

**ILLINOIS STATE POLICE DIRECTIVE  
OPS-082, MURDERER AND VIOLENT OFFENDER AGAINST YOUTH  
REGISTRATION ACT**

<b>RESCINDS:</b> OPS-082, 2022-159, revised 03-10-2022.	<b>REVISED:</b> 01-03-2023 <b>2023-093</b>
<b>RELATED DOCUMENTS:</b> OPS-080	<b>RELATED CALEA STANDARDS (6<sup>th</sup> Edition):</b> 55.1.1, 55.2.3, 82.2.4

I. POLICY

The Illinois State Police (ISP) will:

- I.A. Participate in, and assist other law enforcement entities in identifying, apprehending, and prosecuting persons who engage in, or who conspire to engage in, violations of the "Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act" (hereafter referred to as the Act).
- I.B. Periodically check on registrants to enforce compliance with the requirements of the Act.
- I.C. Maintain the Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registry.
- I.D. Provide assistance to other agencies and organizations in support of the Act.
- I.E. Provide training to entities involved in enforcing the Act.

II. AUTHORITY

730 ILCS 154/1, The "Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act"

III. RESPONSIBILITY

- III.A. The Division of Justice Services (DJS) will maintain a Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registry database where qualifying data can be entered and maintained.
- III.B. The Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) will proactively use information available through the Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS) file about violent offenders to help prevent crimes and solve crimes more quickly.
- III.C. The law enforcement agency having jurisdiction (where the offender resides) is responsible for entering and modifying records of violent offenders in the respective LEADS file. The ISP is responsible for removal and expungement of violent offender records from the same respective LEADS file.

IV. PROCEDURES

IV.A. Telecommunicator Specialist(s) will:

- IV.A.1. Use the standard hit comparison procedure, as defined in the Communications Policy and Procedures manual, "Hit Procedures" chapter.
- IV.A.2. Whenever a violent offender file response is determined "valid to operator," disseminate the information to the inquiring officer using the "10-61" procedure.
- IV.A.3. Contact the originating agency only if additional details or clarification is needed. Hit confirmation with the originating agency is not necessary on a positive violent offender response.
- IV.A.4. When an inquiry results in a "valid to officer" response, complete an add-on entry to the original entry to document contact with the violent offender.

## IV.B. Officer

After receiving a positive violent offender information response to a field inquiry, the officer will:

- IV.B.1. Advise Communications of the validity of the violent offender information response.
- IV.B.2. Evaluate the situation regarding applicability and any practical use of the violent offender information. The officer may use this information as a basis for further investigation.
- IV.B.3. Attempt to verify the subject's current address and length of residency. The law requires a convicted violent offender to register within five days of release from confinement and/or within five days of change of address, employment, and/or school.
- IV.B.4. Provide the following add-on entry information:
  - IV.B.4.a. Date and time of contact
  - IV.B.4.b. Location of contact
  - IV.B.4.c. Reason for contact (suspicious activity, traffic, etc.)
  - IV.B.4.d. Officer's last name and I.D. number
  - IV.B.4.e. Vehicle description (if vehicle information is not included or is different from the original entry)
  - IV.B.4.f. The appropriate report number used by the officer to document contact with the suspect, if applicable (i.e., field report, investigative report, citation, or written warning number)
  - IV.B.4.g. The current address of the registered violent offender determined by the officer at the time of contact with the individual. Any other miscellaneous information (suspect was arrested and why, subject in the company of other persons, children, etc.).
- IV.B.5. If the violent offender has never been notified to register (status N), inform the violent offender of his or her statutory obligation to register with the municipality or the local county sheriff's office where he or she resides. Document this notification using an Illinois Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act Notification Form, ISP 5-752 and an appropriate ISP report management system report or Field Report, ISP 5-048.
- IV.B.6. If the violent offender has been notified to register (status D), failed to register, and the five-day period has elapsed, the officer will attempt to determine whether the violent offender has failed to comply with the Act. If the violent offender is unable to provide proof that timely registration has occurred, the officer will make a felony arrest following procedures required by the local prosecutor.
- IV.B.7. Should an individual attempt to register at a troop/zone headquarters, the officer should obtain all identifiers and the individual's address and advise the individual to register with the local or county police agency. The officer should also forward the information to the applicable police agency to ensure the individual is registered.

