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CJIS

Spotlight on Excellence

MASTER TROOPER BEN JAMERSON, VCIN FIELD REPRESENTATIVE



Master Trooper Ben Jamerson has been a cornerstone of the VCIN program since joining VCIN in 2007. Colleagues describe his leadership and steady expertise as the kind that quietly holds a program together; exactly the spirit the Division hopes to see in every teammate.

Ben has played a critical role in maintaining the accuracy and reliability of the VCIN manual, earning recognition as its “manual historian.” He teaches every VCIN and Missing Persons module at the Lynchburg Regional Academy, provides Protective Order instruction, and serves as the primary liaison for agencies needing guidance. His collaboration with the Virginia Supreme Court helps ensure courts enter documents properly; work that sits at the heart of CJIS’s mission of accurate and timely criminal justice information.

He developed the initial Online Audit questionnaire, delivered online VCIN training, and coordinated statewide TAC training alongside a fellow VCIN Field Representative. These efforts advance technology adoption, strengthen VCIN compliance, and support enforcement of sex offender and firearms statutes, all while safeguarding individual rights.

Ben’s work reflects the CJIS vision of a customer-focused division built on competent, well-managed teams committed to integrity, excellence, and innovation. His dedication supports the Department’s public safety objectives and shows what it looks like to live out the Cultural Playbook every day. Master Trooper Jamerson sets the standard for service, professionalism, and mission-focused leadership within CJIS and across the Virginia State Police.

FROM THE CULTURAL PLAYBOOK

How Do We Behave?

Selfless, Engaged, Aware. Master Trooper Jamerson’s consistent service is a working example of all three.



BRS – LiveScan

Tech5 USA Named VSP's Preferred LiveScan Vendor

The Virginia State Police has designated Tech5 USA as its new preferred LiveScan vendor, a step forward for fingerprinting technology and digital identity processing across the Commonwealth.



The partnership reflects VSP's ongoing commitment to modernizing its biometric systems and improving the efficiency, security, and accuracy of every LiveScan transaction.

A Modern, Cloud-Hosted Platform

Tech5 USA delivers its LiveScan solution as Software-as-a-Service, securely hosted on Amazon Web Services for added reliability. Cloud infrastructure lets VSP and partner agencies benefit from automatic updates, reduced hardware dependency, and simpler administrative management.

Vendor Responsibilities

- Full LiveScan system support
- Routine maintenance
- Upgrades to system capabilities
- Delivery of future enhancements and innovative features

This ensures agencies using Tech5's LiveScan offerings can count on continual improvements and dependable technical assistance.

Transaction Types Available

Status	Transaction Types
Currently Offered	NFUF, MAP
Coming Soon	CAR, IDB, COR, SOR

The addition of these upcoming transaction types will further expand VSP's ability to manage criminal, applicant, and regulatory fingerprint submissions with improved speed and accuracy. Questions can be directed to LiveScan@vsp.virginia.gov.



CARE

Real-Time Background Monitoring for Eligible Virginia Agencies

PROTECTING VIRGINIA'S MOST VULNERABLE — ONE NOTIFICATION AT A TIME

The Virginia Rap Back Service provides continuous monitoring of enrolled individuals who work in positions of trust, delivering timely alerts whenever a triggering criminal event occurs so an agency can act promptly to protect the people who count on it.

Rap Back is a federally authorized, state-administered program operated by VSP in partnership with the FBI's Next Generation Identification system. Where a traditional background check is a snapshot in time, Rap Back is a living, continuous safety net that keeps an agency informed and never caught by surprise.

Subscription Fees

Fee	Amount
Initial enrollment (one-time)	\$12 per individual
Annual subscription (billed on anniversary)	\$12 per individual
Standard fingerprint background check	\$27 non-volunteers / \$20 volunteers
Criminal justice enrollments	Exempt from subscription fee

Virginia's Rap Back program continues to deliver strong results, and the numbers tell a story about a system that is quietly working the way it was designed to.

