VIRGINIA STATE POLICE

CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SERVICES (CJIS) DIVISION NEWSLETTER

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REORGANIZATION

CJIS continues to reorganize to effectively meet the needs of the Commonwealth and it's citizens. Click on the links below for more information about each CJIS section. Contact information for each section is on the last page of the CJIS Newsletter.

Virginia Criminal Information Network (VCIN)
- Missing Children Clearinghouse
- Missing Persons

Data Analysis & Reporting Team (DART)

Project Management Office (PMO)

Firearms and Sex Offender Investigative Unit (FSOIU)

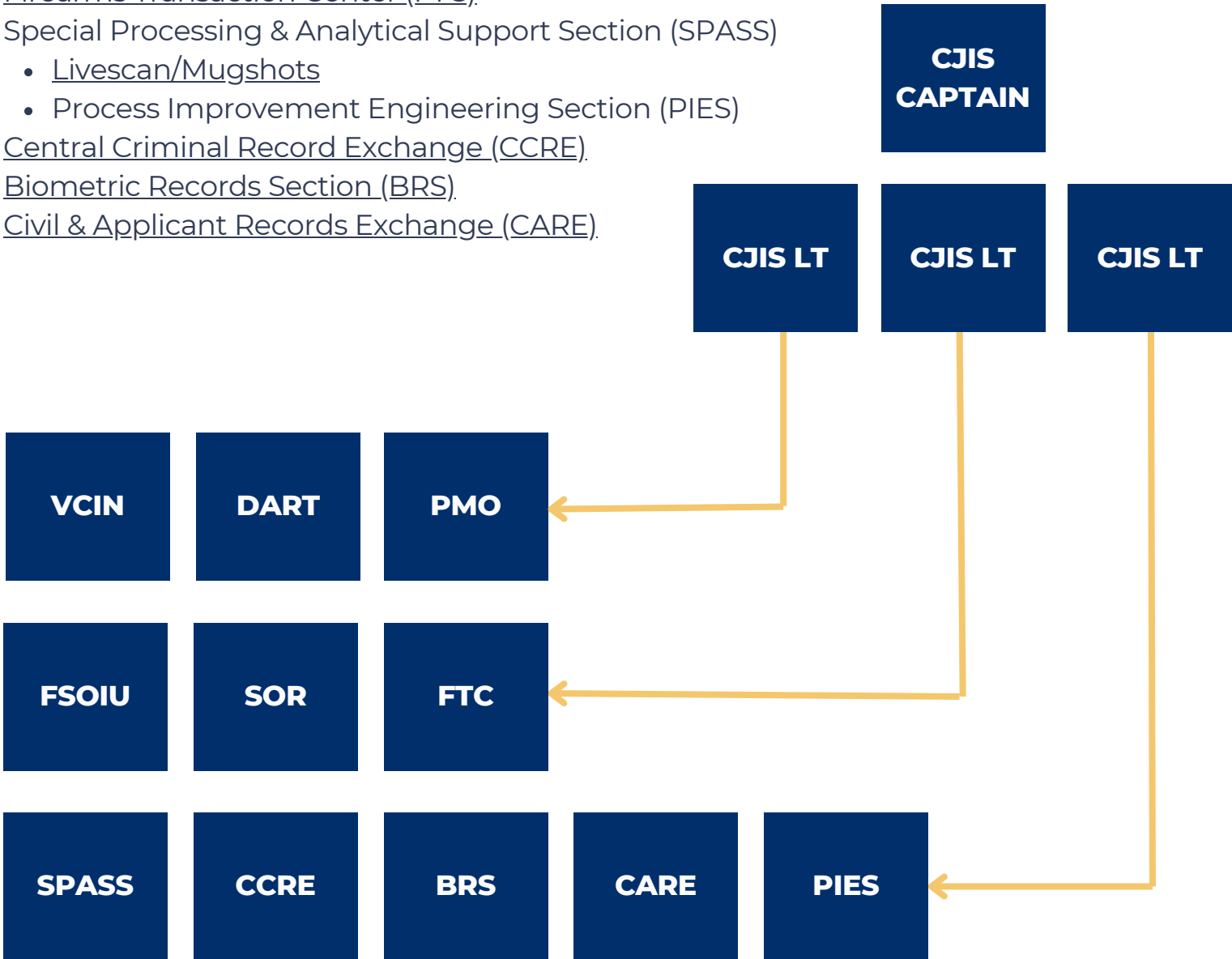Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry (SOR)

