



# TRIBAL ACCESS PROGRAM

**FOR NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION  
ENSURING THE EXCHANGE OF CRITICAL DATA**

## Overview of Tribal Access Program for National Crime Information (TAP)

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## Federal law:

- Both Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) 2005 and Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA) of 2010 provide authorization for tribal law enforcement agencies to access national crime information databases

## Challenges:

- Tribal participation in national criminal justice information sharing depends upon state regulations, statutes, and policies in which tribal land is located
- Tribes may face barriers to accessing and entering information into national crime information databases via state networks



- Inconsistent access impacts both tribal and non-tribal jurisdictions
- If Tribal criminal justice community can't contribute to national crime databases - tribal records are unavailable to other jurisdictions
- Responding officers, victims, and entire communities are at risk
- DOJ conducted two pilots in 2010; one is still on-going and will be incorporated into TAP
- TAP is an outgrowth of the pilots and collaboration across the Department, with BIA and tribes
- TAP expands access to all national crime information databases to all authorized tribal civil and criminal justice agencies



- DOJ launched the TAP in August 2015 at DOJ CJIS Tribal Day
- Managed by the DOJ Chief Information Officer but is a collaboration with Office of Tribal Justice, SMART, COPS, FBI CJIS, BIA and tribes
- TAP is composed of three elements:

## ACCESS

**DOJ serves as the CJIS Systems Agency (CSA) for federally recognized tribes:**

DOJ assumes responsibility for granting network access, extending the model used by federal agencies to tribes.

DOJ ensures security training (i.e., personnel, IT, and physical), on-boarding/vetting (agency and individual users), training and testing, and auditing.

## TECHNOLOGY

**DOJ provides integrated workstations:**

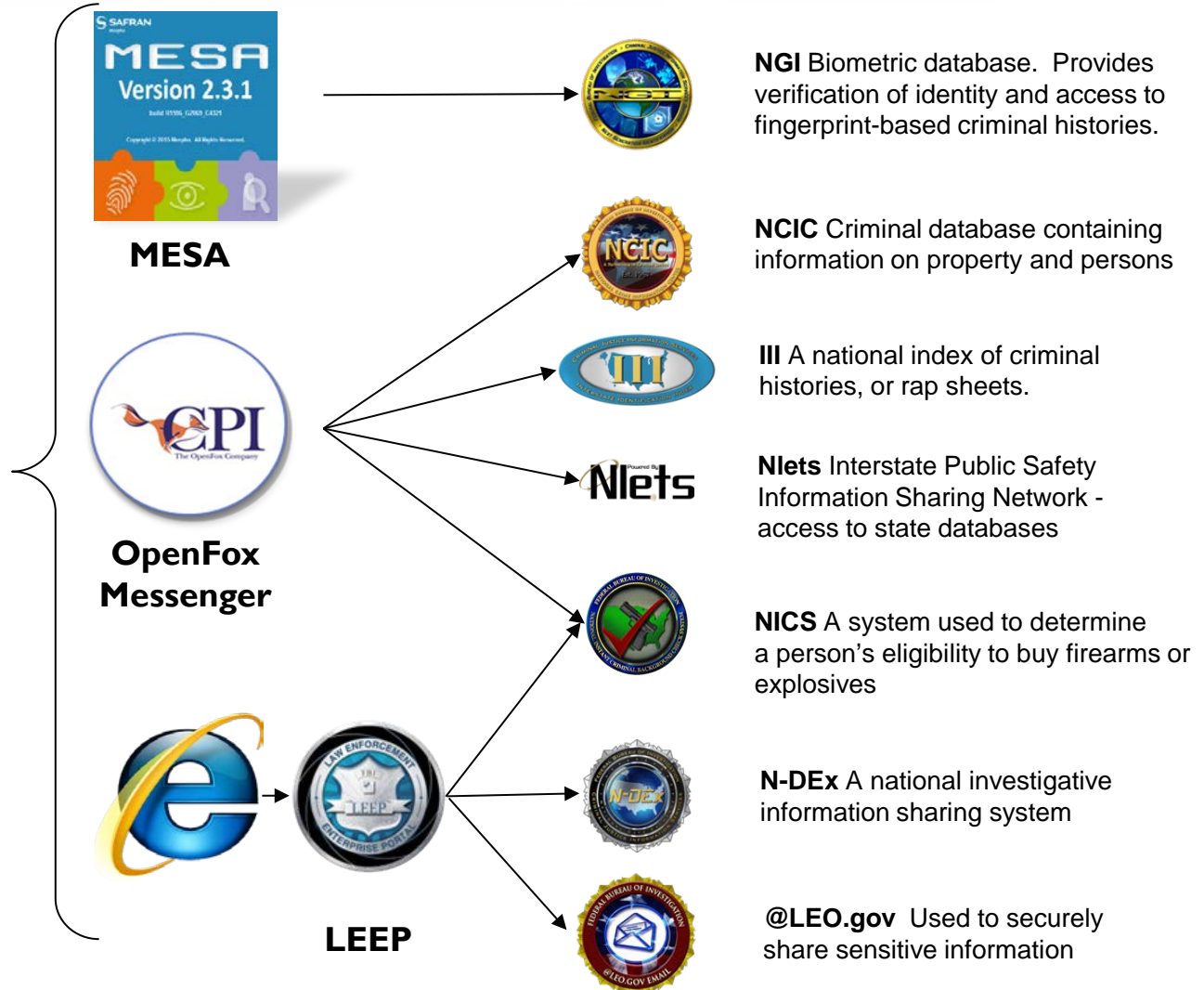
Workstations feature a computer, palm/fingerprint scanner, camera, flatbed scanner, and printer to provide access to and enter data into national crime information systems.

