

TAP News & Notes

June, 2018



From the TAP Team

Welcome to the June issue of *TAP News & Notes*. This month's issue includes news of recent deployments, as well as three new sections. The first, *Tools and Training*, provides information on conferences and links to relevant webinars. The *Grants and Funding* section includes links to upcoming opportunities and associated deadlines. *Newsworthy* rounds out the issue with two unusual articles that will give you "food for thought".

We'd love to share your success stories using TAP; please send the relevant information and we will publish in the next newsletter. Always check with your organization before sharing any potentially sensitive information, including photos.

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Deployments

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho Completes TAP LIGHT Deployment

On June 5 and 6, Kootenai Chief of Police Minor and his force received training from TAP's Jose Primera and Michael LeMieux on how to access and enter information using TAP Light.

Nez Perce Tribe Completes TAP LIGHT Deployment

On June 7, 22 representatives from Nez Perce courts, probation and prosecutor's office attended the TAP deployment. Twelve of those individuals received training on Open Fox Messenger (OFM). One misdemeanor arrest warrant was successfully entered into the National Crime Information Center system.



Michael LeMieux (DOJ TAP), Nez Perce Tribal Chief of Police Harold Scott, Jose Primera (DOJ Deputy CJIS Systems Officer) and Nez Perce Police Captain Martin Antone

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Completes TAP FULL Deployment

The rollout began on June 19, when TAP personnel arrived onsite to complete system setup. June 20 began with a presentation to over 50 people representing Choctaw tribal leadership, law enforcement and civilian services. The mid-day session gave additional detail on how TAP could be used by the Tribe, including access to other law enforcement systems. The officers assigned to conduct fingerprint-based checks for civilian agencies were trained in afternoon sessions. Introductory OFM training was provided to the on-duty dispatchers. Additional OFM training was presented to a core group of dispatch personnel and court personnel, who will be responsible for entering and querying OFM.



COPS Corner

COPS Releases New Publication on Cross-Deputization in Indian Country

Jurisdiction in Indian country is complicated by laws, policies, and court decisions, making it difficult for law enforcement to address many criminal offenses. Recent changes in tribal, federal, and state law have enabled tribal law enforcement to enforce a broader array of state and federal crimes by cross-commissioning and cross-deputizing their officers. This report, based on the work of the National Sheriffs' Association (and their cross-deputization advisory panel) examines the jurisdictional and legal limits of cross-deputization and how it has been implemented by law enforcement agencies in Indian country. It also describes some of the most promising practices and provides sample documents and agreements. Link: <https://ric-zai-inc.com/ric.php?page=detail&id=COPS-P363>

SMART Sense

Sex Offenders and Reentry into Tribal Communities Webinar

Focus of training: Title I of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA), created the first opportunity for federally recognized Indian tribes to be included in a nationwide sex offender registration and notification system. Hosted by the American Probation and Parole Association, SMART Senior Policy Advisor Marnie Dollinger and Michelle Rivard Parks, Associate Director, Tribal Judicial Institute, University of North Dakota School of Law present on the following:

- A brief introduction to SORNA;
- Implications of including Tribes under the Act;
- Impact of SORNA on tribal reentry efforts;
- Fundamentals of reentry programming;
- Factors to consider when a convicted sex offender is released from incarceration and returns to a tribal community;
- How SORNA has affected the need for multi-jurisdictional collaboration and coordination of reentry initiatives, especially when individuals are being released from non-tribal facilities and returning to tribal communities; and
- A view from the field on the success and challenges of implementing SORNA.

Tools and Training

2018 NICS User Conference

The FBI Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division's National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Section will be hosting its User Conference at the Westin Convention Center Pittsburgh, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on August 28-29, 2018. Although we are unable to fund your travel expenses, as a user of the NICS we encourage you and your staff to attend.

The 2018 NICS User Conference will be the first opportunity in over three years for NICS users to meet face-to-face with staff from not only the NICS Section, but also from the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and the Interstate Identification Index (III) programs, as well as with federal agency representatives and special interest groups. Many topics of interest, including those pertaining to the requirements and processes of firearm-related and permit-related background checks, and the importance of sharing information to the III, the NCIC, and the NICS Indices, will be presented and discussed.

To ensure efficient registration, please complete the attached "Non-Reimbursed Attendee" registration form. By doing so, you are electing to attend at your agency's expense. **This form must be completed and returned by July 10, 2018**, to the NICS Business Relations Team at NICSLiaison@fbi.gov. Instructions on how to make reservations are provided on the attached information sheet.

