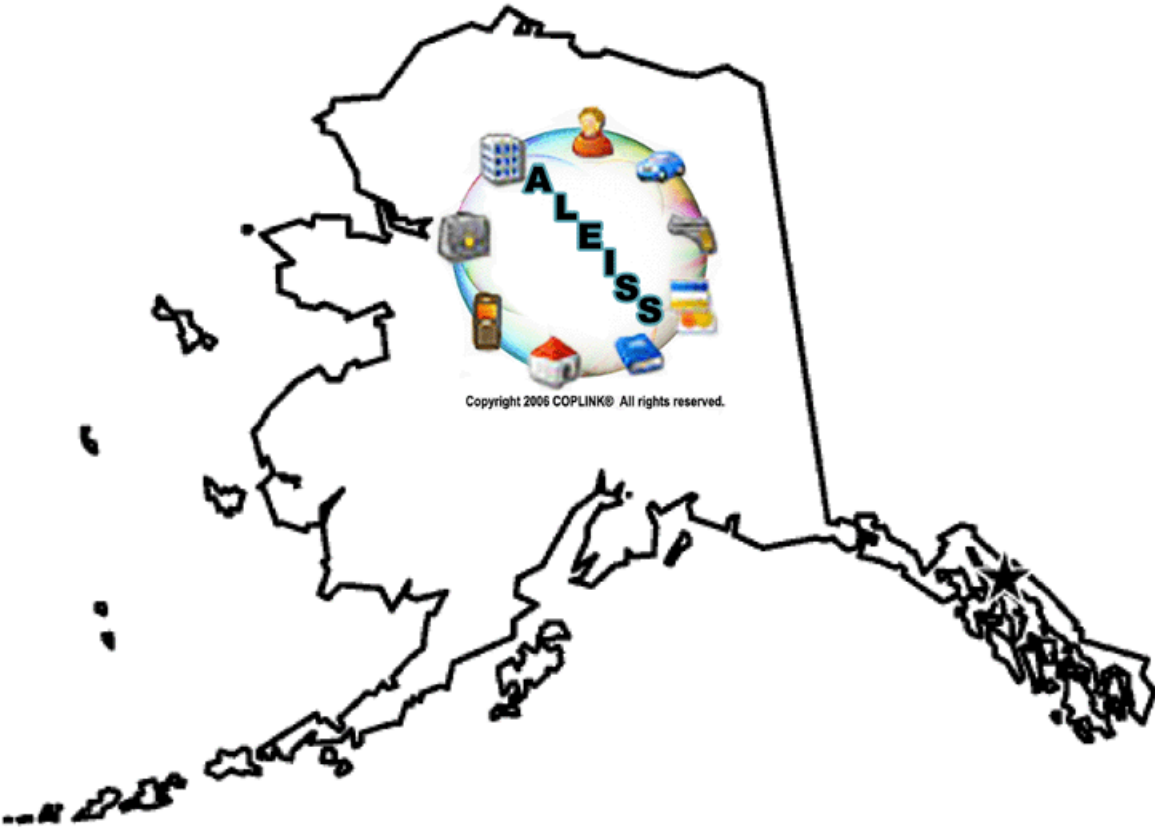


The Alaska law Enforcement Information Sharing System (ALEISS)

Annual Report 2008



Compiled by Greg Browning, ALEISS Chair and Maxine Andrews, ALEISS System Administrator in July of 2008 for the previous 12 months

In 2003 The Alaska Association of Chiefs of Police (AACOP) facilitated the formation of the ALEISS Consortium. ALEISS was formed in August with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the following 8 agencies:

- The Alaska Department of Public Safety, Anchorage Police Department, Juneau Police Department, Kenai Police Department, Seward Police Department, Soldotna Police Department, and Homer Police Department

As of July 21<sup>st</sup> the ALEISS Consortium is comprised of 39 law enforcement agencies this is a 10% increase over last year and a 79% increase from the initial launch. The Consortium is now comprised of the following:

