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# CLEMIS Times

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## Clemis Regional LiveScan Goes Live !

By Sgt. Kim Rossman, Oakland County Sheriff's Department

After nearly two years of planning and preparation, the CLEMIS Regional LiveScan consortium has begun sending fingerprint images to the State AFIS for true subject identification based upon a person's fingerprints. This has already resulted in a number of instances in which suspect identification was provided for outstanding crimes.

When a person is fingerprinted on a LiveScan device, the prints are electronically transmitted to the State's AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System). Once there, the prints are first compared against the "Latent Fingerprint Image File". This is a collection of fingerprint images submitted by law enforcement agencies from across the State involving unsolved crime. If a fingerprint match is obtained, the submitting agency is immediately notified as to the suspect's identity. The second process involves comparison of the submitted images against the images on file. If a submitted image is of better quality than the "baseline image", it will be substituted. Thus improving the record other agencies will utilize to identify individuals or resolve unsolved crimes. The third process involves a query of the LEIN Computerized Criminal History (CCH) system based upon the person's fingerprints as opposed to merely supplying the name, race, sex, and date-of-birth of the individual. This State Identification (SID) and CCH information is immediately returned to the submitting agency. The last process involves the submission of the fingerprints to the FBI for analysis and determination of any outstanding warrants. The entire process, which used to take hours or even days, can now be accomplished electronically in a matter of minutes.

While only in the initial stages of operation for two months, the Regional LiveScan project has resulted in the identification of suspects in the following crimes.

- \* Embezzlement investigation - U.S. Postal Inspectors Office
- \* U.D.A.A. investigation - Clawson PD
- \* 2- Home Invasions - Southfield PD
- \* U.D.A.A. - Oak Park P.D.

Additionally, Lt. Mel Maier of the Garden City PD relates the following incident regarding the very first time they used their LiveScan device:

"We had arrested a female for Retail Fraud from one of our local stores. When she was brought into the station she had no identification, but provided us with a name and date-of-birth. A check of the name and date-of-birth in LEIN provided us with a Criminal History Record, however it didn't look right; the height and weight were different. Since, the LiveScan device was installed the previous day, Det. Sgt. Fred Sayger and I decided to query this person's fingerprints against

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**CLEMIS provides solutions through a cooperative effort that are affordable and efficient for agencies of all sizes . . .**

## **CLEMIS SEARCH LEADS TO ARREST OF MURDERER**

Submitted by: Chief William Dwyer, CLEMIS Advisory Committee Chairperson

### **SEASON'S GREETINGS**



**From the  
CLEMIS  
Staff!**

In a case that continues to receive attention from the national media, the use of a CLEMIS name search by Farmington Hills Police became vital in identifying and locating a murder suspect. In August of 1995, 23 year-old Tina Biggar, a resident of Farmington Hills, and an employee of a local escort service, was reported missing to police by her father. Ms. Biggar's boyfriend related to detectives that she was in the process of purchasing a car from a local dealership. Detectives discovered that a second name, Kenneth Tranchida, was listed as a co-purchaser on the dealership's vehicle order. Unknown at that time was the fact that Mr. Tranchida had struck a relationship with Ms. Biggar as a result of being her client through the escort service. A relationship that would quickly fail and lead to her murder.

It was determined that Mr. Tranchida was among the last people known to have been with Ms. Biggar. Being a person unknown to investigators, "Kenneth Tranchida" was queried through a CLEMIS name search. This resulted in the production of a list of possible ad-

resses for the suspect, as well as for relatives who shared the Tranchida name. Detectives, using address information from the query, searched a number of locations, finding the body of Ms. Biggar where Mr. Tranchida had secreted it, in a vacant house owned by one of his relatives. Mr. Tranchida was apprehended after he telephoned the escort service and "caller ID" revealed his location. Farmington Hills detectives responded to the phone call's source, a local bowling alley, subsequently locating and arresting Tranchida.