As the conference approaches, additional information will be forwarded to you. If you have questions pertaining to the conference, conference registration, or travel arrangements, you may contact Tracy A. Hicks, Liaison Specialist, at 304-625-7541, or via e-mail at tahicks@fbi.gov, or Diana Davisson, Liaison Specialist, at 304-625-7451, or via e-mail at ddavisson@fbi.gov, or the NICS Business Relations Team at NICSLiaison@fbi.gov.

We hope to see you at this year's gathering,
The NICS Business Relations Team

TAP Webinar Schedule

Need to learn the basics or just a reminder of how TAP works? We are working to improve the delivery and accessibility to training by hosting regular webinars. Audit webinars will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. NICS Webinars are scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Open Fox Messenger (OFM) topics will be covered on 1st and 3rd Thursdays. For additional information, please contact Jenna at jedee@jmd.usdoj.gov or Bernie at bteyssier@jmd.usdoj.gov.

Justice Connect

The FBI CJIS Division's Online Services and Operations Unit is excited to announce the launch of JusticeConnect, an innovative new online collaboration service accessible via the Law Enforcement Enterprise Portal (LEEP). This service allows U.S. partners to securely share information and knowledge beyond organizational and jurisdictional boundaries. It provides a real time environment in which users can:

- Communicate with experts
- Create and join Communities of Interest
- Create blogs to present ideas and receive feedback
- Share files with colleagues
- Exchange ideas through online forums

Look for the JusticeConnect icon in the services portlet on the LEEP home page. Please contact the LEEP Help Desk at 888-334-4536 for more information.

National Missing & Unidentified Persons System -Improved and Available to Registered Law Enforcement Agencies

Did you know the Office of Justice Program's National Institute of Justice, the Department of Justice's research, development and evaluation agency, has an online, centralized set of databases to help identify missing and unidentified persons? The [National Missing and Unidentified Persons System](#) – or “NamUs” – makes connections between records of unidentified human remains and missing persons reports.

Free and available to the public, NamUs helps investigators resolve cases that have remained unsolved for decades. A recent upgrade to NamUs includes enhancements that allow investigators to collect, search and analyze entries from tribal law enforcement agencies registered for and using the system.

NamUs has increased training and outreach to tribal law enforcement and offers support through Victim Services Unit to families who seeking a loved one. Read more about NamUs online at: <https://ojp.gov/ojpblog/blog-namus2018.htm> Register to use and explore NamUs at: <https://namus.gov/>.

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

Resources and Guidance

NCMEC is providing the following webinars on resources offered to help locate and recover children missing from care. This webinar will discuss recent federal legislation, namely the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act, P.L. 113-183 (H.R. 4980), and its mandate for social service agencies to immediately report children missing from foster care to law enforcement and NCMEC. To register please go to: <http://cmfc.missingkids.org/webinars>.

- Session 26 - August 16, 2018
- Session 27 - October 18, 2018
- Session 28 - December 20, 2018

Time: 2pm – 3 pm EST.

Grants and Funding

OVC FY 2018 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Program

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) is seeking applications for funding under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Program. This program furthers the Department's mission by improving public safety, supporting Indian tribes, and enhancing services for victims of crime.

Applications are due August 6, 2018. For more information, visit:

<https://www.ovc.gov/grants/pdfxt/FY18-Tribal-Victim-Services-Set-Aside-Program-508.pdf>

Violence Reduction Response Center

The Bureau of Justice Assistance launched the Violence Reduction Response Center (VRRRC), giving you direct access to expert staff who can connect you to the most relevant training and technical assistance from the Department of Justice. VRRRC helps state, local, and tribal law enforcement, U.S. attorneys, and criminal justice practitioners respond to agency- and situation-specific crime reduction needs. The VRRRC team stands ready to connect you with timely and comprehensive resources that support local violence reduction efforts. VRRRC can be reached by email (ViolenceReduction@usdoj.gov) or calling toll-free (1-833- 872-5174) between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET.

