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This article is being reprinted because it contains important upcoming information.

WINDOWS XP SUPPORT ENDING DON CATHEY—KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL KCJIS INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER

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Did you know that Support for Windows XP is ending on April 8, 2014?

According to Microsoft

“Support for Windows XP is ending on April 8, 2014. If you're running this version after support ends, you won't get security updates for Windows”. <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/end-support-help>

“An unsupported version of Windows will no longer receive software updates from Windows Update. These include security updates that can help protect your PC from harmful viruses, spyware, and other malicious software, which can steal your personal information. Windows Update also installs the latest software updates to improve the reliability of Windows—new drivers for your hardware and more”. <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/help/what-does-end-of-support-mean>

FBI and KCJIS security policies attempt to address vulnerabilities by requiring agencies to maintain a local Patch Management policy (see KCJIS Administrative Policies and Procedures Part II; 5.10.4.1).

As these resources from Microsoft explain when Microsoft stops providing support and updates, your Windows Operating System will continue to run as it has been. So, the problem is not whether you can still use your Windows computer.

Rather, it is a security concern for **who might be able to use your Windows computer?** New vulnerabilities don't stop when Microsoft stops updates for a particular version of Windows. They may still come to light from third party sources eager to share their findings with everyone on the internet where miscreants can find about them and develop new hacks. Or, the people that discover the issue may keep it to themselves, so they can take advantage of unsuspecting computer users.

To protect your critical data and networks, you need to be planning now. Are you using a windows based CAD/RMS or Case management systems that contains CJI obtained from KCJIS? If so, you need to contact your vendor to find out their plans for upgrading from Windows XP.

Use your KCJIS ID and token to find the Computer Specifications for access to KCJIS at: https://www.kcjis.state.ks.us/information/audit/Minimum_KCJIS_Computer_Specs.pdf

For a Windows lifecycle fact sheet with dates for end of support for all “current” Windows go to: <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/products/lifecycle>.

ARE YOU OPERATING FROM A PHYSICALLY SECURE LOCATION?

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Some security policy requirements are dependent upon the physical, personnel and technical security controls associated with the user location.

It is important to be able to verify the actual location where a device is being used to access Criminal Justice Information (CJI). If the location cannot be verified, then physically secure location cannot be assumed. This is especially important for determining when other control mechanisms such as Advanced Authentication (AA) or encryption are required.

For instance, to be considered located in a physically secure location (and thus exempt from the AA and encryption requirements) devices used as Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) must be verified during a technical security audit to:

1. Have physical controls (such as security locks or bolted into a stand) that ensure the device can only be removed by administrators.
2. Only be used in vehicles that are always locked when unattended.

If all Physical Protection policies (Policy Area 5.9) and Personnel Security policies (Policy Area 5.12) are not being met, even desktop computers inside a locked building are not considered operating within a physically secure location and would also require AA and encryption of any CJI saved to the desktop's hard drive.

HOW TO USE THE KCJIS POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL


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The KCJIS Policy and Procedure manual version 2013.1 was released in spring of 2013.


The manual was designed to be viewed electronically. It is available as a PDF file on the KHP CJIS Launch Pad (in the CJIS Manuals section) or from the KCJIS secure web portal.

To use the newly formatted KCJIS policy and procedures manual, always begin in Part I, the FBI CJIS security policy. The organizational headings are the same in all 3 parts. Should you feel a need to reference KCJIS policy in your own manuals, we suggest referencing Part I.

If KCJIS applies stricter policy to what is in FBI policy, the left margin in Part I will contain a KCJIS logo . Clicking on the logo will take you to the corresponding section of Part II where KCJIS has strived to enhance the FBI's minimum policy with our own.

Whenever, in either FBI policy (Part I) or KCJIS enhanced policy (Part II), there seemed to be a need for additional explanation

or guidance, there will be a compass icon  in the left margin. Click the compass to go directly to the same section in the guidance Part III of the manual.

If you have advanced to Parts II or Part III, clicking the double back arrow icon  will return you to previous locations. Part III may have 2 icons, one for each of the previous parts.

THE KCJIS PROHIBITION ON EMAILING OF CJI IS NO LONGER IN EFFECT. DON CATHEY—KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL KCJIS INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER

The KCJIS policy sub-committee continues to review KCJIS policies and procedures to ensure compliance with FBI CJIS policy. Sometimes, the review shows additional requirements beyond the FBI minimums are needed. Other times, that review determines areas where the FBI policy is sufficient or where adjustments can be made because of available new technologies that provide security that did not exist before. Such a case for adjustment involves emailing of Criminal Justice Information (CJI).