56,915

Active Subscriptions

262

Activity Notifications to Date

Each enrollment strengthens ongoing workforce screening by keeping agencies informed of relevant updates after the initial fingerprint check, improving compliance and suitability oversight over time. This creates a more reliable system for protecting vulnerable populations and helps agencies close long-standing monitoring gaps while reinforcing their commitment to safety, accountability, and responsible stewardship. Learn more at vsp.virginia.gov/vsp-rap-back.

FROM THE CULTURAL PLAYBOOK

Why Do We Exist?

"Protect the Vulnerable" isn't a slogan here, it's the entire premise of Rap Back, which exists to keep agencies from ever being blindsided.

How does Rap Back work?

1. Initial Enrollment

Eligible agencies that wish to enroll in Rap Back submit fingerprint-based background checks for chosen staff, volunteers, or licensees.

2. Continuous Monitoring

Once enrolled, the FBI's national database monitors the individual for new arrests, court dispositions, wanted alerts, and other qualifying criminal events.

3. Timely Alerts

When a triggering event occurs, VSP immediately notifies the subscribing agency electronically.

4. Timely Action

Agencies review notifications, confirm or decline authority to view detailed criminal history, and take appropriate personnel action.

5. Subscription Management

Agencies cancel a subscription when the enrolled individual leaves their position and renew on the anniversary date if continued enrollment is required.





CCRE

Central Criminal Records Exchange

CRIMINAL HISTORY SEALING PROJECT UPDATE

On July 1, 2026, CJIS in partnership with the Virginia DMV, the Supreme Court of Virginia's Office of the Executive Secretary, and Fairfax Circuit Court launched new functionality to electronically process criminal history, sealing across multiple state databases. CJIS was able to accomplish this with collaboration between its Project Management Office and the Internet Technology Division.

Courts now send seal orders directly to the Department of State Police, which locates and seals the relevant criminal history records and notifies affected individuals. Seal orders involving traffic offenses are also sent to the DMV for corresponding updates to driver records, creating a streamlined, statewide electronic sealing process.

As of July 21, 2026, State Police received 314 sealing orders. Beginning October 1, 2026, additional automatic sealing capabilities will come online, allowing State Police to identify eligible offenses, transmit them electronically to the courts for approval, receive electronic seal orders, and automatically seal the records while notifying impacted consumers.

For more information on criminal record sealing in Virginia, visit vscc.virginia.gov/sealing.asp.

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CCRE
CENTRAL CRIMINAL RECORDS EXCHANGE

ACCURATE RECORDS ★ RELIABLE RESEARCH ★ PUBLIC TRUST

SUPPORTING SAFER COMMUNITIES
Through Accurate Information

RESEARCH In-depth research of criminal history records, dispositions, and related information to support law enforcement, courts, and other authorized requests.	MENTAL HEALTH RECORDS Processes and maintains court-ordered requests for mental health records in compliance with state laws to ensure proper dissemination of information to authorized entities.	FOIA REQUESTS Manages Freedom of Information Act requests, ensuring timely, accurate, and lawful release of non-exempt records in accordance with Virginia law.	SUBPOENAS Responds to subpoenas for criminal history and related records, ensuring information is provided accurately and in compliance with legal requirements.	EXPUNGEMENTS & SEALING Processes requests for expungement and sealing of criminal records in accordance with state law and court orders.	COURT-ORDERED NAME CHANGES Processes and updates court-ordered name changes in criminal history records and related systems.
RESTORATION OF RIGHTS & PARDONS Handles requests for restoration of rights and pardons, ensuring accurate record updates and proper dissemination of information.	UNAPPLIED CRIMINAL HISTORY Researches and identifies criminal history records that have not been applied to an individual's record, ensuring accuracy and completeness of data.	DELAYED BOOKINGS Processes delayed booking requests in accordance with policy and law, maintaining accurate and timely record management.	CRIMINAL JUSTICE & MILITARY BACKGROUND CHECKS Provides criminal justice and military background checks for employment, licensing, and other authorized uses.	MICROFILM / MICROFICHE Maintains microfilm and microfiche records as an essential part of our historical archives, preserving critical criminal history information.	AND MORE Supporting the mission with integrity, accuracy, and professionalism.

