



Minutes of the Arkansas Crime Information Center Supervisory Board - Friday, December 4, 2020

David Eberdt Training Center:

Board Members present: Sergeant Lloyd White, Chair; Sheriff Ron Nichols, Vice Chair; Col. Bill Bryant; Mr. Matthew Durrett; Ms. Kimberly Green for Assistant Chief Hayward Finks; Mr. Dan Harness; Mr. Howard Heffington; Mr. Zach Mayo; Attorney Nicki Nicolo; Mr. Dexter Payne; Joe West for the Honorable Leslie Rutledge; Ms. Debbie Wise; Judge Lance Wright and Attorney Olan Reeves.

Also attending - Brad Cazort, Director; Rick Stallings, Administrator of Operations; Michael Tackett, Administrator of Information Services; Lesa Winston, Administrator of Repository; Karen Burgess, ACIC; Jennifer Tomlin, ACIC; Ralph Ward, ACIC; Paula Stitz, ACIC; Cortney Williams, ACIC; Bliss Boever, ACIC; Zachary Osborne, ACIC, and Elijah McMullan.

Call to Order:

Sgt. Lloyd White called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

Approval of Previous Minutes: September 11, 2020:

Motion to Approve: Ms. Debbie Wise

Seconded by: Dir. Dexter Payne

Voting: Unanimous

JusticeXchange Access Appeal (Elijah McMullan, Bail Bondsman):

Dir. Brad Cazort: About a month ago Mr. McMullan contacted me about seeking access for his bail bonding company through JusticeXchange. I denied him access based on the fact that bail bonding companies do not fit the State or Federal requirements of a law enforcement agency to have access to our secure databases. Mr. McMullan asked to appeal my decision to the Board.

Mr. Elijah McMullan: I know we're not licensed law enforcement, but we do apprehend individuals. One of the key things we run into is jails aren't always up to date on photography, documenting tattoos, scars, marks, things that JusticeXchange can help us with. If we arrest the wrong person it's the end of our career. JusticeXchange would allow me access to make sure I'm looking for the right person. If they are dangerous or had contact with law enforcement. One of the biggest issues we've run into with the virus is on multiple occasions we've had defendants that are on the run, bounty and misdemeanor warrants who had contact with law enforcement but because of the virus they don't arrest them. This would allow me access to show the court. It's just a little bit more information I'd be able to use with the courts and help us locate people the courts want brought in. I don't see it fit to use it for bonding anyone out of jail. It strictly would only be utilized for apprehension of defendants that fail to appear and are on the run. I have the same search engine that the US Marshalls use. I think JusticeXchange would be one more tool that would help me help law enforcement locate these criminals.

Col. Bill Bryant: If we grant you access then every bail bonds company in the state would want that same access and I agree with Mr. Cazort. My concern is it contains sensitive information or PII.

Ms. Kim Green: Are there any other non-law enforcement agencies that have been granted access to ACIC?

Dir. Brad Cazort: No.

Judge Lance Wright: I do appreciate what the bondsman was saying as far as the frustration with warrants being served, and I understand the position they are in, there's just no real authority for it. That maybe something the bondsmen look to legislature. I move, based on there being no authority and not being done before, that we deny the request.

Motion to Deny Access to Elijah McMullan, Bail Bondsman:

Motion to Deny: Judge Lance Wright

Seconded by: Mr. Howard Heffington

Voting: Unanimous

ACIC Division Reports:

Operations:

Requests for Workstation Applications:

Rick Stallings:

✧ *Fountain Lake School District Law Enforcement Agency:* ATLAS Access (No issues, Recommends approval)

✧ *Luxora Police Department:* ATLAS Access (Law Enforcement Standards advice they are not in compliance with training requirements of law enforcement officers, Recommends re-apply when they are compliant with Law Enforcement Standards.)

✧ *Patterson Police Department:* ATLAS Access (No issues, Recommends approval)

Approve Fountain Lake and Patterson Applications:

Motion to Approve: Mr. Matthew Durrett

Seconded by: Ms. Nicki Nicolo

Voting: Unanimous

Motion for Luxora Police Department Re-Apply when Compliant with Law Enforcement Standards:

Motion to re-apply: Sheriff Ron Nichols

Seconded by: Mr. Matthew Durrett

Voting: Unanimous

Karen Burgess:

- Configured 30 messenger workstations, 20 Mobile data terminals.
- Removed 17 messenger workstations and 2 mobile data terminals.
- Requested NCIC to retire 2 ORIs.
- Processed 1,429 hot files and 322 owner/lien holder requests.
- Completed 30 audit, 5 re-audit reports.
- Completed 350 offline searches.
- 458 active missing persons in Arkansas.
- Working on prep work for the configurator upgrade project:
 - The message switch is the brains of the system and the configurator is the software that controls the brain.
 - This projects will kick off on December 14, 2020.
- Working on getting on stations throughout the state fingerprinted

- Configurations:
 - Users Added/Modified and Deleted.
 - Modified 131 users (training dates changed, no longer employed).
 - Added/Modified and Deleted Stations.
- 1,266 users added year to date.
- 17,353 users modified year to date.
- 473 stations added year to date.
- These number do not include my work in our test environment.
- 180 AR female missing, 262 AR males missing as of September 30, 2020.

