

# THE BIOMETRIC SERVICES SECTION



"To provide person-centric identification services that support law enforcement communities and their partners in safeguarding the public against terrorist and criminal activity."

# WHAT IS A "TENPRINT"

#### **Defined by the SWGFAST:**

#### **TENPRINT**

- 1 A generic reference to examinations performed on intentionally recorded friction ridge impressions, usually ten fingers.
- 2 A controlled recording of available fingers of an individual using black ink, electronic imaging, photography, or other medium on a contrasting background.

#### **LATENT PRINT**

- 1 Transferred impression of friction ridge detail not readily visible.
- 2 Generic term used for questioned friction ridge detail.

# TENPRINT FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SERVICES

- The BSS offers <u>tenprint</u> based fingerprint identification services in a 24 x 7 operation
  - Arrests
  - Criminal Inquiries
  - Employment & Licensing Checks for authorized agencies (agencies with a valid ORI number)
  - Humanitarian (Known/Unknown Deceased, Amnesia Victims)
  - FOI and Appeals
  - Records Testimony for authorized agencies
  - NICS "Gun Checks"

# Myth #1

# Tenprint Examiners always have 10 fingerprints to compare.

#### FACT

# CJIS Fingerprint Examiners regularly receive submissions with less than ten images

- electronically;
- On R-84 Disposition Forms;
- on immigration/deportation forms;
- on sex offender registration forms;
- on prison registration forms;
- on checks and
- on pawn slips, etc.

- An average of 100 new records are added to the Criminal Master File (CMF) with four or more fingers missing per week.
  - Approximately 400 per month
  - Approximately 4800 per year

# Myth #2

# Tenprint Examiners always get submissions that are clear and fully rolled.

#### FACT

#### STATS:

For FY 2010, thru April 30, we have completed 19,580,378 type-14 ("flat") submissions, average of 92,360 per day.

- DHS (Customs and Border Protection)
- U.S. Customs
- New York Clearing House Association
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation
- Transportation Workers Identification Credential (TWIC)
- U.S. VISIT Program

# **Type 14 Submissions**

- A "Type -14" is a tenprint submission for which a contributor captures only the plain impressions of a subject via Live Scan.
- The software associated with the Live Scan equipment automatically segments each individual plain impression image, and transfers, or "populates," each individual plain impression image to its corresponding rolled impression block.
- This type of submission can be easily recognized, due to the fact, that if recorded correctly, any rolled impression and its corresponding plain impression appear to be exact duplicates.

- 70% of electronic submissions are handled by the IAFIS. The remaining 30% are handled by humans.
  - These are the most "difficult" comparisons and are unable to be processed by the IAFIS.
- More than 50% of the submissions that are compared by our Examiners are Type-14.
  - These are "flat" prints, have legibility issues, and do not contain fully rolled images.

# Myth #3

The IAFIS does all (most) of the work in a "lights out" situation.

#### FACT

As of April 30, 2010, there are approximately:

170 Fingerprint Examiners on DF

95 Fingerprint Examiners on NF

**85** Fingerprint Examiners on MF

350

- 350 Examiners compare approximately 30% (53,000) of the tenprint submissions per day. (Given the IAFIS processes approximately 70%)
- This equates to approximately 151 tenprint submissions per Examiner, per day.
- If you <u>assume</u> each Examiner sees 10 fingers on every one of their 151 submissions, they could conceivably be making 1510 comparisons per day.

There are four main scenarios in "tenprint" identification:

- 1 No Humans "Lights Out" The threshold score would be 20,000 to 64,800.
- 2 One Human Examiner The threshold score would be 16,000 to 19,999.

- 3 Two Human Examiners The threshold score would be 15,999 and below.
  - non-identifications are verified with a score above 4000. (The system thinks its a "nonidentification," but the score was above 4000, so an Examiner will verify/look at the submission)

- 4 "Manual" (vs. electronic) comparison In these cases, a full ACE-V is performed.
  - "Specialty Groups" perform manual comparisons on a daily basis.
  - All of our testimony requests are handled manually, with a manual comparison. We average approx 4 requests/cases per month.
  - Examiners perform manual file searches on IAFIS non-ident deceased submissions in the Civil Files.



