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AFIS Cloud Project

The AFIS Cloud Project's goal, which kicked off in June 2022, is to integrate with multiple government and private entities to identify fingerprint files for criminal, applicant, and identification purposes throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia and FBI. This project involves upgrades to numerous software and hardware components, including the security infrastructure to comply with FBI and VSP requirements.

The project will achieve several key objectives, including risk reduction of server failures and providing continuous application updates; thereby improving functionality, such as, fingerprint matching capabilities. In addition, this project will address VSP's disaster recovery requirements.

To date, much work has been accomplished, to include data migration and conversion and completion of business and interface requirements, with implementation to the Test and Production environment(s). The project is on schedule for completion, with an expected go-live date of May 2023.

VCIN

Purpose Codes

A criminal history inquiry utilizing Purpose Code "F" must be used to ensure lawful eligibility when conducting background investigations on applicants whose official job duties require them to possess a firearm. Subsequent Purpose Code "F" queries on the individual are encouraged at the conclusion of any pre-employment background check, as well as prior to the issuance of a firearm, if these occur at different points in time.

Additional information in reference to the proper use of Purpose Codes may be found in the Criminal History Section of the VCIN Operating Manual and the Interstate Identification Index/National Fingerprint File Operation and Technical Manual (III/NFF). These manuals are available in the CJIS Manuals tab of the [CJIS Launch Pad](#).

CJIS Security Policy Update

A new CJIS Security Policy, Version 5.9.2, was released on December 7, 2022. This version includes modernized Identification and Authentication, System and Information Integrity, and Awareness and Training information assurance requirements, for the protection of criminal justice information. Specifically, please reference the changes to Section 5.2 Awareness and Training chapter.

These changes will revise the CJIS Security training and adjust the training levels from what they are today. It also changes the requirement for CJIS Security training from every two years to annually.

Over the coming months we will be working to update the training courses and also adjust CJIS Online and nexTEST, to begin accommodating the new requirements. Additional information will be forthcoming as these new requirements become sanctionable in October of 2023.

nexTEST Reminders

Users must know their 9-character user ID and password to log into nexTEST to access the VCIN training and testing. Please be advised that the VCIN test is timed, and once you start, you have one hour to complete. During this time, you cannot pause the test, leave any unanswered questions, or exit the test. If so, you will be graded based on what you have answered. We cannot delete this test from the system. It will count as one failure out of the two times you are given to test. Please have your VCIN/NCIC manuals downloaded to refer to during the testing. Click HERE to access nexTEST.

If you have any additional questions regarding this matter, please contact FSgt. James R. Goodrich at 804-674-2630.

SOR

Virginia Sex Offender Management System (VSOMS)

On July 1, 1994, the Virginia Sex Offender Registry (SOR) was created. It consisted of 11 offenses requiring registration. The original registry was name-based and did not include out of state offenses.

During the past 28 years since it's creation, the Virginia Sex Offender Registry be came the Virginia Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry, and includes over 35 registerable offenses, as well as out of state convictions. Virginia currently has 25,597 registered offenders, all of which are placed on the Virginia State Police SOR Public Website.

In February 2023, the Virginia SOR Section will have yet another advancement. The Virginia Sex Offender Management System (VSOMS) will launch, creating a more streamlined registration and data-entry process. VSOMS will also provide a more updated and user-friendly public website.
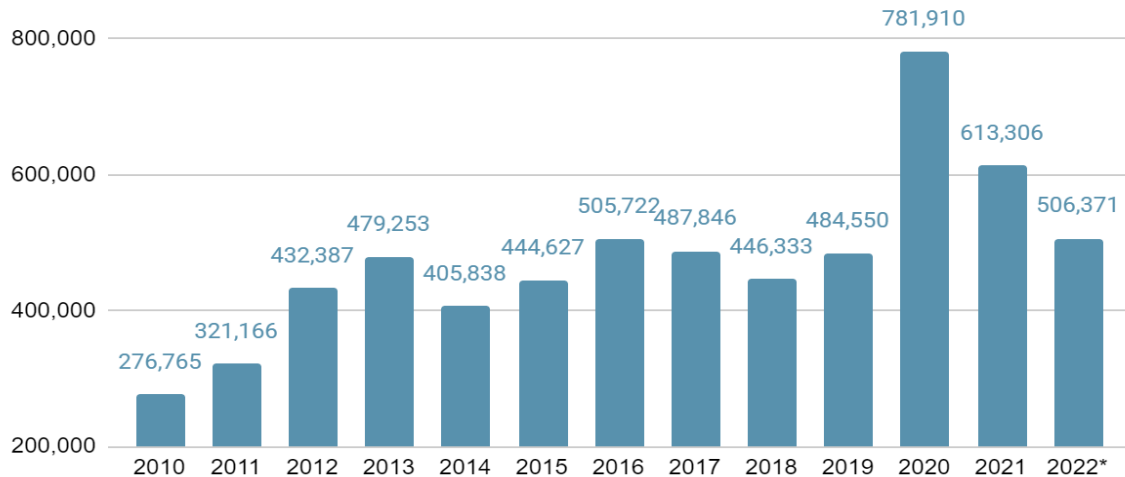
FTC

