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AG Schimel Reports Crime Information Bureau's Performance

MADISON, Wis. – Today, Attorney General Brad Schimel reported the performance statistics for the first six months of 2017 for the Wisconsin Department of Justice's (DOJ) Crime Information Bureau (CIB). CIB is part of the Division of Law Enforcement Services at DOJ, and offers important services, like administration of the concealed carry weapon (CCW) program, and critical information to the general public, law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, and other government agencies.

“DOJ's CIB staff works hard to maintain perfectly functioning online computer programs and databases so those in the criminal justice system can access the most up to date information quickly, and so citizens can exercise their Second Amendment rights without hassle,” said Attorney General Schimel. “Wisconsin's Crime Information Bureau works hard to treat the general public and all criminal justice partners that use CIB's services as valuable customers who deserve fast and accurate responses to their requests.”

A summary of CIB's performance is below.

Concealed Carry Weapons Program

CIB administers Wisconsin's CCW program, and is responsible for reviewing all license applications, performing background checks on applicants to determine eligibility, printing and delivering licenses to approved applicants, and managing license renewals.

CIB also maintains <https://concealedcarry.doj.wi.gov/>, which was launched in 2016 to provide Wisconsinites a fast and simple way to manage their CCW licenses.

In the first half of 2017, CIB processed 62,176 CCW applications and renewals. This is nearly double the amount processed during the same period last year, which saw only 32,424 applications and renewals processed. On June 30, 2017, only 44 applications and 59 renewals were awaiting approval.

There are currently 330,153 valid CCW license holders in the state. At the end of 2016, Wisconsin had more than 321,000 valid license holders.

Handgun Hotline

All registered firearms dealers are required to call the CIB Handgun Hotline before transferring a handgun, and CIB has five business days to complete the background check.

In the first six months of 2017, the Handgun Hotline processed 82,522 background checks. In the same time frame in 2016, the hotline processed 82,233 background checks.

In 2016, the Handgun Hotline set a new record of processing 156,201 handgun transfer requests.

Transfer Information for Management of Enforcement (TIME) System

The TIME system is the law enforcement message switch and network that provides criminal justice employees with critical information on wants and warrants, driver's license and vehicle information, criminal histories, protection order and injunction files, sex offender and corrections information, stolen property, and missing persons. The system connects more than 10,700 criminal justice computers in Wisconsin to more than 400,000 criminal justice computers across the nation and Canada. This system is staffed by CIB 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

In the first six months of 2017, the average number of TIME System transactions was 172,087 per day. This marks a large increase from the previous year, which averaged 157,788 transactions per day.