CJIS-CT Insight

A newsletter from the team at the Connecticut Criminal Justice Information System

New Finds This Edition

This issue covers key updates on CJIS-CT's CISS electronic workflow expansion, upcoming system enhancements for 2025, and efforts to improve criminal justice information sharing. Stay informed on what's ahead.

The **CJIS-CT Insight** newsletter is designed to keep stakeholders updated on the **Connecticut Information Sharing System (CISS)** key developments, system improvements, and industry trends impacting our user base of municipal police departments and State agencies responsible for criminal justice administration. We welcome your feedback and ideas for future articles—please share your thoughts with us at **CJIS Help Desk**.
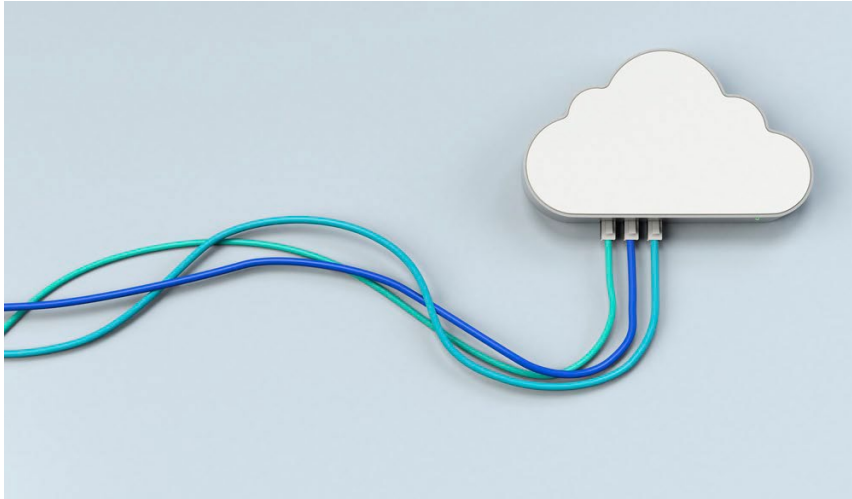
Key Accomplishments for 2024

Electronic Workflow Achievements

In 2024, CJIS-CT made significant progress in enhancing its electronic workflow systems across Connecticut. The Police Department Kickoff Meeting (Familiarization) process was successfully completed across 17 Geographical Areas (GAs), engaging 74 police departments. All local PD IT connectivity issues were resolved, ensuring readiness for full CISS Workflow deployment. The release of CISS v11.4.3 introduced support for Clean Slate, MVP, and enhanced family violence indicators. Additionally, a new legislatively driven gun violence variable bond percentage field was implemented for Arrest Paperwork submissions. The latest NexGen RMS software release was certified, featuring Supplemental Transmittal routing for DCJ and an intuitive bond tab for SCO. Further expanding its reach, CISS Workflow deployment grew to include five additional GAs, bringing the total to 25 municipal police departments (MPDs) actively submitting Arrest and Summons packages.

CISS continues to enhance justice and public safety operations in Connecticut with over 5,200 individuals trained in CISS Search. Active users conduct 5,000+ searches monthly. A comprehensive study on digital evidence management explored centralized storage solutions, while CISS training efforts onboarded over 1,000 new users across law enforcement agencies. Additionally, critical infrastructure upgrades modernized data centers, improving system performance and security. CJIS-CT also supports the Clean Slate initiative which advanced with the launch of the Sentence Discharge Database (SDDB) component, processing 23 years of case history.

Looking Ahead: 2025 Initiatives

In 2025, CJIS-CT will continue advancing its electronic workflow change management process across Connecticut, enabling more police departments to submit arrest packages electronically, reducing manual paperwork and improving efficiency. All Geographical Areas (GAs) will integrate a NexGen component, allowing broader collaboration with RMS vendors, while efforts will focus on software enablement, training, and activation for departments already connected. Once NexGen integration is complete, smaller MPDs and RMS vendors (IMC, Inform, and ProPhoenix) will be brought into the system, expanding participation in Level 1 Early Arrest Notifications and Level 2 Full Arrest Packages (paperless). Additional priorities include onboarding new municipal police departments and private PSAPs, transit and rail police, launching a cloud-based digital evidence pilot project, and streamlining CISS user authorization through an electronic request portal (eCUAR). Data integration efforts will enhance Clean Slate processing and RMS vendor collaboration, while security measures will focus on maintaining compliance with federal cybersecurity standards.

Featured Article: Enhancing Criminal Justice Information Sharing

This edition, we highlight a critical discussion on modernizing criminal justice information sharing, written by CJIS-CT Staff member and Curriculum Manager Derek Poundstone for IACP's **Police Chief Magazine**. His article provides insights into the evolution of the Connecticut Information Sharing System (CISS), its role in improving public safety, and the challenges faced in integrating legacy systems. He emphasizes how CISS has revolutionized access to criminal justice data, streamlining decision-making and improving efficiency.

For a deeper dive, read the full article at: Police Chief Magazine.

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.
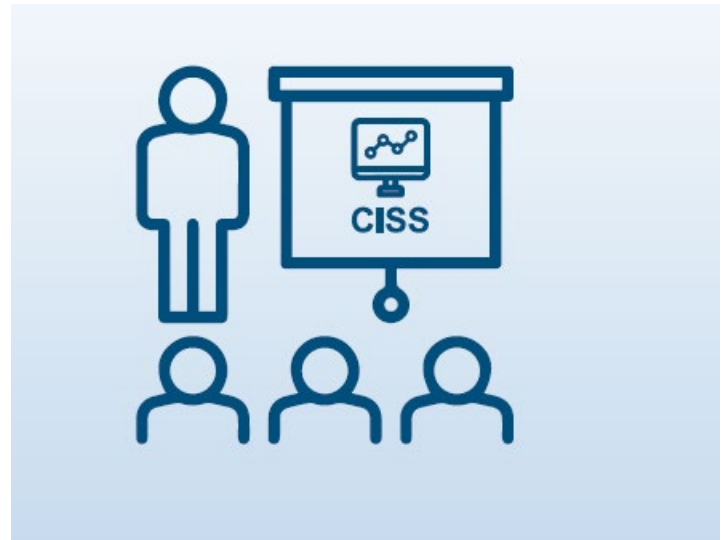
CJIS-CT offers the following CISS training courses:

- 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 mailto:CJIS.HelpDesk@ct.gov

Additional information on how to register for training can also be found on our website: CJIS Training Academy

Stay tuned for more updates in our next issue of CJIS-CT Insight!