Following the FBI's lead, E-mail is now treated as another form of transmission of CJI and must meet the same protections as any other transmission (i.e.: encryption certified by NIST to meet FIPS 140-2 standards). A list of products by the vendor who submitted the product for certification can be found at <http://csrc.nist.gov/groups/STM/cmvp/documents/140-1/1401vend.htm>. Agencies will need to determine for themselves if they can meet the security requirements set forth in FBI and KCJIS policy before allowing e-mailing of CJI. Technical Security Audits will look for compliance of all security policies regarding transmission, authorized receipt, processing and storage of CJI.

Agencies may continue to use the free secure e-mail capabilities provided through Law Enforcement Online (LEO.gov) and other U.S. Department of Justice e-mail systems.

SECURITY ALERT FOR ALL KCJIS USERS—CRYPTOLOCKER MALWARE DON CATHEY—KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL KCJIS INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER

KCJIS is aware of a new ransomware threat known as CryptoLocker.

Ransomware is computer malware that capitalizes on bad internet and email habits to cause computer users to access websites or open files that can infect their computers with an application that locks the computer.

CryptoLocker is even worse because it encrypts the user's computer files including files accessible on shared network drives. So even if your anti-virus software can remove the infection, it cannot recover your files. The cybercriminals program instructs the user that the only way to free the computer and files is to pay them money. There is no guarantee that paying the ransom will return your computer or files to working order, or that you will not be infected again.

THE ONLY DEFENSE AGAINST LOSS OF DATA IS TO NOT GET INFECTED.

- Every computer – at home or work – needs to have anti-virus software running that updates the virus lists at least daily.
- Use the real time protection features of your anti-virus software to scan and block potential issues before they can cause a problem.
- Be sure your anti-virus software is performing full scans on a regular basis.
- Be sure your browser and security software are configured to block unsafe websites.
- Never open emails from senders you do not know.
- Be very cautious of emails from companies like UPS, FedEx, or emails from companies with subjects about account or billing disputes or having attachments that appear to be digital versions of voicemails.
- Never open email attachments – even from known senders – before verifying they sent it.
- In order to recover corrupted or lost files, regardless of the cause, file backups should be performed regularly to storage drives that require user authentication and authorization.

The internet crime complaint center (ic3) has more information on this particular malware at their website: <http://www.ic3.gov/media/2013/131028.aspx>.

OFFENDER REGISTRATION—REPORTING INFORMATION

JESSICA DULTMEIER—KBI

Recently, agencies may have noticed that KBI Offender Registration staff members are contacting them more often with questions regarding information reported on Kansas Offender Registration forms/updates. These contacts are being made in an effort to ensure complete and accurate information is maintained in the KBI's offender registration database.

Specifically, there are a few areas of concern we want to bring to your attention. These concerns are as follows:

- **Completion of Forms.** When completing a KS Offender Registration form or Change of Information form, please enter data into every field. Please note that leaving fields completely blank is ambiguous and could cause current information to be removed.
- **Multiple County Registrants.** Offenders who register in multiple counties sometimes provide conflicting information. Or, they may provide more complete information to one agency as compared to another agency. We understand it can be tedious and time consuming to ensure offenders are reporting the same information to each agency; however, doing so will result in more accurate offender records.
- **Correct Use of Information Fields.**

Current Physical address fields should be used to reflect where the offender physically resides at the time of registration or, if the offender is reporting a change of address, the updated address information.

Mailing address fields should be used to reflect where an offender receives mail, if different from the current physical address.

Temporary or Anticipated address fields should be used to reflect where the offender may be residing temporarily or an address where the offender anticipates residing at a later date.

Employment fields should be used to reflect where an offender is physically working. Addresses for "corporate" or "home office" locations should not be reported, unless that is where the offender physically works.

Education fields should be used to reflect where an offender is physically attending an educational institution.

Offenders should report complete addresses for all address types, which includes a street number, street name, apartment, lot or suite numbers, city, county, state and zip code.

By sharing the above information, we hope to reduce the need for contacting agencies with follow-up questions about registration forms and updates. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your regional contact.

