



**State of Minnesota**  
**Department of Public Safety**  
**Bureau of Criminal Apprehension**

**Minnesota License Plate Data File for License Plate Readers**  
**Service Description**  
**(MN-LP-DF)**

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<b>SERVICE SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Service Name</b>	Minnesota License Plate Data File for LPR
<b>Service Visibility</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<b>Service Description</b>	The Minnesota License Plate (MN LP) Data File contains FBI and Minnesota license plate-related Hot File data on stolen and felony vehicles, wanted persons, and “attempts to locate.” The FBI Hot File records represent all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Canada. The file also contains license plate-related data on MN DVS registered vehicles where an operator’s license was withdrawn (suspended, cancelled, disqualified or revoked.) This data can be used by authorized Minnesota law enforcement agencies to populate their License Plate Recognition (LPR) systems. On average, the MN LP Data file contains 400,000 records.
<b>Accessibility</b>	This data file is available to Minnesota law enforcement only. The BCA publishes the MN LP Data File twice a day. Consuming agencies can then pull the data to populate their in-house License Plate Recognition Systems.
<b>Service Inputs</b>	Not applicable
<b>Service Outputs</b>	Not applicable
<b>Status</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Concept <input type="checkbox"/> Planned <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Available



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### Communications Network Requirements

Before any access to data available through the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) can be provided, a user needs to establish a secure connection. The Criminal Justice Data Communications Network (CJDN) is used to send and receive data accessed through the BCA. User and BCA compliance with technical requirements makes the CJDN secure. The CJDN connects authorized users to a variety of databases and tools as described below and in other service descriptions.

A criminal justice agency is defined as a state or local agency charged with the detection, enforcement, prosecution, adjudication or incarceration of criminal or traffic laws of the State of Minnesota. (See Minn. Stat. section 299C.46, subd. 2.) Criminal justice agencies must use the CJDN “. . .in connection with the performance of duties required by law.” (See Minn. Stat. section 299.46, subd. 3(a)(1))

A noncriminal justice agency is defined as a state or local agency charged with performing checks of state databases accessed through the CJDN. The law must require that the checks be done prior to granting licenses or providing benefits. (See Minn. Stat. section 299C.46, subd. 2a.)

Other authorized users are:

- agencies investigating federal security clearances of federal employees with duties related to national security
- agencies who need access to provide for protection of the public or property in an emergency or disaster situation
- the public authority responsible for child support enforcement in connection with the performance of those duties
- the public defender, as provided in section 611.272 (limits the systems accessible)
- a county attorney or the attorney general to determine whether a petition should be filed to civilly commit an individual as a sexual psychopathic personality or a sexually dangerous person.

There is a charge to install the connections to the network as well as monthly access and maintenance charges. A device like a key fob can be used as an alternate means of connecting to the CJDN. There are charges for the fob as well. (See Minnesota Statutes, sections 299C.46 and 299C.48.)

State and local agencies with existing CJDN connections will continue to pay the same charges as they currently do. The BCA will work with new customers to determine how the connection to the CJDN can be made and what the costs for that access will be.



## Service Overview

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**Minnesota Hot Files:** The Minnesota Hot Files is a database of information entered by local law enforcement agencies into a central repository maintained by the BCA.

Minnesota Hot File records in the MN LP Data File are:

- Minnesota Wanted Persons
- KOPS Attempt to Locate Messages

**National Crime Information Center (NCIC):** NCIC is run by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). NCIC information consists of a number of Hot Files plus criminal history information and is available to criminal justice agencies throughout the United States, Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. According to the *NCIC Operating Manual*, NCIC is a, “computerized index of documented criminal justice information concerning crimes and criminals of nationwide interest and a locator file for missing and unidentified persons.” As with the Minnesota Hot Files, local law enforcement agencies populate the NCIC database using automated capabilities provided by the BCA.

NCIC Hot File records in the MN LP Data File are:

- Stolen and Felony Vehicles
- Stolen License Plates
- Wanted Persons
- Missing Persons
- Individuals on Supervised Release Hot File
- Protection Orders
- Sexual Offenders
- Gang Members and Terrorists
- Immigration Violators
- Canadian Hot File Records (Wanted Persons, Stolen Vehicles, etc.)

## Minnesota Withdrawn Driver License Data

In the near future, the MN LP Data File will also include information about Minnesota driver’s licenses that have been withdrawn. This includes suspended, revoked, cancelled and disqualified driver licenses.

**User Warning:** The MN LP Data File contains no live data. Users must be cautious when responding to a matching response or “Hit” from the MN LP Data File. Although updated twice daily, information in the file may already be obsolete by the time a user receives a matching Hit response. A Hit on the MN LP Data File does not in itself



constitute grounds for arrest or seizure of property. Information obtained from the MN LP Data File must be confirmed by the controlling agency before taking further action.

### **Service Consumer and Access Rights**

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### **Service-Related Statutes and Rules**

None.

### **Applicable Policies**

FBI CJIS Security Policy.

### **Training and Certification Requirements**

No BCA training or certification requirements exist for this service.

### **Audit Requirements**

No BCA audit requirements exist for this service.