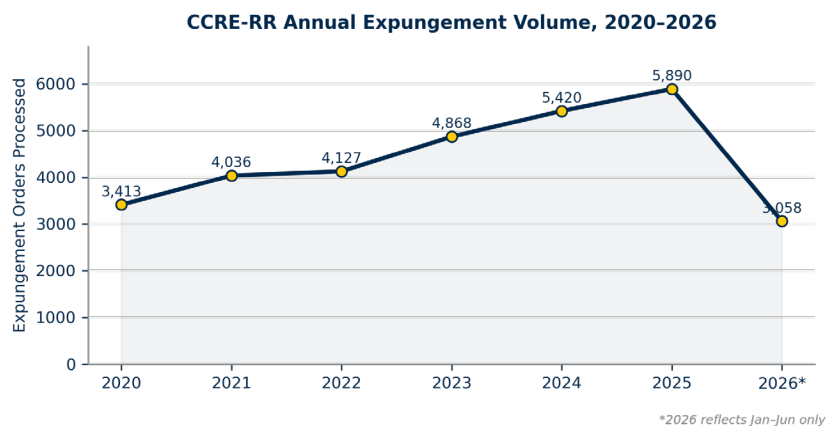
CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS ARCHIVES

ONE TEAM ★ ONE MISSION
ACCURATE RECORDS | SECURE INFORMATION | STRONGER COMMUNITIES

Expungements: CCRE-RR Processing

The Research and Resolution section (CCRE-RR) is responsible for processing incoming court-ordered expungements. Despite six years of steady growth in volume, and no corresponding staffing changes, processing delays had crept upward. To address the backlog, management and staff partnered with the Process Improvement Engineering Section (PIES) to identify waste and streamline the process, which also prompted a broader review of statutory guidelines.

Year	Monthly Avg.	Annual Total
2020	284	3,413
2021	336	4,036
2022	344	4,127
2023	406	4,868
2024	452	5,420
2025	491	5,890
2026 (Jan–Jun)	510	3,058



Over the past 13 months, the Department implemented a more streamlined approach that notifies only the agencies involved in each case, including the FBI, the Department of Forensic Science, the Virginia Department of Corrections, the trial courts, and any entity known to have requested the Criminal History Record in the past two years. Since implementation on June 24, 2026, processing time has decreased from 190 days to 154 days, including the 60 days allotted for notified agencies to respond.

CCRE-RR is also considering how the expungement process might be modified to mirror the seal functionality launched on July 1, 2026. Replacing certified order packets with secure electronic notifications could shorten manual audit times, improve tracking accuracy, and reduce mail costs, supplies, and staff hours, a more fiscally responsible path forward.

Customer Services provided by CCRE:

Research* Mental Health* FOIA Requests* Subpoenas* Court Ordered Name Changes* Restoration of Rights and Pardons* Unapplied Criminal History* Delayed Booking* Criminal and Applicant Background Checks* Microfilm/Microfiche & More

FROM THE CULTURAL PLAYBOOK

Communicate With Clarity

Electronic seal orders replace paper packets with a clean digital handoff between courts, DMV, and State Police; fewer steps, fewer chances for a record to fall through the cracks.



