

Local Cal-ID RAN Board Meeting
Minutes of November 19, 2020

Los Angeles County Regional Identification System
12440 East Imperial Hwy., Suite 400W
Norwalk, CA 90650
Webex Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT

Briane Grey

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Elisa Arcidiacono (for Supervisor Kathryn Barger)

Todd Pelkey (for District Attorney Jackie Lacey)

Terry Carter (for Chief Michel R. Moore)

Brian Yanagi (for Sheriff Alex Villanueva)

Erich Hoefke, (for Chief Richard Bell)

STAFF

Lt. Derek Sabatini, LACRIS

Sgt. Erick Martinez, LACRIS

Stuart Suede, LACRIS

Christian Hai, LACRIS

Angela Vargas, LACRIS

Sgt. John Denney, LACRIS

GUESTS

Errol Lawson, LAPD

Captain Chris Kovac

I. CONVENE

The November 19, 2020, meeting of the Local Cal-ID RAN Board was called to order by Elisa Arcidiacono at 2:05 p.m.

II. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 28, 2020, meeting were adopted (moved by Terry Carter, seconded by Briane Grey, and unanimously carried to approve).

III. REPORT ON THE TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE

Chair Elisa Arcidiacono introduced Lt. Derek Sabatini who reported on the tasks assigned to the Technical Subcommittee on May 28, 2020.

1. Report on the Status of the LiveScan Network, Installations, and Enhancements

Idemia Extension:

LACRIS was given permission to extend the Idemia service contact for our legacy Livescan system during the May 21, 2020, RAN Board meeting. The total amount authorized by the RAN Board was \$130,452 a month. A contract extension for \$130,452 a month, with a 30 day notice to quit has been presented to the County Chief Executive Officer for delegated authority approval. We anticipate three months of service needed prior to acceptance of the new system.

New Criminal Booking System (CBS)

On September 16, 2020, a Livescan machine was installed at Industry Station as a live test system. On September 24, 2020, a second test Livescan was installed at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Public Safety Unit. Both of these units were deployed as active live test systems and provided critical feedback that could only be learned in a real world deployment.

We are behind schedule with the deployment of the new CBS because of unforeseen issues with the programming of the new Livescan devices. All known issues were corrected on Friday, October 30, 2020.

Deployment of 10 Livescans, known as the Gang of 10, will begin on November 16th and will be completed on November 24th. The Gang of 10 are placed strategically throughout the County at specific agencies in order to test network connectivity, data volume and specific tasks. The Gang of 10 will be our test systems we will utilize to ensure all software updates work prior to distribution to the rest of our active Livescans. The Gang of 10 will be tested for two weeks. If no issues develop, countywide deployment of the new CBS will begin

the week of December 7th. We anticipate the complete deployment of the new Livescans by the end of February, 2021, and CBS system acceptance 30 days later. Every law enforcement agency will be notified one week prior to LACRIS' arrival for installation of the new Livescans, along with a day prior reminder.

2. Report on the Status of LAFIS

From May 1, 2020, through October 31, 2020, various LACRIS systems were inoperable and experienced unscheduled downtime for approximately one hundred-ninety-seven (197) hours. Fourteen (14) hours were unscheduled related to issues with NEC, sixty-eight (68) hours were AJIS/JDIC related, thirty-six (36) hours were with the Sheriff's Data Network, and seventy-nine (79) hours were with the State DOJ. In comparison, the two (2) months prior, September 1, 2020 – October 31, 2020, to the current period, the system experienced approximately twenty-one (21) hours of downtime.

3. LACRIS Statistics

LA PhotoManager – May 1, 2020 to October 31, 2020

Total DMS Records (not sealed)	7,327,077	Total DMS Subjects (not sealed)	2,350,330	Approximately 68% with more than one record
Total Users	4,989	Users with Facial Recognition Training and Access:		753
FOR THE PERIOD OF 5/1/20 to 10/31/20				
Total New Records	86,181	Total New Subjects	67,299	Approximately 22% recidivism
Total Period FR Searches	11,606	Total Period CAFRI Searches	361	
Total Period Mobile FR Searches	0			

Mobile ID – ID BlueCheck (Fingers)

In the six months making up this RAN Board period, we had 2,750 total inquiries, 1,382 positive Identifications, for a positive identification ratio of 50%.

4. Steering Committee

The Technical Subcommittee meeting was held on August 19, 2020. During the meeting, the participants were briefed on the status of the LACRIS systems. Carmen Moncure from the Long Beach Police Department and Krishna Patel

from the Torrance Police Department made a second request for the Foster Freeman Recover system, which is one of today's action items.

5. General Updates

Attorney General Response

On August 7, 2020, at the direction of the RAN Board, LACRIS sent the California Attorney General a letter informing him of our concerns regarding the status of the DOJ' Automated Biometric Identification System (ABIS). On September 14, 2020, Attorney General Xavier Becerra responded to the letter (see attached letter).