Project Safe Neighborhoods

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is designed to create and foster safer neighborhoods through a sustained reduction in violent crime, including, but not limited to, addressing criminal gangs and the felonious possession and use of firearms. The program's effectiveness depends upon the ongoing coordination, cooperation, and partnerships of local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies—and the communities they serve—engaged in a unified approach led by the U.S. Attorney (USA) in all 94 districts. Acting decisively in a coordinated manner at all levels—federal, state, local, and tribal—will help reverse a rise in violent crime and keep American citizens safe. PSN provides the critical funding, resources, and training for law enforcement, prosecutors, and their PSN teams to combat violent crime and make their communities safer through a comprehensive approach to public safety that marries targeted law enforcement efforts with community engagement, prevention, and reentry efforts. **Applications are due July 19, 2018.** For more information, visit <https://www.bja.gov/PSNFormula18>.

Student, Teachers and Officers Preventing (STOP)

The Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing School Violence Act of 2018 authorized BJA to manage a grant program that would support efforts by state and local units of government and federally recognized Indian tribes to prevent and reduce school violence. Specifically, the BJA program will address: (1) training school personnel and educating students to prevent student violence; (2) development and operation of anonymous reporting systems concerning threats of school violence, including mobile telephone applications, hotlines, and websites; and (3) development and operation of school threat assessment and crisis intervention teams that may include coordination with law enforcement agencies and school personnel. In addition, the program may fund specialized training for school officials in intervening and responding to individuals with mental health issues which may impact school safety. This solicitation specifically seeks applications that address training school personnel and educating students to prevent student violence and training school officials in responding to related mental health crises. **Applications are due July 23, 2018.** For more information, visit <https://www.bja.gov/SSVtraining18>.

Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative (Global)

DOJ's Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative is designed to engage the full range of criminal justice policymakers and practitioners in the development of innovative strategies to improve the justice information sharing (JIS) and technology capabilities of state, local and tribal agencies. In order to be effective, Global's approach requires training and technical assistance (TTA) to adequately engage stakeholders; facilitate working groups and task teams; develop products and publications; and offer implementation support to the field. The FY 2018 Global solicitation is designed to enhance Global's ability to achieve its goals through the provision of TTA support. Please be advised that this is not a site-based funding opportunity. **Applications are due July 25, 2018.** For more information, please visit <https://www.bja.gov/GlobalJIS18>.

As a reminder, the following previously announced solicitations are still open:

FY 2018 National Officer Safety Initiatives Program

Law enforcement officer safety is a Department of Justice priority. In support of the President's Feb. 9, 2017, officer safety-focused Executive Order, this BJA National Officer Safety Initiatives Program is soliciting innovative approaches to augment law enforcement safety in three key areas: law enforcement suicide, traffic safety, and a national public awareness and education campaign. **Applications are due July 2, 2018.** For more information, visit <https://www.bja.gov/NOSI18>.

Tribal Civil and Criminal Legal Assistance Grants, Training, and Technical Assistance (TCCLA)

The TCCLA Program provides civil and criminal legal assistance to low-income individuals, Indian tribes, and tribal justice systems, and provides quality training and technical assistance (TTA) to TCCLA grantees and Indian tribes to support the development and enhancement of tribal justice systems and access to those systems. TCCLA resources are important as tribes begin to implement new authorities such as enhanced sentencing authority (referred to as “felony sentencing authority”) (25 U.S.C. §1302, et seq.) or opt into exercising the “special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction” (referred to as “extended jurisdiction”) (25 U.S.C. §1304, et seq.) for the protection of due process rights, such as the right to counsel for indigent defendants.

Applications are due July 2, 2018. For more information, visit <https://www.bja.gov/TCCLA18>.

Newsworthy

Red Lake Students Produce a Stunning Video *Where We Belong*

A group of students from Red Lake Middle School, with help from their community, have produced a thought-provoking video about their school, lives and challenges. The five minute video is backed by an original song written by the students. The vision of Red Lake youth is especially powerful given our work at Red Lake and the significant violence that Red Lake youth have experienced. Watch the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fqHfji01RiU>.

Link to the article from the *Bemidji Pioneer*

<http://www.bemidjipioneer.com/news/education/4451263-views-red-lake-middle-schoolers-explore-where-theyre-video>.

Officer Sanctioned for Illegal Use of Information

New Jersey Trooper Eric Richardson pleaded guilty to illegally using an FBI database to obtain personal information about a motorist. A friend of Richardson's asked him to do a "driver inquiry" on a woman the friend employed to see if her driver history revealed any warrants or drug activity. Prosecutors will recommend that Richardson receive a probation term when he's sentenced in August.