



Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC)

Quick Facts

- The CPIC system is currently processing over 130 million transactions per year.
- The Automated Canada United States Police Information Exchange System (ACUPIES) provides CPIC users a link to the National Crime Information Centre date banks, and all U.S. users access to the CPIC files. Currently, this link is processing over 12 million transactions per year.

Overview

The **Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC)** is a computerized system that provides tactical information on crimes and criminals. It is the only national information-sharing system that links criminal justice and law enforcement partners across Canada and internationally.

CPIC is responsible for the storage, retrieval and communication of shared operational police information to all accredited criminal justice and other agencies involved with the detection, investigation and prevention of crime.

CPIC has been operational since 1972, and is located in the RCMP HQ complex at Ottawa, Ontario. It allows over 60,000 law enforcement officers to access the central computer from over 23,000 access points within 3,185 police departments, RCMP detachments and federal/provincial agencies across the country.

The system has files on:

Vehicles:

stolen vehicles, abandoned or wanted in connection to a crime; stolen licence plates, validation tags, vehicle identification number plates and parts

Persons:

persons wanted by the police or accused persons; on probation or parole; prohibited persons (e.g., drinking and driving, possession of firearms); missing persons, including children; body marks/scars; clothing and dental records or body parts that can be cross-referenced; amnesia, comatose or disaster victims

Property:

stolen guns, articles and securities

Marine:

stolen and abandoned boats and boat motors

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Inmate Files:

information of individuals under the supervision of Correctional Services Canada (CSC) Dental.

Characteristics:

individual dental records (a sub-system of Persons File) to assist police in identifying human remains or comatose and amnesia victims

Canada Firearms Centre:

information on individuals regarding firearms licences, registration, etc.

Criminal Records:

full criminal record maintenance

Wandering Persons Registry:

persons registered with The Alzheimer's Society of Canada; to assist police in identifying and returning persons suffering from this disease

Criminal Record Synopsis:

condensed version of criminal records supported by fingerprints maintained by Information & Identification Services

CPIC Renewal

CPIC Renewal is the project designed to stabilize and modernize the CPIC system since its inception in the Spring of 1999

The last phase of CPIC Renewal, the development of CPIC Renewal Project 2, Phase 3, is scheduled for completion in April of 2005. The technology developed in that Phase will be rolled out to users in the fall of 2005.

For more information, please visit www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca.