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**Privacy Impact Assessment  
for the  
Emergency Services Office System**

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**Introduction: System Description**

*Provide a description of the system that addresses the following elements:*

*The response must be written in plain language and be as comprehensive as necessary to describe the system.*

*(a) Whether it is a general support system, major application, or other type of system*

The Emergency Services Office System is a major application comprised of the following components: Physical Security Systems at Boulder, Physical Security System at Gaithersburg, Visitor Registration System including Visitor's Center Application, Emergency Notification System (ENS), and Report Exec. These components collectively provide the tools necessary to fulfill its mission to deliver emergency and physical security services for the protection of personnel, property, and activities on NIST facilities.

*(b) System location*

The ENS component is hosted in Burbank, California. The remaining components are located at the NIST Gaithersburg, Maryland, and Boulder, Colorado, facilities within the continental United States.

*(c) Whether it is a standalone system or interconnects with other systems (identifying and describing any other systems to which it interconnects)*

- The Physical Security Systems (Boulder and Gaithersburg) are standalone systems on an isolated network that do not interconnect with other NIST systems.
- The Visitor Registration System interconnects with the NAIS (one-way transmission only) for foreign national visitor processing.
- The Emergency Notification System (ENS) is hosted and maintained externally by the service provider and does not interconnect with other NIST systems.
- Report Exec does not interconnect with other NIST systems.

*(d) The way the system operates to achieve the purpose(s) identified in Section 4*

- The Physical Security Systems (Boulder and Gaithersburg) support physical security operations at NIST Boulder and Gaithersburg campuses. These systems include digital video camera and closed-circuit television monitoring of the campus and facilities.
- The Visitor Registration System is an internally hosted application for pre-registering visitors to the NIST campus. The application is used for printing NIST temporary visitor badges using registered data and images captured from scanned identification at check-in for all visitors.
- The Emergency Notification System (ENS) is an externally hosted solution that provides tools for reaching pre-defined contacts during an emergency. The method of communication may include phone, text, email, paging device number, and other

communication devices to enable NIST to rapidly and efficiently reach staff during emergencies.

- Report Exec is an incident reporting and records management software to assist the Police Services Group in Boulder and Gaithersburg in writing detailed investigative reports, tracking daily dispatch calls, and recording other law enforcement activities.

*(e) How information in the system is retrieved by the user*

The information is retrieved by name of the individual or other unique identifier.

*(f) How information is transmitted to and from the system*

- Physical Access Control Systems (Boulder and Gaithersburg): Information is inherited from existing data sources and is manually input into the system by ESO staff.
- Visitor Registration System: Data is entered by a NIST employee or associate through a web-based interface during pre-registration. When the visitor arrives, their identification is scanned. The pre-registration data and an image captured from the scanned identification are used to print a NIST temporary visitor badge at check-in.
- Emergency Notification System (ENS): The initial contact data was imported into ENS from existing NIST data sources. Personal contact data is provided voluntarily by NIST staff via the secure ENS member portal that requires login.
- Report Exec: Information is collected by the police officers and/or dispatch operators directly from the data subject and manually entered into the system for investigation and follow up purposes.

*(g) Any information sharing conducted by the system*

This system does not share information with other internal NIST business units, other than on a case-by-case basis. Information is shared with the Department of Commerce, the Office of Security for background checks. Information within the system components will be shared (in the form of reports) on a case-by-case basis with the federal, state or local government agencies, including law enforcement, as the need arises, when a legitimate need to know exists.

*(h) The specific programmatic authorities (statutes or Executive Orders) for collecting, maintaining, using, and disseminating the information*

The National Institute of Standards and Technology Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 271 et seq. (which includes Title 15 U.S.C. 272) and section 12 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 3710a.

27 Stat. 395 and 31 Stat. 1039, and all existing, applicable NIST and Department policies, regulations and directives concerning the tracking, security processing, and support of NAs during their tenure at NIST.

5 U.S.C. 301 and 15 U.S.C. 271 et seq.; 44 U.S.C. 3101.

35 U.S.C. 2; the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, Public Law 106-229; 28 U.S.C. 533-535; 44 U.S.C. 1301; Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12

and IRS Publication-1075.

Includes the following, with all revisions and amendments: 5 U.S.C. 301; 44 U.S.C. 3101; E.O. 12107, E.O. 13164, 41 U.S.C. 433(d); 5 U.S.C. 5379; 5 CFR Part 537; DAO 202-957; E.O. 12656; Federal Preparedness Circular (FPC) 65, July 26, 1999; DAO 210-110; Executive Order 12564; Public Law 100-71, dated July 11, 1987; The "Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (FISMA).