DART

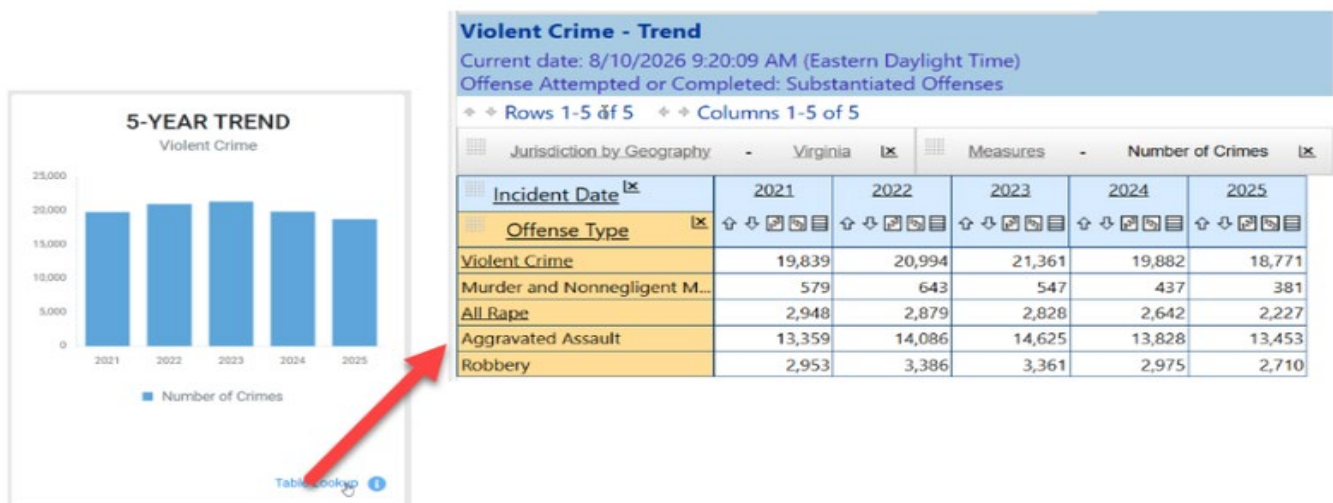
Data Analysis & Reporting Team

CRIME IN VIRGINIA: A LIVE DASHBOARD

The long-running Crime in Virginia report has been replaced by the Virginia Crime Statistics dashboard, a dynamic, continually updated tool built from data submitted by participating law enforcement agencies.



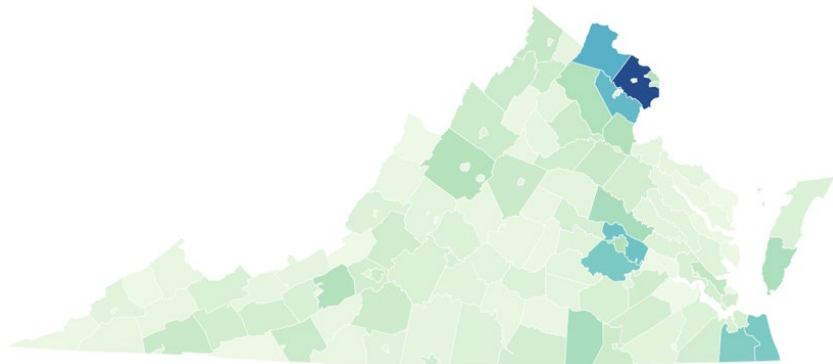
Unlike the former annual publication, the dashboard offers real-time crime information the public can view, explore, and download year-round at va.beyond2020.com/va_tops. Users can review data by agency, locality, or statewide, with information available from 2009 through 2025 across four areas: Violent Crime, Property Crime, Society Crime, and Hate Crime.



