



National Crime Information Center

QUICK REFERENCE CARD

Violent Person File (VPF)

The National Crime Information Center (NCIC) VPF was implemented in 2012 and was designed to alert law enforcement officers that an individual they are encountering may have the propensity for violence against law enforcement. Entry into the VPF is based on a conviction for a violent offense against any person and/or a reasonable belief, based on law enforcement investigation, that the individual has seriously expressed an intent to commit an act of unlawful violence against a member of the law enforcement or criminal justice community.

Although the use of the NCIC System is voluntary, participation is vital. A hit on a VPF record can ultimately assist in reducing the number of officers killed or assaulted in the line of duty. In order to provide officers with these potentially lifesaving alerts, violent individuals must first be entered into the VPF.



Important Facts about the VPF

- ✓ VPF records are non-expiring.
- ✓ There are four criteria for entry into the VPF. Three criteria require a conviction while the fourth criterion does not.
- ✓ Multiple agencies may enter the same individual into the VPF.

Inquiries & Response

The NCIC VPF cannot be directly queried. The same procedures used to search the Wanted Person File will also search the Violent Person File.

Upon receiving a hit on an NCIC VPF File record, officers will receive the following caveat:

In addition to the initial alert, a positive VPF record response will begin with a caveat specific to the criteria in which the individual encountered was entered. This additional caveat provides law enforcement officers insight on why the individual was entered into the VPF.

******WARNING: A subject in this response has been identified as a violent offender or a serious threat to law enforcement officers. Review this response in its entirety to obtain additional information on this subject. Use extreme caution in approaching this individual. ******

(Caveat specific to the Violent Person Code (VPC))

VPF RECORD

Entry Criteria

Law enforcement agencies should enter a person into the VPF when at least one of the following criteria has been met:



*Entry into the VPF based on criteria 1, 2, and 3 requires a conviction for a violent offense, misdemeanor or felony. Entry based on criterion 4 does not require a conviction.

Encounters

According to NCIC policy, there are no hit confirmation, locate, or clear procedures for the VPF. Use your agency's policy and guidelines for any additional follow-up.

NCIC policy will not provide guidance about how law enforcement should handle interactions with the subject of VPF records. Each respective state and agency should make this determination.

Check out the VPF e-Learning module in the NCIC Community on JusticeConnect accessed through the Law Enforcement Enterprise Portal (LEEP).

www.cjis.gov

Additional information can be located on the NCIC Community of JusticeConnect via LEEP or by contacting your CJIS Systems Agency.

For information regarding training, contact the NCIC Training Team:

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