



## EXTRA

**Criminal & Juvenile Justice  
Information and Bureau of Criminal  
Apprehension Advisory Group  
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### Overview of BCA Data

With a renewed focus on information systems and information integration, the Advisory Group invited the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) to give an overview of BCA data systems and information-sharing services utilized by Minnesota criminal justice agencies.

The BCA's Minnesota Justice Information Services (MNJIS) division serves as the state's gateway for the delivery of criminal justice information. The BCA employs five product managers, each of whom specializes in a product or group of products. They provided an overview of some of these services.

- Law Enforcement Message Switch (LEMS): A conduit through which law enforcement can search a wide array of systems with near immediate results.
- National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS): A system that allows law enforcement in all 50 states and 28 federal agencies to immediately share information regarding vehicle registration, driver's licenses and criminal history records.
- Permit Tracking System: Allows law enforcement departments statewide to maintain data on permit to carry applicants.
- License Plate Reader File (LPR): A shared data file among law enforcement that includes information such as stolen vehicles, wanted persons and suspended/revoked licenses.
- Predatory Offender Registry: A records management system containing documents and photos on registered sex offenders to be transmitted between MN law enforcement and the FBI.
- Automated Biometric Identification System (ABIS): Captures biometric fingerprint data; used for circumstances ranging from background checks to unsolved crimes.
- eCharging: A statewide electronic workflow and document system that moves criminal justice information between MN criminal justice agencies.
- MN Crime Data Explorer: An interactive online tool that allows law enforcement and the public to more easily see and understand the crime report data; it provides data accuracy to the media, academics and legislators, and empowers the public to measure public safety around Minnesota.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m., with plans to continue the discussion of the information sharing services at the next meeting.

**Next Advisory Group Meeting**  
Friday, May 10, 2024  
9 – 11 a.m.  
Location: BCA Headquarters  
1430 Maryland Ave. E.  
St. Paul, MN

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