

# TAP News & Notes

July, 2018



## From the TAP Team

Welcome to the July issue of *TAP News & Notes*. By the time you read this, we will be at the half-way point of the 2018 TAP deployments. We would like to take a minute and thank our existing tribal partners who provided feedback on the deployment process. With your help, we made substantial improvements in training and deployment. We also would like to thank our new tribal partners who have worked diligently to prepare for TAP and look forward to deploying the technology that will make their communities safer. At the same time, we're looking forward to providing TAP to more tribes in fiscal year 2019.

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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# TAP Deployments

## TAP FULL Deployed to Yavapai-Apache Nation

On June 27<sup>th</sup>, the TAP team provided CJI and TAP overviews to Yavapai Apache law enforcement officials and representatives from other agencies. This was followed by specialized training for human resources, child protective services and tribal housing personnel. The afternoon session was devoted to hands-on Open Fox Messenger training for the police officers. The next day, SORNA training was provided at the TAP kiosk for Yavapai Apache and Tohono O'odham personnel. One sex offender was registered using the fingerprint scanner and the OFM/NCIC entry was completed by Yavapai police.



Yavapai Police Department personnel and members of the TAP Team

## TAP Kiosk at Gila River Indian Community

On July 10-11 the TAP Team deployed a second TAP kiosk to Gila River for placement in their Corrections facility. Six Gila River police officers were trained on criminal bookings at the kiosk. One live scan criminal booking was performed. The officers were trained on using Leo.gov email to submit the EFT to JABS.

In addition, Open Fox Messenger was successfully installed on a tribally-owned PC with the assistance of the TAP Team.

## TAP Deployments for Next Year

The Department of Justice is pleased to announce expansion of the TAP Program for Fiscal Year 2019. DOJ will accept applications from August 1-October 1, 2018. Deployments to all new tribes will be completed by September 30, 2019. As in FY18, TAP will come in two flavors:

- TAP-LIGHT: DOJ provides software with full access (both query and entry capabilities) to national crime information databases such as National Criminal Information Center (NCIC), the Interstate Identification Index (III) and the International Justice and Public Safety Network (Nlets) for both criminal and civil purposes
  - TAP-FULL: DOJ provides the same basic capabilities as TAP-LIGHT plus additional hardware/software in the form of a kiosk-based workstation providing the ability to submit and query fingerprint-based transactions via FBI's Next Generation Identification (NGI) for both criminal and civil purposes
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# COPS Corner

## Meskwaki Nation and the CTAS Program



In 2017, the Meskwaki Nation Police Department was awarded a COPS Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) grant to hire a new officer and purchase a patrol vehicle. The Meskwaki Cultural Museum provided pictures to Meskwaki Nation Police to be incorporated in the vinyl graphics that were applied to the vehicle. With the assistance of a graphic designer, the department was able to design and incorporate the culturally-focused pictures of past native members into the vehicle graphics. With the final rendering of the graphics complete, the vehicle was fully wrapped in a vinyl finish. The graphics represent the proud individuals of the community, as well as the proud culture of the tribe.

As with the purchase of the new patrol vehicle, the CTAS Grant also allowed for a new officer to be hired and designated as the Narcotics Community Police Officer. The officer has been involved in different aspects of the Meskwaki Community, and the use of the new patrol vehicle has aided in the development of community relations. Community members are excited to see the patrol vehicle on the settlement and it has become a centerpiece of attention and pride. Many individuals enjoy coming up to the vehicle to look at all the intricate details of the design and the pictures on the hood of the vehicle.

The Meskwaki Nation Police Department is excited to see what the future holds for the advancement and devolvement of community-based policing. The pictures above show the patrol vehicle with the vinyl graphics that were applied. Pictures of natives throughout time were formatted into a collage and placed on the hood of the patrol vehicle to display individuals of tribal members. Also, the Meskwaki flag was placed on the roof to exhibit Meskwaki pride.

Originally reported by Officer Josh Gettle, Meskwaki Nation Narcotics Community Police Officer, in *Dispatch*, the newsletter of the Office of Community Oriented Policing.