- 2- State Agencies: The Alaska Department of Corrections and The Alaska Department of Public Safety
- 24- Local Agencies: Anchorage Police Department, Bristol Bay Borough Police Department, Fairbanks Police Department, Haines Police Department, Homer Police Department, Juneau Police Department, Kenai Police Department, Ketchikan Police Department, Kodiak Police Department, Nome Police Department, North Pole Police Department, North Slope Borough Police Department, Palmer Police Department, Petersburg Police Department, Seward Police Department, Sitka Police Department, Skagway Police Department, Soldotna Police Department, Unalaska Police Department, Valdez Police Department, Wasilla Police Department, Whittier Police Department, Wrangell Police Department, Yakutat Police Department
- 3- Transportation Agencies: Anchorage Airport Police, Fairbanks Airport Police and Alaska Railroad
- 8- Federal Agencies: A.T.F., D.E.A., F.B.I., Federal Protective Service, National Park Service, Postal Inspectors, US Marshal Service (AK Fugitive Task Force), US Forest Service (USDA),
- 2- Campus Agencies: University of Alaska Anchorage Police Department, University of Alaska Fairbanks Police Department

The node contains the data from 15 agencies which is a 33% increase over the previous year. The following agencies contribute data to the node:

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| · Anchorage Police Department  | · Seward Police Department   |
| · Fairbanks Police Department  | · Sitka Police Department    |
| · Homer Police Department      | · Soldotna Police Department |
| · Juneau Police Department     | · Unalaska Police Department |
| · Kenai Police Department      | · Valdez Police Department   |
| · Kodiak Police Department     | · Wasilla Police Department  |
| · Nome Police Department       | · Wrangell Police Department |
| · North Pole Police Department |                              |

There are 598 eligible users this is an 18% increase over previous year. The user breakdown is as follows:

- Alaska Dept. of Corrections-15
- Alaska Railroad Police-7
- Alaska State Troopers-152
- Anchorage Police Department-49
- Anchorage Airport Police Dept.-42
- A.T.F.-7
- Bristol Bay Borough Police Dept.-0
- D.E.A.-3
- Fairbanks Police Department-34
- Fairbanks Airport Police Department-2
- F.B.I.-4
- Federal Protective Service-1
- Haines Police Department-5
- Homer Police Department-4
- Juneau Police Department-49
- Kenai Police Department-20
- Ketchikan Police Department-9
- Kodiak Police Department-22
- National Park Service-6
- Nome Police Department-2
- North Pole Police Department-14
- North Slope Borough Police Dept.-3
- Palmer Police Department-24
- Petersburg Police Department-0
- Postal Inspectors-2
- Seward Police Department-8
- Sitka Police Department-10
- Skagway Police Department-2
- Soldotna Police Department-9
- Unalaska Police Department-9
- University of Alaska Anchorage Police Dept.-3
- University of Alaska Fairbanks Police Dept.-6
- US Marshal Service-7
- US Forest Service-4
- Valdez Police Department-17
- Wasilla Police Department-37
- Whittier Police Department-3
- Wrangell Police Department-7
- Yakutat Police Department-0

Number of Documents: As of 7/7/2008 there were 3,093,320 documents in the system.

Number of Queries run: From 7/15/2007 to 7/15/2008 27,008 queries were run a 24% increase over previous year (same period 7/2006-07/2007 20,592).

Number of user log-ons: In the previous 12 months users logged into the system 5,417 times a 16% increase over previous year (same period 2006-2007 the count was 4,481)

Training: In the preceding 12 months 88 users received computer based Alaska Police Standards Council certified training in the following locations: 34-Juneau, 9-Fairbanks, 2-Healy, 17-Wasilla and 26-Anchorage.

