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CISS Project Update

The Connecticut Information Sharing System (CISS) project received notice at July's Governing Board Meeting that the project would be appropriately funded.

The vendor has signed the contract and DAS-DoIT is expected to sign off soon. The contract will then be reviewed by the Attorney General before implementation. The vendor is expected to start work in October of this year.

CIDRIS Project Update

Currently the **Connecticut Impaired Driver Records Information System (CIDRIS)** overall status is RED due to programming that needs to be completed by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection's, DESPP, CAD/RMS vendor NexGen based on the findings of the CIDRIS Troop B pilot. Captain George Battle has worked out a completion schedule with NexGen for the completion of the programming remaining. We have distributed this schedule to the rest of the CIDRIS stakeholders which are the CIDRIS team, DMV, and Judicial in order to get agreement and stakeholder resources for testing and deployment to the rest of the 11 DESPP Troops.

After reviewing the schedule, we have asked DESPP for two additional pieces of information. The first is the testing dates for the new programming from NexGen. These dates are necessary in order to stakeholder resources with DMV, Judicial and the CIDRIS team. DESPP has delivered the testing dates on July 28, 2011 and we have sent those dates to the CIDRIS stakeholders for review and written confirmation that they will have resources available to do the testing needed on those dates.

Second, we have asked DESPP for a periodic status of programming items completed by NexGen in order to track the progress of the programming, so that we do not come up to the October 3, 2011 completion date and find out that the programming is not completed and that we will need additional months. This is normal best practice in the IT world.

We understand that DESPP will work with NexGen to send out a periodic status by email of work completed and ready for testing in September as they progress. This will help all of us assure the successful completion and implementation of CIDRIS for the CJIS Community.

Meanwhile, the CIDRIS team is working on expanding CIDRIS to the rest of the CAD/RMS vendors in the State. We are also working on providing Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and dashboards to the CJIS Community from both CIDRIS and OBTS.

OBTS Project Update

The Offender Based Tracking System (OBTS) Project Team continues to be focused on improving the performance and supportability of OBTS. In an earlier release, OBTS migrated to newer hardware and software which improved both the performance and supportability for OBTS. The last stage of the "platform refresh" is close to completion with the R7.0 release. This platform refresh includes migration from the Oracle 9i database to Oracle 11G and a move to new hardware on a new Redhat Linux operating system running on a Dell R900. This will give OBTS a performance boost, supportability and a reduction to the cost of support and licenses.

Currently, the OBTS team is focused on System Testing the R7.0 release. The System Test team had reported issues with Oracle's performance and Informatica's SSA software, but the issues were quickly resolved. Currently, no "show stopper" issues have been found in System Test, so the expectation is that User Acceptance Testing (UAT) will begin on August 1, 2011.

Planning for the next release (R7.1) has already begun. The next releases will refocus on business issues and needs such as data integrity, Legislative changes, reporting, etc.

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Interns

The summer interns are nearing the completion of their time with the CJIS group. We are happy to say that the interns provided great value to the team.

Allyson Carter completed her project of test cases for the CIDRIS Expansion Project. Emily Trieber completed her analysis of the SSA Name 3 search product and confirmed that the new version 9 out performs version 2.8 currently in production. Jane Kelleher, Trang Nguyen, Jesse Wolf, and Michael Papaleo completed the framework for the OBTS Data Integrity Project and started selecting the data for the first phase comparing the data received by OBTS with the data stored in the database. We are currently interviewing interns for the fall semester.

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