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# SMART Sense

## NSOPW V. NSOR Fact Sheet

Confused about the difference between NSOPW and NSOR? The SMART Office recently published a fact sheet providing a comparison between the National Sex Offender Public Website (NSOPW) and the National Sex Offender Registry (NSOR). Although both NSOPW and NSOR are integral pieces of a jurisdiction's sex offender registration program and SORNA implementation, they operate separately and serve different purposes. Learn more about the differences between NSOPW and NSOR at

[https://smart.gov/pdfs/SMART\\_NSOPWvsNSOR\\_Jul2018.pdf](https://smart.gov/pdfs/SMART_NSOPWvsNSOR_Jul2018.pdf).

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# Tools and Training

## 2018 SORNA Regional Workshops to Support Tribal Jurisdictions

The SMART Office invites all SORNA tribes to attend one of the planned SORNA Regional Workshops.

The SORNA Regional Workshops will offer sessions on advanced topics supporting and enhancing SORNA substantial implementation and sustainability efforts. Attendees will learn how to develop, expand, and sustain their tribal sex offender registration and notification programs and how they can incorporate related sex offender accountability programs into their community safety net. Featured presentations will also assist in building new and enhancing existing multi-jurisdictional relationships. Register today with the SMART Office's technical assistance provider, the National Criminal Justice Training Center Fox Valley Technical College:

[https://ncjtc.fvtc.edu/training/details/TR00007411/TRI0007412/sorna-tribal-regional-training?utm\\_source=CC&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=2018-07-24-SMART%20Regional%20Workshops-%20%231](https://ncjtc.fvtc.edu/training/details/TR00007411/TRI0007412/sorna-tribal-regional-training?utm_source=CC&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2018-07-24-SMART%20Regional%20Workshops-%20%231)

- Great Falls, Montana / August 28-29, 2018
- Petoskey, Michigan / September 11-12, 2018
- Rapid City, South Dakota / September 18-19, 2018
- Tulalip, Washington / October 1-2, 2018
- Shawnee, Oklahoma / October 10-11, 2018
- Fort McDowell, Arizona / November 13-14, 2018

## WEBINAR: Emergency Alert System & Wireless Emergency Alerts for State & Local Government Officials

The webinar, on June 21, 2018 was hosted by Gregory M. Cooke of the Federal Communications Commission and provided detail on how EAS and WEA function. Other topics included how an organization becomes a Trusted Source, available training, enhancements to the alert system and the analysis of the false alert issued by Hawaiian officials.

The webinar is approximately 58 minutes long with an extended Q&A session with attendees. To see the webinar, follow this link:

<https://www.fcc.gov/consumer-and-governmental-affairs/office-intergovernmental-affairs>

## Recommendations for Officer Health and Organizational Wellness

Law Enforcement officers face many hazards in the line of duty. Though injuries from assaults and vehicular accidents are the most obvious, stress cardiovascular disease, depression and suicide are also serious job-related risks. What's more, these problems are even more common than assaults and vehicular accidents and can have fatal consequences as well. In October 2017, the Officer Safety and Wellness Group met to address these concerns, focusing on three main topics: (1) emotional health and organizational wellness, (2) officer suicide, and (3) felonious assaults on officers. In addition to discussing current priorities, participants recommended a wide variety of steps to improve officer safety and wellness. Among them were changes in organizational culture to lessen the stigma surrounding emotional distress, event response protocols for suicides, strategies to strengthen emotional resilience and improved data collection related to felonious assaults. For full text: <https://cops.usdoj.gov/RIC/Publications/cops-w0860-pub.pdf>

## Murdered, Missing, and Trafficking Case Resolution Using the National Missing and Unidentified Person System (NAMUS)

The National Missing and Unidentified Persons System offers law enforcement agencies, medical examiners, coroners, family members and victim advocates powerful tools for resolving missing and unidentified persons cases. Link: [http://www.ncai.org/prc/1\\_NIJ\\_NCAI\\_2018\\_Tribal\\_Leader\\_Scholar\\_Forum\\_NIJ\\_NamUs\\_Presentation\\_final.pdf](http://www.ncai.org/prc/1_NIJ_NCAI_2018_Tribal_Leader_Scholar_Forum_NIJ_NamUs_Presentation_final.pdf)

## Violence Reduction Response Center

On June 5, 2018, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) launched the U.S. Department of Justice Violence Reduction Response Center (VRRC), a new resource that connects state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies, U.S. attorneys, and criminal justice practitioners with expert staff and technical assistance to respond to agency- and situation-specific crime reduction needs. Established under the direction of the U.S. Attorney General, the VRRC serves as a one-stop shop for justice practitioners to access the most appropriate resources available, from existing DOJ programs to peers and subject experts with experience in violence-reduction strategies. The information, tools, and technical assistance accessible through the VRRC can be tailored to meet specific community needs.

