

# VIRGINIA STATE POLICE

CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
INFORMATION SERVICES  
(CJIS) DIVISION  
NEWSLETTER

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**SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN**

Virginia State Police prides itself in giving back to the community. This June, our organization was able to raise \$1,760.00 towards the Special Olympics of Virginia for the annual Torch Run. The Commonwealth raised \$79,317.00! This run spans 1,900 miles over the course of 8 days. Every year, over 2,000 Law Enforcement Officers, representing more than 200 Law Enforcement Agencies in Virginia participate in the Torch Run. This event is also the kick off for the Special Olympics Summer Games and is a great way to bring Law Enforcement Officers, sponsored athletes and families together! Thank you to all of the Law Enforcement Officers, and participants across the Commonwealth for contributing your time and enthusiasm towards an amazing organization.





# CARE

## NEW INITIATIVE: ENHANCING EFFICIENCY AND CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

CARE section is excited to announce a change to our Non-Criminal Justice Interface (NCJI) portal access policy, extending access to out-of-state agencies for name-based background check requests. This enhancement will streamline our processes further, bringing substantial benefits to both the CARE unit and background check requestors.

### Key Changes:

- Out-of-state agencies will be able to access to the NCJI portal and establish billing accounts with the CARE section
- This will enable them to submit name based background check requests electronically
- Transition from manual form submissions to digital processing
- Implementation of monthly billing accounts for out of state agencies



# FTC

## VCHECK ENHANCEMENTS - TEXT MESSAGING

Early indications are showing that this enhancement is a success on multiple fronts. In addition to being instantly notified when a background is approved, there has been a decrease in phone calls to the Firearms Transaction Center by ½ of 1 percent.

This percentage equates to 766 less incoming calls received in just the first quarter of 2024. This plays a significant role in our ability to finalize background checks in a timely manner, and maintain our phone lines for important customer questions.



## VIRGINIA VINE UPDATES

VCIN recently worked with NCPI, adding a protective order notification function to Virginia's VINE program - designed to notify PO petitioners of status changes with their PO's. This system will automatically send free notifications via text and email to participants when there is a status change with their PO (when it was served, when it expires, etc.). On June 6, several members of VSP who worked on this project attended the VINE Protective Order launch, hosted in Portsmouth, VA.

Virginia Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) is a free automated service that allows people affected by crime to locate an offender in jail and receive notifications about any changes in custody status (<https://vavine.org/>).



During 2023, Virginia State Police (VSP) began working with the National Center for Policing Innovation (NCPI) to implement a process for sharing Protection Order information with the VINE platform. In April 2024, the Virginia VINE Protective Order notification system went live, providing free notifications regarding preliminary and final protective orders; including information such as, when the protective orders are served and when they expire. More information can be found at <https://vavine.org/>.

On June 6, 2024, some members of the Virginia State Police who assisted with establishing the VINE program attended NCPI's Virginia VINE Protective Orders Launch, hosted at Portsmouth City Hall. In attendance was, Virginia State Senator L. Louise Lucas, Ms. Lynda Schwartz (NCPI Executive Director), Ms. Amy Sheets (Virginia VINE Program Manager), Lieutenant Allen B. Cooke, Jr. (VSP CJIS Assistant Division Commander), First Sergeant Michael A. J. DeBois (VSP VCIN Area Commander), Ms. Shana N. Jones (VSP Senior VCIN Systems Analyst).

