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FBI CHOOSES OCSO TO USE IN NATIONAL TRAINING VIDEO TO SHOWCASE OUTSTANDING USE OF TECHNOLOGY



The Federal Bureau of Investigation's Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division is putting together a training video to demonstrate to law enforcement agencies across the country how to best utilize the crime-fighting technology available through the National Crime Information Center (NCIC). The agency says it chose to highlight the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office due to its excellent use of the technology; only one other agency in the US, the Knoxville Tennessee Sheriff's Office, was selected to participate.

The National Crime Information Center (NCIC) is a computerized index of criminal justice information (criminal record history information, fugitives, stolen properties, missing persons, etc). It is available to Federal, state and local law enforcement and other criminal justice agencies 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It allows agencies to receive and share vital information about crimes, criminals and other persons in order to catch wanted fugitives, locate missing people, locate and return stolen property, and aid the law enforcement officers encountering the individuals described in the system.

Film crews from the FBI have been showcasing the OCSO's use of mobile computer terminals (MCTs) in patrol cars, marine units and even on beach patrol ATVs.

Sheriff Larry Ashley said, "We always strive to take advantage of cost effective, crime-fighting technologies to better protect our deputies in the field and our citizens and visitors. We are honored that the Florida Department of Law Enforcement recommended our agency as a prime example for the rest of the nation on how to utilize existing NCIC technologies and information in the public safety mission. I want to compliment OCSO Technology and Communication Director Micheal Hull and the rest of our IT and Communications staff. This reflects highly on both the quantity and quality of their work in this area."

The FBI will distribute the training video to law enforcement agencies nationwide this fall.



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