OFFENDER REGISTRATION Q AND A

JESSICA DULTMEIER—KBI

Q: If an offender is convicted or adjudicated in my county of an offense that requires registration or has otherwise been court ordered to register, but the offender does not reside, work, or attend school in my county, are they required to register in my county?

A: Yes, offenders who do not remain in custody upon conviction or adjudication must report within three business days to the registering law enforcement agency in the county of conviction or adjudication to complete registration. The offender is still required to report within three business days to the registering law enforcement agency in any place where the offender resides, maintains employment or attends school to register as well. See K.S.A. 22-4904 (a)(1)(B)(iii)

For offenders who remain in custody, registration shall be completed by the staff of any correctional facility.

Q: If I have any questions regarding NCIC National Sex Offender Registry (NSOR) entries, do I contact your KBI Offender Registration regional contact for help?

A: No, please contact your designated Kansas Highway Patrol Trainer/Auditor for help. If you do not know who your KHP Trainer/Auditor is, your KBI Offender Registration Unit regional contact can provide you with that information.

ELECTRONIC DISPOSITION REPORTING UPDATE

LESLIE MOORE—KBI INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION DIRECTOR

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) has been working for many months towards electronic disposition reporting. Two options have been created to report dispositions electronically from prosecutors and courts to the criminal history records repository. One option will be an electronic form that will be available on the KCJIS web portal. The second option will be an electronic connection from your agency to the KBI. Both options should be ready for use by July 1, 2014.

The electronic form will look very similar to the paper form most agencies use today with a handful of new fields. Some of the new fields include BAC level, refusal of breathalyzer test flag, waiver of counsel flag, attorney name field, and lifetime post-release supervision flag. Agencies will be able to enter information directly, then save the form to finish at a later time, or submit the form immediately to the central repository.

At this time, agencies using the online form option will be required to have a token to log on to the KCJIS web portal. The token requirement is currently under review and may change at some point in the future. The system will also support the current concept of agencies submitting on behalf of each other where necessary.

The electronic connection will require your agency to engage your vendor to program the connection and map the fields from your database to the submission interface fields. The direct connection will not require agencies to sign on to the KCJIS web portal to submit dispositions; however, you will use the KCJIS web portal to retrieve messages and notifications.

The instructions for the electronic connection are available in a set of documents including an Information Exchange Packet Document (IEPD). To request a copy of the IEPD please email Leslie Moore at leslie.moore@kbi.state.ks.us. Once you receive the IEPD if you or your vendor has any questions please email the questions to Leslie at the address above. Additional documentation will be made available as it is completed.

A test system is currently being created for the electronic submission testing. The test system is expected to be available for test submissions in January.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE LIVESCAN USERS

TINA ORTEGA—KBI

In order to determine whether or not your livescan is submitting fingerprint records to the KBI AFIS, it is important for the operator to monitor the AFIS messages and AFIS Daily Reports. These messages are sent to both, your primary KCJIS (Open Fox) terminal and the e-mail address(es) provided by your agency.

However, if it is determined that your livescan is not working or is not submitting fingerprint records to the KBI AFIS, please follow these instructions:

1. ***If the livescan is not working***, please contact your livescan vendor. You will need to contact their Help Desk, report the problem and request assistance. Keep in mind that you can do this if your agency has a maintenance contract with the livescan vendor.
2. ***If the problem is related to not being able to submit to the KBI AFIS***, please contact your agency technical staff and report the problem. Your technical staff will be able to check the network and firewall.
3. ***If it has been determined that the problem is not with your livescan, agency network or firewall***, please contact the KBI Help Desk, report the problem and request assistance. Please do not contact the KBI Help Desk until you have checked with your livescan vendor and your agency technical staff. The KBI Help Desk can be reached at (785) 368-6382.

Livescan vendors contact information (Customer Support or Help Desk):

Cross Match: (866) 276-7761

MorphoTrust (Identix and L-1 Identity Solutions): (888) 435-7439

MorphoTrak: (800) 734-6241

NEW MOBILE IDENTIFICATION TECHNOLOGY IMPLEMENTATION ELY MEZA—KBI

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation is in the process of implementing a new mobile identification technology (Morpholdent units) used to capture the two index-fingerprints for submission to the KBI AFIS and the FBI – RISC (Repository for Individuals of Special Concern). The FBI RISC includes the following databases: wanted persons, sex offender registry subjects, and known or suspected terrorists.