## TRAINING

**DOJ provides enhanced training and assistance:**

TAP provides online and in-person training; assists tribes in analyzing needs and identifying/providing appropriate solutions to maximize the value of national crime information.

# Technology: TAP Kiosk Workstation



# TAP Kiosk/Workstation



Monitor

Slideout  
Keyboard

LiveScan

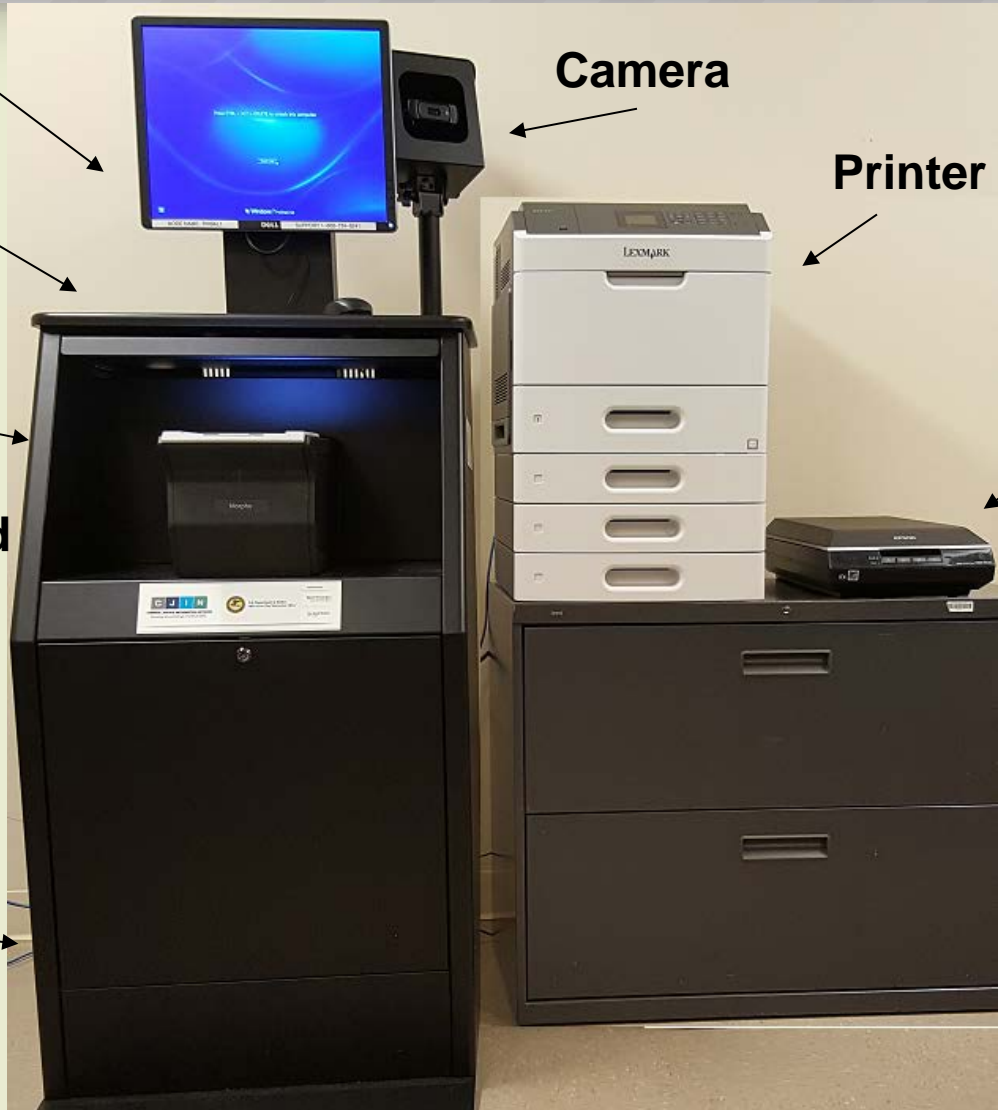
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Kiosk

Computer

Camera

Printer

Scanner



# LiveScan Device for Finger and Palm Prints



The screenshot displays the LiveScan software interface. On the left, a hand is being scanned by a device with a blue light. The software interface is dark-themed and includes a top navigation bar with "SAFRAN MorphoESA" and "TAP TRIBAL ACCESS PROGRAM" logos. The main area shows a "Fingerprints" section with a "Scan" tab selected. A message says "Place right four fingers on scanner". Below this, there's an "Acquisition Status" section with a diagram of a hand and the word "Slaps". A "Force Scan" button is visible. On the right, a large window shows the captured fingerprint images. A left sidebar contains menu items: Demographics, Portrait, SMT's, Fingerprints (selected), Palms, Print Card, and Finalize. At the bottom, there are "Pause" and "Cancel" buttons, and a "Next" button.

