-mail to tdex@dps.texas.gov. Unsure if your agency was a contributing partner or not? Contact us and we'll be more than happy to verify that for you!

There is much work to be done to get TDEx back to where it was, but it is good to be back in business! We look forward to working with your agency to provide the data-sharing that is of great benefit to all of our law enforcement and criminal justice personnel!



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CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM SITE

Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Site – Entity Administrators

The CJIS Site is provided by the Texas Department of Public Safety to assist counties in managing their Computerized Criminal History (CCH) information and to manage CJIS users for respective entities. The Entity Administration section allows a local representative to manage CJIS users for their entity. The functions that are currently available are:

- Approve/Deny users for CJIS access,
- Reset passwords,
- Remove users who no longer need access.

If your agency hasn't been setup, please email GRP_CJIS_Site@dps.texas.gov or call 512-424-2686/512-424-2500 and we can assist with the process.

Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Site – User Accounts Deactivated

Effective March 1, 2016, any CJIS Site user and/or Electronic Disposition Reporting (EDR) batch upload account will be deactivated if they haven't been accessed within the last 30 days. EDR batch upload accounts that are deactivated will be required to retest before the account will be reactivated.

2016 CJIS Reporting Conference

The 2016 Criminal Justice Information System Reporting Conference will be held September 27th through September 29th in San Antonio. As soon as the website is set up, an email will be sent to the CJISJJIS Listserv with all of the details of registration and hotel information. Room rates will be \$120.00 per night for both single and double occupancy. Attendees will also be responsible for their meals.

If you have any questions, please contact your Entity Administrator or email GRP_CJIS_Site@dps.texas.gov.

Texas Crime Information Center Analysts

TCIC Analyst Group Email

In a continuing effort to improve service for internal and external customers, the TCIC Quality Control Analysts are asking that all requests for assistance be sent to the group email, TCICQC@dps.texas.gov. We ask that you please discontinue emailing analysts directly to ensure your requests are processed by the first available analyst; providing a quicker response to your email. Examples of the requests analysts are able to assist with are:

- Requests for new ORI or updates to an active ORI
- Offline search requests
- Assistance with the License Plate Reader (LPR) Program
- System issue reports
- General questions system questions
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Questions or assistance needed with the Texas Gang Intelligence Database (TxGang) will need to be sent to the group email TXGANG@dps.texas.gov, rather than emailing a single analyst. Again, sending your requests to the group email will allow all three TCIC Analysts to receive your requests and provide you with better service. Our goal is to improve the quality of service you receive by improving our response time. We thank you for assisting us with this endeavor.

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION (SOR)

Field Representative Vacancies Update and Upcoming Trainings

The Bureau is pleased to announce that we have filled vacancies in the field representative unit. Our new field representatives are currently in training and will be reaching out to agencies within their region in the coming months.

Scheduled local on-site trainings can now be found on the Sex Offender Registration Secure Website (<https://secure.txdps.state.tx.us>) under the Notices, Forms, and Resources section. Currently we have trainings scheduled in:

Region 3 (South Texas)

Aransas County Regional Training

When: Wednesday, May 4, 2016

Or

Thursday, May 5, 2016

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Where: Aransas County Sheriff's Office

301 N. Live Oak St.

Rockport, TX 78382

Contact: To reserve your place, please contact via e-mail Eddie.Contreras@dps.texas.gov with your name, name of agency and names of others attending from your agency.

Seating is limited to 50 persons. For directions please call: (361) 729-2222.

All Commissioned personnel must have their P.I.D. number to receive credit.

Please feel free to contact the Sex Offender Registration Bureau at 512-424-2800, txsor@dps.texas.gov, or your designated field representative with any questions or if you agency would like to host a training.

Determinations of Similar Elements of Offense

Pursuant to Art. 62.003, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, the Department of Public Safety is responsible for determining whether an offense under the laws of another state, federal law, the laws of a foreign country, or the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) contains elements that are substantially similar to the elements of an offense under the laws of this state. These comparisons are used to determine if a person with a non-Texas offense has a duty to register in Texas as a sex offender.

Listings of determinations previously made are available on the Sex Offender Registration Secure Web Site by clicking the "Out of State Offenses" link on the left hand side of the page. Determinations are filed by state or jurisdiction and are published in .pdf format. Determination lists are updated constantly. Offenses are categorized by statute citation and are broken down further by offense date.

Registrars should review published determination lists to see if a determination on the offense has already occurred. If you encounter an offense that is not on a determination list and question whether it may require registration or if the offense date falls out of the dates published on the list, please place a request for a determination. Registrars should contact their designated field representative to initiate a request or make a written request to txsor@dps.texas.gov. Requests should contain any relevant information or documentation used to make a determination.

Requests should include, at minimum:

- State or jurisdiction (Federal, UCMJ, country or tribe) of offense
- Penal code statute
- Literal of offense
- Age of victim and;
- Date of offense.

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION (SOR) Cont.

Court documents are preferred when making determinations. Registrars should request the following from the clerk of court or other state registry:

- Charging instrument
- Judgment
- Sentence and;
- Orders of discharge

Note: There may be occurrences when an offense report may be necessary, however, DPS will advise the requestor in those instances.

Determinations are made by Crime Records attorneys. The length of time it will take to make a determination will depend on the current backlog of requests and the availability of information pertaining to the offense in the other jurisdiction. Staff attorneys have access to legal resources electronically, however, some research may have to occur manually and require the contact and assistance of authorities from the other state/country/tribe to search legal libraries or archives.

