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N-DEX Update

Linda Gilstrap, Kansas Highway Patrol—Kansas NDEX POC

More than 18,000 law enforcement agencies are scattered across the country — local, state, Tribal, and federal — each going about the business of investigating, gathering evidence, conducting interviews, solving crimes, and generating reports and information. Most of this work is done locally, with the information gathered and held within the agency.

In an age where many crimes cross one or more jurisdictions, how can agencies share their information with each other...not only to catch criminals and terrorists but also to spot crime trends and patterns and help prevent crime and attacks?

After all, beyond a few national criminal justice systems like the National Crime Information Center and the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System, most information-sharing between police agencies is on a case-by-case basis or through local and regional information systems, that is until now.

In March 2008, FBI's Law Enforcement National Data Exchange (N-DEX) Increment 1 was deployed. N-DEX provides Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) the capability to share and manage incident/case report and arrest information, open and closed investigated case data, with other LEAs.

N-DEX query capability is now available to Kansas LEAs. Keep in mind, usage of N-DEX is tracked and audited by the FBI, therefore, N-DEX should be used only for its intended investigative purpose.

For LEAs to obtain this valuable investigative tool, users must first have a LEO account. Once the LEO account has been secured, the applicant can then access the required computer based training (CBT) for N-DEX. The user must complete all seven levels of the CBT, sending verification of all completed training levels along with the N-DEX application via fax to Linda Gilstrap, Kansas N-DEX Point of Contact (POC), Kansas Highway Patrol 785-296-0958 or US mail addressed to:

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Once the application information has been received and processed at the state level by the CSA, it is forwarded to the FBI for final N-DEX approval of query capabilities.

Work is currently underway at the state level, to eventually enable the Kansas repository to supply data to N-DEX on behalf of local agencies. Once that work is complete, LEA's, particularly those with automated records management systems who desire to participate in data submission, will be one step closer to broader participation in N-DEX beyond query capability. Stay tuned as Kansas continues its progress towards the goal of participation in national information sharing.

access ndex main page: http://www.fbi.gov/hq/cjisd/ndex/ndex_home.htm

Offender Registration Unit Update

Erik Wood, Kansas Bureau of Investigation—Offender Registration

Limited Assets: As many of you may know, the Offender Registration Unit at the KBI is a little short-handed. Through some redirection of resources the unit is almost current in maintaining the Kansas Offender Registry, but, in order to prioritize staff assets, certain non-essential activities receive less attention.

There are now specific hours during which calls from the general public and offenders are taken. Currently calls from the public and offenders are only taken Monday through Friday from 1 to 5pm. This limitation does not apply to criminal justice agency assistance; if a law enforcement agency has a question or needs assistance they may still call their regional contact at any time during normal business hours.

Handbook Re-Write: The Offender Registration Handbook that was available on the KCJIS web portal has been removed. This book was severely outdated and did not contain information on any of the new requirements. Following the 2009 legislative session the Offender Registration Unit will publish a new Offender Registration Handbook as well as a guide to prosecutors for prosecuting failure-to-register cases.

Offender Watch: The KBI is working with Offender Watch, Inc., to produce the Kansas standard registration form. This will assist agencies using this vendor's application to create records containing all of the information required by the KBI without having to enter the information twice. The KBI is in the final stages of approving the new form and, once it has been approved, the vendor will be contacting its customers for adoption of the changes.



New Driver's License Search Capability

Steve Montgomery, Kansas Bureau of Investigation—Information Technology

Based upon numerous user requests we will be expanding the DL photo search capability on the KCJIS web portal. Effective December 1, in addition to searching for photos using the DL number, you will be able to search for DL photos using a combination of first and last name. Be advised that only exact matches on first and last name are supported at this time.

Please be advised that DL photos remain privileged information, and the restrictions detailed on the photo search main page still apply, including; an accurate purpose code must be supplied, information should be restricted to criminal justice professionals with a "need to know", and information should never be released to any unauthorized persons or agencies. As always, all access to DL photos is logged for future reference.

Future plans for DL photos include additional search capabilities, availability for use in photo lineups, adding photos as an option to the DL message switch response received via Desktop/Messenger, and accessibility to interstate photos both via the web portal and via Desktop/Messenger. Look for one or more of these new features in the coming year.

If you have questions or comments, contact the KBI Help Desk at : HelpDesk@kbi.state.ks.us or 785/368-6382.





Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) Update

Ely Meza, Kansas Bureau of Investigation—

As part of the contract with Sagem Morpho, Inc., the new Kansas automated fingerprint identification system (AFIS) vendor, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) purchased additional system capabilities that allow Kansas law enforcement agencies access to new features and functions, including:

- Direct search of the state electronic archive of fingerprint records (MARS)
- Two-finger wireless identification capture devices (RapID)
- Portable two-finger Internet-based identification capture devices (DigiScan)
- A state-level image library of Mug Shots (IWS)

MARS Clients

MARS stands for Morpho Archive Retrieval Subsystem. The MARS is a repository of electronic copies of the ten print and palm print fingerprint records submitted to the KBI. Records in the MARS look like copies of the fingerprint cards submitted by mail or by livescan, and are used as source documents for the arrest information held by the KBI in the computerized criminal history (CCH) database.

Local agencies interested in using the KBI's MARS archive as their own archive will be permitted access after agreeing to terms of access and purchasing a license from Sagem Morpho, Inc. One MARS license will allow an unlimited number of users from an agency to access archived fingerprint records; however, the license can only be installed in one personal computer. Interested agencies should contact Ely Meza, KBI AFIS System Administrator, and request a Service Application Packet.

RapID

RapID is a hand-held wireless fingerprint capture device that will allow law enforcement officers to send index finger fingerprints to the KBI AFIS. The identification search currently only includes the state database at the KBI; however, the KBI is working with the FBI to eventually permit searching the national fingerprint database as well.

Responses from the KBI AFIS database could be received in as little as two minutes. For now, the responses will be limited to "hit" or "no hit." The KBI is working on a plan to incorporate additional future functionality such as including mug shots as well as a summarized criminal history rap sheet.

The KBI is procuring a number of the RapID devices to distribute among selected law enforcement agencies in Kansas. Ten devices have been fielded and the KBI is now negotiating with the vendor to procure an additional number of devices. This project is intended to prove the concept of wireless fingerprint support to officers in the field. If your agency is interested in implementing this technology, please keep in mind that there be a maintenance cost associated with the device and a monthly cost associated with the wireless communications service. For further information, contact Ely Meza, KBI AFIS System Administrator,

DigiScan Web

The DigiScan Web and the RapID help law enforcement agencies to accomplish the same objective; confirming the identification of an individual. The main difference is that the RapID device works with wireless communication while the DigiScan Web is a wired computer that uses the Internet to communicate with the KBI AFIS.

The DigiScan Web is particularly well-suited for the following purposes:

- Courtroom identification
- Jail intake/release
- Pre-booking identification and
- Probation reporting

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2008 KIBRS Quality Assurance Review

Janell Zeiler, Kansas Bureau of Investigation— KIBRS

During the week of March 31-April 4, 2008, the Federal Bureau of Investigation sent three teams from the CJIS Audit Unit to conduct a quality assurance review (QAR) on the Kansas Incident Based Reporting System. The QAR teams visit each state every three years. The purpose of the QAR audit was to confirm the accuracy of the statistics, assess discrepancies in crime reporting practices, increase agency reporting integrity, and provide feedback on training needs.

The three teams visited ten local agencies to review the validity of the crime data that is submitted to the state program and the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Although the teams visited the local agencies to review the original source documents (KSOR, KSAR, and narratives), it was the state program that was actually being audited to ensure the standard procedures and crime classifications were being enforced and followed within the state.

The local agencies that participated in this process were:

Colby Police Department	Lenexa Police Department
Dodge City Police Department	Oakley Police Department
Finney County Sheriffs Office	Ottawa Police Department
Garden City Police Department	Thomas County Sheriffs Office
Goodland Police Department	University of Kansas Police Department

Each of the agencies was provided a list of reports prior to the visit. The auditors reviewed the case file to ensure national classifications were being applied in the following areas:

Criminal offenses	Property identification
Exceptional clearances	Hate Bias
Arrestee information	

The results of the audit have been finalized and provided to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. The total discrepancy rate on Group A offenses was 6%, the total on Group B offenses was less than .1%. Hate bias had a 14% over reported discrepancy rate.

The state program was reviewed on the following requirements:

- Crime classifications
- Timely submissions to the national program
- Total population covered for 11-12 months
- State Audit Program in place
- Furnishing the FBI with detailed data
- Have the ability to meet national deadlines

The local agencies and state program are to be commended for the efforts they put forth each day to ensure crime is being reported in a consistent manner. The overall results were positive and Kansas met all the requirements with the exception of having a state audit program within incident based reporting. However, the Field Support Unit that is currently under construction within the Information Services Division will be available within the next year to assist agencies with reviewing their documents to ensure accurate crime classifications are taking place at the local level. Although the Kansas audit revealed a higher discrepancy rate than the 4% that is considered a standard, both the FBI and KBI are very pleased with the results.

