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Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS)

Since 2007, CJIS has served as a “system of systems” that integrates and shares criminal justice information among Iowa’s criminal justice agencies in a seamless, real-time, and secure manner. Housed within the Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning, CJIS makes Iowa’s criminal justice system more efficient and effective by allowing agencies to share or receive critical information. In a typical month, CJIS performs over 260,000 separate secure information exchanges for 216 local police departments, 53 county attorney offices, and state agencies including the Dept. of Corrections, Dept. of Transportation, Dept. of Public Safety, Dept. of Natural Resources, Secretary of State, Attorney General, and the Judicial Branch. Current projects in development will add the State Public Defender and Dept. of Human Services to the list of agencies benefitting from information exchanges. Iowa is a national leader in criminal justice information sharing.

The Governor and Chief Justice established the governance of CJIS through a Memorandum of Understanding stating that the CJIS Advisory Committee shall include the following members:

- Five Governor Appointees, currently including one representative each from the Department of Corrections, Department of Public Safety, Department of Transportation, Attorney General’s Office, and State Public Defender’s Office;
- Five Chief Justice Appointees, currently including a District Court Judge, District Court Administrator, District Clerk of Court, Chief Juvenile Court Officer, and Director of the Iowa Court Information System;
- One member from each of the following organizations: Iowa County Attorney’s Association, Iowa State Association of County Supervisors, Iowa League of Cities, Iowa State Sheriff’s and Deputies Association, and Iowa Association of Chiefs of Police and Peace Officers; and
- Four legislators, including two Senators (one from each party) and two Representatives (one from each party), to serve as Ex-Officio members.

The Advisory Committee meets quarterly (by phone) and receives updates from the CJIS Coordinator and other stakeholders. The Committee is tasked with providing input and voting on issues such as approving new information exchanges, budget considerations, and the overall direction and scope of CJIS. Appointment terms are for 3 years, and a member may serve up to three 3-year terms if willing to be re-appointed.