For the full video, click: [Virginia VINE Protective Order Notifications Launch Event](#)

## COMMUNITY POLICING ACT (CPA) - BEYOND 2020 MODULE

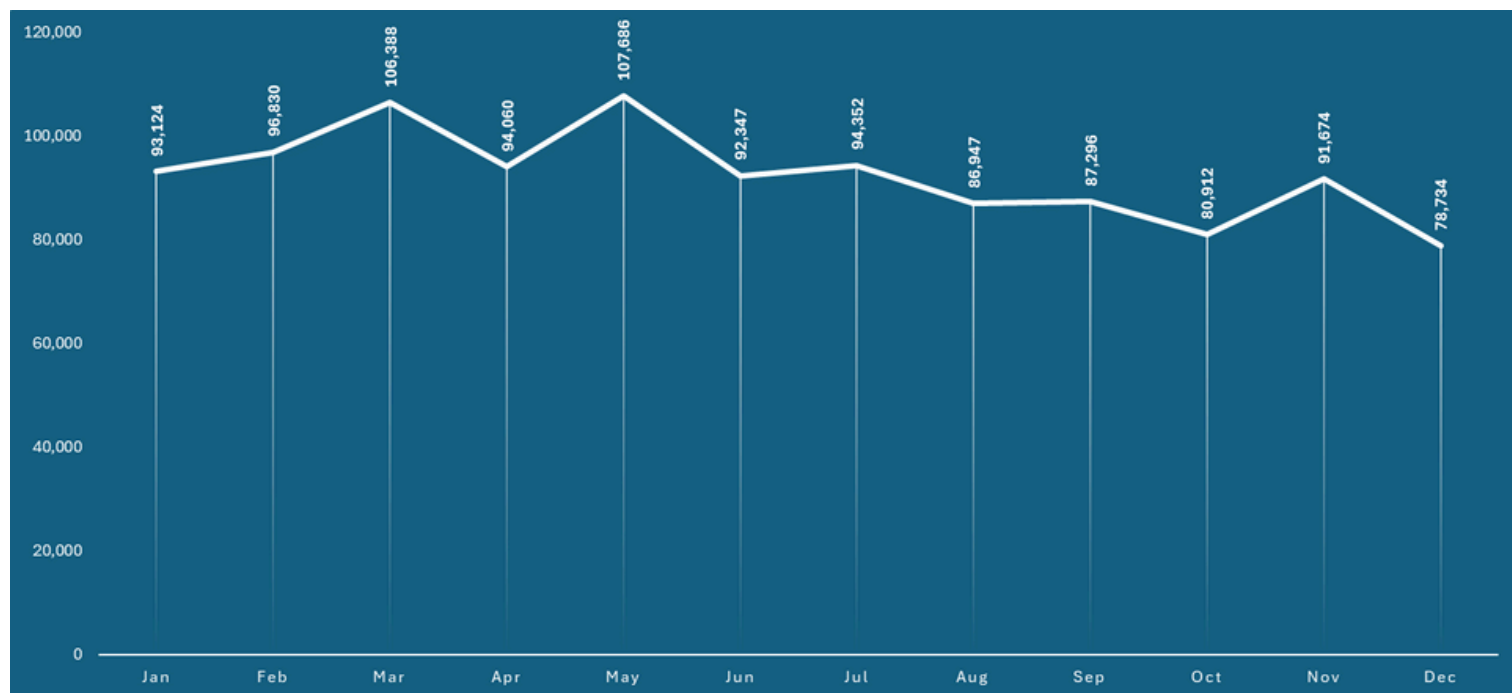
The DART Section has worked to utilize the functionality of the existing crime and use of force data repository to provide the same repository services for Community Policing Act (CPA) stop data. Currently, the entire process of collection and review of CPA stop data is manual. With the creation of the 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 2023, law enforcement agencies in Virginia reported making approximately 3.5 million stops. In 2023 alone, agencies conducted approximately 1.1 million stops.

Beginning with July 2024 stops, law enforcement agencies will be able to upload their stop data to the repository and have real-time feedback on any errors that need to be corrected rather than wait for VSP personnel to manually review the data.

Ultimately, the online repository will allow for easier tracking of agency compliance, improved quality control of data, have the capacity to hold millions of stops, and updates will be reflected on the Open Data Portal automatically.

To see current data, visit the [Virginia Open Data Portal Community Policing database](#).

