



Canadian Police Information Centre Removal of Records from NCIC

Q What is happening?

The RCMP are no longer adding Canadian records directly onto the NCIC system. However, we are continuing to support the reciprocal information sharing of public safety and criminal justice information by continuing to provide full access to all authorized records on CPIC through the Automated Canadian United States Police Information Exchange System (ACUPIES) interface which is accessed through the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS) in the USA and through CPIC in Canada.

Q When will this start?

Starting October 7th, 2018, records will be removed from the NCIC system. The exception is vehicle and boat records, which will continue to be added until modifications can be made to the automated processes.

It is recommended that USA agencies do not wait until October 7th to start querying CPIC when potential Canadian records may exist.

Q What records are being added to NCIC and why?

Historically, records were added to the NCIC system as a result of technical limitations of the USA connection to ACUPIES and capacity concerns of the CPIC system.

Stolen vehicle, VIN numbers, boats and related parts were automatically added to NCIC

Wanted Persons, Missing Persons and Articles were manually added to NCIC at a police agency's request. All body records were added.

Q Why change?

The CPI Centre has performed a review which has identified a significant gap in the information which is made available to USA agencies. USA agencies currently do not have full access to Canadian records through NCIC, whereas a query of CPIC through ACUPIES provides access to all authorized records.

By ensuring that USA agencies access CPIC information directly through the ACUPIES, we are ensuring that all information that is relevant for public and officer safety is available.

These process changes will ultimately enhance and expand information sharing between the United States and Canada.

Q What are they gaining from querying through CPIC?

The following records are available to authorized agencies in the USA through CPIC, but were not entered onto the NCIC system.

- Additional Wanted Persons (approx. 70% more)
- Additional Missing Persons
- Accused Persons
- Court Action
- Known Associates
- Parolees
- Pointer Persons
- Prohibited
- Refused
- Special Interest Police
- Cautions
- Surveillance
- Additional Articles
- Additional Securities
- Additional Guns



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Q Is there anything that they will no longer have access to?

Unfortunately, consistent with current practice, neither Canada nor the USA will have the ability to query the other country's body records through ACUPIES. However, when a body is found, searches may be performed of both systems' missing records. We are continuing to investigate additional processes.

Q How will USA agencies access CPIC records?

Both Canadian and USA agencies must query each other's systems through ACUPIES.

Full access to Canadian information can only be achieved through a query of the CPIC system via ACUPIES.

Q What about INTERPOL?

Canadian agencies will continue to add warrants to INTERPOL as necessary. This is a separate process and is limited to warrants which meet the specific criteria for notices to be issued, and is not impacted by the change to how the US will access CPIC records.

Q Won't having to go through ACUPIES create extra work and jeopardize U.S. officer safety?

U.S. agencies already regularly use ACUPIES to query information such as Canadian criminal records and Canadian driver's licenses. There is increased information, such as cautions and special interest police notifications, which are available through CPIC queries and will therefore increase public and officer safety.

Q Can they set their systems to automatically send a second query to CPIC?

US agencies are not to automate ACUPIES queries as it will exceed the capacity of the CPIC system.

Q What about USA agencies which do not have access to CPIC via ACUPIES?

The CPIC system has been available through ACUPIES for a long time, and most agencies have made the connections to allow these queries to work. Agencies who are not yet connected should reach out to NLETS for assistance.

The RCMP, FBI and NLETS are actively monitoring ACUPIES traffic. Mitigating strategies will be implemented should capacity issues arise.