Firearms Transaction Center (FTC)

Special Processing & Analytical Support Section (SPASS)
- Livescan/Mugshots
- Process Improvement Engineering Section (PIES)

Central Criminal Record Exchange (CCRE)

Biometric Records Section (BRS)

Civil & Applicant Records Exchange (CARE)

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  VCIN    DART    PMO


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VCIN

CJIS SECURITY POLICY

Under the new CJIS Security Policy version 5.9.3, effective September 14, 2023, Security Awareness Training was renamed *Security & Privacy – General* and requires users to certify annually. VCIN training will remain every two (2) years. Users will be notified when any of their certifications are set to expire. VCIN TACs can run a test activity report to keep track of their user's training if needed. Workflow charts have been created to assist agencies with their VCIN users progress and can be found on the CJIS Launch Pad site under "CJIS Documents."

JAVA CERTIFICATES UPDATE IN OPENFOX MESSENGER

On January 16, 2024, VSP will upgrade the Java Certificates that are used by the OpenFox Messenger application. The update is scheduled to be completed by noon. After 12 p.m., please ensure that each Messenger station is logged off and the application is closed completely. Relaunching the Messenger application will update and download the new Java certificates.

It is strongly recommended that desktop shortcuts are not used. A desktop shortcut creates a static instance of the Messenger application, and it will not receive updates. Instead, it is recommended that you type the URL directly into the web browser or make the Messenger Launch page your default web page.

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you encounter any issues after utilizing the troubleshooting guide below, please contact the VCIN analyst office at vcin.analyst@vsp.virginia.gov.

DART

COMMUNITY POLICING ACT

The DART Section continues to work on utilizing the functionality of the existing crime and use of force data repository to provide the same user friendly services for Community Policing Act (CPA) stop data. Implementation is tentatively schedule for Spring 2024.
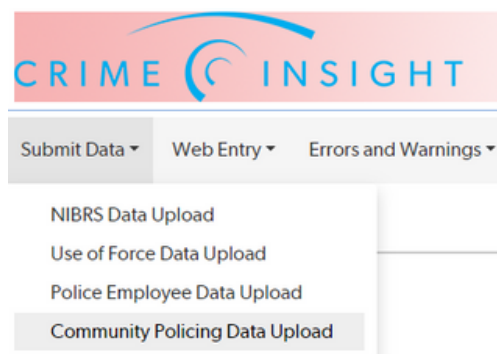
PRELIMINARY CRIME DATA - JANUARY 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 2023

Please note this data may change as investigations are ongoing. The finalized 2023 crime data will be released in the annual publication, *Crime In Virginia,* later in the Spring/Summer. Data below as of January 5, 2024.

Group A Crimes	CY2022	CY2023
Aggravated Assault	10,772	10,689
Animal Cruelty	948	903
Arson	513	468
Bribery	20	25
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	8,160	7,769
Counterfeiting/Forgery	3,529	3,825
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	37,842	37,920
Drug Offenses	24,742	26,897
Embezzlement	1,491	1,375
Extortion/Blackmail	1,009	1,297
Forcible Sex Offenses	4,816	4,245
Fraud Offenses	2,766	2,941
Gambling Offenses	31	21
Human Trafficking	66	49
Kidnapping/Abduction	1,456	1,548
Larceny Offenses	93,967	89,464
Motor Vehicle Theft	10,532	11,378
Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	478	433
Non forcible Sex Offenses	121	110
Pornography/Obscene Material	1,844	2,207
Prostitution Offenses	257	255
Robbery	2,457	2,428
Simple Assault and Intimidation	65,691	68,597
Stolen Property Offenses	1,134	1,539
Weapon Law Violations	11,540	11,634
TOTAL	286,182	288,017

