



LEITSC Newsletter

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2008 Upcoming Events

NSA 68th Annual Conference and Exposition

June 28th - July 2nd, 2008
Indianapolis, IN

NOBLE 32nd Annual Conference and Exposition

July 26th - 31st, 2008
New York, NY

IACP 116th Annual Conference and Exhibition

November 8th - 12th, 2008
San Diego, CA

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Welcome to the LEITSC Newsletter Spring 2008 Edition. A lot has happened in the last year and we are excited to announce that from June 1, 2007 to June 1, 2008, we have received **812,877 hits** on our website! That got us thinking, what about the IEPDs and the standard functional specifications documents? Well, during that same time period...

Standard Functional Specifications for Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Systems

- Downloaded **35,555** times

Standard Functional Specifications for Records Management Systems (RMS) Version I

- Download **31,599** times

Standard Functional Specifications for Records Management Systems Version II

- Downloaded **15,229** times

LEITSC NIEM 2.0 IEPDs

- Downloaded **2606** times

Thank you to everyone, law enforcement agencies and industry alike, who have contributed their input and helped make this project a success.

General Information

The Law Enforcement Information Technology Standards Council (LEITSC) is consortium of four of the nation's leading law enforcement associations; the International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, National Sheriffs' Association, and the Police Executive Research Form. Funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance

(BJA) it is our mission to promote information technology standards among law enforcement agencies.

For more information about LEITSC and the products we have developed for CAD Systems and RMS for law enforcement agencies, please visit the LEITSC website, www.LEITSC.org.

Standard Functional Specifications for Law Enforcement Records Management Systems Version II



LEITSC is pleased to announce the release of the *Standard Functional Specifications for Law Enforcement Records Management System Version II*.

Designed to be tools to help guide law enforcement agencies looking to upgrade or purchase a new computer aided dispatch or records management system, the Standard Functional Specifications documents detail the basic functional requirements that these systems should have to achieve interoperability – providing the *what* but not the *how*. Thus a periodic review of the documents is necessary to ensure that they are providing agencies with the most up-to-date-information.

With the release of NIEM 2.0, the FBI's National Data Exchange (N-DEx) program and other national initiatives a review of the documents indicated it was time to update the *Standard Functional Specifications for Records Management Systems (RMS)* document.

All 25 of the original business functions were retained but the document was updated to include:

1. Language in the General Requirements Section on Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) and the Justice
2. Reference Architecture (JRA), Software as a Service (SaaS), privacy and data quality
3. Change term from Traffic Accident Reporting to Crash Reporting
4. Updates to the Protection Order module
5. Discussion of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Data Exchange (N-DEx) exchange program
6. Discussion of the Suspicious Activity Report exchange
7. Discussion of Statutory Registrations

The *Standard Functional Specifications for Law Enforcement Records Management System Version II* was downloaded over **15,000** times during the first month of its release!

Work on the Standard Functional Specifications User Guide begins

Through a competitive bidding process, Waterhole Software, Inc. was recently awarded a contract from the IACP to begin work on the LEITSC Standard Functional Specifications User Guide. The User Guide will be a

supplemental tool to the Standard Functional Specifications documents and is intended to assist law enforcement agencies further during the request for proposal (RFP) process.

LEITSC Technical Assistance

"LEITSC has proven its strength and commitment to this endeavor by providing access to law enforcement experts to give input to standards development initiatives, creating outreach and training opportunities to keep law enforcement executives engaged in the process, and continuing to leverage collaboration and work that is currently underway to address the information technology needs of the law enforcement community. The law enforcement community understands the value of using information technology standards in their technology implementation, and over the last few years, significant progress has been made in the development and implementation of information technology standards to advance information sharing."

LEITSC offers technical assistance to law enforcement agencies that are in the process of procuring or updating a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system and/or a Records Management System (RMS). The technical assistance is driven by an agencies use of the Standard Functional Specifications for Law Enforcement CAD and/or RMS and is provided at no cost. Law enforcement agencies can leverage this opportunity when developing a request for proposal (RFP) for CAD systems or RMS.

The Technical Assistance Program includes, but is not limited to, onsite meetings and conference calls to answer questions that might arise while working with the Standard Functional Specifications for Law Enforcement CAD, RMS, or the IEPDs. The unique needs of each agency will be addressed on an individual basis.

CHERRY HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT (NEW JERSEY) LEITSC, in a collaborative effort with SEARCH, recently completed a two-phase technical assistance request for the

Cherry Hill Police Department. During phase I, representatives from LEITSC and from SEARCH met with executive, operational, and staff support personnel and conducted a high-level assessment of departmental needs.

Phase II focused on the CAD/RMS procurement processes as well as a presentation on NIEM and assistance with request for information (RFI) development.

PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY (PENNSYLVANIA)

LEITSC is currently working on a technical assistance request for the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) and will be performing a gap analysis between the *Standard Functional Specifications for Law Enforcement Records Management Systems Version II* and cNet, a web-based RMS for Pennsylvania law enforcement agencies.

To request technical assistance from LEITSC, please fill out the form that can be found by clicking [here...](#)

LEITS Council Meeting

The LEITS Council recently held a meeting during the IACP Law Enforcement Information Management Conference. Meeting minutes are

available at www.leitsc.org/LEITSCMeetings.htm.

The next council meeting is scheduled to take place in early September.

LEITSC Outreach

Embedded in the mission of LEITSC is to promote the merits of information technology standards. LEITSC has been successful at securing agenda time at national conferences, executive-level committee meetings, and publishing articles in the *Police*

Chief magazine.

Click [here](#) to find our latest article in *Police Chief Magazine*, entitled "Interoperability and Information Sharing; What's in it for Us?"

LEITSC Information Exchange Package Documents (IEPDs) in NIEM 2.0

The following IEPDs, originally developed using GJXDM 3.0.3 and later migrated to NIEM 2.0, can be found on the LEITSC website:

- RMS Summary Response
- RMS Query
- CAD to RMS Transfer
- CAD Unit Status Update
- CAD Request Status Update
- CAD Resource Availability Query
- CAD Resource Availability Response
- CAD Request for Resource
- ACD Summary Call for Service Information
- CAD Detailed Call for Service

What is an IEPD?

An Information Exchange Package Document (IEPD) represents a set of data and the additional documentation

describes the content, structure, and other artifacts of the information exchange. IEPDs help facilitate the exchange of information between agencies and support a specific set of business requirements.

What is the National Information Exchange Model (NIEM)?

An XML-based framework, NIEM's goal is to automate information sharing by facilitating the development, dissemination, and support information exchange standards.

How can NIEM IEPDs help us?

Using IEPDs based on national reference models allow public safety agencies to share detailed information quickly and accurately with all cooperating parties without requiring agencies to have the same equipment.

LEITSC Survey

To serve our practitioners better and to make sure that the LEITSC mission remains relevant to our purpose, we ask that you take a few minutes to complete the brief survey that can be found on our website.

We greatly appreciate the feedback that we receive and thank those agencies that have already completed it.

The survey can be found [here...](#)

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