

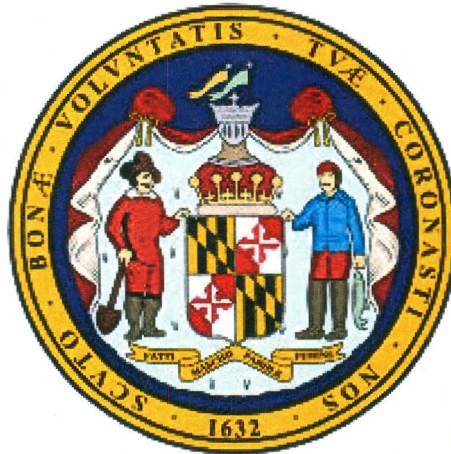
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Executive Summary

The Maryland Criminal Justice Information Advisory Board (CJIAB) submits its *Annual Report on Criminal Justice Interoperability* pursuant to Criminal Procedure Article §10-210(6) and State Government Article, §2-1246, *Annotated Code of Maryland* respectively. This report describes the public safety impact and significant interoperability accomplishments of the Maryland Departments of Public Safety and Correctional Services, and State Police for the calendar year of 2016. The projects demonstrate either technological enhancements or data sharing efforts as they relate to criminal justice interoperability between State agencies and across state lines.

Criminal Justice Information System interoperability initiatives have improved public safety in Maryland by bringing together dissimilar information systems, data, and processes. This increase in coordination and communication has resulted in more effective and efficient identification, management and tracking of criminal justice information.

Significant success has been achieved with the cooperation of the CJIAB Board members and State agencies as highlighted below:

- Commencement of the process to replace the Arrest Disposition Reporting system for the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.
- Identification of suspects who utilize statewide borders as a means to avoid apprehension and stolen property identification / recovery accidents.

The CJIAB will continue to take a leadership role to support solutions that effectively highlight projects that demonstrate either technological enhancements or data sharing efforts as they relate to criminal justice interoperability between State agencies and across state lines.

Background

The Criminal Justice Information Advisory Board (CJIAB) was created by statute in 1976. The CJIAB's primary duty is to advise the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Chief Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals on the development, operation, and maintenance of the State's criminal justice information systems.

The CJIAB includes representatives from a broad section of the criminal justice community including public safety, the courts, law enforcement, and homeland security. The CJIAB also includes members from the county and municipal governments, and the public.

As a statutory entity, the CJIAB has the responsibility for criminal justice integration and interoperability. The Board works to establish policies, relationships and infrastructure to enable sharing of local criminal justice information across the entire criminal justice system. The CJIAB also provides advice concerning standards, procedures, and protocols that ensure the compatibility and interoperability of communications and information management systems maintained by the judiciary and public safety entities in the State.

The sections that follow describe the public safety impact and significant interoperability accomplishments of the Departments of Public Safety and Correctional Services, State Police, and Juvenile Services.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (DPSCS)

TECHNOLOGICAL ENHANCEMENTS

I. Arrest Disposition Reporting (ADR) Mainframe Replacement

The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services plans to replace its Arrest Disposition Reporting system with a state of the art relational database and web interface. The ADR Mainframe System provides Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) services to authorized criminal justice agencies throughout the State of Maryland. ADR is the designated electronic repository for CHRI for the State.

“Arrest data from law enforcement agencies (in the form of fingerprint cards) and electronic data transfers from Arrest Booking System (ABS) or Network Live Scan (NLS) devices are added to the arrest database by Customer Information Control Center (CICS) online transactions. This collection of data is needed to perform the primary functions of ADR so as to provide CHRI to criminal justice agencies and some authorized non-criminal justice agencies. This service is provided to users in real-time through the online transactions. This is a planned 5-year project. Phase I of this project is to collect and write requirements and business documentation in order to proceed to the next phases.”¹

The Significant Accomplishments and Public Safety Impact of the ADR Replacement Project:

- The Ident/Index and Arrest Disposition Reporting Mainframe Systems replacement project will enhance the ability to capture, connect, and make available full criminal cycles that are needed within the 48 hour window of a Brady Handgun Violence Prevention purchase guidelines.
- This project is slated to be completed by fall 2019.

DATA SHARING

I. Criminal Justice Dashboard

In 2009, the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Control (GOCCP), through DPSCS’ Information Technology and Communications Division (ITCD), developed the Criminal Justice Dashboard (“Dashboard”; previously referred to as the Local Law Enforcement or Law Enforcement Dashboard). The Dashboard is a web-based application that allows authorized public safety personnel to access relevant, available State information on an individual in one place at one time. Criminal justice personnel and agencies view information on a subject’s criminal background history, without the need to access individual system databases containing that history.

Electronic records are displayed on the Dashboard from a contributing agency’s records systems based upon the technical capabilities of the agency. ITCD provides the support and guidance as

¹ Per the Memorandum of Understanding between Towson University and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Information Technology and Communications Division, Attachment 1, page 6.

necessary to extract the information that will minimize the impact to each participating agency without compromising security or production concerns. The information displayed is read-only, and cannot be altered, deleted, or changed.