Group B Arrests	CY2022	CY2023
Bad Checks*	68	32
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations	172	172
Disorderly Conduct	4,052	5,475
Driving Under the Influence	13,059	13,649
Driving Under the Influence - Marijuana	25	58
Drunkenness*	8,018	5,876
Family Offenses (Nonviolent)	769	928
Liquor Law Violations	1,366	1,527
Peeping Tom*	12	10
Trespass of Real Property	4,634	5,409
All Other Offenses	51,865	51,260
TOTAL	80,040	84,396

BIPARTISAN SAFER COMMUNITIES ACT

The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022 (BSCA) now mandates that individuals below 21 years of age who wish to purchase guns undergo enhanced background checks. The checks include contacting local law enforcement and cross-checking state databases for juvenile and mental health records within three business days. This is to determine if there are any potentially disqualifying records.

According to VA Code §19.2-389.1(i), record information maintained in the Central Criminal Records Exchange (CCRE) can only be shared to verify eligibility to possess or purchase a firearm. To comply with this, the CCRE performs a thorough search of the Mental Health System (MHS) and queries the Computerized Criminal History (CCH) systems using the potential purchasers' Personal Identifying Information (PII).

Bipartisan Safer Communities Act Includes New Mental Health Funding

The CCRE has fulfilled 281 FBI requests, 498 requests from New Jersey, and 7 from Pennsylvania. Meanwhile, the Virginia State Police Firearms Transaction Center (FTC) conducted 7,862 enhanced background checks on individuals attempting to buy firearms in Virginia.

VCHECK ENHANCEMENTS - TEXT MESSAGING

In an effort to improve and expedite the purchase of firearms, VCheck began offering a text messaging service to notify buyers who have been delayed (or are in research status) when their purchases are approved.

This optional service is being provided at no additional cost. This service requires the buyer to agree to the service and requires the buyer's cell phone number and carrier information be entered.

This functionality provides a convenience for the buyer and reduces incoming calls to the FTC.
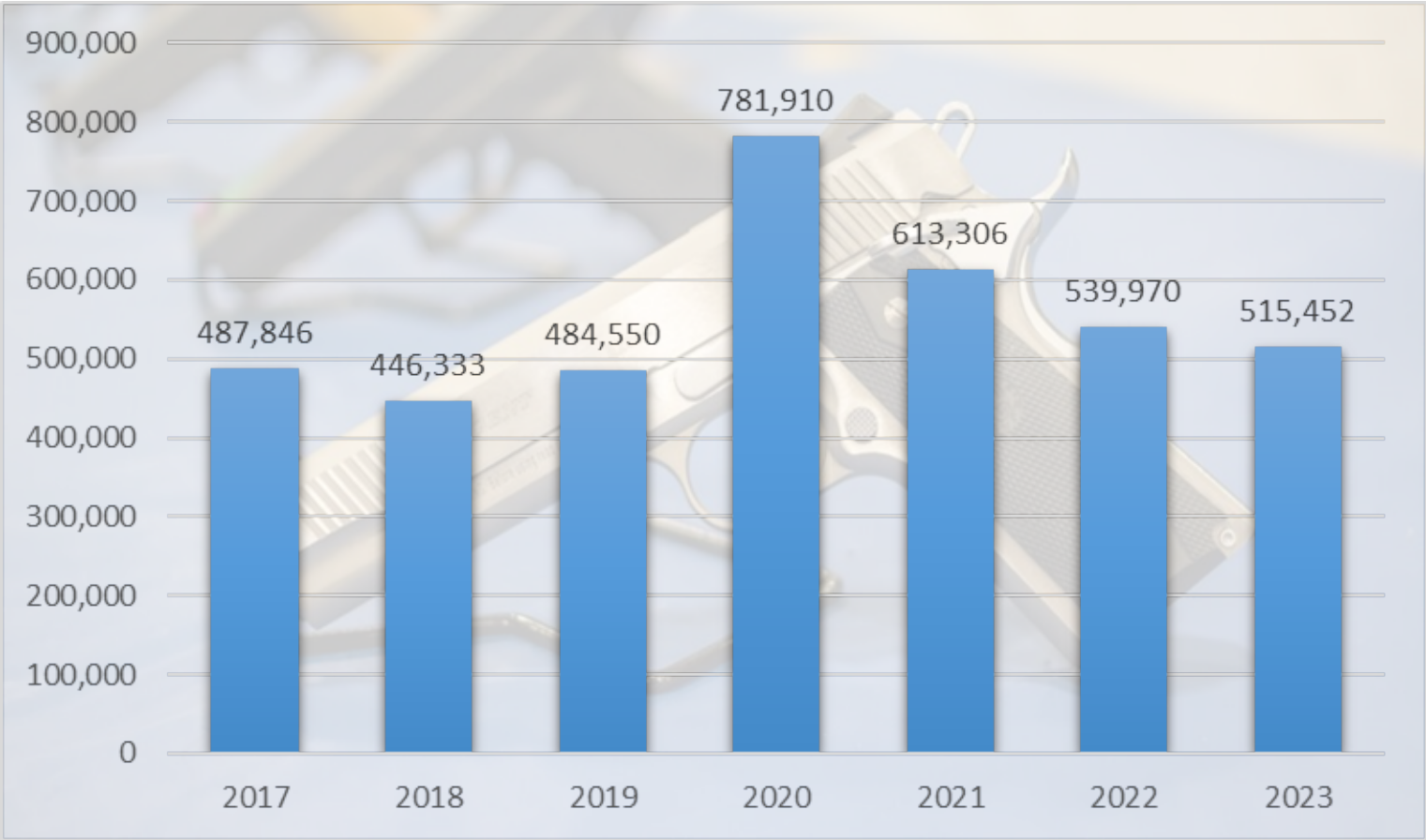
BENEFITS OF VCHECK ENHANCEMENTS

