

VIRGINIA STATE POLICE

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE
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LEAN MANAGEMENT TRAINING

CJIS is currently conducting the 4th LEAN Six Sigma Yellow Belt training. The class consists of members from Human Resources (HR), Data Analysis & Reporting Team (DART), and the Bureau of Administrative Support Services (BASS). The Core principle of the LEAN SIX Sigma Program is to promote efficiency of processes and customer service through the effective change management.



The students attend a scheduled class every other Thursday. During class, students receive instructions and coaching through all steps of the change management process. Students who successfully complete the course and all objectives will receive a SIX Sigma Yellow Belt Certification.



INTERPRETING THE RESTORATION OF FIREARMS RIGHTS ON A CRIMINAL HISTORY

Individuals convicted of a felony offense in Virginia can apply to the Governor of Virginia, through the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Office, to have their civil rights restored (the right to vote, serve on a jury, be a notary, or run for public office). Once the Governor has granted the request, the individual is then eligible to petition a Virginia Circuit Court for the restoration of their right to purchase or possess a firearm. The Code of Virginia requires the petitioner to have a valid restoration of civil rights granted prior to restoration of their firearms rights under § 18.2-308.2(C).

A civil restoration, or simple pardon, applied to the criminal history record is visible below each specific offense and disposition that it applies to. A firearms restoration only appears as a caveat at the very bottom of the criminal history record and is date specific. An individual can be convicted of an additional felony offense after the restoration of civil or firearms rights has been granted. This would effectively make the individual ineligible to purchase or possess a firearm again. Therefore, it is essential to review the date of the last felony conviction on the record against any restorations also notated on the criminal history record when making an arrest or enforcement decision based on the content of the record.

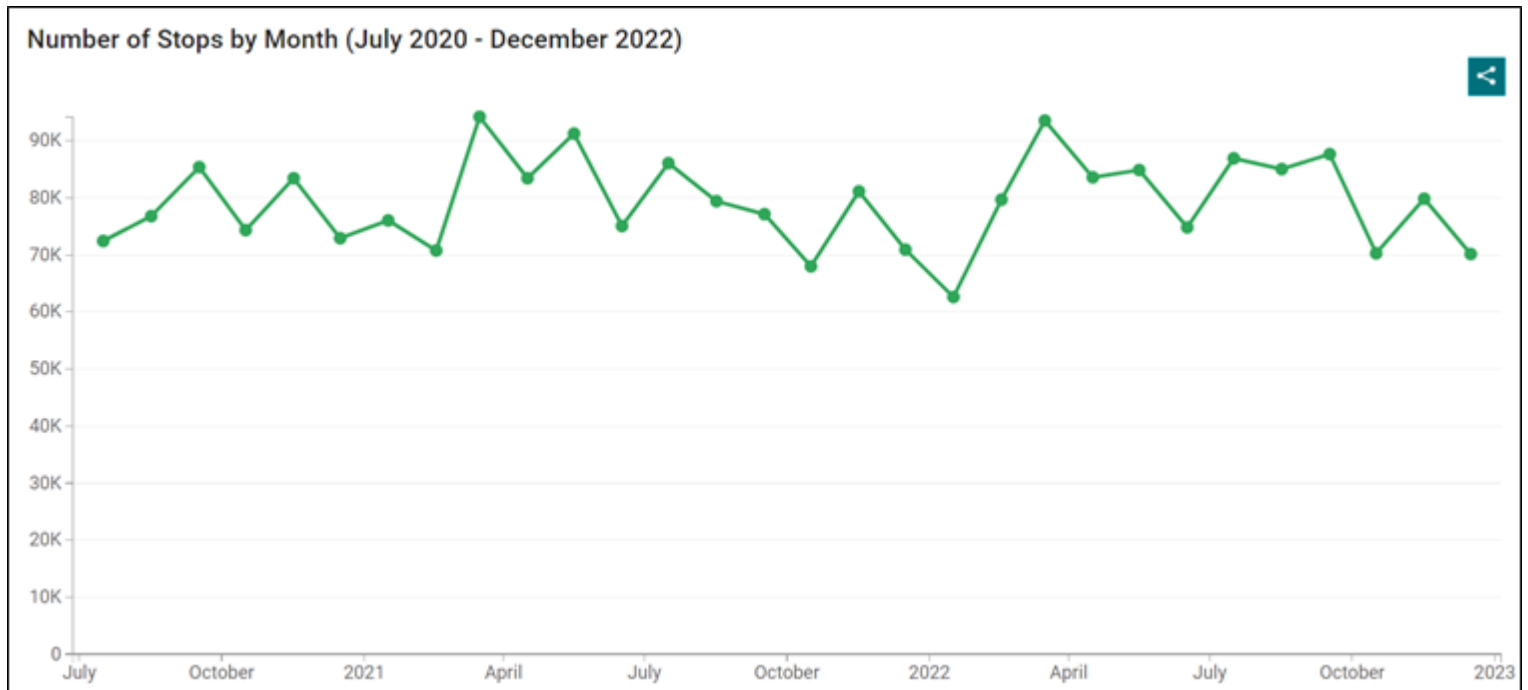
Restorations of Firearms Rights have only been notated on the Criminal History Record since January 2021. The absence of a notation does not indicate the individual does not have a valid restoration of rights. The validity of a restoration of firearms rights can be confirmed with the issuing Virginia Circuit Court. Restorations of rights due to a felony conviction in another state are processed according to that state's procedures.