### STOPS PER MONTH CY 2023



INCIDENT-BASED REPORTING (IBR) UPDATES

Policing has become more data driven than ever before. To keep up with these changes, Virginia will include the following updates to the VA IBR crime repository. (This is not an all inclusive list)

- Data Element 12- Type Criminal Activity/Gang Information required for all crimes against persons.
- Data Element 20- Suspected Drug Type & VA Data Element 63- Arrest Type Drug updated to include Fentanyl, Oxycodone, MDMA, Khat and others.
- Data Element 33- Type of Injury now allows for the indication of gunshot wound.

These changes will provide a more robust dataset for stakeholders and agencies analyzing crime data.

CRIME IN VIRGINIA

The annual publication of Crime in Virginia is undergoing review by the Executive staff. Our goal is to have the information published by July 1st, 2024. Once released, you can view the full report for 2023, and prior years through the [VSP CJIS DART](#) website. Below is a highlight of the Violent Crime Data from 2023:

Murder	Rape (FBI Definition)	Aggravated Assault	Robbery
520	2,690	14,317	3,297

Additional data specific to violent crime is available on the next page.

## Violent Crime Injuries

	Aggravated Assault	Robbery	Rape*
Apparent Broken Bones	418	17	2
Apparent Minor Injury	3.67	843	450
Loss of Teeth	105	5	1
None	6.66	2.65	1.9
Other Major Injury	1.76	69	29
Possible Internal Injury	808	48	217
Severe Laceration	1.36	66	5
Unconsciousness	447	13	17

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## Violent Crime Weapon/Force Used

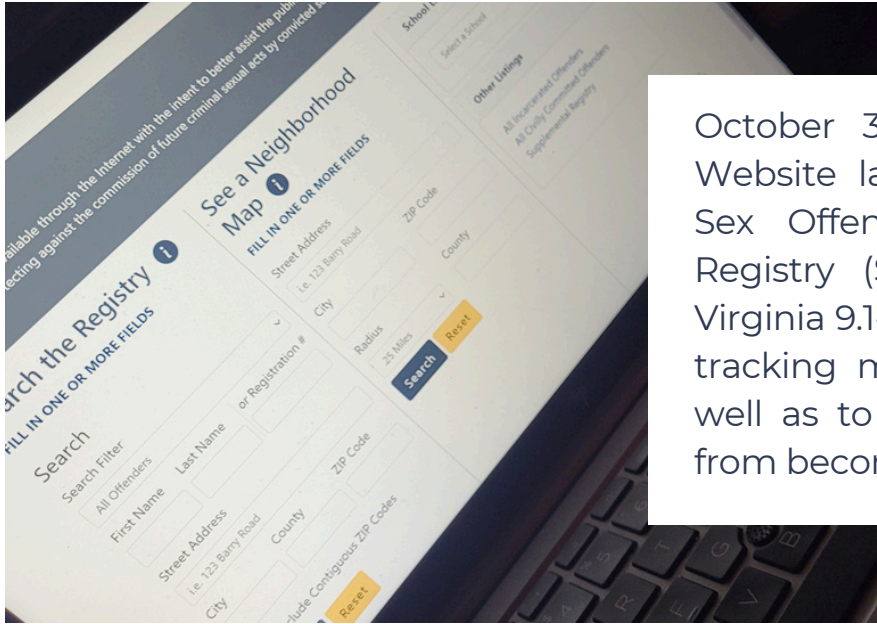
	Murder	Rape*	Aggravated Assault	Robbery
Asphyxiation	1	7	699	2
Blunt Object	13	16	870	65
Fire/Explosives	2	2	31	1
Firearm	399	40	4.11	1.41
Knife/Cutting Instrument	33	26	1.65	343
Motor Vehicle/Vessel	5		345	3
None		622	333	277
Other	9	98	1.03	112
Personal Weapons**	13	1.59	2.84	1.05
Poison/Drugs	4	16	57	1
Unknown	13	238	336	122

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\* includes: Forcible Rape, Forcible Sodomy, and Sexual Assault with an object

\*\* includes: Hands, Fist, Feet, Arms, Teeth, Etc.

