LEADS Daily Briefing
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LEADS Golden Anniversary (50th)

On Sunday May 26, 2019 the Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS) celebrates its 50th anniversary. Launched on May 26, 1969, the State Police envisioned a computerized network that would link criminal justice agencies across Illinois, allowing them access not only to computerized databases in Illinois but also to national records via the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) system. Fifty years later, that network is still going strong.

LEADS has gone through many changes over the years - terminal upgrades, system upgrades, new Computerized Hot Files (CHF), new formats - but its core mission remains the same: equip our criminal justice partners with the information they need to perform their duties, to protect themselves and the people of Illinois, all while preserving civil liberties.

In order to maintain its value and dependability in the future, LEADS must adapt to the ever-changing circumstances in both the criminal justice information and technology arenas. As you are aware, there are major changes on the horizon for LEADS with the system modernization that is currently in progress. LEADS 3.0, anticipated to go-live next year, will bring new information and functional capabilities to the LEADS User. Examples include but are not limited to image delivery, new/enhanced hot files, online validations and CHRI monthly reports, and auto-populated formats such as hit confirmation requests.

The success of LEADS is the direct result of the strong partnership that exists between the ISP and the LEADS agencies. Local agency participation and shared responsibility is the cornerstone of that success. With your ongoing input, assistance, and support LEADS will continue to play a vital role in the Illinois criminal justice community for many decades to come.

To recognize this milestone, several files that document the history of LEADS have been posted (LEADS 2000 Main Page > LEADS Information > LEADS 50th Anniversary).

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