

Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification Newsletter

Fingerprinting Services

Fingerprinting services at BCI are still available but are by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, customers will call 801-965-4445 and select option 0. Due to the high demand of fingerprinting services, customers can expect an average wait time of around 30 days. BCI will not make exceptions for UCJIS, POST or law enforcement applicants. For electronic submission of fingerprints, a Live Scan authorization form must be provided at the time fingerprints are taken.

BCI does not provide criminal fingerprinting services. We can only provide fingerprinting for non-criminal justice purposes on federal form FD-258 Applicant Fingerprint Card.

AMBER Alert and Missing Persons Clearing House

BCI Field Services would like to announce that Ofa Vaisima and Alex Martinez are the new AMBER Alert and Missing Persons Coordinators for the State of Utah. Their contact information is ovaisima@utah.gov and mmartinez@utah.gov

Updates to the entry screens for the Utah AMBER Alert in UCJIS have been made throughout this year. Current policies are being reviewed and revised. As the policies are approved, the updates will be posted on the TAC website. Agencies interested in receiving training on AMBER Alert may contact Ofa and/or Alex to arrange virtual training.

Training for Fingerprinting

Did you know that BCI offers free training for fingerprinting and criminal history? Training topics include taking legible fingerprints, troubleshooting fingerprint rejections, navigating the Suspense program, or any topic relating to criminal history.

We can customize to your needs. Trainings are offered in-person, virtual training, and online. Contact Erin Paulsen (epaulsen1@utah.gov) or see our training website at:

<https://sites.google.com/view/bcifingerprinttraining/>.

Uniform Crime Reporting and NIBRS Transition Updates

Beginning January 1, 2021 the Uniform Crime Reporting program will officially retire the Summary program and go solely to an Incident Based Reporting System. Summary agencies will be able to enter their December 2020 data up until January 19, 2021 along with any missing 2020 data. If your agency has not yet begun the transition to NIBRS or has any questions regarding the process and upcoming 2021 changes, please contact either Diana Monago (dmonago@utah.gov) or Alex Martinez (mmartinez@utah.gov). *Remember it is required for law enforcement agencies to participate in the Uniform Crime Reporting program per UCA 53-10-205(2).

In conjunction with the NIBRS transition, effective January 1, 2021 the following National Incident-Based Reporting System Group B Arrest Offenses will be eliminated:

- 90-A Bad Checks
- 90-E Drunkness
- 90-H Peeping Tom

Should any 90A, 90E, and/or 90H Offenses be received after January 1, 2021, the FBI UCR System will automatically map the incoming offenses to 90Z.

The FBI's Crime Data Explorer (CDE), which will be the home for Uniform Crime Reporting publications at the Federal level, has a new URL. The new link is <http://www.fbi.gov/cde>; the old link will remain active, but users are encouraged to access the data via the updated URL.

Use of Force Updates

Use of Force reporting is available for all law enforcement agencies through the Use of Force transactions in UCJIS. The FBI's definition of use of force is:

- When a fatality occurs connected to use of force by a law enforcement officer.
- When there is serious bodily injury to a person connected to use of force by a law enforcement officer.
- When a firearm is discharged by law enforcement at or in a direction of a person that did not result in death or serious bodily injury.

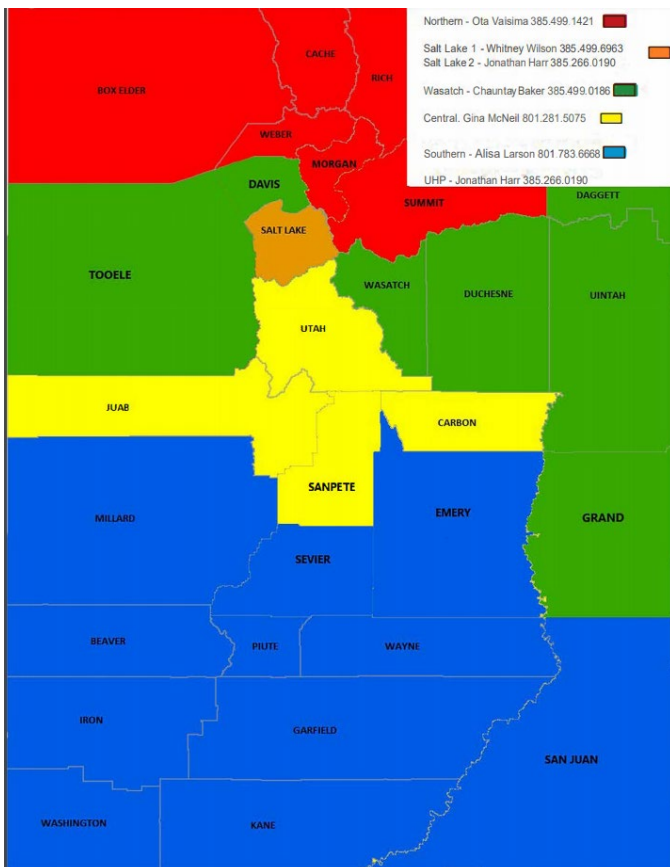
The FBI's definition allows for a uniform collection of what is use of force not only in Utah but throughout the United States. Agencies interested in training or obtaining access to the Use of Force permissions may contact either Alex Martinez (mmartinez@utah.gov) or Diana Monago (dmonago@utah.gov).