- During 2016, the following enhancements were added to the Dashboard:

➤ **Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Office**

Tax Refund Suspension Program – ITCD made multiple enhancements to the Anne Arundel County Tax Refund Suspension File at the request of the Anne Arundel County Information Technology Unit and Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Office. This project assisted the Sheriff's Office to improve their program to withhold tax refunds from residents with outstanding warrants.

II. Criminal Justice Data Sharing

DPSCS currently shares arrest data with the District of Columbia, New York, Delaware, Pennsylvania West Virginia, and Virginia. Each jurisdiction has entered into Memoranda of Understanding that provides for the exchange of arrest and parole and probation data for the purposes of automating the identification of offenders under their supervision. Each agency receives a daily file for matching purposes.

During 2015, DPSCS signed the Mid Atlantic Regional Justice Sharing (MARIS) Federation Participation and Portal Access Agreement. This Agreement established "a governing body among the Parties which will provide for a viable mechanism to oversee the electronic data sharing of criminal justice information between the Federation Members consistent with the terms of this Agreement, and establish a mechanism to amicably resolve disputes among Federation Members, and promote the enhancement and expansion of the Federation."²

During 2016, DPSCS further cemented its participation within MARIS by leveraging its technical resources and developing the "hub" where the participating states will send agreed upon data to then be retrieved by one another.

The Significant Accomplishments and Public Safety Impact of Criminal Justice Data Sharing:

- Public safety enhancement and improved cooperation amongst agencies as it relates to the sharing of criminal justice data and information amongst the Federation members.

² Per the Mid Atlantic Regional Justice Sharing Federation Participation and Portal Access Agreement, page 2.

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE (MDSP)

DATA SHARING

Regional Automated Property Information Database (RAPID)

Maryland updated several laws involving the reporting of second hand property transactions. Statewide, there are four major areas of the industry now required to submit data: pawn dealers, precious metal dealers, scrap dealers and vehicle scrappers – dismantlers – and recyclers. To collect these transactions, MDSP recognizing the need for uniformity, took the lead in adopting a regional application called RAPID to allow dealers the ability to electronically self-report and law enforcement to perform real time investigations.

Additionally MDSP, through grant funding, has provided licensing, auditing and personnel to provide program administration and technical support. Allied agency partnerships remain a priority and so far the Maryland RAPID team continues to foster strong partnerships by training 215 new users from Maryland, Pennsylvania, DC, West Virginia and Virginia.

The Significant Accomplishments and Public Safety Impact of RAPID:

- Identification of suspects who utilize statewide borders as a means to avoid apprehension and stolen property identification / recovery.
- As of December 2016, the system has resulted in over \$38 million recovered stolen property, 14,058 cases closed and 9,682 arrests.

MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION (MVA)

DATA SHARING

MVA – Outstanding Arrest Warrant Program

In accordance with Transportation Article, § 16-204, Annotated Code of Maryland, law enforcement agencies are now able to notify the MVA to flag an individual's driver's license and vehicle registration if the individual has an outstanding arrest warrant. After notice to the individual named in the outstanding arrest warrant, and opportunity for the individual to contest the identification of the individual as the subject of the arrest warrant, the MVA will suspend the driver's license of the individual and refuse to renew or transfer the individual's vehicle registration(s). The individual is directed to the law enforcement agency that notified the MVA of the outstanding warrant to resolve any question of whether the warrant has been satisfied. If the individual goes to an MVA branch office while the arrest warrant remains outstanding, the appropriate law enforcement agency will be notified by Maryland State Police or the Maryland Transportation Authority Police who are stationed at the MVA branch office and the individual will be detained. Once the warrant has been satisfied and the MVA is notified, the flags are lifted and the individual is unsuspending and able to renew their vehicle registration(s) and driver's license.

Since the program's inception, the MVA has issued 244,423 suspension notices and imposed 140,828 suspensions. Of those, 130,551 warrants have been satisfied.

The Significant Accomplishments and Public Safety Impact of MVA – Outstanding Arrest Warrant Program:

- Warrant satisfaction rates have steadily increased over the duration of the program, and currently stand at approximately 92% of suspensions imposed.

2017 Goals

The CJIB will continue to identify priorities and work to establish partnerships and resources that may be utilized as it moves toward its goals and objectives in 2017, which are highlighted below:

- Support DPSCS' efforts to gain significant participation from the contributing agencies in the statutorily required reporting of reportable events to ensure that the Report of Arrest and Prosecution (RAP) Sheet is as accurate and complete as possible.
- Support the State's efforts in the expansion of the sharing of criminal justice information.
- Implementing the project to update and replace the Arrest Disposition Reporting Mainframe system as well as other outdated criminal history systems.

Conclusion

Building on the accomplishments of 2016, the Board will continue to focus on its legislatively mandated responsibilities, especially regarding the operation and maintenance of the Criminal Justice Information System to enhance interoperability and improve public safety in Maryland.