DL Reengineering moves forward

Anticipation builds as DPS moves forward with the Driver License Reengineering (DLR) project, which will provide much needed updates to the current 30-year-old driver license system.

The project’s focus is to improve efficiency of the issuance system and to strengthen homeland security by providing a more secure driver license and identification card.

“The new system is being designed by field and headquarters personnel, along with technical assistance from IMS,” said Judy Brown, chief of the Driver License Division (DLD). “The DLR project will benefit all users of driver license information by providing a reliable system that includes inherent security programs to protect our customers’ privacy and identity.”

DLR will replace issuance equipment throughout driver license offices statewide, resolving current system failures. Reengineering will enhance driver licenses and ID cards with new security features to reduce fraud and counterfeiting. Our customers will benefit from these changes with no increase in driver license or identification card costs.

In 2003, the 78th Legislative Session passed HB 3588, authorizing the Department to reengineer the driver license system. Funding for this project was appropriated during the third special session with the passage of HB 2, authorizing a $1 fee increase on motor vehicle registrations.

DLD has invested months of planning to develop the DLR project. Five project teams will lead the complex project. The Division’s new Project Management Office, consisting of the project manager, Office of General Counsel, budget analyst, IMS technical architecture team, and the Office of Audit and Inspection will provide support and oversight to the project teams.

To date, a project manager has been hired, and project teams have been assigned to prepare specification documentation. Team members recently visited Florida and Maryland to view their reengineered driver license systems.

“The Department is now poised to begin development of driver license reengineering in Texas,” said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., DPS director. “The end result will be a system that has the flexibility to take advantage of future technology changes, as well as consumer or legislative needs.”
Short Shots

Dive Team members needed
The Dive Recovery Team is taking applications for divers. The applicant must be a commissioned officer with the Department and have a basic diving certificate. Applicants must contact Maj. David Baker at 512-424-2115 and they must send their applications through their chain of command to the THP Chief’s office.

Crime Victims’ Rights Week
2004 National Crime Victims’ Rights Week is scheduled for April 18-24. The theme for this year’s observance is “Victims’ Rights: America’s Values.” To locate Crime Victims’ Rights activities in your community, please contact your regional DPS Victim Services counselor or the DPS intranet.

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