TIME System Newsletter
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On October 18, 2017, the TIME System turned 45 years of age. This occurred without anyone really noticing and without celebration. We have all come to depend and rely on the TIME System each and every day.   Today the TIME System averages more than 150,000 transactions per day. This does not include the behind-the-scene messaging but represents 150,000 requests for information submitted by each of you, our law enforcement partners.
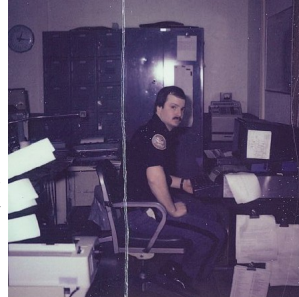
The National Crime Information Center (NCIC) began on January 27, 1967, with only five files: Wanted, Stolen Vehicle, Stolen License Plate, Stolen Articles, and Stolen Guns. The first year of NCIC, the system averaged 5,479 transactions per day. On April 6th, 2017, NCIC processed a record high with 18.6 million transactions in one day. Yes, in one day.

Early in my career as a Police Communications Operator at District 1 State Patrol, I learned the life saving value of the TIME System (photo above from the 1980s). A trooper stopped a possible intoxicated driver late at night and approached the vehicle with four occupants and requested identification of the driver. The driver claimed to not have a driver's license in their possession and provided a name/sex/race and date of birth. The State Patrol did not have portable radios or terminals in the squads at this time and returned to the squad to call in the driver's license check. I ran the drivers information and advised the trooper that there were no wants, however, DOT had returned a "Not on File" response. The trooper, suspecting he had been provided incorrect information, approached the vehicle a second time and requested additional identification information, including a social security number.   The trooper returned to the squad and radioed in the additional information. The query of the social security number produced approximately ten hits, including offenses for: rape, abduction, and kidnapping. This information was radioed to the officer and additional officers responded to the location. The trooper did not attempt a third contact until backup squads arrived on the scene. When the occupants were asked to step out of the vehicle, it was discovered that a rear passenger had a sawed off 30-30 rifle and it was later determined that he had intended on shooting the officer when he had approached the second time but the weapon had gotten caught when he attempted to raise it while hidden under a coat. To this day, I believe the trooper's query of the social security number and those resulting hits in the TIME System saved that officer's life.

Today, officers query the TIME System routinely before and during traffic stops to ensure all available information is known. Although the TIME System is getting older, it is also getting better. The FBI has begun a new project called NCIC 3rd Generation (N3G) to replace the current NCIC system. As this initiative moves forward, you will begin to hear more about N3G and the modifications to the TIME System to move it forward for the next generation.

Please feel free to contact me or any of the CIB staff to discuss your thoughts on how we can continue to improve.

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Walt Neverman, Director CIB

Validation

Validation requires the agency to confirm the record is complete, accurate, and active. Validation is accomplished by reviewing the original entry and applicable supporting documentation. Contact with the complainant, victim, prosecutor or court is required. Appropriate databases (DOT, NCIC, CCH, etc.) should also be queried to confirm the content of your record. Records that are found no longer active should be promptly removed from the system.

Did you know 2020 is the next leap year? 2020 will be the next year you can query 2/29/2020 in the TIME System. Leap years are every four years.

The person identified as your validation officer in the online validation program will receive an email notification that the validation is available. Email reminders for incomplete validations are sent out 20, 10 and 1 day(s) out from the due date. Users designated to complete the online validation must have eTIME access with the validation authorization. If the county's dispatch center or Sheriff's Office completes validation on behalf of your agency, they will need eTIME access with the validation authorization for your agency's ORI.

All records from all file types must be certified. This includes any records that have been cancelled. The On-Line Validations page in eTIME will show you the certification status for the most recent validation periods. Validation officers should check this page to confirm the status is certified.