Mr. Tranchida was charged with first-degree murder, and plead guilty to second-degree murder before going to trial. He is presently incarcerated. Had it not been for the capabilities of the CLEMIS database, the body of Ms. Biggar may not have been expeditiously located, nor the suspect identified and arrested.

### ***Chief's Luncheon Schedule Jan, Feb, March 2001***

Wednesday, January 10, 2001  
Wednesday, February 14, 2001  
Wednesday, March 14, 2001

**CLEMIS contributed \$1,000 to the  
Christopher Michael Wouters Children's Fund.  
A warm thank-you to those agencies that contributed !**

**Detective Christopher Michael Wouters of Warren Police Department was fatally shot while on duty Wednesday, October 11, 2000. Detective Wouters left behind a wife and three young children.**

## CLEMIS LAUNCHES FIRE RECORD MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

By Leanne Robinson & Colleen Prosykiuk, User Support Specialists

CLEMIS began the launch of a Fire Record Management System (FRMS). Utilizing the County's Sunpro software, which interfaces with the Printrak CAD system, fire and EMS incidents are automatically transferred from CAD into one of 45 fire department databases at Oakland County. Each participating fire department will be networked to the County's servers to access their customized database.

According to Chief Leo Chartier, "All fire departments are mandated to submit fire reports to the State of Michigan Fire Marshal Division. This is an ideal format where we can utilize the economy of scale of creating a tool to accomplish our needs. This is Public Business working together".



The CLEMIS FRMS is a powerful software program which includes various dynamic modules such as: Fire Incident Reporting, Training Records Management, Personal Management, Daybook, Fire Prevention/Inspection (Occupancies), and Vehicles and Equipment Management.

First Graduating Class of the CLEMIS Fire Records Management System Training Program: Front row - Steve Villerot, Royal Oak Fire, Michael Garr, Farmington Hills Fire, Keith Lenderman, Troy Fire, Kevin Bur, Oak Park DPS. Center Row - Darrin Davis, SUNPRO Instructor, Ralph Kulling, West Bloomfield Fire, Colleen Prosykiuk, CLEMIS, Don Boozer, Madison Hts Fire, Pat Simonian, Bloomfield Twp Fire, Leanne Robinson, CLEMIS, Dennis Andrew, Rochester Hills Fire, Back Row - Robert Bader, Royal Oak Fire, Ed Brazen, Madison Hts Fire, Jeff Long, CLEMIS, and Bob Schwartz, Bloomfield Twp Fire.

**The CLEMIS vision is to empower criminal justice and public safety agencies to maximize the use of collected data, so they may enhance their daily operations and perform comprehensive planning.**

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AFIS and CCH. A short time later, we received a true SID number and CCH on this female. It appears that she had been using the name she gave us as an alias. That name being her sister's name. We believe that if we had not fingerprinted her and merely relied on the first CCH and a photograph taken at our station, her sister would have appeared in court and we would not have been able to positively identify her as the person we arrested. As a result, the case would have been dismissed."

Lt. Maiers goes on to state that since that incident, they have positively identified a number of other suspects who have lied about their identify. Along with one individual who advised him "I won't tell who I am, but I will agree to be fingerprinted". Lt. Maiers agreed to this person's terms. A short time later, he was positively identified through his fingerprints.



### LiveScan Project Update:

In the first quarter of 2001, the Clemis LiveScan Consortium will be adding ten new law enforcement agencies from Macomb County: Macomb County Sheriff, Warren PD, Sterling Heights PD, St. Clair Shores PD, Roseville PD, Shelby PD, Chesterfield Twp. PD, Centerline PD, Fraser PD, East Pointe PD and the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office.

Additionally, letters of confirmation have been sent out to another ten Oakland County law enforcement agencies that expressed an interest in participating in this consortium. It is expected that these agencies will be added in the first to second quarter of 2001.

## CLEMIS Regional LiveScan