The Incident Based Reporting Section would like to take this time to give a big “thank you” to all law enforcement personnel throughout the state for the assistance and patience they provide to the program.



Agency Cooperation Nabs Two Fugitive Sex Offenders

Shawna Hanrahan, Kansas Bureau of Investigation— Offender Registration Unit

Resolved Case Number One: In June, 2008, the KBI Offender Registration Unit received a tip that a convicted sex offender was residing in the Topeka area and that he had failed to register with the local authorities. Further investigation by Sgt. Lynette Woods and Heidi Swann of the Riley County Police Department, Shawnee County Deputy Sheriff Emily Adams, and the KBI led to the arrest of Timothy Spidel for failing to register as an offender.

Mr. Spidel, 47, was convicted 13 years ago of aggravated sexual battery in Riley County. Spidel moved from Riley County to Shawnee County and failed to report the change of address to the KBI, Riley County Police Department, and Shawnee County Sheriff's office.

On September 8, 2008, in Riley County District Court, Deputy Riley County Attorney Bethany Fields reported that Mr. Spidel was convicted of 2 counts of failure to register and sentenced to 32 months incarceration at KDOC.

Spidel is currently in the custody of the Shawnee County jail awaiting trial for one count of failure to register and one count of domestic battery. Spidel faces a level 5 person felony.

Resolved Case Number Two: On August 14, 2008 the KBI Offender Registration Unit received a tip from

Kentucky HUD Director John H. Groves that a non-compliant sex offender was residing in Louisville, Kentucky. According to KBI records, Derrick Harper had been non-compliant since January of 2008; he had failed to report his change of address to the KBI and local sheriff's office and, upon moving to Kentucky, had provided a false address to the Kentucky Offender Registration Unit.

The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Offender Registration Unit, Kentucky State Police, the U.S. Marshal's Office, and the KBI Offender Registration Unit joined efforts in successfully apprehending and extraditing Harper back to Sedgwick County for prosecution.

Mr. Harper, 37, was convicted 5 years ago of aggravated indecent liberties with a child under the age of 14 in Geary County. Harper must register for life for his conviction. According to Deputy Sheriff Justin Antle, offender Derrick Harper is in custody and is facing 4 federal counts of failing to register under the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006. The new law also established a new federal crime (18 USC § 2250) which subjects sex offenders who knowingly fail to register (or who fail to keep their registration current) to up to ten years of imprisonment in the event that they travel in interstate or foreign commerce. Harper could face up to 10 years in federal prison for failing to register under the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act.

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As part of a pilot project, the KBI purchased ten of these systems and is in the process of assigning these computers to selected agencies for field testing.

If your agency is interested in implementing this type of technology, please contact Ely Meza, KBI AFIS System Administrator.

Mug Shots System (Digital Image Library)

As part of the new AFIS purchase that was implemented on May 1, 2007, the KBI obtained ninety nine (99) concurrent client licenses used to access the mug shots system. Interested law enforcement agencies will be able to access this database using the internet. Law enforcement agencies will be able to search, retrieve mug shots, and create photo lineups.

So far the KBI mug shots database consists of more than 30,000 adult criminal, juvenile criminal, correctional and offender registration mug shots found in criminal,

Agencies interested in accessing the mug shots system will need to contact the KBI; however, priority will be given to agencies that are currently submitting mug shots (using livescans) to the KBI AFIS. For further information, contact Ely Meza, KBI AFIS System Administrator.



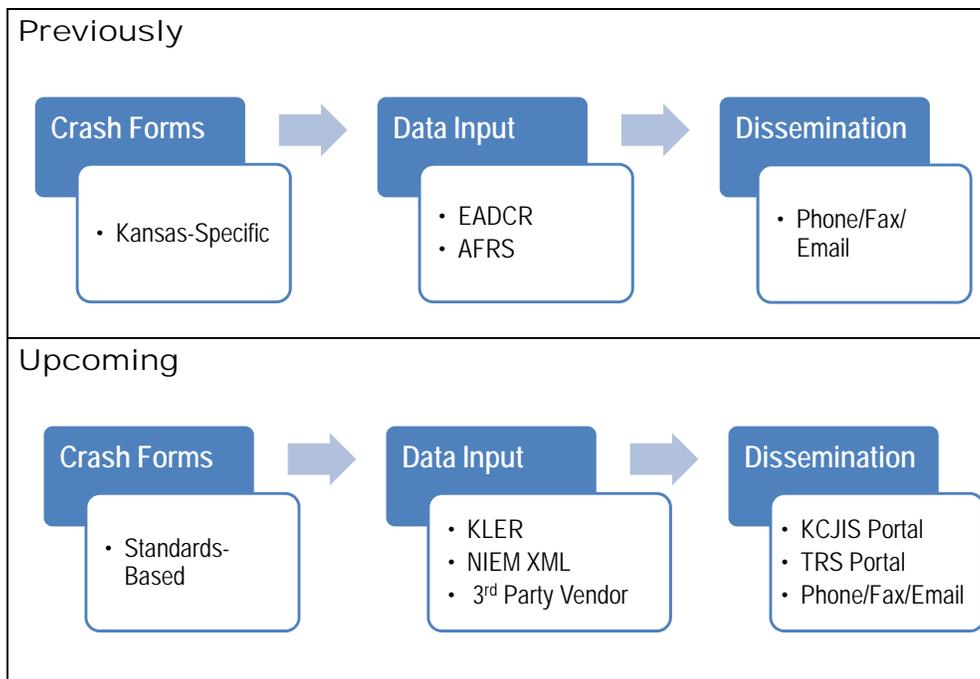
Traffic Records Coordinating Committee Update