# TAP Scanner and Legacy Inked Card



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**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF NEW YORK**

Signature of Person Fingerprinted: [Redacted]

Amputations, Deformities, Scars, Marks: [Redacted]

Date of: [Redacted]

Signature of Person Taking Fingerprints: [Signature]

Indexed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Classified By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: [Redacted] Last First Middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Alias Record No. \_\_\_\_\_

Born: \_\_\_\_\_ City State Country

CRIMES: \_\_\_\_\_

Leave This Space Blank

Class. \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Race: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Mo. Day Year

Ht. Wt. \_\_\_\_\_

Build: \_\_\_\_\_

Hair: \_\_\_\_\_ Eyes: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Right Thumb

2. Right Index

3. Right Middle

4. Right Ring

5. Right Little

6. Left Thumb

7. Left Index

8. Left Middle

9. Left Ring

10. Left Little

Left Four Fingers Taken Simultaneously

Left Thumb Right Thumb Right Four Fingers Taken Simultaneously

All Information to be Typewritten





## Agencies include:

- Law Enforcement / Police Departments
- Criminal Courts
- Prosecutors Office
- Pretrial Services
- Corrections
- Parole and Probation

- Document tribal arrests and tribal court dispositions
- Access to investigative records to include DOJ Components
- Access unclassified criminal and national security intelligence products
- Access officer safety-related information including gang members & known or suspected terrorists
- Prevent guns from being transferred to prohibited persons
- Enter No Contact Orders
- Secure, encrypted email to exchange sensitive information
- Search and enter information about persons and property



## Agencies include:

- Civil Courts
- Tribal Public Housing
- Child Protective Services
- Children's Social Services (e.g. Foster Care)
- Child Support Enforcement Agencies
- Head Start Program

- Register Sex Offenders
- Perform Background Investigations of persons having contact or control over Indian Children
- Respond to or investigate allegations of abuse, neglect, & exploitation of children
- Perform Background Investigation on public housing
- Enter Orders of Protection
- Promote parental responsibility by enforcing Child Support Activities



- November 2015, DOJ selected 9 tribes to participate in the initial User Feedback Phase to test DOJ's technology solution and training support; it also enabled tribes to identify and share best practices regarding use
  - Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma
  - Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla of Oregon
  - Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians of North Carolina
  - Gila River Indian Community
  - Keweenaw Bay Indian Community of Michigan
  - Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona
  - Suquamish Indian Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation of Washington
  - Tulalip Tribes of Washington
  - White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Reservation of Arizona.



- In 2016, all participating tribes received a kiosk workstation that provided access to national systems as well as training to support whole-of-government needs
- DOJ is analyzing tribal input during User Feedback Phase to improve TAP.
- DOJ will continue to make TAP services available to additional tribes in FY 2017.



- More than 60 tribal agencies are using TAP to:
  - Register Sex Offenders: +60 Sex Offender related transactions
  - Enter Orders of Protection: +80 Orders of Protection related transactions
  - Prevent Inappropriate Gun Transfers: +115 disqualifying entries have been made to prevent prohibited persons from purchasing firearms
  - Conduct Fingerprint Checks: +250 fingerprint submissions both civil and criminal purposes, with responses in minutes
  - Perform Investigative Use: +1600 NCIC transactions
- TAP has given DOJ better visibility into tribal as well as state challenges related to national information access. TAP learned lessons allow DOJ to better serve tribes and states; e.g.:
  - Tribes can now conduct background checks for certain volunteers
  - Tribal civil courts can directly enter orders of protection
  - Tribal child support enforcement agencies can access national systems



- Located the suspect in the kidnapping of a vulnerable adult and recovered the victim safely by accessing investigative reports from other jurisdictions
- Able to identify an unknown deceased individual through fingerprints
- Stopped a known drug user with mental problems who was found incompetent to stand trial from purchasing a weapon
- Prevented a person convicted of DV from purchasing a firearm after PD identified an imminent threat to former spouse
- A tribe entered all their Orders of Protection via TAP into national systems since the state required victims to take the orders to the county Sheriff for entry
- Tribes can conduct emergency placement of children using BIA Purpose Code X and TAP
- Allowed near-real time decisions to be made about hiring and licensing



- Feedback from tribal agencies using TAP has been positive
- Feel free to use this presentation to educate others in the tribal community on the benefits of TAP
- Although funding is in place for FY17, additional funding to support future TAP efforts at this point requires Congressional action



- DOJ will continue to make TAP services available to additional tribes in FY 2017. Key dates include:
  - October 24-December 2, 2016: Expression of Interest submission period
  - December 16, 2016: Notification to selected tribes
  - December 19-May 31, 2017: Education and Onboarding and Vetting
  - May 9-September 29, 2017: Deployment to selected tribes
- For more information, please visit our web site or email questions
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