Ms. Kim Green: I would really like to take a moment to recognize Karen Burgess. She has been a God send, amazing help for us as we have transition to our new CAD system. There is nothing she would not do for us. She was receptive, she made the proper contacts, and because of her we are able to conduct our queries in our new CAD system. I hope everyone really appreciates the work that Ms. Burgess does. I really appreciate her and what she brings to ACIC.

Jennifer Tomlin:

- Certified 2,373 users during the quarter with CJIS Online Security Training.
- Certified 7,933 vendors across the nation.
- Basic training: 1,054 users with an 87.9% pass rate.
- Advanced training: 69 users with a 98.6% pass rate.
- VINE had over 51,678 new registrations.
- Delivered 310,216 VINE Notifications by phone, text and email.
- JusticeXchange had 147,941 law enforcement searches.
- Investigators placed 17,728 watches; this yielded 2,552 hits on those watches.
- 15,674 DL photos viewed.
- AlertXpress utilized 254 times during this quarter.
- Pseudoephedrine purchases 38,709.
- NPLeX blocked 1,798 attempts to buy pseudoephedrine.
- Metal Theft tracking Program reported 75,011 tickets on 180,469 items scrapped and 2,437 of those tickets yielded a hit on a reported stolen item.
- Restructured the training room from nine (9) to twelve (12) to try and accommodate the need across the state.
- Continue to enforce covid-19 protocols.
- Released the 2021 training schedule for Advanced and Basic.
- Worked over 1,600 training emails.
- Kristian (Lanes) continues to send out the JusticeXchange Audit letters so we can continue to keep our records accurate.
- I cannot say enough about the staff at ACIC as we work as a team to get through this COVID situation.

Ralph Ward:

- Current NIBRS program status; there are 324 agencies cleared to request & report.
- Ten (10) agencies and vendors are testing their RMS.
- Working with several agencies that have multiple programming issues with the new RMS in the state.

- Contacted 428 law enforcement agencies to collect the fulltime law enforcement and civilian employee counts. We report this data yearly to the FBI and post it on our website.
- Sent letters out to Chiefs and Sheriffs of NIBRS reporting agencies that are missing some monthly NIBRS submissions.
- I was asked to assist the DPS IT Division in the review of the E-Crime Records Management System in relations to NIBRS conformity; which includes submissions, edits and validations of the data.

Repository:

Paula Stitz:

- Sex offender Stats: 17,255 registered; compliant rate is holding good. Address unknown are way down.
 - Compliant sex offenders: 8,383
 - Delinquent sex offenders: 1,401
 - Incarcerated sex offenders: 3,244
 - Out of state sex offenders: 3,772
 - Address Unknown sex offenders: 141
 - Deported sex offenders: 208
 - Incapacitated sex offenders: 94
 - Out of the United States: 11

Cortney Williams:

- 15,035 records entered, 40,149 verified, and 21,841 miscellaneous transaction worked.
- 2020 Overview: 53,402 records entered, 152,571 verified, and 67,283 miscellaneous transaction worked.

Lesia Winston:

- Totals for the 2020 overview:
 - Total records Entered, Verified, and Transaction: 273,256
 - Arrests entered and Juvenile finger print cards (anything we have to do manually): 2,614
 - Verifications are up (68,358) the reason for this is when we worked remotely from home everybody was doing the job they were required to do but we didn't have enough verifiers so we had to do catch up.
 - Mail received: 57,747
 - AFIS Transmissions: 83,127
 - ACT 346: 511
 - Records Suspended V: 65,693
 - ARCH Processed from ASP Background checks: 1,023
- I want to take the time to sing my praises and give my glory to the Repository Team. They did not miss a beat working remotely from home. We got back to the office and they went even harder. There is not a team member that will not do and go above and beyond to get things done to make sure we are staying on task. Also, we are assisting State Police right now, Senior Manager Rhonda Harris and Manager Shambry Wilson, who are over at State Police on a daily basis. They do half a day there and half a day here. They're assisting with background checks, and concealed carry checks. While they are doing that, Cortney is holding the fort down here on those half days. My team is really awesome. I'm going to give praises to Tim Taylor, he's with IT. During this time Tim reached out and made sure the computers and printers stayed

functional. Sex offender registry trained people so we did not miss a beat. I am very proud of the Repository team.

Col. Bill Bryant: I would like to say thank you for all your help over here. Your people have been great, thanks for the help.

Lesa Winston: You're welcome.

