



ILLINOIS STATE POLICE
Division of Justice Services

JB Pritzker
Governor

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Brendan F. Kelly
Director

Dear Agency Chief Executive:

I would like to thank you and your staff for your assistance in working through the issues anticipated with the transition to LEADS 3.0. The replacement of a 50-plus year old message switch and hot files, coupled with the new communication protocols with all the information repositories LEADS accesses (Secretary of State (SOS), National Crime Information Center (NCIC), NLETS, Firearm Owners Identification (FOID), Concealed Carry (CCW), Interstate Identification Index (III), and Criminal History Record Information (CHRI)) was no less than a herculean effort.

In order to leverage the new functionality that LEADS 3.0 offers – hot file images, driver’s license images from Illinois and NLETS, sharing of attachments and images – agencies must ensure all interfaces are upgraded to the new connection (FoxTalk) and language (OFML) specifications. The new connection methodology (available at: <https://isp.illinois.gov/LawEnforcement/LEADSInterfaces>) allows all interfaces to program and leverage functionality provided by LEADS 3.0 using up-to-date technology.

Because this will be a significant endeavor for many agencies, the Illinois State Police is setting a sunset date of December 31, 2023. All interfaces will need to be configured, tested, and implemented using the new connection specifications prior to the sunset date. At that point in time, the legacy connection manager will be decommissioned.

Please contact ISP LEADS Administration at ISP.LEADSADM@illinois.gov to start your transition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Isiah D. Vega".

Deputy Director Isiah D. Vega
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