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CJIS-CT Security Policy Aligned with FBI CJIS Standards

Connecticut's Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS-CT) has officially updated its Security Policy to fully align with the FBI's CJIS Security Policy—a major step forward in protecting criminal justice data and strengthening secure information sharing statewide.

Elevating Security and Accountability
The FBI CJIS Security Policy sets the national standard for safeguarding Criminal Justice Information (CJI), including biometric data, identity records, investigative files, and incident reports. By meeting these rigorous standards, CJIS-CT reinforces its role as a trusted steward of sensitive data, ensuring confidentiality, integrity, and availability across its systems.

Key Components of the Updated Policy
The revised policy incorporates a comprehensive set of technical, physical, and administrative controls aligned with the FBI CJIS framework. Key enhancements include:

- Role-based access controls limiting data to relevant users
- Statewide multi-factor authentication (MFA)
- Centralized logging and continuous system monitoring
- Standardized personnel screening and training
- Formal protocols for incident response, risk management, and business continuity

These updates were developed through close collaboration between CJIS-CT leadership, cybersecurity experts, and partner agencies to ensure practical, enforceable, and future-ready safeguards.

Supporting Interagency Collaboration and Compliance

The policy approval strengthens CJIS-CT's ability to securely connect with local, state, and federal partners, enhancing interoperability while protecting sensitive data. It also streamlines compliance by offering a clear, consistent security framework for all users of the Connecticut Information Sharing System (CISS) and related services.

Ongoing Commitment to Security Excellence

CJIS-CT remains committed to continuous improvement through regular compliance reviews, training, and system audits.
For more information or to request a copy of the updated Security Policy, contact Sridhar Brahma, GRC Analyst, at Sridhar.Brahma@ct.gov.

What Is RMS? Inside the Technology Keeping Connecticut's Justice System Connected

As law enforcement agencies across Connecticut modernize their operations, one technology has quietly become a cornerstone of criminal justice workflows: the Records Management System, or RMS.

While often working behind the scenes, RMS platforms are essential for how agencies record, manage, and share information. From the moment an officer responds to a call to the point when a case reaches the courts, RMS plays a central role in maintaining public safety and justice.

What Is RMS and Why It Matters

A Records Management System is software used by police departments to handle operational data. This includes everything from arrest records, case files, and evidence tracking to mandated reports for state and federal compliance.

Integrated with Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) systems—used to manage 911 calls and field responses—RMS completes the digital workflow. Together, they ensure that law enforcement operations are documented accurately, consistently, and efficiently.

The benefits of modern RMS platforms are wide-reaching:

- **Accuracy:** Pre-filled forms and validation tools reduce human error.
- **Efficiency:** Automations save valuable time in report writing and case management.

- **Transparency:** Better record-keeping supports accountability and public trust.
- **Officer Safety:** Streamlined workflows let officers focus on patrol and response rather than paperwork.

The State's Role in Building a Connected System

To ensure seamless information sharing across agencies, Connecticut requires that RMS vendors obtain written approval from the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS-CT) Governing Board if their systems require access to criminal history record information maintained on the state's criminal justice information technology system – the Connecticut Information Sharing System (CISS). CISS serves as a central hub that enables electronic arrest packages, automated court notifications, and real-time collaboration between justice partners.

Through this interoperability requirement, the state balances local agency autonomy with a unified commitment to statewide data sharing and public safety.

What's Next for RMS in Connecticut

As technology evolves and policing demands grow more complex, RMS will only become more critical. Agencies are increasingly relying on these platforms not just to manage data, but to enhance workflows, improve outcomes, and support officer safety.

Connecticut is at a pivotal moment. With increased engagement, thoughtful planning, and continued investment in digital systems, the state can reduce fragmentation, improve data sharing, and ensure its public safety infrastructure is both modern and resilient.

RMS may be invisible to most, but it is essential to the daily work of law enforcement and the broader goals of justice and community safety.

Coming Soon: Improving CISS Search Analytics with a De-identified Data Platform

CJIS-CT is taking a major step forward in research capacity with the development of a de-identified data and analytics platform. Currently in the prototype phase, with an internal demo targeted for September 2025, the initiative aims to support sustainable, reusable research tools across the state.

What's Being Built?

The new platform will house de-identified justice system data from agencies such as CSSD, DESPP, DMV, DOC, and the Judicial Branch, enabling safer and broader access for research and policy analysis. Instead of one-off databases and reports that become a "throw away" when done, CJIS-CT envisions a shared infrastructure that enables ongoing data analysis projects across the state that are based on metrics and can be more economical.

Analytics with Power BI and AI

CJIS-CT plans to use Microsoft Power BI, with potential AI integration, to deliver interactive dashboards and deep insights on topics like sentencing, racial disparities, law enforcement transparency and other topics.

Early Interest

Even before launch, interest is strong. Anticipated users include:

- The Connecticut Sentencing Commission
- Urban Institute / OPM
- Police Use of Force Transparency (PA 19-90)
- Racial Profiling Prohibition Project

Security & Governance First

Data governance and security protocols are still being finalized, with a focus on protecting privacy and ensuring ethical use.

Bottom Line: CJIS-CT is laying the groundwork for a modern, de-identified justice research platform—turning one-time studies into a powerful, ongoing engine for data-informed policy.

Save the Date!

A Look at our Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

- **Monthly Governance Committee Meeting – Friday, September 12, 2025 10:00AM – Virtual – MS Teams**

- **Monthly Governance Committee Meeting – Friday, October 10, 2025 10:00AM – Virtual – MS Teams**

- **Quarterly Governing Board Meeting – Thursday, October 23, 2025 1:30PM – In-Person at the DCJ Kevin T. Kane Training Center**

You can find additional details about upcoming meetings, including the full schedule and relevant information, on our [website](#).

CJIS-CT Training Opportunities

Looking to enhance your CISS skills? CJIS-CT offers **free**, specialized training to help law enforcement and justice agencies maximize CISS capabilities.

CJIS-CT offers the following CISS training courses:

- CISS User Search
- CISS Audit Log Search
- CISS System Administration
- CISS Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC)

CJIS-CT training modalities:

- In-Person
- 100% Computer-based Training (CBT)
- Hybrid (instructor-led and CBT-based)

POSTC training modalities:

- 4-hour initial certification
- 2-hour recertification

For CISS training inquiries, please contact the CJIS Help Desk at CJIS.HelpDesk@ct.gov

Additional information on how to register for training can also be found on our website: [CJIS Training Academy](#)

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