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CJIS Division

Careers, Criminal Justice, COVID-19, Codes, and Charity

As we continue supporting the Commonwealth of Virginia in public safety, during an unforeseen time, we are also navigating many other changes. The 2020 Special Session I, convened August 18, 2020, introducing transformative policies for policing in Virginia that directly and significantly affect the entire Criminal Justice Information Services Division.

In addition to our many legislative and procedural changes, we have welcomed changes in the leadership positions that guide us through this unprecedented era in time. This year saw the addition of Captain Matthew Patterson, Lieutenant Craig White, and Lieutenant David Ostwinkle; joining Lieutenant Chad Rogers as we usher in widespread modifications.

Throughout all of the shifts within the year, CJIS still managed to have fun and give back by participating in the CarMax Tacky Light Run to benefit Kids Run RVA.



CCRE

Dissemination Limitations: Misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana

On November 20, 2020, the Virginia State Police, Central Criminal Records Exchange (CCRE) began to restrict the dissemination of §18.2-250.1 possession of marijuana information that was reported to the CCRE with an offense date prior to July 1, 2020. Virginia law enforcement agencies will still have access to prior possession of marijuana arrest and disposition information for criminal justice purposes, however, the information will not be accessible for certain non-criminal justice employment background checks or law enforcement agencies outside of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Dissemination limitations related to §18.2-250.1 possession of marijuana can be found under §19.2-389.3 Marijuana possession; limits on dissemination of criminal history record information; prohibited practices by employers, educational institutions, and state and local governments; penalty.

Criminal History: Restoration of Firearm Rights

Beginning January 1, 2021 restoration of firearms rights will be reported on the criminal history (rap sheet) as required under § 18.2-308.2 (C) Code of Virginia. Under this provision the Clerk of the Circuit Court will forward to the Central Criminal Records Exchange (CCRE) a copy of the firearm restoration order, a complete set of the petitioner's fingerprints and the Notice of Restoration of Firearm Rights form. This information will be used to identify and record the restoration of firearms rights on the petitioner's criminal history record. As provided in the example below, the restoration of firearm rights notification will be located in the top portion of the criminal history along with a caveat related to the restoration in the lower portion of the record:

*****RESTORATION OF FIREARM RIGHTS GRANTED

*****RESTORATION OF FIREARM RIGHTS GRANTED BY HENRICO CIRCUIT COURT
ON 05/26/2020 IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 18.2-308.2 (C) CODE OF VIRGINIA. RESTORATION OF
FIREARM RIGHTS IS ONLY VALID FOR VIRGINIA FELONY CONVICTIONS PRIOR TO 05/26/2020.