BiPartisan Safer Communities Act

Due to the recent passing of the [Safer Communities Act](), there will be changes in the review of transactions for firearms purchases. As of January 1, 2023 purchasers under age 21 will be automatically delayed to verify that they have no unreported crimes that would prohibit them from purchasing or possessing. In addition to the delay for purchases under 21, additional policies regarding Domestic Violence will be imposed. The definition of 'dating relationship' has been amended to include those "who have or have recently had a continuing serious relationship of a romantic or intimate nature."   For additional information, please contact the Firearms Transaction Center at 804-674-2292.
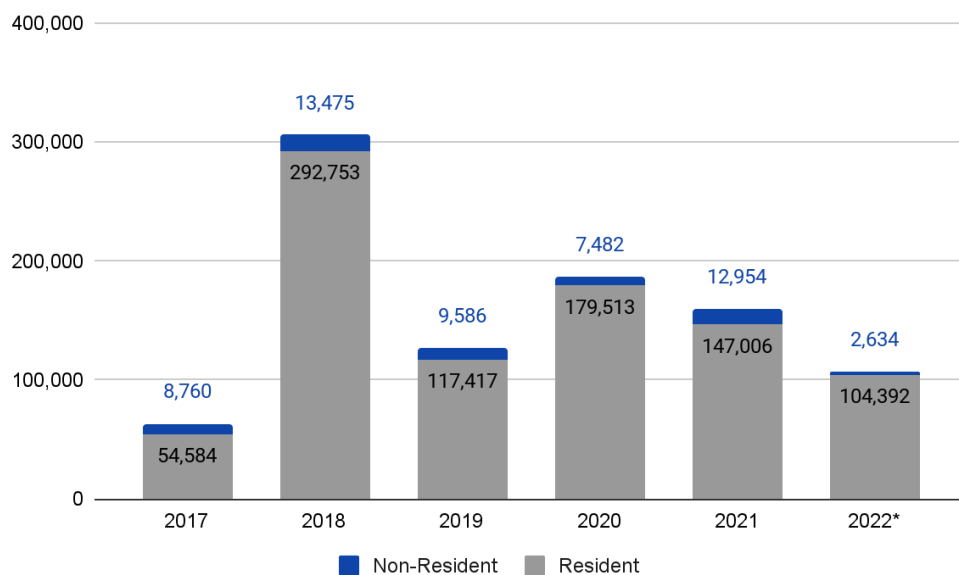
Firearms Transaction Volume

The Firearms Transaction Center has seen a decline in transactions in comparison with previous years; however, the number of transactions still remains higher than average. The year 2020 still holds the record as the highest year for total firearm transactions.

2022 is as of December 15, 2022

Concealed Handgun Permits

CHPs have steadily declined over recent years.

2022 is as of December 15, 2022

DART

Preliminary Crime Data - January to September (data as of Dec 14, 2022)

Group A Crimes	CY2021	CY2022
Aggravated Assault	9,919	10,460
Animal Cruelty	921	1,043
Arson	479	491
Bribery	24	18
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	7,647	8,019
Counterfeiting/Forgery	2,595	3,314
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	35,277	37,238
Drug Offenses	28,486	24,092
Embezzlement	1,220	1,331
Extortion/Blackmail	610	973
Forcible Sex Offenses	4,580	4,343
Fraud Offenses	2,217	2,742
Gambling Offenses	10	30
Human Trafficking	50	57
Kidnapping/Abduction	1,258	1,264
Larceny Offenses	75,577	91,867
Motor Vehicle Theft	8,376	10,272
Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	418	496
Non forcible Sex Offenses	129	107
Pornography/Obscene Material	1,844	1,466
Prostitution Offenses	276	249
Robbery	2,062	2,409
Simple Assault and Intimidation	59,938	64,500
Stolen Property Offenses	973	1,091
Weapon Law Violations	10,745	11,189
TOTAL	**255,679**	**279,186**

Group B Arrests	CY2021	CY2022
Bad Checks*	92	63
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations	201	167
Disorderly Conduct	1,705	3,999
Driving Under the Influence	12,852	12,822
Drunkenness*	9,697	7,987
Family Offenses (Nonviolent)	867	750
Liquor Law Violations	937	1,353
Peeping Tom*	20	10
Trespass of Real Property	3,777	4,538
All Other Offenses	50,364	50,582
TOTAL	**80,512**	**82,271**