COMMUNITY POLICING ACT

The DART Section is working on utilizing the functionality of the existing crime and use of force data repository to provide the same repository services for Community Policing Act (CPA) stop data.

Currently, the entire process of collection and review of CPA stop data is manual. With the creation of the CPA repository, the process of receipt and subsequent quality control review of data collected from local law enforcement agencies will become automated. Between July 2020 and December 2022, law enforcement agencies in Virginia reported making approximately 2.4 million stops.



Additionally, in anticipation of the transition to an online repository, as of July 1, 2023 agencies are required to report data monthly instead of quarterly. This will ensure that we receive data in a timely manner for publication to the Open Data Portal and DCJS.

CRIME IN VIRGINIA

The annual publication of Crime in Virginia was released on June 9th, 2023. You can view the full report for 2022, and prior years, through the [VSP CJIS DART](#) website. Below is a highlight of the Violent Crime data from 2022:

Murder	Rape (FBI Definition)	Aggravated Assault	Robbery
621	2,669	13,908	3,351

Additional data specific to violent crime is available below:

Violent Crime Injuries

	Aggravated Assault	Robbery	Rape*
Apparent Broken Bones	398	25	4
Apparent Minor Injury	3,210	831	422
Loss of Teeth	109	11	
None	6,839	2,739	1,924
Other Major Injury	1,750	87	30
Possible Internal Injury	753	40	212
Severe Laceration	1,313	90	3
Unconsciousness	350	22	11

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Violent Crime Weapon/Force Used

	Murder	Rape*	Aggravated Assault	Robbery
Asphyxiation	1	2	534	4
Blunt Object	8	14	840	87
Fire/Explosives	3		26	1
Firearm	465	30	4,344	1,537
Knife/Cutting Instrument	34	22	1,477	336
Motor Vehicle/Vessel	3		360	3
None		554	236	230
Other	6	113	964	110
Personal Weapons**	23	1,598	2,503	991
Poison/Drugs	6	22	79	2
Unknown	21	256	291	144

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BIPARTISAN SAFER COMMUNITIES ACT (BSCA)

Starting January 1, 2023, the Virginia State Police Firearms Transaction Center started conducting additional outreach for NICS background checks, in accordance with the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022.

When individuals under 21 attempt the transfer of a firearm through a Federal Firearms Licensee, the Virginia State Police Firearms Transaction Center is required to contact the law enforcement agency, of the purchaser's resident jurisdiction. VSP is primarily reaching out to see if the resident jurisdiction has any relevant information that would impact the subject's eligibility to receive a firearm. This information includes but is not limited to: (i) Mental health admissions subject to a Temporary Detention Order, (ii) Protective Order information where the purchaser is a respondent, (iii) pending court case information, (iv) interactions with the individual where drugs were involved, and/or (v) any criminal charges relevant to the disqualification for firearms purchases.



The lawful eligibility of a firearms purchase must be completed within 3 business days of the subject attempting to purchase a firearm. If any law enforcement agency has information that may prohibit the subject from the purchase of a firearm, there is an extension in the BSCA legislation that allows for an additional 7 days to complete that research.

Since January 1, 2023, we have already processed over 3,104 requests for purchasers under the age of 21.

CJIS SECURITY POLICY

The new CJIS Security Policy - Version 5.9.2 is now available.

NEXTEST TRAINING

The VCIN Administrative Office is pleased to announce that the VCIN certification slides have been updated. All slides are compliant with the VSP Academy standards of uniformity.



The slides have sound, and a resource handout under each module that is available for testing purposes. If a user encounters any issues viewing or hearing the slides, please contact the VCIN Administrative Office at 804-674-4660.



ALERT TRAINING

Sergeant Connie S. Brooks from CJIS and First Sergeant Robbie R. Goodrich (BCI) attended a meeting with the State Department's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) in their DC office on June 12th. The members, including the INL in Belgrade, Serbia, were visiting the U.S. to conduct a study visit, which included the AMBER Alert and how it is activated.



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