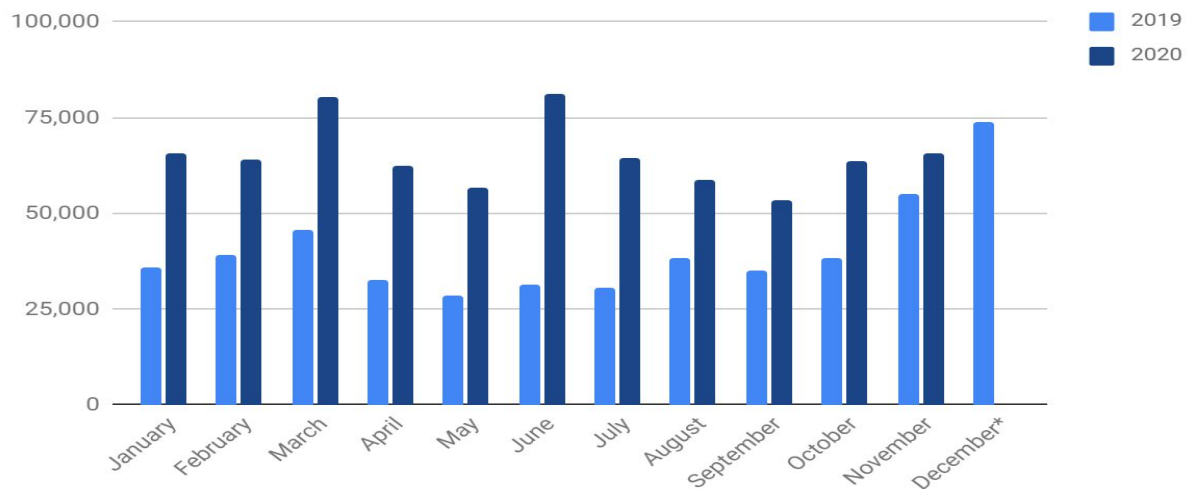


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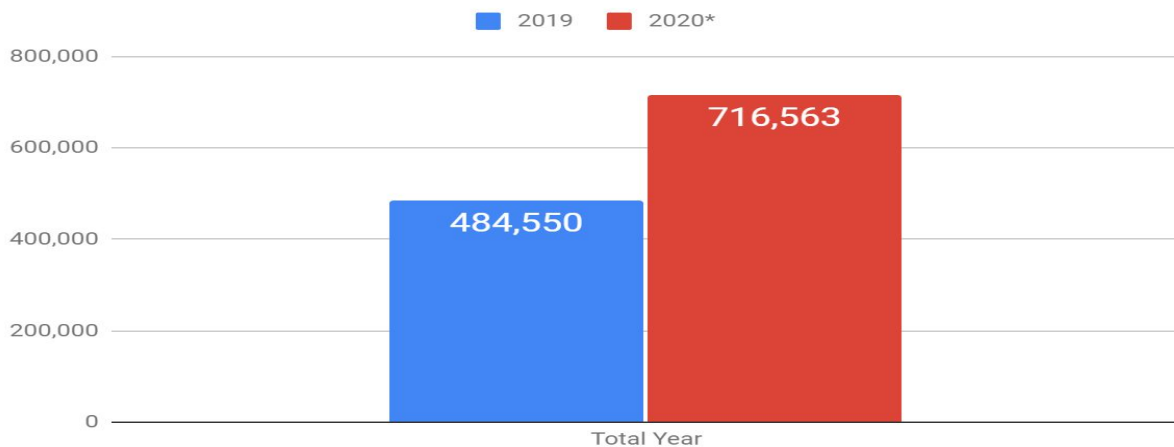
Record Numbers Continue

The FTC has seen an increase of 47.9% this year without accounting for December transactions. Projections estimate a total between 725,000 to 750,000 transactions for the 2020 calendar year. Last year's transactions topped out at 484,550.

Transactions per Month 2019 vs 2020



Transactions 2019 vs 2020



*Does not include counts for December 2020



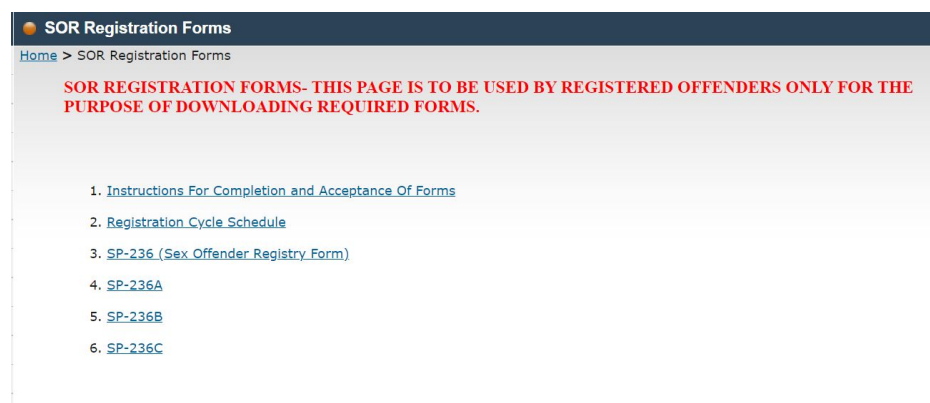
SOR-SOIU

Updated Registration Statuses

July 1, 2020 brought many changes to the SOR Section, the biggest two being the change of classification and the verification of registration information intervals. Virginia has moved to a three tier classification from the two classifications initially implemented in 1997. Tier III replaced Sexually Violent, Tier II and Tier I replaced Sexual.

The verification of registration information interval was based on the initial registration date and will now be based on birth month and last name. Additionally, only those classified as Tier III or murder will be required to reregister. Those classified as Tier II and I will be verified in person by SOIU. Additional information is available at this link: [Sex Offender Registry Statutes](#).

New Forms, Less Contact



In response to COVID-19, SOR created five forms to be used to update employment, school, address, vehicle changes, and re-register while maintaining social

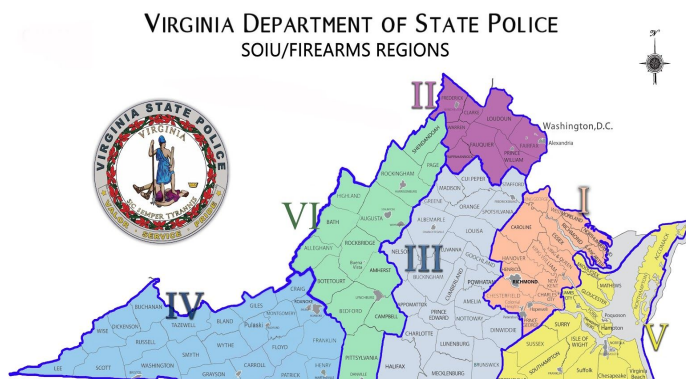
distancing. These forms can be completed by the offender and emailed to SOR without placing thumbprints on the form. Since the introduction of these forms, SOR has a steep increase in receipt of information.