ISD:

Michael Tackett:

- Still moving strong with the transformation process.
- This quarter we've had a lot of different changes with some Search data, Department of Health and Medical Marijuana, DF&A, and quite a few query changes.
- CENSOR replacement project: Waiting on a confirmation of procurement method.
- AMF making changes, upgrades and bug fixes.
- Awaiting our ACL review on December 15, 2020.
- Call Center (formerly Network Control) are learning IT troubleshooting, and IT specific skills. They are doing a good job adapting and pulling their weight.
- Making progress with the Network build for DPS.
- Consolidating licensing, software and servers.
- DPS granted money (CARES Act) for IT.
- Office 365 move, I felt that ACIC specifically and now DPS is criminal justice and needs to be separate from other general State agencies. After long conversations with DIS and talking with other states on how they are doing it; we were able to get something worked out with DIS. We will have our own tenet in the Office 365 environment.
- Ramping up with our IT 2020 Audits. We've had 138 agencies completed. We have about 30 left and hope to have them done by the end of the year. Eric Stricklin is working diligently to them completed.
- We have a new auditing system that ACIC purchased this year. Eric is working with Rick and others to get the different processes set up for how we will submit this audits to local agencies. We hope to have something ready to roll out at the end of the first quarter 2021.
- We are moving our DIS audit into its next phase: auditing DIS for all the CJIS compliance for Arkansas when it comes to IT.
- Training for CJIS. Eric has been working with Operations and specifically Jennifer (Training) to make sure that we can get the type of training out to our locals that they are used to. Some of this is out on our CJIS portal page.
- Training software for LASO has also been approved and should be ready to go out soon.
- I gave a presentation to the Security and Access Subcommittee along with the APB for the FBI. It was to give guidance on physical access to servers that process or house CJIS data in the cloud. And if today's background check process still needs to be in place because of the technology and the growth in technology that's not the same as when the CJIS security policy was written ten years ago. The Security and Access Subcommittee and APB both accepted those reports and as soon as we hear back and see what their recommendations are, we will let the Board know.

Fiscal:

Director Brad Cazort:

- You may notice on our travel line we haven't spent any money on conferences or travel. Obviously those have been shut down. We have a number of conferences that staff go to, they have been conducted virtually like we are doing the Board meeting now.
- As you know our annual Conference is scheduled in May, because of COVID we put it off until November. Again it did not work so we had to cancel the 2020 Conference. Our next Conference will now be in October 2021. We had to go to legislature to get permission to refund. We have never had that authority before.
- We were award a 2020 NCHIP Grant for dispositions and updated storage. We have two grants that are not listed. We are a sub grantee of DFA for SORNA (sex offender), and the SMART grant will be the initial funding for the CENSOR replacement. We are working on a plan to do an RFP.
- We completed our Legislative Budget review.

2021 Board Meeting Dates:

1. March 5, 2021
2. June 4, 2021
3. September 10, 2021
4. December 3, 2021

Approve Board Meeting Dates for 2021:

Motion to Approve: Sheriff Ron Nichols

Seconded by: Ms. Nicki Nicolo

Voting: Unanimous

Directors Report:

Brad Cazort:

- Last meeting I let you know we had two lawsuits filed against us, one in Federal court one in State court. The Attorney General's office is representing us in both cases. Both of them have filed motions to dismiss and are waiting the Judges the ruling on both cases.
- Legislative session starts in January. This year ACIC only has one proposed bill. It's a sex offender clean-up bill to make the language of the sex offender law actually read the same as the law has been interpreted and applied since its inception in 1997. Essentially it's always been assumed that when an offender moves here from another state and they are registered in another state they have to register here. We had an offender move here who was convicted in Kansas, they would have required him to register but he moved to Missouri before registering in Kansas. Missouri made him register. He moved here and they tried to make him register because he was registered in Missouri. He went to court, our law actually says you register here if you registered in the state of conviction. Well, he should have been registered in Kansas but he wasn't because he moved. The Judge technically said he did not have to register here because of that. We have a proposed bill that if you are registered in any state you must register here.

- Two Identical bills have been filed, one with the house, one with the senate, to create a hate crime database. Tasking the Attorney General's Office and ASP and ACIC in assisting them. I will keep an eye on it.
- 2020 has been a difficult and different year. Back in the spring we had to work remotely on short notice. As Lesa pointed out, Tim and our IT staff worked hard to cannibalizing some of our laptops in the training room to get laptops for people to take home and work. We do have some CARE act money to replace desktops with laptops so if we have to do this again we can walk out in a moment's notice and take our work with us. I can tell you how great everyone performed working remotely. Other than building a slight backlog of imaging and verification. Everyone worked hard and did a great job.
- I want to thank the Board for your continued support of ACIC. We want it, need it and certainly appreciate it. As we end this year and hopefully soon we can meet again in person. I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

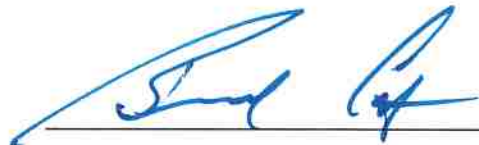
Chairman White: I want to echo what Director Cazort said. I want to wish every one of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. As always it's an honor to serve on this Board and what an honor to serve as your chairman.

Adjournment: (11:04am)

Motion to Approve: Mr. Howard Heffington

Seconded by: Mr. Matthew Durrett

Voting: Unanimous



ACIC Director

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Date