The Morpholdent units work differently from the already known RapID units since they don't require an internet communication provider. Instead, they will need to be interfaced to a computer (i.e. a laptop), via USB or Bluetooth connection, to forward the fingerprint captured by the Morpholdent units to the KBI AFIS and the FBI RISC. However, the computer will have to have secured access to the KCJIS network, as well as the MorphoMobile software which will be provided by the KBI.

Once the KBI receives the fingerprint submission, it is routed to search the KBI AFIS and the FBI RISC. Responses from the KBI AFIS and the FBI RISC are sent back to the submitting computer. The computer will be able to display the KBI and FBI responses, including the personal identifiers. Once the Morpholdent unit is connected to the computer, the computer will be able to forward color code indicators (Hit or Not Hit) associated with the response messages. The possible color code indicators are: **Green light** = No candidate; **Yellow light** = Possible candidate; **Red light** = Highly-probable candidate.

Once the pilot project is completed, the KBI will be making additional announcements.

For any questions regarding the new mobile identification technology project, please contact Ely Meza at ely.meza@kbi.state.ks.us

FROM THE DNA DATABANK JOHN GAUNTT—KBI PROGRAM CONSULTANT

The true value of taking DNA samples may not be seen right away. CODIS samples are compared to today's unsolved cases from all over the country, and remain in CODIS for comparison to unsolved cases in future years. A sample from a juvenile offender this year could essentially be compared in CODIS for generations. KBI continues to stress the importance of the Databank, and encourage crime scene officers to collect evidence that would yield valuable biological material eligible for CODIS.

Below is a list of reminders, for submitting DNA samples.

- First and foremost, collecting a DNA sample before the offender leaves a detention facility is the highlight of KSA 21-2511. But we ask one big favor: agencies should perform a KCJIS record check before sending the sample to the Databank. We have found that two out of three offenders have previously been collected. A second sample is not needed. If a record check was not performed before the sample was collected, please have someone with KCJIS or OpenFox access check the offender's criminal history.
- Failure to appear is not a qualifying crime for DNA. Aggravated failure to appear is a felony, and therefore is collectible. If we receive a sample marked failure to appear, we would contact the submitting agency for ask (1) Is the offender in custody or under supervision (2) Is there an offense in criminal history that should have been collected in the past.
- Probation violation is not a qualifying crime for DNA, but the crime for which the offender is on probation might qualify for the Databank. If the crime qualifies for the Databank, we can accept the submission.
- Current Kansas law states that an offender is a felon after three domestic battery convictions within five years. Upon receipt of a sample for domestic battery, we would check criminal history and go from there.
- Kansas law states that an offender is a felon after three convictions for DUI, with one of the prior convictions during the past ten years. DNA Databank procedures require us to check criminal history – not just on the DUI submissions – before we can process the DNA sample
- Some of the statutes for controlled substances (drugs) are felonies if the offender has a prior conviction of certain statutes. Check out 21-5706, 21-5708, and 21-5709 for details.
- Out-of-state felony warrants do not qualify to submit DNA. DNA samples can only be collected from arrestees who have Kansas charges. Example: Jim Jones is arrested after a car stop and warrants check. The arresting officer discovered that Jones had pending felony warrants from Missouri. Unless Jones is booked for violating a Kansas qualifying crime, we could not keep a DNA sample from that incident.

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JOHN GAUNTT—KBI PROGRAM CONSULTANT

- Please be certain to verify the offender's identity during the DNA collection process. Identification of the offender is the foundation for the Database. Many offenders give arresting officers an alias or another family name during the booking process. If your arrestee says he is Jim Jones, please verify.
The qualifying status (an arrestee or a convicted offender) determines which information on the DNA card needs completion. The required fields are enclosed with the instructions inside each DNA kit. Every sample requires name, date of birth, gender, race, and qualifying status. Social security number and place of birth are also needed for us to help navigate through such a large Database.
Finally, don't forget to send the samples in a timely manner. If you do not have postage paid envelopes for mailing samples to the Databank, please get in touch with the employees listed below. Since the US Postal Service considers the DNA kit as a parcel and not a letter, the correct postage on a single submission is \$2.08. It is perfectly fine to hang onto your DNA samples during the workweek, bundle them together, and send them in a larger sized postage paid envelope. The medium sized envelope can hold 6 kits.