On-Line Validations

Enter Validating ORI: WI013015Y   **WI DOJ-CRIME INFORMATION BUREAU**

Choose a validation period:

Validation Period	Certification Due Date	Certification Status
○ May, 2017	09/27/2017	Certified
○ June, 2017	11/01/2017	Certified
○ July, 2017	11/29/2017	Certified

If your agency fails to complete the certification of your records by the due date, CIB will purge the records. An Administrative Message and a letter will be sent to your agency with the information from the record(s) that were purged. It is up to your agency to reenter the information into the TIME System, if needed.

Agencies should consider having more than one user knowledgeable about your validation practices. This will help ensure that if one validation officer is unavailable when the due date arrives, someone else will be able to complete the process. Subsequently, this will prevent CIB from having to purge any of your agency's records.

The ultimate goal of Validation is to maintain current records in the system to ensure officer/public safety. Accurate records also ensures the most up to date information for identification of people, vehicles and property. Accurate information in the TIME System is always the main goal.

For more information regarding the validation process please see our "Validation Handout" available on WILEnet or you may also contact us by email at cibtrain@doj.state.wi.us.

Online Auditing

There are many benefits to being audited, including:

1. Improve the overall integrity of the data within the system;

2. Adherence to standards and limits agency liability;

3. Security of the criminal justice information; and

4. Officer and public safety.

Back by popular demand and overwhelming success in the pilot, we are happy to announce the continuation of online auditing for TIME System *access* agencies. Notification of the online audit tool was sent to agencies at the end of May 2017 with instructions for system access. This new program allows questionnaires to be assigned to the appropriate agency based on the type of system access.

The questionnaires will be on the online audit software. An email is sent directly to the TAC when an audit is assigned, to include: directions to complete the questionnaires, passwords and user IDs, and the contact information of the assigned auditor. Please read these emails as they will assist you through the very user friendly software. In addition, the agency roster, training certification list, PSN list and criminal history summary will be delivered via an encrypted file attached to an email. The password for the encrypted file is in the first email from your assigned auditor. All of these audit processes remain very similar to our past methods but utilize newer technology instead of mailing paper documents, making the audit process more efficient for TIME System agencies.

The major transformation will be noticed by agencies with TIME System *entry* access. These agencies will notice the absence of a physical visit from a CIB auditor. Creation of a questionnaire exclusively for *entry* agencies allows the agency to review designated entries in the same way CIB auditors have done in the past. Agencies with *entry* access will provide answers to specific questions and CIB auditors will review those responses without leaving the office. CIB auditors spend many hours reviewing criteria including completeness, accuracy and timeliness of designated entries, before physically visiting an agency where they finish the record review process by examining the associated agency case file. Instead of having to schedule personnel and space on a specific date to accommodate a CIB visit, this approach allows your agency to perform the case file examination when most convenient for your operations. Our goal is to streamline the audit process while restoring productivity to your agency by eliminating the need for time, space and personnel.

CIB auditors will still be conducting physical *onsite* audit visits at randomly selected agencies during each three year cycle. A CIB auditor may also visit an agency to conduct follow up on any audit submitted through the online audit tool. Please note that all communication will now be delivered via email to the address CIB has on file for your agency TIME Agency Coordinator (TAC). Please continue to notify cibtrain@doj.state.wi.us of any changes in the status of your TAC as the point of contact. Please contact cibaudit@doj.state.wi.us with any questions about the new online audit tool or if you encounter any issues with the system.

Criminal Histories and Municipal Courts

TIME/NCIC System information is only to be used by authorized law enforcement/criminal justice personnel for law enforcement/criminal justice purposes. Querying criminal history to obtain social security numbers or update addresses and driver's licenses to report to the Department of Revenue for collections is in furtherance of the criminal justice purpose, as long as it is **not** for civil cases. The courts that do complete CHRI for collections should also elaborate in their description of the purpose for the query beyond collections. Additional documentation should include citation numbers and/or court cases numbers.

Do you know about NW3C? The National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C) and NICB have a free interactive web-based resource to assist with investigating and prosecuting insurance fraud.
Register at http://www.nw3c.org

NICS Denied Transaction File

Wouldn't it be nice if you had a way to check on someone to see if they've been denied a firearms purchase or transfer? Can you imagine using a record like this to help prove unlawful possession of a firearm or perhaps using it to help show someone's intent toward harming themselves or others? Imagine no longer; now we have a way to assist you.

