



OFFICER SAFETY

The National Crime Information Center (NCIC) is designed to enhance law enforcement information sharing, with the purpose of providing officer and public safety. Within the NCIC System there are specific record fields, features, and even whole NCIC Files themselves developed exclusively for officer safety.



VIOLENT PERSON FILE

The Violent Person File (VPF) 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 previous violent convictions and/or expressed intent to commit violence against a member of the law enforcement or criminal justice community.

Retention: VPF records have an unlimited retention period. A VPF record will remain on file indefinitely or until action is taken by the entering agency to cancel the record.



EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER FILE

The Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) File contains orders issued by a court for temporarily restricting an individual from purchasing or possessing a firearm, ammunition, or other related items, based on a finding that they may pose a significant danger of personal injury to themselves or others. The ability to access this vital information across jurisdictional lines through the NCIC System fosters the purpose of NCIC by enhancing officer and public safety.

Retention: An ERPO File record will remain active until it is cancelled or cleared by the entering agency or until the order expires.



BLUE ALERT

A Blue Alert is a state-activated notification sent through an established network when an officer has been seriously injured, killed or has gone missing in the line of duty; or there is a credible threat an individual will cause serious injury or death of an officer.

Upon entering "BLUE ALERT" in the miscellaneous field, of the NCIC Wanted, Missing or Violent Person Files, or the Vehicle File (felony vehicle only), a caveat is returned informing the inquirer of the Blue Alert and to use extreme caution when approaching the individual or vehicle. This notification provides an alert of an immediate situation causing an imminent threat.

Retention: A Blue Alert will remain on the record it was entered on until action is taken by the entering agency to remove it or the record itself.



CAUTION & MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Any NCIC person records (except Unidentified Person and National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Denied Transaction) should be entered with a caution indicator (the message key, or MKE, ends with -C) when the individual of the record is known to be armed and dangerous, a specified risk, or have a medical condition. The reason for the caution indicator must be entered in the Caution and Medical Conditions (CMC) Field which is a message field on all NCIC person records (except Unidentified Person and NICS Denied Transaction) and CMCs can also be entered as a supplemental record.

The allowable CMC codes and translations related to officer safety may include the following:

00	Armed & Dangerous	05	Violent Tendencies	10	Martial Arts Expertise
20	Known to Abuse Drugs	25	Escape Risk	40	International Flight Risk
50	Heart Condition	65	Epilepsy	01	Other

Note: must provide explanation in Miscellaneous, or MIS, field when using 01 Other

PARTICIPATION & SYSTEM DISCIPLINE



Although the use of the NCIC System is voluntary, participation is vital. Complete, accurate, and the timely entry of records are essential to ensure system integrity and affords the utmost protection to law enforcement officers.

In addition, promptness in modifying, locating, or clearing records in the system will help to keep the information up-to-date and the system free of outdated information.



Additional information can be located in the **NCIC Operating Manual** or by contacting your **Criminal Justice Information Services Systems Agency**.

For information regarding NCIC training, contact the NCIC Training Team:



877-FBI-NCIC (324-6242)



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The mission of the **Officer Safety Awareness Training (OSAT) Program** is to assist law enforcement managers, trainers, and personnel in the identification of training issues for the purpose of preventing the deaths and/or serious injuries of law enforcement personnel.

For information regarding OSAT, contact the Law Enforcement Engagement Unit:



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