Project CRIS:

Efficiently Providing Information to Improve Public Safety in the Commonwealth

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What is Project CRIS?

- Criminal and Rap Back Information Systems
    - The Department of State Police is replacing the:
        - Criminal History System
        - Civil Commitment System
        - Expungement System
        - Civil Applicant System
        - Master Name Index (Search Engine)
    - The Department is also introducing Rap Back
    - See, SB 1339/HB2113, Enactment Clause 8

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So, CRIS is a Software Replacement Project, Right?

Today

Software/ Systems

Processes

Law/Code

Staffing/ Skills

Yes, But.....

Desired State

Software /Systems → Law/ Code → Processes → Staffing/ Skills

- **Guiding philosophy: We don't want to take 2022 technology, & beat that technology into submission to support 1980s/1990s business processes.**

- We are focused on efficiency; improving the accuracy of Virginia's Criminal History Information and leveraging technology to maximize taxpayer savings.

- CRIS is a one-time opportunity to bring State Police systems, the Code, internal business processes and staffing into alignment.

Our Progress

1. HB 2113 & SB 1339 were signed by Governor Northam on April 7, 2021.

2. Between April 7, 2021 & October 8, 2021, the project team produced, released, & evaluated the RFI.

3. Vendor demonstrations were held in November 2021 and a procurement decision was made.

   • The Department of State Police is proud to recognize gcom Software, LLC., (www.gcomsoft.com) as our vendor.

   • Outcomes. Delivered.

Our Progress, Continued

5. Contract negotiations were entered January 2022 and concluded May 2022.

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6. Our contract was signed and effective June 30, 2022.

7. To date, a kickoff was held, requirements have been validated, and the vendor is starting software development.

Present Timeline

1. We are on time and on budget!

2. Anticipated "Go Live" **CAPABILITY** Dates:

   A. Criminal History System, Expungement & Sealing Module, Civil Commitment Module, Master Name Index, September 1, 2024

   B. Applicant System, March 1, 2025

   C. Rap Back System, July 1, 2025

External Concerns

1. Other state agencies (i.e, courts, DMV, etc.) may not be on the same project timeline as VSP. Both agencies have reached out to VSP and are active partners.

2. Any legislation passed by the General Assembly that affects our current systems will require development within our retiring systems and in our new system. Any money placed into our retiring systems is a sunk cost. Additionally, any changes to our existing systems will draw resources from Project CRIS and endanger our timeline.

3. IT challenges (i.e., networking, Okta implementation for external customers, complex interface developments, etc.).

4. Data quality.

Rap Back

- Record of Arrest and Prosecution (Rap) Back

- An optional Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) service that allows authorized government agencies to receive notifications based on changes in criminal history record information on individuals who hold positions of trust or who are under criminal justice monitoring.

- School teachers, daycare workers, police officers, state employees, etc.

- Those under statutory or court-ordered monitoring or under active criminal investigation.

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What Problem Does Rap Back Solve?

- Criminal histories provided by the Virginia State Police (VSP) are a snapshot in time. They are current as of the moment they are produced.

- The employer of a person that has a change to their criminal history one second after the VSP runs the criminal history must:
  - Rely on the arrested individual to self-report any changes,
  - Rely on outside entities to make notifications,
  - Repeat another snapshot background check, or
  - Come to the information through other means (i.e., a news story).

- Rap Back provides for the continuous vetting of enrolled individuals.

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Triggering Events

- Criminal Fingerprint Submission (Arrest)

- Disposition (Subsequent to arrest)

- Want Addition (Arrest Warrant Issued)

- Want Deletion

- Want Modification

- Sex Offender Registry (SOR) Addition

- SOR Deletion

- SOR Modification

- Death Notices (With & Without Fingerprints)

Conclusion

- Questions/Comments/Discussion

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