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Law Enforcement Information Division

The Law Enforcement Information Division consists of two Sections – the Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS) and Identification Services (ISS). The division provides a sole source, broad based and extensive range of specialized data, and identification services in support of Oregon law enforcement.

LEDS

The Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS) is the single most critical element for law enforcement and criminal justice information sharing in the state of Oregon, serving approximately 700 agencies.

LEDS is responsible for the planning, design, procurement/acquisition, installation, operation and maintenance of the state's central computerized repository of criminal justice information; dissemination of criminal justice information; the operation of a 24x7 coordination center; and the collection and processing of statewide crime statistics. Units in this section include:

The LEDS Unit serves as the focal point for the Department's role as "CJIS Systems Agency" (CSA) for the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC), providing access for all law enforcement and criminal justice agencies in Oregon in addition to on-line information available through the NCIC and The International Justice and Public Safety Information Sharing Network.

The central LEDS on-line files contain a large variety of investigatory information, entered and accessible by user agencies in support of officer safety, criminal investigations, regulatory background investigations, apprehension and prosecution of suspects, the adjudication and supervision of criminal offenders, and for the overall public safety of Oregon's citizens.

The Access Services Unit provides 24x7 coordination center services to customers served by CJIS and the Oregon Emergency Response System (OERS) through a partnership between Oregon Emergency Management (OEM) and CJIS. When serving OERS customers, the Coordination Center serves as the primary point of contact by which any citizen, or public agency, provides the state notification of an emergency or disaster or requests access to state or federal resources. In supporting over 16,000 certified LEDS users, the Coordination Center serves as a "help desk," providing investigative assistance to law enforcement agencies, expert guidance to customers in the use of LEDS, and first response in restoring connectivity for LEDS users as needed.

The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Unit collects information from 178 law enforcement agencies throughout the state. This information is consolidated and published in quarterly and annual reports for distribution to contributors, other criminal justice agencies and the public. Information compiled and published by the UCR Section is used as indicators and measures in several of the public safety benchmarks.

Identification Services Section

Oregon criminal justice agencies depend on the resources and services provided by the Identification Services Section (ISS) to identify criminals and track criminal activity using fingerprint records. ISS also collects and maintains Oregon law enforcement records of criminal arrests in order to assist in the apprehension, investigation and detention of those breaking the law. A quality fingerprint database and complete criminal history file remains one of the most effective crime fighting tools available. Crime scene fingerprint evidence that is collected can be searched without the necessity of having a known suspect.

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The Records Unit is the backbone for all record keeping. Within this unit lies the responsibility to collect and maintain arrest and court activity records as reported by local and state law enforcement, criminal justice agencies and the courts. These records are made available for use to the criminal justice community through the Computerized Criminal History (CCH) file.

The Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) Unit maintains Oregon's fingerprint database and computer matching system (AFIS). This highly technical system allows for rapid search of millions of fingerprints at one time.

The Regulatory and Clearinghouse Unit provides fingerprint identification background checks for regulatory agencies and private companies to ensure record information is reported for applicants working with the state's most vulnerable citizens.

The Firearms Instant Check System (FICS) Unit conducts pre-sale screening of firearm sales through phone calls made by federally licensed firearm dealers and private party sales at gun shows within the state.