As of January 1, 2021 the FBI UCR Program no longer collects these offenses. VSP DART began phasing out the collection of these offense codes starting January 1, 2022.
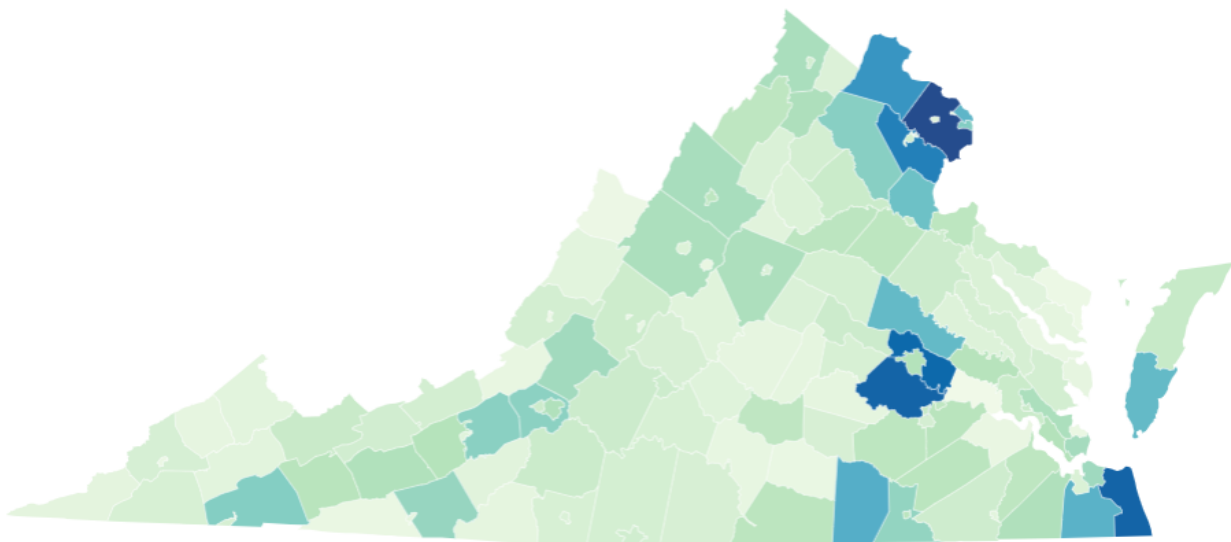
Community Policing Act Data Collection

As of the date of this report, nearly 2 million stops have been collected. The analysis of the data collected will be conducted and reported by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services. Previous reports and the full dataset are available at the following link:

Click HERE for the DCJS Traffic Stop Analysis Report FY 2021
Click HERE for the DCJS Traffic Stop Analysis Report FY 2022

Click HERE for the Virginia Open Data Portal for Community Policing Act Data Collection

Shows number of stops since inception of Community Policing Data Act began

CCRE

Orphan Disposition File

The Virginia State Police Central Criminal Records Exchange (CCRE) launched the Orphan Disposition File (ODF) in December 2021. The ODF is a Hotfile that contains disposition information that has been received by the CCRE, but has not been applied to the criminal history record because the dispositions contain errors or do not have corresponding arrest booking information.

When a criminal justice agency runs a query history (QH) through VCIN, the dispositions in the ODF are also searched for matching criteria. If a match is found, the disposition is displayed, along with any existing criminal history record that is returned. Disposition information in the ODF that is a disqualifier for the purchase of a firearm is electronically sent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). Below is a table with further descriptions of the fields included in ODF information.

Orphan Disposition File Field Descriptions

Field	Description
VIC	VCIN Number Assigned to Wanted Persons
IDX	Used only for Wanted Persons in VCIN
CCN	Court Case Number
DCN	Document Control Number
SOC	Social Security Number
OTN	Offense Tracking Number
CNAM	Court Name
AORI	Agency ORI
DISP	Dispostion
JUV	Juvenile (Y or N)
SEV	Severity
OFF	Offense
OCS	Offense Code Section
COC	Court Option Code
VCC	Virginia Crime Code
TDAT	Transmit Date
DOO	Date of Offense
DOA	Date of Arrest
DOD	Date of Disposition
SEAL	Sealed Indicator (Y or N)

The Virginia State Police CCH Hold File Special Processing & Analytical Support Section (SPASS) has created an email for questions or responses for the Unapplied Criminal History Reports or Delayed Booking questions. Any questions regarding these reports may be sent to: UCHQuestions@vsp.virginia.gov.

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