## SEX OFFENDER WEB SITE



October 31, 2023, The public Sex Offender Website launched. The Virginia State Police, Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry (SOR) is outlined in the Code of Virginia 9.1-900 through 9.1-923 and is used as a tracking mechanism for law enforcement as well as to protect communities and children from becoming victims of repeat offenders.



The new public facing website provides users the ability to search for offenders under various platforms to include by zip code, address, SOR#, city, and county. In addition, the search module will also allow the user the option to select a radius and/or mapping of a contiguous area while also providing the option to identify specific offenders who are incarcerated, homeless, and civilly committed. The web provides numerous resources to include explanation of statutes, safety and education, and a very informative FAQ section subdivided into 6 different categories. To view the website, click the following link: <https://www.vspSOR.com>.



## LIVESCAN INVENTORY PROJECT



The LiveScan Inventory is a project to confirm all hardware, networking information, points of contact, and active LiveScan terminals are in use. It has been over five years since the LiveScan team last did an inventory for all the Livescan equipment in the field.

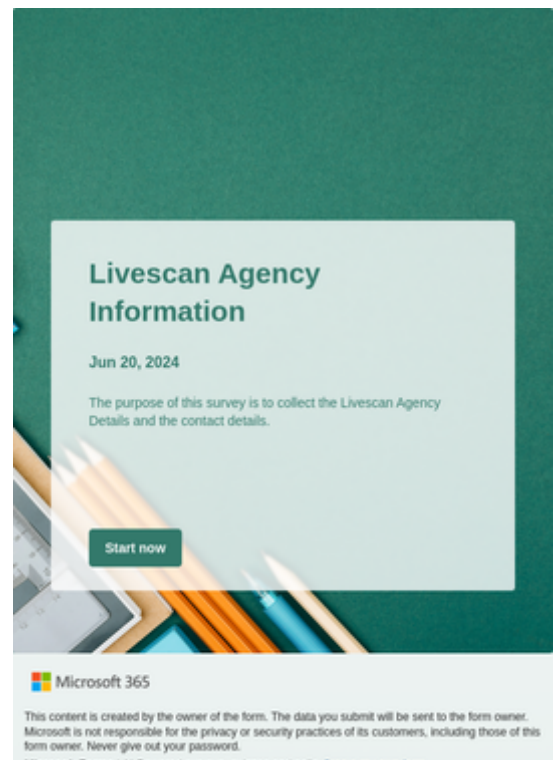
To initiate the project, two surveys were sent to all agencies to collect current information about the setup at each location and point of contact information, respectively. This will provide the LiveScan team with the information required to provide a high level of service and optimize resource use.

CLICK IMAGE BELOW FOR  
INVENTORY SURVEY



The screenshot shows the introduction page of a survey titled "Virginia Livescan Inventory Management". It includes a small icon of a bar chart and the text "Inventory management". The main heading is "Introduction". Below it, the purpose of the survey is explained: "The purpose of the survey is to account for your agencies livescan equipment. VSP is gathering the information to assist with the implementation of a new livescan system statewide". There is a large image of a document with a bar chart and the words "inventory management" written on it. At the bottom, there is a "Next" button.

CLICK IMAGE BELOW FOR  
POINT OF CONTACT SURVEY



The screenshot shows the "Livescan Agency Information" survey page. It has a green background with a white box containing the title "Livescan Agency Information" and the date "Jun 20, 2024". Below the date, the purpose of the survey is stated: "The purpose of this survey is to collect the Livescan Agency Details and the contact details." There is a "Start now" button. At the bottom, there is a Microsoft 365 logo and a disclaimer: "This content is created by the owner of the form. The data you submit will be sent to the form owner. Microsoft is not responsible for the privacy or security practices of its customers, including those of this form owner. Never give out your password." There is also a link to "Create your own form".

Please respond to the survey as soon as possible and contact the VSP Livescan Team at [livescan@vsp.virginia.gov](mailto:livescan@vsp.virginia.gov) or 804-674-6702 with any questions.

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