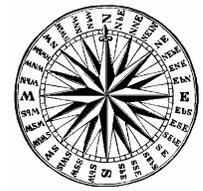


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METH TEAM STANDARDS

Methamphetamine use is on the rise. In fact, it has become the drug of choice in many sections of the country. In 1999 Michigan experienced 19 clandestine labs; in the year 2000 this number escalated to 40. To combat this threat the METH Team was formed. Part of their job is to capture statistics from Methamphetamine related complaints. They are particularly interested in tracking the following chemicals used in its manufacture:

- Anhydrous Ammonia
- Ephedrine
- Pseudo Ephedrine
- Red Phosphorous

In an effort to help the team do their job it is important that AICS users follow the same guidelines for entry in the property segment. It is requested that these items be entered on the **Miscellaneous Screen**, which is searchable. Use of the Description Screen on the Article Screen is not a viable option because it is not searchable. Also note that Methamphetamines should be entered on the drug screen.

SPRING CLEANING

Spring is the perfect time to do a little AICS housekeeping. One area that is often neglected is the User Profile Screen. You should take the opportunity to delete users that are no longer at your worksite, and renew expired passwords.

POP LINES

Point of Presence (POP) Lines are a way for multiple agencies within a county to set up a wide area network (WAN). POP lines can be used to gain access to LEIN, Live Scan, AFIS, Automated Pistol Registrations, STATIS, AICS, SOS driver images, and other systems the State will be developing.

Agencies are encouraged to work together to develop a formal plan and take advantage of this technology. Many issues need resolution when considering this technology. Questions concerning how state and local government conduct business (currently and in the future), and what local agency is best-equipped to house the POP (based on issues such as best technology support, most central location, cost recovery/billing, and whether or not there is 24 hour access) must be resolved.

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WEEKLY MAIN FRAME BACK UP

Just a reminder that the Main Frame computer is backed up on Wednesday mornings from 4:00 AM to 6:00 AM and AICS has to be taken off line during this procedure. If you have any reports that you will need on Wednesday mornings by 8:00 AM you should print them out the night before just in case the back up takes longer than expected.

LEAMS INFORMATION

One of the most frequently asked questions surrounding LEAMS is: who will be the vendor? There are quite a few steps that must be followed before this question can be answered.

The contract will be awarded via a competitive bid process. Only vendors that meet the criteria laid out in the Request for Proposal (RFP) will be allowed to bid on the project. Chronicled below is what will take place over the next few months leading up to the awarding of the contract.

- Draft requirements will be incorporated into the RFP
- RFP will be presented to the LEAMS Steering Committee for approval
- RFP will be presented to MSP divisions for approval
- RFP will be presented to DMB for final approval
- RFP out to qualified vendors
- Vendor selected
- Negotiations will begin with the selected vendor
- Contract awarded

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CARRYING AUTOMOBILES UNDER THE 28000 FILE

AICS users have come up with some very creative ways to carry seized automobiles under the 28000 file class. We are currently working on modifying AICS to allow for the entry of **seized** automobiles under this file class. Until then, you can enter automobiles on the Vehicle Screen by substituting the class type of 33-Other Motor Vehicle for 03-Automobile.

LEAMS VENDOR DEMONSTRATIONS

On March 22-23, representatives from law enforcement agencies throughout the State convened at the Michigan State Police Training Academy to look at the technology that will be driving the next generation of AICS. Eight vendors deemed to have leading records management systems put their software through its paces, and fielded questions. The purpose of this forum was to give attendees the opportunity to single out functionality and requirements for a statewide record management system, not to pick a vendor. The turn out was great! Thanks to all who attended.

WELCOME ABOARD! NEW ON-LINE AICS USERS

- Gladwin Police Department
- St. Ignace Police Department
- Almont Police Department
- Frankenmuth Police Department
- Augusta Police Department
- Tawas Police Department
- Marenisco Police Department
- Galesburg Police Department
- Hart Police Department
- North Branch Police Department
- Imlay City Police Department
- Lax Vieux Desert Tribal Police

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