Note of interest; the DOJ has delivered the missing palm prints to the FBI. LACRIS has updated all agencies that they may start to receive hit returns from cold cases when the FBI begins to upload the data into their system. We do not have an update as to the status of the data upload.

PAC-50 Upgrade

The PAC50 project continues to move forward with more locations being upgraded to the 10 mbps connection with Spectrum.

- 27 PAC-50 locations installed (connectivity confirmed)
- 5 PAC-50 locations to be scheduled for install
- 8 PAC-50 locations in construction phase

*Some agencies pay for their own connection, while others have deferred connection.

Digital Mugshot System (DMS)

The DMS is our facial recognition system, which is currently utilizing the LPhotomanager software. The DMS Request for Proposal (RFP) is estimated to go out for bid during the second quarter of next year. The LPhotomanager contract expires on February 7, 2023.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Authorization to Purchase Foster Freeman Recover:

LACRIS is requesting to furnish 4 latent work locations with a Foster Freeman Recover Development Chamber (RDC) to work in conjunction with their current DC5 Workstations. These RDC's provide a chemical vapor process to develop fingerprints that would have previously been deemed impossible to recover. Using the RDC's, it will be possible to develop fingerprints on surfaces exposed to extreme heat (bullet casings, arson) and

items that have been washed clean (even with bleach). This technology is beneficial to both active and cold cases. These RDC's will be provided to the Long Beach Police Department, the Torrance Police Department, the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Crime Lab. These agencies will be provided these systems based on their request and an assessment of their Foster Freeman DC5 use. The quote for the Foster Freeman RDC's include equipment, an initial 20 runs of consumables (precursors and chemicals), training and a one year warranty. The approximate cost is \$387,900.

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED BY TERRY CARTER, SECONDED BY ERICH HOEFKE, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO PURCHASE FOSTER FREEMAN RECOVER FOR THE APPROXIMATE COST OF \$387,900.

Further Discussion: Captain Brian Yanagi asked if LACRIS anticipates adding more devices at a later date. Lt. Sabatini responded if LACRIS sees an uptick in use, we will come back to the Board and request additional money for more devices.

B. Authorization to Hire (1) Deputy Sheriff Generalist:

LACRIS is requesting authorization to fund a Deputy Sheriff Generalist, (Class Code 2708). This Deputy Sheriff Generalist will replace the two Forensic Identification Specialists (FIS I Class Code 4333), approved by the RAN Board on September 26, 2019, as part of the Facial Recognition Team. The job specifications for Forensic Identification Specialists do not include facial recognition duties. There are no current positions with the job specifications specifically written for facial recognition duties. The duties of a Deputy Sheriff Generalist as identified in the Manual of Policy and Procedures (MPP) qualify the item to perform these tasks. The duties are in part to; "carry out specific duties and responsibilities assigned to them" (MPP 3-01/050.20) and "working in an administrative or support function" (MPP 2-02/090.00). It is estimated to take years to work with the County's Department of Human Resources to conduct the required assessment of the facial recognition duties and make modifications of the Forensic Identification Specialist duty specifications.

LACRIS, the RAN Board and the Gartner Strategic Plan has identified the need to staff this team in order to expand the quality control measures of auditing, maintaining data integrity, monitoring trends and training personnel from the many Los Angeles County law enforcement agencies. Currently, LACRIS has a Sergeant and a Custody Assistant item assigned full time to handle all things involving facial recognition. Due to the high demand for the use of the facial recognition tools, the national recognition of our program

and the local demand for training and assistance, we have had to operate with overtime in order to continue to maintain the integrity of our services.

The monthly top step salary for a Deputy Sheriff Generalist is \$10,944 and the salary plus benefits is \$222,386. The monthly top step salary for the Forensic Identification Specialist I is \$5833 and the salary plus benefits is \$117,865. Two Forensic Identification Specialists would have a salary plus benefits cost of \$235,730. The total difference between the two Forensic Identification Specialist I items that was approved and the requested Deputy Sheriff Generalist is approximately a cost savings of \$13,344 a year.

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED BY TERRY CARTER, SECONDED BY BRIANE GREY, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE 100% FUNDING TO HIRE ONE (1) DEPUTY SHERIFF GENERALIST FOR THE APPROXIMATE COST OF \$222,286 PER YEAR.

Further Discussion: Captain Brian Yanagi asked if it is LACRIS's intent to keep or replace item with Forensic Identification Specialist (FIS) items. Lt. Sabatini responded that LACRIS will return to the Board to switch back to FIS items after we have completed the modification of the item to include biometric modalities. LACRIS will decide at that time whether we replace the item through attrition or go to the Board for additional positions. At this time, LACRIS is switching the items to alleviate overtime costs.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2021.