Updated Regions

As of January 2021, the SOIU will now have 6 regions instead of the previous 4 regions. The map shows the changes made. Map of new regions on the following page.



SOIU Regional map effective January 1, 2021



VCIN

Annual User Validation

As we all anxiously await the start of the New Year, it's a good time to review your current operations and think ahead on ways to improve productivity. A new year has a way of getting you inspired to get organized and remove the clutter. So as you prepare to conduct the yearly reconciliation and updating of your agency's files, another area to keep in mind is your certified NCIC/VCIN users list. FBI CJIS policy requires all agencies to conduct a yearly validation of their users to ensure it includes current, certified users with the appropriate security level to perform their assigned job duties. This includes notifying the VCIN office when an employee leaves or transfers to another department.



If changes are needed to bring your agency's list up-to-date, please visit [CJIS Launch Pad](#) to obtain the VCIN User Form to submit your request. The form can be found under CJIS Documents from the Launch Pad.

The form, as well as any questions regarding the user validation, can be forwarded to the VCIN office at vcin.training@vsp.virginia.gov or by calling 804-674-4660.



UCR

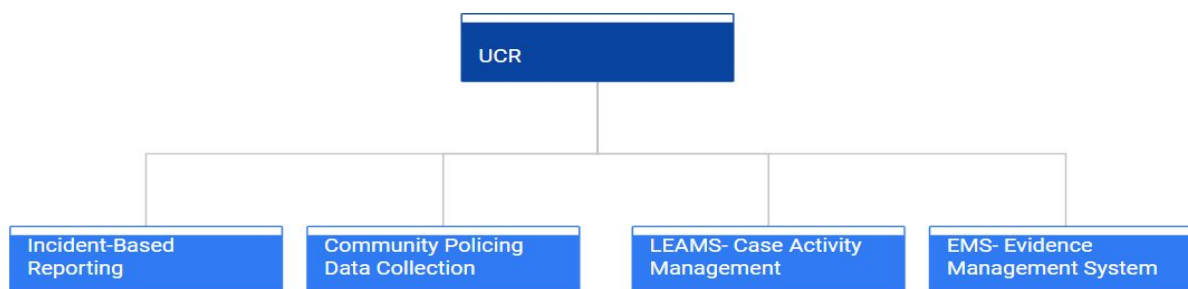
A New Data Collection



Like the other CJIS Sections, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) is no stranger to change during this year. Several legislative and organizational changes have transformed UCR into a data hub for the Virginia Department of State Police. As of July 2020 the Community Policing Act introduced the creation of a data collection; recording all motor vehicle stops and subsequent demographic information. The statute and required data points can be found at the following link: [Chapter 6.1. Virginia Community Policing Act](#). After the data is collected, it will be sent to the Department of Criminal Justice Services for further analysis, reporting, and publication.

Restructuring and Reorganization

In addition to new data collections, UCR has also gained new responsibilities as we support our sworn members. The record management (LEAMS) and evidence management systems (TraQ) for the Department will now be housed under the UCR Section.



The addition of these management systems is a natural fit as they specifically link to the current crime data collections maintained in UCR. So far this has proven to be beneficial for our sworn users, who now have a team of personnel to assist them. The team continues to advance the UCR Section's mission to provide the most accurate data in regards to crime in the Commonwealth.



UCR Continued

Preliminary Crime Data- January to September

Group A Crimes	Y2019	Y2020
Aggravated Assault	8,382	9,024
Animal Cruelty	1,049	884
Arson	512	445
Bribery	31	18
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	10,432	8,532
Counterfeiting/Forgery	4,646	3,374
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	35,684	36,131
Drug Offenses	57,118	45,222
Embezzlement	1,995	1,297
Extortion/Blackmail	386	690
Forcible Sex Offenses	4,631	3,525
Fraud Offenses	1,582	1,945
Gambling Offenses	34	8
Human Trafficking	36	47
Kidnapping/Abduction	1,334	1,223
Larceny Offenses	87,317	76,490
Motor Vehicle Theft	7,872	8,047
Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	335	388
Non forcible Sex Offenses	98	104
Pornography/Obscene Material	1,510	1,355
Prostitution Offenses	476	283
Robbery	2,545	2,143
Simple Assault and Intimidation	65,262	60,077
Stolen Property Offenses	1,084	1,001
Weapon Law Violations	9,170	10,103
TOTAL	303,521	272,356

Group B Arrests	Y2019	Y2020
Bad Checks	309	164
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations	444	399
Disorderly Conduct	2,230	1,533
Driving Under the Influence	15,935	12,647
Drunkenness	15,597	11,416
Family Offenses (Nonviolent)	1,072	784
Liquor Law Violations	3,601	1,298
Peeping Tom	18	31
Trespass of Real Property	5,447	4,223
All Other Offenses	68,181	48,000
TOTAL	112,834	80,495



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