> Do you know NICB no longer has access to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) vehicle export records? Unfortunately, this impacts NICB's ability to provide vehicle export data to law enforcement via NLETS.

As of August 8, 2017, TIME System users have had access to the NICS Denied Transaction File (NDTF). The NDTF is designed to share information regarding individuals who have been disqualified from firearm purchases under the Brady Act of 1993. This disqualification is based on federal law and state prohibitors. The NDTF is designed to enhance both officer and public safety, while also providing investigative leads.

This is an informational file and should not be used as the sole basis to detain or arrest an individual, as a person may no longer be disqualified and the file is only an indicator that they were disqualified in the past. Here is an example of the responses you can expect to receive:

NCIC Negative Response

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NO NCIC NICS DENIED TRANSACTION FILE RECORD
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NCIC Positive Response

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*****NOTICE: DO NOT DETAIN OR ARREST BASED ON THIS HIT. THE DATE OF
NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM (NICS) DENIAL (DND)
PROVIDED IN THIS RECORD IS THE DATE THE SUBJECT WAS DENIED BY THE NICS FROM
THE RECEIPT AND/OR THE POSSESSION OF A FIREARM OR THE ISSUANCE OF A FIREARM
OR EXPLOSIVES PERMIT PURSUANT TO STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAW. HOWEVER, IT IS POSSIBLE THIS SUBJECT MAY NO
LONGER BE A PROHIBITED PERSON.

MKE/NICS DENIED TRANSACTION FILE
ORI/WVNICS000 NAM/SMITH, JOHN J SEX/M RAC/W POB/RI
DOB/19511012 HGT/511 WGT/230 CTZ/US
SOC/123456789
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NTN/ABC1234567
STN/123ABC4567
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*** THE INFORMATION DISPLAYED IN THIS RECORD IS A POSSIBLE MATCH TO THE INDIVIDUAL QUERIED. THIS MATCH IS
BASED ON NAME AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA ONLY. NO LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTION SHOULD BE INITIATED BASED
SOLELY ON THIS INFORMATION.
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The NDTF will contain records of individuals who have been denied a firearm as a result of a NICS check within the previous 180 days. These records are maintained by the FBI and if a "hit" exists it will be returned when you conduct a wanted person query. If an individual's NDTF record is canceled it will immediately be removed from the system.

DNA Warrant

A warrant is considered valid if its issuance designates the genetic code as the means by which the subject is to be identified. It can be used in instances where the name of the subject is unknown, such as: sexual assaults, robbery, battery or homicide. A description might be obtained but the stranger nature of the case can lead to no identification of the subject. A person's genetic code is just as unique as fingerprints and is a way that a person can be identified with reasonable certainty.

Wis. Stats. 968.04(3)(a) outlines the mandatory provisions of a valid warrant including "state the name of the person to be arrested, if known, or if not known, designate the person to be arrested by any description by which the person to be arrested can be identified with reasonable certainty." While most warrants designate a person to be arrested by their name and personal descriptors, there are times when a name and description of the person is not known.

While a DNA warrant is a valid warrant, it cannot be entered into the TIME System as it does not have the minimum required information to enter a warrant. To enter a warrant in the TIME System, the minimum required information needed for the subject is: name, sex, date of birth, height, weight, and hair color.

The existence of a DNA warrant can lead to an exception to the statutes of limitations allowing for subjects to be brought to trial. A cold hit on the DNA profile from the warrant against the DNA databank can lead to an amendment on the criminal complaint to add a name to the warrant, thus making the warrant eligible for entry into the TIME System.

Do you know about the NOAA Weather Wire Service (NWWS)? There is no limit to the number of Weather Service links in your agency, personally, or as a part of another application as a primary or backup to your current weather alert method. The NWWS can be requested at http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwws. The National Weather Service also provides RSS and ATOM feeds for weather alerts and warnings available at http://alerts.weather.gov

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Check the WILEnet website for additional data at www.wilenet.org