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OFFICE OF STATE CONTROLLER DEPLOYS MOBILE VERSION OF CJLEADS TO HELP CATCH CRIMINALS AND PUT THEM BEHIND BARS EVEN FASTER

More than 21,000 criminal justice professional across North Carolina are using CJLEADS

RALEIGH -- State Controller David McCoy announced today that a mobile version of CJLEADS has been deployed to criminal justice professionals across the State to help catch criminals and put them behind bars even faster. The mobile version allows law enforcement officers and other criminal justice professionals who are without access to computers or outside the office environment to log on and retrieve information on CJLEADS via their smart phone or tablet. CJLEADS (Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Automated Data Services) is a database of comprehensive information about criminals that can be accessed via the web in seconds. CJLEADS replaces the manual and labor-intensive process of looking up historical criminal data from multiple systems and places, reduces the risk of overlooking critical data and improves the information needs of law enforcement agencies.

“CJLEADS is proving to be a major, if not the first, tool that officers turn to when they are on the street or doing surveillance work and need reliable and quick information about a suspect,” said State Controller David McCoy. “Since more and more law enforcement officers are using their smart phones and tablets, we believe it is critical to provide those on the front line, as well as the other criminal justice professionals, with an easy way to use CJLEADS on these devices as well. After all, the more quickly our officers can identify and catch criminals, the more quickly we can get them off the streets and behind bars.”

The mobile application has been beta tested by various law enforcement agencies for the last month. Their feedback and suggestions were used to ensure the application meets their needs. Some comments from law enforcement who tested the mobile application include:

- “Good when doing surveillance and the laptop is not feasible or when working on special assignments on foot.”
- “I used it while we were conducting a traffic checking station. I used it while I was in the road. I didn’t have to return to my car. This was great.”
- “CJLEADS overall is the best program I have used in law enforcement in over 15 years.”
- “Just being able to run tags when not near a laptop is very nice.”
- “I love it! I can check driver’s licenses, tags, everything while standing in the road! The program was fast, no lag time.”
- “This is a sophisticated tool that has been simplified for the ease of on the go field work. I enjoy using it every chance I get as it allows me to go mobile with information that would otherwise not have been available to me.”
- “This is a great tool for any law enforcement agency, this provides so much information at our fingertips that could possibly save someone one day. Thank you.”

Even during the beta testing, the mobile application has helped law enforcement catch criminals and put them behind bars. Several shared their experiences:

- “I had several stops where the driver did not have ID. One gave me a name and a DOB (date of birth) and I was able to access the DMV info and see that the photo was of another person, leading to fictitious info charges.”
- “I have found many people who have had active warrants that I have arrested but would have not known without CJLEADS. Awesome!”
- “On July 4th, I was able to look up a subject we had just issued a citation to and found out he had unserved processes. We notified the Sheriff’s Office.”

Following a successful Wake County pilot in the Fall of 2010, the Office of the State Controller deployed CJLEADS statewide in three phases. Phase I focused on the Upper and Lower Piedmont regions in Winter 2010/2011. Phase II deployed to the Lower Western and Lower Eastern regions of the state in late Spring, 2012, and Phase III reached the Upper Eastern and Western regions of the state in early Fall, 2011, three months ahead of schedule.

CJLEADS has worked aggressively to on-board agencies and train users. As of today, 90 percent of the state, local and federal organizations in North Carolina have signed license and usage agreements and have been authorized to access CJLEADS. More than 21,000 criminal justice professionals in the State are using CJLEADS. Since CJLEADS was initially deployed in June 2010, criminal justice professionals have conducted over 7.3 million searches and accessed nearly 6.2 million offender and DMV records.

(<https://cjleads.nc.gov/training.html>)

At the end of FY 2011-2012, CJLEADS total project expenditures since inception are estimated to be \$24,619,084, which is approximately nine percent under budget. Intangible benefits of CJLEADS (improved efficiency, better informed decision making and improved safety for law enforcement and the public) for FY 2011-2012, based on actual usage of the application, are approximately \$15.8 million. Leveraging the average usage statistics based on the trained CJLEADS user population in May, 2012, with a ten percent growth in FY 2012, estimated annual benefits of CJLEADS are approximately \$21.7 million. Comparing these intangible benefits to project costs and the return on investment analysis, CJLEADS yields a project break-even point of four years, or during the second full year of operations (FY 2013-2014).

The Office of the State Controller worked with SAS to develop CJLEADS, which integrates data found within the state’s various criminal justice databases (including warrants, jail records, court records, prison records, probation and parole status, the sex offender registration and DMV information) and is providing up-to-date criminal information in a centralized location via a secure connection for use by state and local government criminal justice professionals. CJLEADS has two primary objectives: to provide a comprehensive view of an offender through a single application, allowing for positive identification of an offender through a photographic image; and to provide an “offender watch” capability to alert criminal justice professionals when an offender has a change in status. CJLEADS helps officers on the street know immediately what the offender looks like, if they need to approach the suspect with caution, and if there are orders for arrest or warrants out on the suspect. CJLEADS also lets judges and other court officials instantly know if the defendant sitting in court already has a lengthy criminal history.

More information about CJLEADS can be found at <https://cjleads.nc.gov/>.

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