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Pegasus Database Grows!

Pegasus continues to grow!! Joe Powell, Director of the Pegasus Support Center, reports that the number of records in the Pegasus System now exceeds 15 million records, drawn from participating agencies in 31 states.

Pegasus has recently added more than 940,000 records from 30 booking agencies in Washington, Texas, Missouri, Tennessee, Arkansas, Florida, and other states. Also added were State Department of Corrections (DOC) data from Georgia and Idaho DOCs and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, bringing the total number of DOC data sources from 8 to 10. This data enhancement provides agencies with an even greater opportunity to locate suspected individuals by querying law enforcement data nationwide.

Pegasus Support Center has received indications that richer data is proving useful to Pegasus Users. For example, **Tim Lawless, Chief Investigator of the Rankin County MS Sheriff's Office** recently penned an email about Pegasus as follows: "Very informative, has helped us locate info on several suspects in cases our investigators are working. A wealth of information. Thanks, Pegasus."

Pegasus User Tip: Searching on Booking Records

Several recent requests to the Pegasus Support Center have focused on how best to query offenders and produce more specific search results. If the name or other information being searched is common, adding more levels of information to the search will narrow the search results. To narrow a large search result, users may enter more complete name or other information, or limit the States searched. To expand a small result, Users may enter a partial name. **For more help, please contact the Pegasus Support Center at 800-392-4312.**

Report on the Pegasus Correctional Healthcare Information Exchange Pilot Project

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Corrections, the Pegasus Program carried out a pilot project on the healthcare information exchange needs of Sheriffs and their correctional healthcare units. For the Pilot Project, a needs assessment study was conducted and a pilot system for correctional healthcare information exchange was developed.

The Pilot Project was undertaken to keep participating correctional facilities, staff, inmates and the general public safer from public health threats and emergencies by facilitating correctional healthcare information exchange within the requirements of applicable privacy requirements, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

The main objectives of the Pilot Project were: to assess the needs of correctional health units for health information exchange, and to develop a pilot health information exchange system for use in everyday correctional healthcare operations and ready in the event of a major bioterrorism, infectious disease or other public health event.

The Pilot Project serves as the foundation for a nationwide correctional healthcare record sub-network that will interconnect with authorized counterpart public health, hospital and laboratory sub-networks. As such, the Pilot Project is the first step toward a correctional healthcare record sub-network which will provide seamless and highly secure electronic health record information in everyday correctional healthcare operations and ready in the event of a major bioterrorism, infectious disease or other public health event. A Pilot Project Final Report is available upon request to the Pegasus Support Center.

Pegasus Reminder: Update Agency Directory Info

The Pegasus Agency Directory is a listing of contact information for 20,000+ law enforcement and emergency responder agencies across the Nation. In addition to agency contact information, the Agency Directory contains more detailed information about every Pegasus Authorized User, showing the permissions assigned to every Authorized User.

Each Pegasus Participating Agency is reminded to review your Agency Directory listing to assure that its information is current. Authorized Users are also asked to notify the Pegasus Support Center of any Agency Directory information that is incorrect or out-of-date. Please contact the Pegasus Support Center with updates or corrections.

Comments? Questions?

Agencies with questions or comments are invited to **contact Pegasus Program Staff at 501-975-9111 or the Pegasus Support Center at 800-392-4312.**