Midwest Multi-State CDL Screening
• Fraudsters cross state lines to obtain credentials to:
  • Avoid child support obligations
  • Illegally obtain multiple licenses to avoid loss of driving privileges
  • Facilitate terrorism
  • Carry out criminal activities related to identity theft, bank and credit fraud, immigration issues, insurance fraud.....
The Cross-State Fraud Problem

• Identity fraud across state lines using altered or different identities is pervasive
  • Challenge for states to address this type of fraud
• CDL holders remain the highest risk drivers

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Highlights National Concerns about Identity Theft and Fraud:

“Criminals can still steal the identity of someone in one state and use it to get a license in another because states lack the capacity to consistently detect such cross-state fraud”
• Limited to investigation and examination against “in-state resources” only
• It is known, but hard to quantify, how many people are fraudulently applying for CDLs or other credentials in neighboring states
• No streamlined way of checking with other states to minimize risk of fraudulently issued CDLs
• Lack of tools and infrastructure to collaborate jeopardizes road safety for all of us
• Pilot project
• Funded by FMCSA grant awarded to the Iowa DOT/DMV

• Goal:
  • Reduce number & severity of CMV crashes
  • Reduce CDL related fraud
  • Provide model to be used by other jurisdictions
  • Ensure project can be expanded/linked to other jurisdictions for nationwide fraud detection and prevention
• Extend capabilities current FR systems
  • Photos from new/renewal CDL applicants
  • Searched against other jurisdiction’s entire photo database
  • High probability matches sent to originating jurisdiction for review and adjudication
How it works:

- CDL applicant completes process in resident state and is issued a temporary license.
- Overnight, in a batch process, the photo is compared against his home state data base and the data bases in the other three states.
- The next morning leads from all four states available for review by the home state DMV.
• No citizen PII is left behind after identification searches or cleared cases
  • Probes are photos-only with requesting agency identifier
  • Match candidates will return to the requester with limited demographics, jurisdiction name and answering agency identifier
  • Audit trails and logs will retain agency reference only

• Solution includes Investigation and Communication features/functions
  • Synchronized to automate processing and support investigations

• Screening practices and solution technology will evolve over time
  • Investigation learnings will drive automation and filtering
  • Integration of some functions may be deferred to avoid impact on daily operations
Agency Benefits

• Improved Highway Safety
• Reduced Fraud and Identity Theft
• Increased Integrity of Identity Processes
• Enhanced Case Development
• Operating Expense Containment/Reduction
• Improved Public Relations
• IA & NE have completed testing of FR upgrade
• NE deployed upgraded FR system and new DL server hardware on October 17th
• NE and IA will test cross jurisdictional process & deploy soon
• Work to complete FR upgrade underway in IL and SD
Other CDL FR Initiatives

Map showing the Midwest Initiative, Northeast Initiative, and I-10 Corridor Initiative, with participating states marked by stars.

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