The consortium supports the development of a web based, open source, shared records management system that will be available at no charge to small agencies that do not have a RMS. Once OpenRMS is on-line the data will be migrated to the ALEISS node. The following agencies are participating in the OpenRMS pilot project. Alaska Railroad Police, Bristol Bay Borough Police Department, Fairbanks Airport

Police, Haines Police Department; Petersburg Police Department, Palmer Police Department and Yakutat Police Department. The OpenRMS project status report follows:

- The Alaska release will be about 85% compliant with the Law Enforcement Information Technology Standards Council (LEITSC) document. *LEITSC Standard Functional Specifications for Law Enforcement Records Management Systems (RMS)* The vendor reports major improvements to the user interface and usability of the system (faster, easier to use and more configuration capabilities), based on user feedback. There are improvements to search, images and multimedia as well as improvements to printing and workflow.
- The next release will be demonstrated in mid-August and with deployment to the first Alaska pilot agencies in early September.
- Participating agencies will have input on deployment options either a hosted solution provided by NLECTC or on site, the on-site option will have a higher cost because of the necessary hardware and support.
- The system is featured in an article in the June 2008 issue of the Northern Peace Officer, the newsletter of the Alaska Peace Officers Association, on page 8.



Left to right: Chief Philip Broadfoot, Danville Virginia, Police Department, Chairman of IACP/LEIM; Maxine Andrews, Program Manager NLECTC-NW, ALIESS System Administrator; Assistant Chief Greg Browning, Juneau Police Department, ALIESS

The ALIESS Consortium has been featured in a number of publications. The article *Information Sharing in the Last Frontier* by Chief Browning appeared in the June 2008 issue of *The Police Chief*, the monthly magazine of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). The article *Info Sharing Comes in from the Cold* appears in the fall 2006 issue of *TECHbeat*, the quarterly newsletter of the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center system (NLECTC), a program of the National Institute of Justice (NIJ).

ALIESS won the 2005 IACP iXP Leadership in Technology Award “Excellence in Law Enforcement Communications and Interoperability” -Regional Division.

ALIESS is in the process of expanding from a statewide system to a multi-state system. In January 2008 ALIESS signed a MOU with the Law Enforcement Information Exchange Northwest (LinX-NW). The policies are in place and the required engineering is under development. ALIESS has been approached by several other regional systems. Future expansion may include the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department and the Oregon RAIN System. The necessary software was purchase to allow



left to right: Julie Fischer, LinX-NW Technology Specialist; Maxine Andrews, ALIESS System Administrator; Keith Haines, LinX-NW Program Mgr; Greg Browning, ALIESS Chair; Bill Shary, ALIESS Network Administrator

ALEISS to connect with the F.B.I. N-DEx system and connection is scheduled for 2008-2009.



2006 & 2007 "Best Investigation of the Year"  
award recipient Trooper Terrence Shanigan

Users are encouraged to submit success stories to be published on the ALEISS website that demonstrate the value of the system. The AACOP Board of Directors presents an award to the user whose submission is deemed to be the best.

Funding history: The original server equipment was purchased by a Dept. of Public Safety with a pass-through federal grant. The first three years of ALEISS operation were funded in part by NLECTC-NW, and NLECTC-NW continues to provide limited support. The Alaska Dept. of Homeland Security funded the acquisition of data from five agencies in 2007. The Alaska Association of Chiefs of Police (AACOP) applied for and received a 2007 Byrne Grant of \$193,044.00 to cover the operations of ALEISS through

September 2008. AACOP has again applied for the Byrne Grant in the amount of \$228,962.31 to continue the operation of ALEISS. The grant application is under review. Other funding options are being pursued.

## November 2008 Update

Agency Members: 40 with the addition of Bethel Police Department, voted in October 27, 2008

Data Sources 16 with the addition of University of Alaska Anchorage Police added August 2008.

Eligible members 588

ALEISS failed to be awarded The Byrne Grant. Several funding options were discussed at the recent ALEISS Board meeting (10/27/2008) assessing an agency use fee based on sworn staff, locating and pursuing other grants, and approaching the Alaska legislature for funds to maintain the system. The minimum funding to maintain the system at the present level is approximately \$250,000/year. This covers software licensing fees (\$130,000), System maintenance by technology firm (\$99,539.11), Training, Travel, Etc (\$20,000).