Registrars should also be aware that determinations on certain offenses can change. These changes can occur as the result of an appeals decision made by a court. An appeal of a determination of similar elements of offense made by DPS shall be brought in a district court in Travis County.

If DPS has made a determination on an offense, we request that a copy of the determination be included with the initial registration packet. All documents will be archived in the registrant's file and the determination may be a critical element in the prosecution of a registrant should they be charged with failure to comply.

Questions regarding determinations can be directed to your designated sex offender registration field representative, txsor@dps.texas.gov or (512) 424-2800.

UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING

The Uniform Crime Reporting Guide to Crime and Motor Vehicles

Did you know that the Uniform Crime Reporting program defines a carjacking as a robbery and not a Motor Vehicle Theft? And that thefts of items from a motor vehicle have a different code than the theft of items attached to the vehicle (or make it operate)?

These are just some examples of the way the national UCR program deals with crimes in regard to Motor Vehicles.

The definition of a “motor vehicle” in the Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook is: “a self-propelled vehicle that runs on land surface and not on rails”.

Motor vehicles come in three different types:

1. Autos
2. Trucks and Busses
3. Other Vehicles

So naturally, a sedan would be considered an auto and a pickup would be a truck (so would an 18 wheeler), pretty standard stuff. But think about the “Other Vehicles” category, what goes in there? Well motorcycles for sure would be considered an “Other Vehicle”, but remember the definition (self-propelled, runs on land and not on rails) what about a snowmobile? Yep that’s an “Other Vehicle” too, even a motorized wheelchair is considered by the FBI as an “Other Motor Vehicle” (the jury is still out on those pesky Hoverboards though!).

What would NOT be considered a motor vehicle? Well, a John Deere lawnmower would not be a motor vehicle. Yes it runs on land and is self-propelled, but like a steamroller or a backhoe, it is equipment used for a specialized purpose (to cut grass) and equipment is NEVER considered a motor vehicle! Same is true for combines, and bulldozers and any other construction equipment. They are meant to do specialized work as opposed to a vehicle that moves people and goods on the open road. Airplanes and trains are not considered motor vehicles since the plane does not run on land, and the train’s got ta have them rails!

There are three types of crime that are directly related to motor vehicles:

1. Motor Vehicle Theft – “Officer, I parked my car right here last night ...and now it’s GONE!”
2. Theft from a Motor Vehicle – Things that are located within the vehicle (or truck bed) that are not part of the car or enable the car to move. Things like: sunglasses, groceries, Christmas presents, tools, laptops, tablets or cell-phones.
3. Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts & Accessories – These are things that are attached to the vehicle or enable it to operate. Things like: tires, rims, engines, airbags, inspection stickers, license plates, in-dash entertainment (CD, DVD, Blu-ray, and if anyone remembers them, radios, cassette decks and 8-tracks).

Not all crime that involves a motor vehicle is reportable to the UCR program. For example, intoxicated manslaughter, is a crime that involves a motor vehicle, yet these crimes are currently not yet reportable to UCR (although there are ongoing discussions to make them part of the program). Also, remember that carjacking I mentioned earlier? Carjacking is considered a robbery since the perpetrator is physically removing you from your vehicle with threat of violence, much the same as they would your wallet.

If you have any questions regarding Uniform Crime Reporting and all the finer points within, please do not hesitate to contact us at ucr@dps.texas.gov or 512-424-2091.

Stay safe!

DPS IDENTIFICATION SUPPLIES ORDER FORM



TO; CRIME RECORDS SERVICE
 TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
 PO BOX 4143
 AUSTIN TX 78765-4143
 FAX: 512-424-5599
 Please furnish the following supplies

Date: _____

FORM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	COUNT PER PKG	QUANTITY ORDERED
CR-6	DPS Applicant Card*	250 p/pkg	
CR-12	DPS Identification Supplies Order Form	100 p/pad	
CR-23	Out of State Probation/Parole Supervision Card	Single cards	
CR-26	Death Notice Form	100 p/pad	
CR-42	Request for Criminal History Check	100 p/pad	
CR-43	Adult Criminal History Reporting Form with Preprinted TRN and Fingerprint Card Attached*	100 p/pkg	
CR-43	Adult Criminal History Reporting Form with Fingerprint Card Attached*	100 p/pkg	
CR-43J	Juvenile Criminal History Reporting Form with Preprinted TRN and Fingerprint Card Attached*	100 p/pkg	
CR-43J	Juvenile Criminal History Reporting Form with Fingerprint Card Attached*	100 p/pkg	
CR-43P	Adult Probation Supervision Reporting Form with TRN Numbers	200 p/pkg	
CR-43P	Adult Probation Supervision Reporting Form without TRN Numbers	200 p/pkg	
CR-44	Adult Supplemental Court Reporting Form	100 p/pkg	
CR-44J	Juvenile Supplemental Reporting Form	100 p/pkg	
CR-44S	Adult Supplemental Court Reporting Form	100 p/pad	
CR-45	Adult DPS Fingerprint Card*	250 p/pkg	
CR-45J	Juvenile DPS Fingerprint Card*	250 p/pkg	
	Fingerprint Card Return Envelopes (For Arresting Agency Only)	100 p/box	

***DPS does not pre-stamp the agency ORI on any fingerprint card. Overnight services are available at ordering agency's expense.**

NOTE: Please order minimum of three weeks supply. Please submit order at least 4 weeks prior to depletion of your supplies.

NOTICE: Provide a complete shipping address (PO Box(es) are acceptable).

AGENCY NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

COUNTY _____ CITY _____ STATE TX ZIP _____

ATTENTION _____ PHONE NO. (_____) _____ - _____

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