Virtual Training During the Pandemic

BCI Field Services is still offering training for UCJIS Baseline topics, our New TAC class, POST, and specialized agency training by agency request. Our training has moved to a virtual format using Google Meet as the platform due to the pandemic and group gathering restrictions. The "Upcoming Trainings" tab on the TAC website is regularly updated with any upcoming training and registration information. For questions regarding training or to inquire about specialized agency training, please contact your agency's Field Services representative.

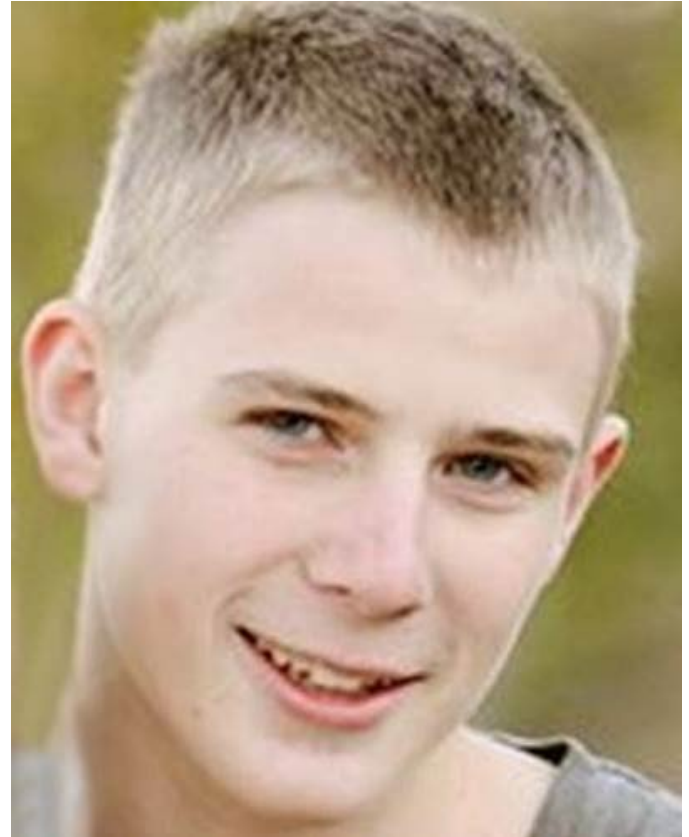
New BCI Field Services Regions and Representatives

It was announced during the 2020 Virtual TAC Conference that BCI Field Services would be switching up the “region map” which is used to designate which Field Service representative is over each agency. Each agency should have received an email in October introducing your Field Services representative. A copy of this map and contact information for Field Services may be found [here](#).



In addition, Field Services has a new auditor/trainer that joined the team in November. We would like to introduce Jon Harr who is the representative over Salt Lake Region Two and Utah Highway Patrol. Jon comes to our section from Grants where he worked closely with updating Criminal Histories. We are excited for his enthusiasm and talents he brings to the team.

Featured Missing Person



Name: Macin Smith
 Missing Since: September 1st, 2015
 DOB: 04/07/1998
 Age: 22 years of age
 Height: 6'-6'4"
 Weight: 190
 Hair: Strawberry Blonde
 Eyes: Blue
 Race: Caucasian/White

Macin was last seen on 9/1/2015 before he left for school. Macin was believed to be wearing basketball shorts with a t-shirt. He may still be in the local area or he may travel to Las Vegas, Nevada.

If seen please contact St. George Police Department (435) 627-4325

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