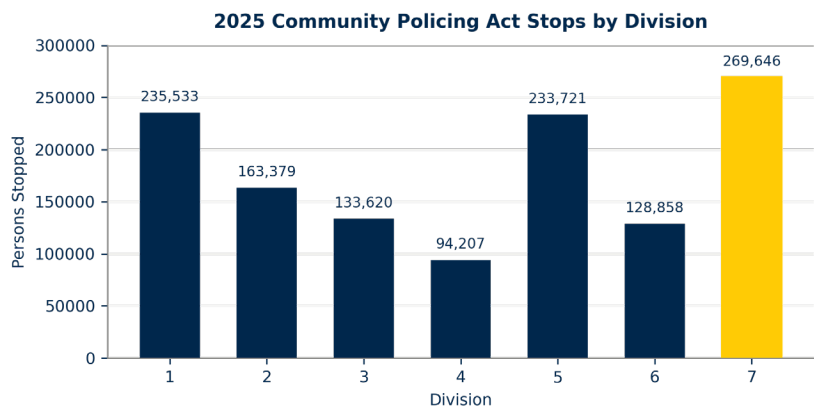
The dashboard's "Table Lookup" option reveals the underlying data behind every visualization, including this five-year violent crime trend.

Community Policing Act

Effective July 2024, DART transitioned all Community Policing Act stop data to the Virginia Crime Insight repository, making agency submissions and quality-control issues easier to track. In 2025, agencies stopped 1,258,964 people statewide.



Stops by city or county, 2025. Darker shading reflects a higher stop volume.



Full jurisdiction-by-jurisdiction details are available on the Virginia Crime Insight repository at va.beyond2020.com.

Automated Traffic Enforcement

As of July 1, 2026, Code of Virginia § 46.2-882.1 governing photo speed monitoring devices was modified to include pedestrian-crossing and stop-sign violation monitoring systems.



In response, DART renamed its Photo Speed Monitoring Equipment data collection to the Automated Traffic Enforcement System data collection.

Subsection K of § 46.2-882.1 was also updated to require that any state or local law-enforcement agency operating one of these systems report the following to the Department of State Police by November 15 each year, for the reporting period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026:

1. Number of traffic violations prosecuted
2. Number of successful prosecutions
3. Operating costs associated with the devices (new)
4. Total monetary civil penalties collected
5. Projects and initiatives funded by the local fund created under subsection C (new)
6. Changes in the number of summonses issued compared to prior reporting periods (new)
7. Number of unsuccessful prosecutions and dismissed summonses (new)
8. Percentage of vehicles receiving a summons relative to total vehicle throughput (new)

FROM THE CULTURAL PLAYBOOK

Promoting Safety Through Strategic Presence

From live crime dashboards to expanded traffic-enforcement reporting, DART's data gives agencies the visibility to put resources where they matter most.



FTC

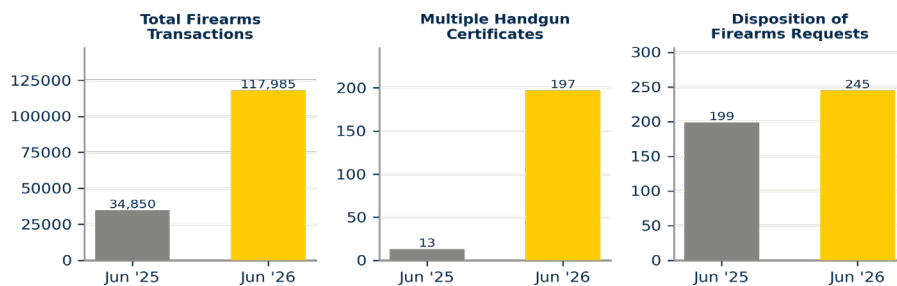
Firearms Transaction Center — June 2026 Activity Summary

The Firearms Transaction Center experienced an unprecedented increase in firearms applications during June 2026 as pending legislative changes drove applicants to the counter. Compared to June 2025, the Center processed 117,985 transactions, a 238.55% increase. It also processed 197 Multiple Handgun Certificates (a 1,415.38% increase) and 245 Disposition of Firearms Requests (a 23.12% increase).



Firearms retailers process an unprecedented volume of transactions during a period of legislative uncertainty.