# Special Processing Center (SPC)

- Handles "special" submissions that are not electronically or manually submitted for an IAFIS search.
  - facsimile,
  - e-mail
  - Telephone
  - "walk through"
- These are primarily for:
  - Fugitives
  - Criminal Inquiries
  - Humanitarian (Known/Unknown Deceased, Amnesia Victims)
  - Urgents/Disaster Prints

# **Records Testimony Group**

- Handles requests for written and/or verbal testimony in support of tenprint fingerprints and/or records
  - -facsimile
  - -FedEx
  - Electronic Communication (EC)
  - Telephone
  - -"walk throughs"

# **Records Testimony Group**

- Receives a variety of fingerprints to compare
  - Traditional tenprint cards
  - Deceased fingerprints
  - Single finger I-205 Alien Registration forms
  - Single finger I-294 Alien Deportation forms
  - One and Two fingers on Sex Offender Registration (SOR) forms
  - One and Two fingers on prison registration forms
  - Single fingerprint on checks
  - Single fingerprint on DNA Registration Card



 Approximately 15% of work processed by a human is randomly checked for quality in compliance with CJIS processing standards.

# **Training**

#### Four Tiers

- <u>Tier one</u> = "Basic Training" 20 weeks (16 weeks classroom instruction and hands on manual and automated training with 4 weeks transition to "live" work)
- <u>Tier two</u> = "FBI Friction Ridge Certification" (after two years of experience, tested)
- Tier three = "IAI Tenprint Certification" (voluntary participation after successful completion of tier 2)
- <u>Tier four</u> = "FBI Records Testimony Certification" (CJIS and Laboratory training)

# Tenprint "Acceptance"

- IAI Resolution tenprint examiners employ the same methodology as latent print examiners.
- <u>SWGFAST</u> establishment of the "Standing Tenprint Committee." Several dual documents released.
- NAS Report recommendations apply to tenprint examiners.
- <u>IPES</u> Inclusion of "tenprint" examiners in the planning and execution of this event.
- <u>IWGs</u> Inclusion of "tenprint" examiners. CJIS conducting a survey to determine the number of tenprint and latent examiners in the US. (ORI)

# **Current Initiatives**

- Latent Support Unit
- Laboratory Accreditation
- WVU Degree Completion Program
- BCOE
- Code of Ethics Document



- The IAFIS searches the fingerprints of over 66.3 million subjects in the National Criminal History Record File (over 260 million arrest cycles)
- The civil file contains an estimated 25.8 million subjects.
- Information is submitted by over 86,000 criminal justice agencies (international, federal, state, and local)

- Repository increases by 8,000 10,000 subjects daily
- Repository includes approximately:
  - **622,188 Active Wants**
  - -535,982 Sex Offenders
- Interstate Photo File has 8,954,434 photos for over 5,271,469 records
- 27,086 fugitives were identified in March as a result of tenprint processing

Yearly Volume Tenprint Fingerprint Submissions to IAFIS:

- -Fiscal Year 2010 to date 29.4 million
- -Fiscal Year 2009 52.7 million
- -Fiscal Year 2008 35.5 million
- Average monthly transaction volume 177,000 per day
  - -568 average daily latent investigative services

Record High Receipts –
 04/30/2010 – 300,113 within 24 hours

Record High Completions –
 04/30/2010 – 297,816 within 24 hours

#### As of March 31, 2010:

- Tenprint Criminal Submission Rate (related to arrests, inquiries, etc.) – 57.49%
  - 97.97% submitted electronically
- Tenprint Civil Submission Rate (related to employment/licensing screening, etc.) – 42.51%
  - 97.41% submitted electronically
- Electronic fingerprint submission rate 97.77%
- Paper fingerprint submission rate 2.23%

As of April 30, 2010:

 The identification rate for criminal submissions is 22.01%

 The identification rate for civil submissions is 10.22%

#### **Response times:**

# Criminal Electronic (CAR) Fingerprint Submissions

Average Response Time - 10 minutes & 06
 seconds with 99.16% completed within 2 hours

#### **Civil Electronic Fingerprint Submissions**

Average Response Time – 1 hour, 11 minutes
 & 54 seconds with 99.78% completed within 24 hours

#### **Response times:**

# Electronic Non-Federal User Fee (NFUE) Fingerprint Submissions

Average Response Time - 2 minutes & 22 seconds with 99.56% completed within 15 minutes

## Criminal Fingerprint Card Processing Non-Urgent (CPNU) Submissions

Average Response Time – 1 hour, 23 minutes & 06 seconds with 100% completed within 24 hours

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