LEADS Daily Briefing
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LEADS 3.0 Implementation

The Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS) is the primary statewide computerized criminal justice information sharing system in Illinois, providing services, information, and capabilities to the criminal justice community in Illinois. LEADS has provided outstanding service for 50 years, but due to the age of its technology, must be replaced. The Illinois State Police (ISP) is modernizing LEADS (LEADS 3.0) to continue providing the best service possible to criminal justice community.

The ISP has partnered with Computer Projects of Illinois (CPI), a company whose state switch infrastructure and computerized hot files are implemented in 29 states and nine Federal Agencies across the USA. The ISP is leveraging both CPI products and experience, while embarking on a new business model. CPI will host all LEADS system components within their CJIS-compliant secure data center in Bolingbrook, Illinois, including the message switch, computerized hot files (CHF), and interfaces (NCIC, Nlets, NICS, SOS, IDOC, CHRI, FOID, CCL).

Request of Agencies

In preparation for the implementation of the new LEADS 3.0, the Project Team is gathering information from each agency. Emails will be sent to the LEADS Agency Coordinators requesting verification for the number and type of stations (e.g. LEADS2000, CAD). Please respond as quickly as possible as this effort is critical to a successful statewide rollout. In addition, the Project Team is asking that agencies request new CDCs only if it is operationally imperative.

LEADS 3.0 offers myriad upgrades to the legacy system - two of those are online validations and automated criminal history record information (CHRI) monthly logs. These will be available online in an electronic version only. This requires all LEADS agencies have at least one installation of Messenger, the replacement software for LEADS2000, and the Receiver. If your agency or center that provides your LEADS access does not have LEADS2000 and the Receiver, please contact ISP.LEADS30@illinois.gov to request one.

The implementation of LEADS 3.0 will be an enormous undertaking - ISP is relying on all agencies to be responsive when information is asked for or direction is provided. LEADS 3.0 has a remarkable amount of functionality upgrades and additions, and ISP is working diligently to minimize issues at implementation.

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