The DNA Databank is taking a bite out of crime - from the unsolved cases around the country. In 2013, we have processed 245 CODIS hits - 7 homicides, 20 robberies, 21 sexual assaults, 44 auto thefts, 136 burglaries, and 17 other crimes.

The marvelous feature about CODIS is that it helps other states as well. So far in 2013, Kansas offenders have been linked to unsolved crimes in seventeen (17) other states.

All of this work has been done by our criminal justice partners in booking stations and post-conviction agencies. We hope that you would continue working with the philosophy that every arrestee could be a sex offender or killer. Yes, this is serious business.

For questions about DNA submissions please contact:

- John Gauntt (785) 296-8329 john.gauntt@kbi.state.ks.us
Marilyn Timberlake (785) 296-5461 marilyn.timberlake@kbi.state.ks.us
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NEWS FROM THE KBI HELP DESK
WILSON WILEY—KBI

Central Message Switch Updates and Fixes

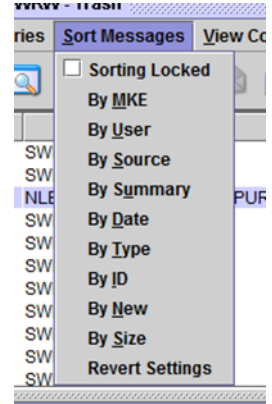
Here's a look at what's new and changed on the KCJIS Central Message Switch and the OpenFox client since the last newsletter.

- NCIC TOU 12-4 was implemented on August 5, 2013. You will notice the following changes:
The EXL (extradition limitation) field becomes mandatory for entry of wanted persons to NCIC.
Addition of the SVC (service code) and SVD (service date) fields to the NCIC protection order file. The SVC field indicates whether a protection order has been served, not served or unknown. The SVD field indicates what date a protection order was served.
The LKI (linking agency ORI) and LKA (linking agency case number) fields will be added to the gang, protection order, and supervised release files of the NCIC.
NCIC TOU 13-1 was implemented in Archive & Retrieval on August 15, 2013 which should conserve more space.

Kansas Bureau of Investigation - Archive & Retrieval Details Report
Result Set ID: 5693 Search Criteria: (and) IN_DATE between 20131014 - 20131018, STR contains TEST
Table with 7 rows of message details including Message ID, Agency, ORI, Date/Time, Station, and User ID.

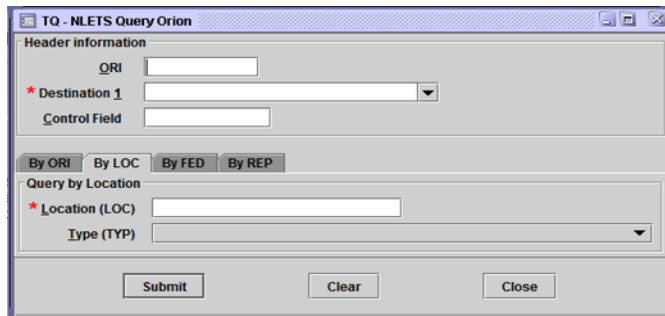
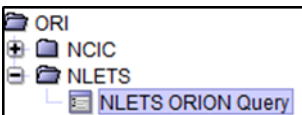
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WILSON WILEY—KBI

- Within OpenFox Messenger, users have the ability to lock the sorting of columns when viewing mail folders. This is referred to as Sort Lock. This function is nice to have in case you accidentally click on a column header in the message list, the sorting of messages in the message list won't get changed unintentionally. Some users found if they set the sort lock in Messenger and logged off of OpenFox and logged back on, their sort lock settings weren't saved. They requested this be changed so Messenger saves the sort lock preference between sessions. The KBI Help Desk worked with CPI on this issue and CPI was able to come up with a change. CPI implemented the change on August 18, 2013. Sort lock preferences will now be saved between sessions and terminals. To use the Sort Lock function, set your sorting as desired then click on the Sort Messages menu then check the 'Sorting Locked' checkbox.
- Some users were getting an "Internal Desktop Error: Operation Aborted" message when printing their messages from the OpenFox Messenger mailbox. CPI was able to come up with a fix for this issue and it was implemented on August 22, 2013.
- The vehicle returns from KDOR have been modified for OpenFox users so they will return back the full record when running expired license plates. You will no longer need to re-query by VIN number or use the KDOR form with the vehicle status of 'ALL' to get the full return when querying expired tags by LIC. This change was implemented October 10, 2013.