FTC Year-Over-Year Volume Comparison



During the peak submission period, the Center recorded five individual days on which total transactions exceeded 6,000, with one day topping 6,550 — surpassing all historical records, including the typical fully-staffed Black Friday peak of roughly 5,200 transactions. The single busiest day fell on June 26, 2026, when the system sustained more than 900 transactions per hour for several consecutive hours.

In response, FTC management adjusted staffing schedules, authorized extensive overtime inside and outside normal business hours, and drew on help from FSOIU Troopers to manage incoming phone calls. At no point did the transaction delay rate exceed the statutory limits in Code of Virginia § 18.2-308.2:2. As of June 30, 2026, every delayed transaction was being processed within 24 hours of its creation.

FROM THE CULTURAL PLAYBOOK

Love of Others, Love of Mission

Record volume, zero missed statutory deadlines. Teamwork across FTC and FSOIU; choosing to show up for each other and for the public under real pressure.



SOR

Sex Offender Registry

2026 LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE REGISTRY



Following the July 1, 2025 re-enactment reinstating Tier I and Tier II re-registrations, the Registry began mailing approximately 7,000 re-registration forms each month, a significant increase in monthly processing volume.

This year the Registry saw one statutory change with the signing of 2026 legislation. Effective July 1, 2026, subsection D was added to § 18.2-370.2:

“Every adult who is convicted of an offense prohibiting proximity to children, when the offense occurred on or after July 1, 2026, shall as part of his sentence be forever prohibited from going, for the purpose of having any contact whatsoever with children who are not in his custody, within 100 feet of the premises of any place owned or operated by an authority created pursuant to the Park Authorities Act (§ 15.2-5700 et seq.) that he knows or should know is a playground, athletic field or facility, or gymnasium.”

FROM THE CULTURAL PLAYBOOK

Why Do We Exist?

Protecting the vulnerable extends beyond active cases; it is written into the statutes the Registry enforces every day, including this year's new protective distance around children's playgrounds and athletic facilities.



GLA

Grants & Legislative Analysis

WHAT IS GLA?

Behind the daily operational work across CJIS sits a direct connection to the funding and policy support that keeps the Division moving forward: the Grants and Legislative Analysis section.

When a team hits a major milestone, clears a backlog, or rolls out a system improvement, sharing that win with GLA is more than paperwork — it is the tangible proof that protects and secures future funding.

At the same time, when legislative inquiries arise, GLA analysts often reach out to supervisors for a quick turnaround on statistics or operational feedback, sometimes with only a few hours' notice. Those urgent requests can interrupt a busy day, but the metrics provided directly shape agency responses and show decision-makers the real-world impact proposed legislation will have on daily operations. Staying proactive with wins, and quick with data, ensures CJIS gets the resources, voice, and recognition it has earned.

GLA Team



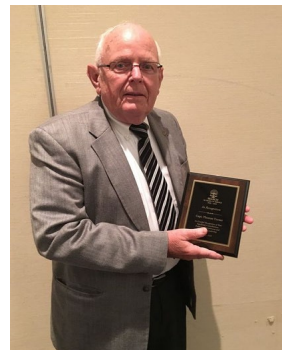
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FROM THE CULTURAL PLAYBOOK

Expanding Capability Through Trust-Based Partnerships

Every data point shared with GLA becomes part of the case CJIS makes to legislators on behalf of the agency.



FSOIU

Field Sex Offender Investigative Unit

DRIVING RESULTS: OFFENDER MONITORING AND CASE CLOSURES

Members of the FSOIU have been working diligently to hone their investigative skills while ensuring strict compliance with the Sex Offender Registry. Their ongoing efforts continue to strengthen public safety and the accuracy of offender monitoring across the Commonwealth. Two recent examples highlight the impact of that work.