Functionality has been implemented all year to increase the effectiveness of VCheck and embrace LEAN Management principles. This functionality was implemented through several waves of roll outs, across the span of several months. Currently, VCheck uses a variety of full and partial automation to reduce the number of employee hours it takes to complete daily tasks. From auto denying transactions, to sending electronic correspondence to Sellers as a primary form of communication, the FTC has saved over 955 hours in employee work hours and reduced the amount of office supplies needed.
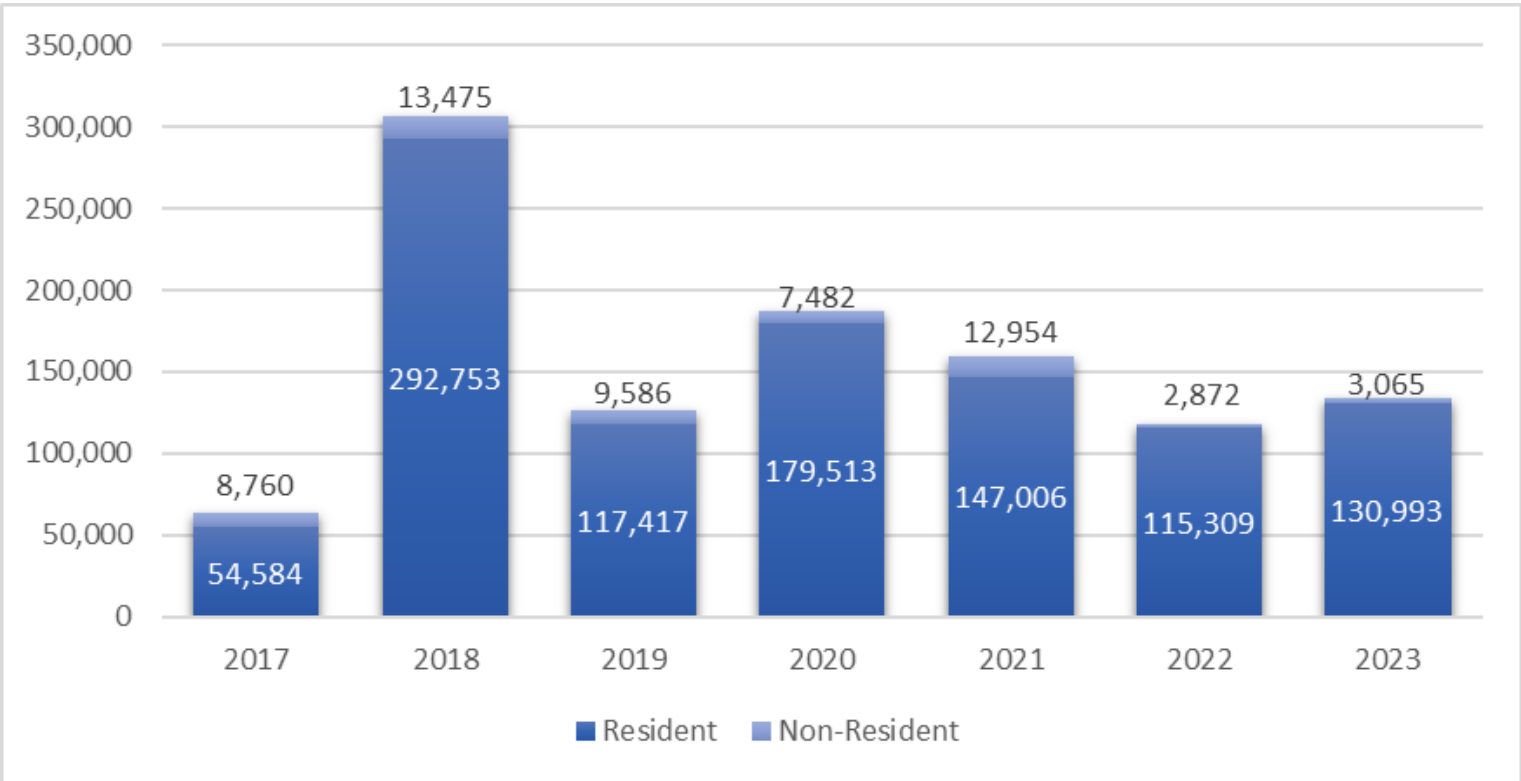
Type of Enhancement**	Number of Occurrences	Avg Minutes per Transaction (Before)	Avg Minutes per Transaction (After)	Savings (in Hours)
NICS Indices Enhancements	1,804	7 min	1 min	180.4
Seller Letter	525	10 min	1 min	78.75
Teletype Updates	553	12.5 min	1.5 min	101.38
Under 21	7,694	5 min	1 min	512.93
Auto Deny	2,470	2 min	0 min	82.33