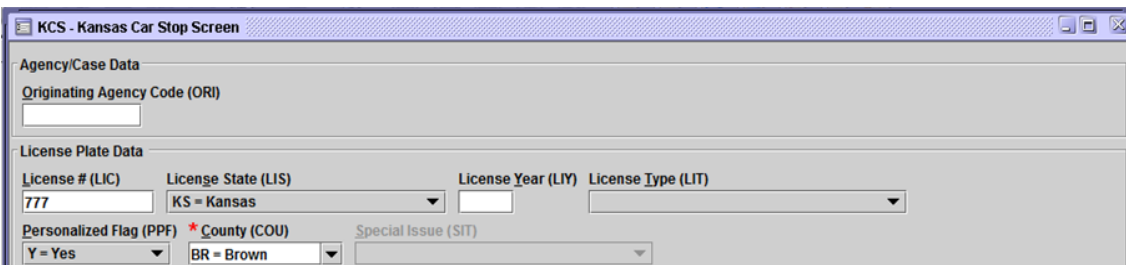


Tips and Tricks

If you need to get a specific ORI of an agency around the state, there are a couple resources available to you. The first one is in KACIS Reports (<http://kacis.kcjis.state.ks.us/Reporting>). As an agency TAC, you can run an agency report in KACIS to get the ORI of another agency in the state. The second resource is the Nlets ORION file. You can query for agency ORI records using an ORI number or the agency location (the town or county name the agency is located in). The Nlets ORION query is available in OpenFox from the forms tree in the ORI folder, the NLETS sub-folder, and the NLETS ORION Query form. Once you have it up, you can use the ORI or LOC (location) tabs to query.



To run a tribal tag through KDOR using the Kansas Car Stop, you will populate the License # (LIC) field, minus the leading 'KS'. In the License State (LIS) field choose 'KS'. In the Personalized Flag (PPF) field choose 'Y = Yes'. Finally, for the County (COU) field, choose the county the tribal tag is out of.



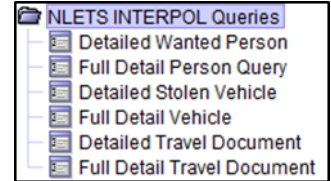
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WILSON WILEY—KBI

Did you know you have access to person, vehicle, and travel document information from countries around the world? With the INTERPOL message keys you can. They are available in OpenFox in the NLETS INTERPOL Queries folder.

NLETS INTERPOL queries are available for law enforcement and detention officer applicant screening. Please see the [INTERPOL Applicant Checks](#) document posted on the KCJIS Web Portal on the Security Policies page under the KCJIS Security heading for guidelines.



KDOR

KDOR will be implementing changes to driver's license responses sometime in December. A final date has not been set to roll these out, but the KBI Help Desk will be sending out notifications as we get more information. The changes will be to include medical certification information in the response. The medical certification information will be displayed in the "MED CERT" field. It is only for people with CDL licenses to show whether they have their medical certification. If they don't have a CDL, or they have a CDL but not certified, the field will be blank. The available values which will show up in this field are "NOT CRTFD", "CERTIFIED", or "N/A". In addition, there will be some changes and additions to restriction codes.

Changing:

E – No Man Tran in CMV

O – No tractor trailer

Added:

J24 – Automated Transmission in Non-CMV

J21 – Hearing Aid in CMV

J22 – No A/B School Bus

J23 – Corr Lenses in CMV

P – No Passenger in CMV

X – No Cargo CMV Tank Vehicle

It has been reported to the KBI Help Desk that when running some license plates, what should be a 6-digit license plate with a leading zero has been entered into KDOR's system as a 5-digit license plate by a county treasurer's office. In this case, the tag has to be ran as a 5-digit license plate by removing the leading zero. If you come across a Kansas license plate which has a leading zero and you are getting no records in the response, try re-querying the license plate and remove the leading zero. If you find a license plate that is affected, please report it to your local county treasurer to be fixed.

KCJIS DIRECTOR'S THOUGHTS.....

GORDON LANSFORD—KCJIS DIRECTOR

If you were using KCJIS in the late 1990's it was primitive and there were very few of you. If you are using KCJIS today it is much more advanced, and you are one of approximately 10,000 users across Kansas. KCJIS has come a long way and is known among its' peers as one of the more advanced systems in the country. BUT here's my thought.....