The VRRC can be reached by email (ViolenceReduction@usdoj.gov) or phone [1(833) 872-5174] from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday. All voicemails and emails will receive a response within one business day.



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# 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/pdftxt/FY18-Tribal-Victim-Services-Set-Aside-Program-508.pdf>

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# Newsworthy

## Removal of Kaspersky Products from All TAP Systems and Hardware

In 2017, the Department of Homeland Security directed all federal agencies to remove Kaspersky products from federal information systems. Kaspersky anti-virus provides broad access and elevated privileges to files and systems. The concern is that these features can be exploited by malicious cyber actors to compromise TAP and your systems.

In April of 2018, the TAP office asked all participating tribes to remove Kaspersky products from any PC that is running Open Fox Messenger (OFM). As of April 24, 2018, only the tribes listed below have responded to TAP.

- Gila River Indian Community of the Gila River Indian Reservation, Arizona
- Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Michigan
- Metlakatla Indian Community Annette Island Reserve
- Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation, California
- Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeno Indians, California
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
- Navajo Nation, Arizona, New Mexico & Utah
- Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
- Cherokee Nation
- Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
- Tulalip Tribes of Washington
- Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo
- Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona



If your organization is not listed, please contact your Business Relationship Manager. Additional information can be found at: <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2017/09/13/dhs-statement-issuance-binding-operational-directive-17-01>.

## N-DEx Success Stories

### **N-DEx records help locate three New Mexico absconders with warrants**

In April 2018, an Executive Assistant (EA) with the New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD), Security Threat Intelligence Unit, was searching for recent records on probation absconders through the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI's) National Data Exchange (N-DEx) System, accessible through the Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS) Rocky Mountain Information Network (RMIN) portal. Using the batch search tool to query multiple individuals at once, she found three subjects who, unbeknownst to NMCD staff, had been arrested in other jurisdictions since their absconding. One subject had been booked into the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office in Texas, just five days earlier, for burglary, assault, public intoxication, and other offenses. The second subject had been booked into the Wise County Sheriff's Office in Texas, earlier in the month, for possession of drug paraphernalia and tampering with evidence. The third subject had been arrested 12 days earlier in Durango, Colorado, for driving while intoxicated. In each case, the EA verified custody status and forwarded the updated information to the relevant NMCD officers. The officers placed holds on the subjects for their return to the NMCD, upon serving their time in the other jurisdictions. Without the N-DEx System results, the subjects most likely would have continued to evade detection by NMCD authorities or would have been released from those jurisdictions before NMCD holds could be placed.

### **N-DEx helps solve a felony fraud case in Tennessee**

In early 2018, an investigator with the Belle Meade Police Department (PD) in Tennessee was conducting an investigation involving felony fraud. A small group of professional con men would target female senior citizens and offer to perform work for them, such as vehicle, driveway or roofing repairs. In each instance, the subjects would commit fraud by overcharging the victims for inferior work. The investigator queried the subjects through the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI's) National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and Interstate Identification Index (III) Systems and found no records to help him further build his case. The investigator then accessed the Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS) Regional Organized Crime Information Center (ROCIC) portal and logged into the FBI's National Data Exchange (N-DEx) System. He found multiple incident reports showing a pattern of similar complaints in other states. In one instance, a narrative from a Glenview, Illinois, N-DEx System record unfolded almost word for word like the crimes in Tennessee, down to the main subject in the former case saying he knew what he was doing was wrong and he was just there for the money. When this same individual was interviewed and presented with this information by the Belle Meade PD investigator, the subject's head dropped and he showed signs of knowing he had been caught. Multiple members of the group are currently awaiting trial in Tennessee, and the investigator is confident there will be convictions. The investigator credits the N-DEx System

with saving time and effort by helping him identify patterns in seemingly unrelated crimes, and connecting him to the law enforcement staff in Glenview, Illinois. He stated, “N-DEx is one of the most valuable tools in my 35 years in law enforcement.”

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