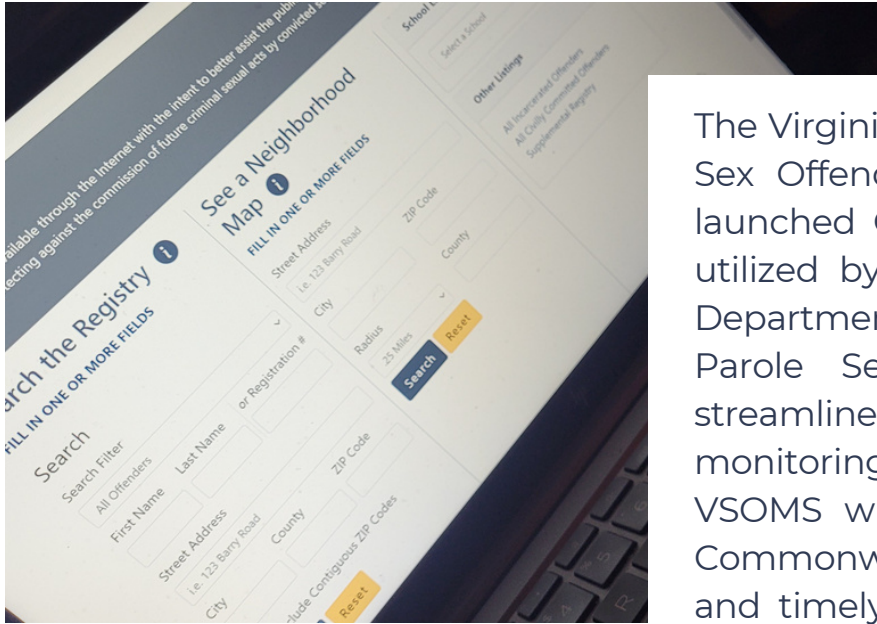**Data based on implementation of VCheck functionality to production system.*