USMS Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force



Senior Trooper Brett Southern

USMS Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force



Trooper Joey Radcliffe

USMS Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force

Senior Trooper Brett Southern and Trooper Joey Radcliffe joined the Western District's USMS Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force in 2024. The task force, with strong contributions from VSP; particularly the Roanoke region which had a record-setting 2025. Of the 197 cases closed 163 (83%) were VSP-initiated, a 48% increase over 2024 that far surpassed other regions. That performance ranked the Western District second among all USMS task forces nationwide, despite being far smaller than many of its peers. Current 2026 numbers show the VSP/USMS partnership on pace to potentially lead the nation.

A Routine Verification, A Deeper Investigation



Trooper EJ Gray conducted a routine sex offender verification and discovered the offender maintained multiple unreported social media accounts.

With the offender's consent, Trooper Gray reviewed his phone and found deleted images depicting suspected narcotics and a digital scale. The offender then consented to searches of his residence and vehicle, where Trooper Gray located packaged marijuana, a scale, suspected cocaine, suspected ecstasy, and other drug-related materials.

After being advised of his rights, the offender admitted to selling multiple controlled substances. He was arrested on eight felony warrants, including multiple counts of Failure to Register as a Sex Offender and several counts of Possession with Intent to Distribute. His vehicle was seized by court order for its role in narcotics distribution, and the investigation also resulted in the seizure of \$2,565 in cash, narcotics, packaging materials, and the offender's phone.

FROM THE CULTURAL PLAYBOOK

Timely, Purposeful Action

A routine check became a felony case because a Trooper stayed engaged and pursued the information as he uncovered it, this is the kind of alert, purposeful attention the Playbook asks of all of us.



PMO

Project Management Office

On June 15, 2026, the Project Management Office transitioned from the CJIS Division to the Internet Technology Division.

While the team will certainly be missed within CJIS, the Division is grateful for its continued partnership and the ongoing support it will provide for all CJIS IT systems and data collection.

This realignment brings the PMO closer to the agency teams responsible for enterprise systems, data infrastructure, and long-term technology planning. By joining the IT Division, the PMO will be better positioned to streamline project coordination, strengthen support for agency-wide data initiatives, and help ensure major technology projects are executed with greater consistency, efficiency, and strategic oversight.



FROM THE CULTURAL PLAYBOOK

Who Must Do What?

"We entrust decision-making authority to those closest to the challenge."

Moving PMO next to the teams who own enterprise systems day-to-day is that principle in action.

**YEAR-TO-DATE FIELD ACTIVITY**

Task	2026 Total
In-person audits	142
VCIN violation requests	117
Administrative VCIN investigations	5,502
Agency visits	864
Meetings with agencies	487
Instructing sessions	6

National Ashanti Network Communications Tool

On June 4, 2026, the National Ashanti Network Communications Tool had a soft launch. As a pilot state, VSP can now communicate with participating states to share Missing Endangered Persons alerts across state lines in real time. The pilot aims to test, evaluate, and refine the Network’s capabilities, features, and related workflows, and to assess its ability to securely and rapidly create, share, and receive missing adult alerts using local elements and current technology. This stage is crucial to ensure the Network meets the needs of the field and is robust, scalable, sustainable, and ready for appropriate expansion and growth.

ISO Symposium

Master Trooper Robert Barham attended the ISO Symposium in Norman, Oklahoma, June 9–11, 2026, themed “Protecting Data Strengthening Partnerships.” The agenda featured subject-matter experts addressing challenges facing both the criminal and non-criminal justice communities, including the latest on the CJIS Security Policy, IT Security Audit Modernization, the Advisory Policy Board, and the Compact Council. Trooper Barham said he learned a great deal and would recommend the trip to anyone with the opportunity to attend in the future.

FROM THE CULTURAL PLAYBOOK***One Mission, One Team, One VSP***

A multi-state alert network and a national information security symposium both point the same direction: Virginia’s safety depends on partnerships that reach well beyond our own borders.



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Every section in this newsletter, from a single Trooper's routine stop to a statewide records system, points back to the same Cultural Playbook commitments: preserve life, protect the vulnerable, communicate with clarity, and act with purpose. Thank you for the work you do to make that real every day.