We're still a rudimentary integrated justice system! There is much more we can do to provide electronic information to YOU!! There are many more capabilities that will be of value to each of you in your job, regardless of where you are in the chain of command.

Will we ever be an NCIS, or whatever futuristic system you see on TV? YES we will.....well almost! TV has a great ability to compress time and solve crimes in an hour, less commercials, and I don't think that is the way we work. But I DO believe that KCJIS, using today's technology, can provide you with the answers you need to do your job, in a timely, effective manner..... electronically.

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GORDON LANSFORD—KCJIS DIRECTOR

To do so “we”, the developers and implementer’s of KCJIS, along with YOU, must “envision” what we need and want. Maybe you need it to provide wireless access to photos, warrants, and other critical data in the field; or crime analysis and mapping. You need it to let you ask a question and answer you “sometime in the future” when an “incident” occurs related to your case. It needs to use newer technologies like facial recognition and/or wider use of license plate readers.....and by the way, put all of that in my hand held unit! It should help prevent domestic violence by knowing a person was just released from jail, and assist law enforcement in predicting crimes. It should do neighborhood crime mapping and make “connections” between individuals. It should incorporate GPS and GIS. It should, above all, provide information to keep our officers safe and out of harms way.

Today’s technology is fully capable of doing what we need to do; to do what YOU want. We just need to make sure WE know what YOU want and need!

As we look ahead to 2014, it will be our goal to “listen to you”to document what YOU think is important and to incorporate that functionality into KCJIS. We are currently in the process of updating our Strategic Plan for KCJIS but to make it complete and fully functional we need to have your input!

So here is my challenge to you.....tell us what you don’t have, that you NEED to have, to do your job more efficiently and effectively from a **technology** point of view! We don’t provide “things”; we provide “electronic information”.

You may laugh and say it’s not possible for you to give me the information that I need, but please begin by thinking that it **IS** possible. Imagine doing your job with tools that seem out of reach and tell us what those are.....please! Talk it over within your agency, department, or team and determine what is most important to you and let us know!

Will we be able to deliver all of those ideas to you in the next year or two.....probably not. But what we can do is build a KCJIS Strategic Plan that reflects what YOU think is important, prioritize those, and create a plan to deliver it to you. I’ve spent the last 40 years doing just that.....taking ideas and making them into reality. We, the “KCJIS team”, want to do that for you, but we **MUST** have your input to make it a good plan.

There is always the question of how to pay for it? I’m an optimist and I truly believe that if we have a good plan **that improves public safety** there will be funding to support that plan. Who would say to you it’s not important to improve the safety of Kansas’s? No one I know would say that!

You can reach me via email at gordon.lansford@ks.gov or on my cell at 785-633-7700, anytime. As you’re thinking about this sometime soon, jot down your ideas on a piece of paper and email them to me or your KCJIS Representative. It doesn’t need to be fancy; it just needs to be something YOU need in the way of “electronic information”, or an electronic capability, that would make you better at your job. They need to be the kind of things where you say to yourself “if I could get that information” on my desktop, cell, PDA, laptop, in my car, at my desk, at home in the middle of the night.....whatever it is.....that’s what we need to know. Think outside the box! Think about your peers in other states. Think about information it is difficult to get or takes too much time. Think about what would enable you to “Git R Done” and, at the same time, make you better at your job.

My commitment to you, on behalf of the KCJIS leadership team is that we will report back to you, collectively, the results of our strategic planning process and tell you what we think we need to build for you to make you more efficient and more effective in creating a safer Kansas for all of us! And further, we will “keep improving that plan”, over time, to make YOU and Kansas one of the best statewide justice information systems in the country. Technology does not stand still; every year we find new capabilities and we’ll incorporate those as appropriate.

So during your day think about *“if I had that information or capability”*, I could do a better job and tell us what that is. Please!

Heck, personally, I’d like to just click that mouse a couple of times and KNOW who’s in jail right now in Kansas! We know who’s in prison but across the state we don’t know who’s in jail. The Sheriffs, Judges, Prosecutors, and all Law Enforcement would like to know that too!

So here’s your mission: “What electronic capability do you need?” Tell us!

Thank you for reading this and thank you for helping us improve KCJIS!

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