David Marshall, Traffic Records Coordinating Committee

The Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC), an inter-agency committee, has been working since June 2005 to develop a statewide traffic records system. The goal of this effort is to develop a Traffic Records System (TRS) that will provide state and local agencies the ability to properly assess and plan for the safety of the motoring public.

There have been several requests for information concerning the schedule of the future rollout of the KS Law Enforcement Reporting (KLER) system, TRS and the phase out of the EADCR and AFRS electronic reporting systems.

Starting January 1st, 2009 KDOT will implement the new 2009 vehicle crash forms (<http://www.ksdot.org/burtransplan/prodinfo/lawinfo.asp>), at the same time KHP will roll out the new KLER electronic reporting system initially to KHP troopers for final testing and design improvement. Also in 2009 both KHP and KDOT will continue to operate the EADCR and AFRS electronic crash reporting systems in parallel with the new systems. At the end of 2009, the EADCR and AFRS systems will be phased out and replaced with the new KLER system. The following is a tentative timeline for the overall TRS program.



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Date	Activity	Notes
November 2008	Crash Forms & Manuals Mailed & Forms Training	Times and location of training TBD
December 2008	Forms Training	Times and location of training TBD
January 2009	Jan 1st Implementation of KDOT Crash Forms	Paper
	Jan 1st KHP deployment of KLER within KHP	Initially a small user group
	Jan 1st Version 1.0 TRS	TRS v.1.0 developed for the validation and distribution of KLER information
	TRS Web Portal Implementation	Portal developed for public safety information, exchange of information and query of crash data
March 2009	3 rd Party Vendors, release of TRS submission and validation requirements	Law Enforcement agencies that are using an electronic reporting system other than KLER. Dependent upon successful project goals to this point.
April 2009	KHP deployment of KLER KHP wide	Upon successful deployment Jan 1st
July 2009	KHP deployment of KLER to initial EADCR/AFRS users	Upon successful deployment Apr 1st. Training times and location TBD.
	TRS version 1.5	Continued Development of the TRS distribution system and web portal
December 2009	Completion of KLER rollout to EADCR/AFR users	
January 2010	Discontinue using EADCR/AFRS	Discontinue using all previous crash reporting forms

Essentially, 2009 will be a transition year. For any questions or concerns please contact the following.

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KIBRS Premise Code Errors

Bill Reid, Kansas Bureau of Investigation—KIBRS

While conducting regular quality assurance audits of data submitted to KIBRS, there appears to be several common errors relating to premise codes.

Parking Lot

A parking lot should be used only when the premise's sole purpose is parking. An example of this is a city lot used for downtown parking. However, if a parking lot is connected to a structure with its own premise code the structure's code should be used.

Service Station vs. Convenience Store

Service station is being used for convenience stores particularly when reporting theft of motor fuel. A service station should seldom be used as a premise code as very few of these businesses still exist.

A service station sells gasoline. Most businesses that sell food, drinks and gasoline, (Quik Trip, Kwik Shops, Jump Start, etc) should be classified as convenience stores.

Restaurant vs. Bar/Tavern

Be consistent when reporting the premise for a business that is both a restaurant and a bar. Look at the primary nature of the business to determine its classification.

In most cases, an establishment whose kitchen closes prior to the closing of the business (or a limited menu is offered at later hours) should be reported as a bar.

Supermarket vs. Discount Store

This item has become clouded with the advent of discount stores adding groceries to their inventory. Again, look to the primary purpose of the business.

Dillons, Price Chopper, Aldi, and Hy-vee are some examples of a supermarket. Walmart, Target, and K-Mart are some examples of a discount store.

Please feel free to contact the KIBRS unit if you are in doubt regarding the proper classification of a business.