## IV.C. Dissemination

- IV.C.1. Community notification applies to any person required to register as a violent offender in Illinois with the exception of juvenile violent offenders.
  - IV.C.1.a. The law does not restrict the secondary dissemination of information regarding violent offenders.
  - IV.C.1.b. The law allows the release of the violent offender's name, date of birth, address, offense, or other such information that will help identify the violent offender, but excluding information that may identify the victim.
  - IV.C.1.c. The ISP and any law enforcement agency having jurisdiction may, at the discretion of the Department or agency, release information with respect to a juvenile violent offender to any person when that person's safety may be compromised.

- IV.C.2. County sheriffs and the Chicago Police Department will provide a list of violent offenders, including adjudicated juvenile violent offenders, who are required to register, who attend school, or employed in their county (or the city of Chicago) to:
  - IV.C.2.a. All licensed child care facilities
  - IV.C.2.b. Public school districts
  - IV.C.2.c. Private schools
  - IV.C.2.d. Institutions of higher education serving their jurisdiction
  - IV.C.2.e. Victims of a Violent Offender Against Youth
  - IV.C.2.f. Libraries (All)
- IV.C.3. Any law enforcement agency has the discretion to disseminate the name, date of birth, address, and offense of any violent offender based on the likelihood of encountering the violent offender.
  - IV.C.3.a. Proactive measures to disseminate lists of violent offenders to groups that serve the youth are authorized.
  - IV.C.3.b. These actions could include, but not be limited to, groups such as scouts, youth camps, church groups, etc.
- IV.C.4. The ISP will provide public access via the ISP Website (<https://isp.illinois.gov/>) to a list of all violent offenders required to register with the exception of adjudicated juvenile violent offenders. Discretion as discussed in paragraph IV.C.3. is applicable.
- IV.D. The ISP Sex Offender Registration Coordinator will perform the duties of the Violent Offender Registration Coordinator. The Coordinator will provide assistance to local agencies regarding violent offender registration, community notification, and related investigations.
- IV.E. DJS will:
  - IV.E.1. Manage the Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registry
  - IV.E.2. Provide liaison with criminal justice agencies, schools, and child care facilities
  - IV.E.3. Coordinate enforcement actions with ISP investigative Zones
  - IV.E.4. Facilitate the efficient use and dissemination of violent offender information to prevent or solve crimes more quickly
  - IV.E.5. Provide training to local law enforcement and awareness presentations to local community groups
  - IV.E.6. Transfer offender(s) from the Sex Offender Registry
    - IV.E.6.a. The state's attorney in the county where the offender was convicted will complete an Illinois Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act, Verification of Case Facts Document, form ISP 5-749, and forward it to:

Illinois State Police  
Sex Offender Registration Unit  
801 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200-S  
Springfield IL 62703
    - IV.E.6.b. The Sex Offender Registration Unit will verify the information is complete and correct.
    - IV.E.6.c. If the information is complete and correct, the Sex Offender Registration Unit will transfer the offender's information in LEADS from the Sex Offender Registry to the Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registry.

IV.E.6.d. The Sex Offender Registration Unit will notify the:

- IV.E.6.d.1) Illinois Department of Corrections
- IV.E.6.d.2) Offender, if the offender is not incarcerated in federal or state custody
- IV.E.6.d.3) The agency of jurisdiction for registration purposes

IV.E.7. Develop and disseminate an operating guide that delineates responsibilities throughout the program.

| Indicates new or revised items.

**-End of Directive-**