FTC

NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS

Year	Transactions
2017	487,846
2018	446,333
2019	484,550
2020	781,910
2021	613,306
2022	539,970
2023	515,452

ISSUED CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMITS

Year	Resident	Non-Resident
2017	54,584	8,760
2018	292,753	13,475
2019	117,417	9,586
2020	179,513	7,482
2021	147,006	12,954
2022	115,309	2,872
2023	130,993	3,065

Legend: ■ Resident ■ Non-Resident

SOR

VIRGINIA SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (VSOMS)

The Virginia State Police newly created Virginia Sex Offender Management System (VSOMS) launched October 30, 2023. This new system, utilized by the Virginia State Police and the Department of Corrections Probation and Parole Services, allows for a web-based, streamlined process of registering and monitoring offenders assigned to the registry. VSOMS will better serve the citizens of the Commonwealth by providing more accurate and timely information available through the Virginia Sex Offender Registry website.

BRS

FACTS AND FIGURES

As we start a new year, the Biometric Records Section (BRS) is preparing to upgrade its Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) to the **Multimodal Biometric Identification System (MBIS).**

Before we embark on this new journey, let's take a moment to reflect on the past year. In 2023, BRS received a total of 567,724 fingerprint transactions. This is a 9.6% increase from 2022.

SPASS
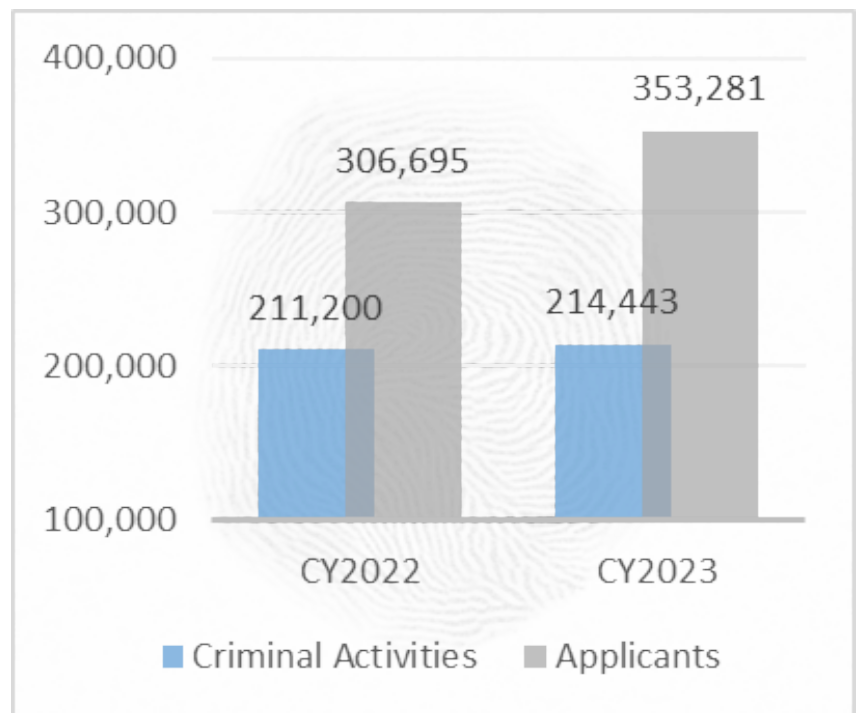
LIVESCAN INVENTORY PROJECT

The LiveScan Inventory is a project to confirm all hardware, networking information, points of contact, and active LiveScan terminals are in use. It has been over five years since the LiveScan team last did an inventory for all the Livescan equipment in the field.

To initiate the project, two surveys were sent to all agencies to collect current information about the setup at each location and point of contact information, respectively. This will provide the LiveScan team with the information required to provide a high level of service and optimize resource use.

CLICK IMAGE BELOW FOR
INVENTORY SURVEY

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POINT OF CONTACT SURVEY

Please respond to the survey as soon as possible and contact the VSP Livescan Team at livescan@vsp.virginia.gov or 804-674-6702 with any questions.

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