FBI RAP BACK 2015

Beginning in 2015, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) will begin providing updated criminal history information, Rap Back, on the national level. The FBI Rap Back will be automatically set to a life time subscription at the cost of $13.00 per applicant. The only way an agency will be able to receive the FBI Rap Back is to utilize the Fingerprint Applicant Services of Texas or FAST program and the Fingerprint-Based Applicant Clearinghouse of Texas or FACT Clearinghouse. In anticipation of this new service being provided by the FBI and only accessible through FAST and the FACT Clearinghouse, DPS is requiring non-criminal justice agencies that currently submit hard copy fingerprint cards to DPS directly and/or receive responses through the Consolidated Response, Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) or by mail to begin utilizing FACT Clearinghouse by September 1st, 2015.

The FACT Clearinghouse is a repository of the DPS and the FBI fingerprint-based criminal history results. The FACT Clearinghouse allows an authorized entity access to a response of the DPS and FBI criminal history fingerprint results. Persons fingerprinted with your ORI number are automatically subscribed to your FACT Clearinghouse account. This subscription ensures that your agency will receive email notifications for new arrests or court dispositions (Rap Back) that may occur on the subscribed person’s criminal history record. You will receive an email notification listing your applicants name and informing you of a Rap Back that needs to be viewed. Currently this service will only provide new arrest activity or court dispositions that have been added to Texas criminal history record information, but in 2015 this will also include activity added to the National criminal history record.

Only persons processed through the FAST are eligible for FACT. FAST is a service of DPS that provides the electronic capture and submission of fingerprints for a fingerprint background check. By utilizing the FACT Clearinghouse and FAST Program, results will be received by your agency within approximately 72 hours from the time the applicant is fingerprinted. You will be provided with the applicant’s photo, demographic information, and a fingerprint-based state and national criminal history report.

Viewing a subscribed person’s state and national criminal history record information in the FACT Clearinghouse for the first time will not incur a charge and will be free to view for up to 24 hours. After the 24 hours has expired, viewing the record will cost $1.00. DPS has agreed to waive this dollar fee for agencies until August 31st, 2015. Beginning September 1st, 2015 the $1.00 dollar fee will take effect.

If you have any questions, please contact the Fingerprint Services Unit at (512) 424-2365, Option 6 or by email at fingerprint.service@dps.texas.gov.

Thank you,

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