

DATA SHARING CONSORTIUM MEETING

February 10, 2015

**Hosted by Valencia College, School of Public Safety (Criminal Justice Institute)
Orlando, FL**

- **Call to Order/ Welcome and Introductions**
 - Jim McClure called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
 - Attendees introduced themselves.
 - Attendees were announced that were joining by web conference.
 - Jim proposed changing the regular Consortium meetings from bi-monthly to quarterly. There being no objections, future meetings will be scheduled on a quarterly basis with the next meeting being in May or June.
 - The group was reminded to please use the address support@lettr.org for quickest response to support requests.

- **License Plate Reader (LPR) Data**
 - The possibility of importing LPR data into FINDER was discussed. Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) systems typically take a photo of the license plate and vehicle and geocode that with its current location. The captured data is checked against a “hot list” updated by FDLE every few hours. Several attendees reported successes with this technology.
 - LETTR is in preliminary discussions with a vendor who is interested in collaborating to make LPR data accessible to FINDER users. The group was asked if they believe there is a genuine investigative benefit to having LPR data in FINDER, and all agreed that there was, so we will continue researching the viability of this collaboration.
 - LPR data would be a distributed query (like RMS) but FINDER is granular and therefore can be interfaced in any way needed.
 - It was noted that there is a bill pending in the Florida legislature (HB 571) that would restrict the collection and storage of LPR data.

- **PawnWeb Updates/Enhancements**
 - One member agency has requested a date and time stamp on changes made to an existing ticket, as well as specifics on what was changed. The development team is looking into adding that feature to PawnWeb.
 - Jim commended some agencies who are providing excellent training classes and reminded the attendees that we are available to do training as well. We can conduct FINDER “train the trainer” sessions in about 90 minutes.

- **General**
 - LETTR is in the process of responding to a Request for Information (RFI) from FDLE to secure the data sharing contract for the entire state. In the meantime, it is business as usual as we continue to support our existing member agencies.

- There continues to be significant interest in FINDER from other states. Any expansion of FINDER's reach will benefit Florida agencies by creating access to records from other states.
 - We are in discussions with a pawn vendor who may be willing to export their pawn data to FINDER to further enhance law enforcement investigative efforts.
 - Spread the word to your State Attorneys Offices that they can get access to FINDER if they have investigators with arrest powers. We can provide training as well.
 - Access to FINDER cannot, however, be given to DCF personnel since they are not sworn.
- **Next Meeting & Additional Notes**
- Agencies were asked to please check on the status of their Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with LETTR. It appears some MOU's are being forwarded with the invoice to the agency's fiscal unit and we are not getting them back. MOU's protect both parties and also help keep your contact information up to date.
 - Valencia College's Criminal Justice Institute is now offering masters degree programs.
 - The annual Guns N Hoses hockey game will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2015, at the Amway Center, featuring the Central Florida Enforcers versus the Orange County Firefighters. Tickets will be \$15 and include admission to the Solar Bears game immediately following. Proceeds will benefit the Central Florida Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS).
 - The next Consortium meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 9, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at a location to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.