National Data Exchange

N-DEx Update

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Criminal Justice Agencies To Participate in N-DEx

In June 2011, the CJIS Advisory Policy Board (APB) endorsed a modification to the N-DEx Policy and Operating Manual which expands participation in N-DEx to particular criminal justice agencies in addition to the already participating law enforcement agencies. FBI Director Robert S. Mueller, III, signed the modified access into policy in November 2011.

The inclusion of these agencies allows the collaboration and sharing of documents throughout the criminal justice community. N-DEx users will see the benefit of increased opportunities to locate investigative information and added correlations between entities such as persons, addresses/locations, and items or property.

Criminal justice agencies will be allowed access to N-DEx based upon the ninth character of their Originating Agency Identifier (ORI). These additional agencies include: correctional institutions, courts/magistrate offices, custodial medical/psychiatric institutions (which are criminal justice in function), non-governmental railroad/campus police departments (qualifying for access to III), pretrial service agencies, prosecuting/district attorney offices, probation/parole offices, regional dispatch centers, and local, county, state, or federal criminal justice agencies (which do not fall into one of the aforementioned categories).

The Program Office is committed to working with all N-DEx participants in a responsible manner and has implemented enhanced data sharing management tools. These tools provide all agencies with the ability to manage and share their data at a level they are comfortable with and which complies with the governing laws, regulations, and policies of their jurisdiction.

All current contributing record-owning agencies will have reviewed, and when necessary, established any new or additional sharing rules regarding their N-DEx records. ***Completion of this step allows the Program Office to begin accepting both data and users from authorized criminal justice agencies as of June 16, 2012.***

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the amended N-DEx System Access and Acceptable Use Policy or the on-boarding of criminal justice agencies, please contact your state liaison. ■