



COLORADO

Bureau of Investigation

Department of Public Safety

CBI FACT SHEET

Scope

Nearly 250 members of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) strive to deliver excellence in criminal investigations, forensic/laboratory services, and comprehensive criminal justice data management for stakeholders. The CBI is primarily a “by request” agency responding to requests for investigative and forensic services from law enforcement, district attorneys and other state agencies. The CBI also has the statutory authority to initiate investigations of organized crime, identity theft/fraud, gaming violations, cyber crimes as well as the investigation and apprehension of fugitives.

About the CBI

Investigative Services

Investigations

The Agents and Analysts of the CBI Investigations Section provide a full range of criminal investigative assistance to local law enforcement. The types of crimes investigated often include: homicide, arson, officer-involved use of force, sexual assault, fraud, and public corruption.

Identity Theft/Cyber Crimes

The CBI offers investigative assistance and support in connection with cases involving identity theft and cyber crimes. CBI agents provide expertise in these complex and far-reaching investigations upon request.

Arson Investigations

The CBI provides Agent/K9 investigations in connection with suspicious fires across the state. The CBI's internationally certified Fire Dog K9 teams work to determine the origin of a fire, execute search warrants, aid in insurance research and provide investigative follow-up on numerous cases each year.

Forensic Services

Forensic Science Laboratories

International Laboratory Accreditation, coupled with outstanding scientific training and proficiency testing regimens, ensures quality systems and integrity of forensic examinations conducted on evidence in criminal cases. CBI scientists provide analysis in nine disciplines: biology, DNA, latent prints, impression evidence, firearms, toolmarks, drug chemistry, trace chemistry and toxicology.

Crime Scene Services

Crime Scene services are available across Colorado from the CBI's three regional facilities. Crime Scene Analysts collect and preserve evidence using the latest technologies to assist in the investigative process.

Regional Offices

The CBI operates six facilities throughout the state: three full-service regional facilities located in Lakewood, Grand Junction and Pueblo and four satellite facilities located in Durango, Boulder, Montrose and the Northern Region of Colorado.

Criminal Justice Information Systems

Crime Information Management Unit

The CBI is designated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division, as the CJIS Systems Agency for Colorado. The CBI Crime Information Management Unit (CIMU) oversees criminal justice information systems, including the Colorado Crime Information Center (CCIC) and the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) databases and the International Public Safety and Justice Network (Nlets). The CIMU is also responsible for managing the Colorado Sex Offender Registry. As part of the Uniform Crime Reporting program, CIMU publishes the Crime in Colorado statistics each year.

Identification

The Identification Unit is the state repository for criminal history record information. Criminal history records are created when fingerprints are submitted to the CBI in conjunction with arrests anywhere in Colorado. Criminal history records are continually updated with the submission of new fingerprints associated with subsequent arrests, as well as disposition information provided by the courts or other criminal justice agencies. The Identification Unit has additional responsibilities, including the sealing of criminal records based on court orders.

InstaCheck

Colorado's InstaCheck Unit is responsible for conducting background checks for the transfer of firearms in the state. InstaCheck serves as the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) state point of contact for the process, and is only one of 13 states designated to serve in this capacity. In addition to the NICS checks for firearms purchases, InstaCheck also addresses appeals for firearms purchase denials as well as processing background checks on behalf of Colorado sheriffs for Concealed Handgun Permits.

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