(i) *The Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 199 security impact category for the system is Moderate.*

### **Section 1: Status of the Information System**

1.1 Indicate whether the information system is a new or existing system.

This is a new information system.  
 This is an existing information system with changes that create new privacy risks.  
*(Check all that apply.)*

Changes That Create New Privacy Risks (CTCNPR)				
a. Conversions	d. Significant Merging		g. New Interagency Uses	
b. Anonymous to Non-Anonymous	e. New Public Access		h. Internal Flow or Collection	
c. Significant System Management Changes	f. Commercial Sources		i. Alteration in Character of Data	
j. Other changes that create new privacy risks (specify):				

This is an existing information system in which changes do not create new privacy risks, and there is not a SAOP approved Privacy Impact Assessment.  
 This is an existing information system in which changes do not create new privacy risks, and there is a SAOP approved Privacy Impact Assessment.

### **Section 2: Information in the System**

2.1 Indicate what personally identifiable information (PII)/business identifiable information (BII) is collected, maintained, or disseminated. *(Check all that apply.)*

Identifying Numbers (IN)				
a. Social Security*	X	e. File/Case ID	X	i. Credit Card
b. Taxpayer ID		f. Driver's License	X	j. Financial Account
c. Employer ID		g. Passport	X	k. Financial Transaction
d. Employee ID		h. Alien Registration	X	l. Vehicle Identifier
m. Other identifying numbers (specify):				X

\*Explanation for the need to collect, maintain, or disseminate the Social Security number, including truncated form:

The use of the social security number is for making a positive identification to prevent identification fraud. The individual's social security number will not be disclosed external to NIST except as required by law.

<b>General Personal Data (GPD)</b>					
a. Name	X	g. Date of Birth	X	m. Religion	
b. Maiden Name	X	h. Place of Birth	X	n. Financial Information	
c. Alias	X	i. Home Address	X	o. Medical Information	
d. Gender	X	j. Telephone Number	X	p. Military Service	
e. Age	X	k. Email Address	X	q. Physical Characteristics	X
f. Race/Ethnicity	X	l. Education		r. Mother's Maiden Name	
s. Other general personal data (specify):					

<b>Work-Related Data (WRD)</b>					
a. Occupation		d. Telephone Number	X	g. Salary	
b. Job Title		e. Email Address	X	h. Work History	
c. Work Address	X	f. Business Associates			
i. Other work-related data (specify):					

<b>Distinguishing Features/Biometrics (DFB)</b>					
a. Fingerprints	X	d. Photographs	X	g. DNA Profiles	
b. Palm Prints		e. Scars, Marks, Tattoos	X	h. Retina/Iris Scans	
c. Voice Recording/Signatures		f. Vascular Scan		i. Dental Profile	
j. Other distinguishing features/biometrics (specify): weight, height, eye color, and hair color					
<b>System Administration/Audit Data (SAAD)</b>					
a. User ID	X	c. Date/Time of Access	X	e. ID Files Accessed	
b. IP Address		d. Queries Run		f. Contents of Files	X
g. Other system administration/audit data (specify):					

<b>Other Information (specify)</b>					

2.2 Indicate sources of the PII/BII in the system. (Check all that apply.)

<b>Directly from Individual about Whom the Information Pertains</b>					
In Person	X	Hard Copy: Mail/Fax		Online	X
Telephone	X	Email			
Other (specify):					

<b>Government Sources</b>					
Within the Bureau		Other DOC Bureaus		Other Federal Agencies	
State, Local, Tribal		Foreign			
Other (specify): Indirectly obtained from internal sources and/or HR and NAIS systems, and other law enforcement agencies					

<b>Non-government Sources</b>					
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Public Organizations	Private Sector	Commercial Data Brokers
Third Party Website or Application		
Other (specify):		

**2.3 Describe how the accuracy of the information in the system is ensured.**

System has built-in functionality to perform validation on fields to ensure that data input meets certain criteria. Accuracy of the data is dependent on the individuals providing self-identifying information or individuals providing accurate data on behalf of the visitor. Accuracy of information is ensured through multiple reviews (e.g., HR, background checks). Accuracy is verified within the context of granting the physical access.

**2.4 Is the information covered by the Paperwork Reduction Act?**

	Yes, the information is covered by the Paperwork Reduction Act. Provide the OMB control number and the agency number for the collection.
X	No, the information is not covered by the Paperwork Reduction Act.

**2.5 Indicate the technologies used that contain PII/BII in ways that have not been previously deployed. (Check all that apply.)**

Technologies Used Containing PII/BII Not Previously Deployed (TUCPBNPD)			
Smart Cards		Biometrics	
Caller-ID		Personal Identity Verification (PIV) Cards	
Other (specify):			

X | There are not any technologies used that contain PII/BII in ways that have not been previously deployed.

**Section 3: System Supported Activities**

**3.1 Indicate IT system supported activities which raise privacy risks/concerns. (Check all that apply.)**

Activities			
Audio recordings		Building entry readers	X
Video surveillance	X	Electronic purchase transactions	
Other (specify):			

| There are not any IT system supported activities which raise privacy risks/concerns.

**Section 4: Purpose of the System**

4.1 Indicate why the PII/BII in the IT system is being collected, maintained, or disseminated.  
*(Check all that apply.)*

<b>Purpose</b>		
To determine eligibility		For administering human resources programs
For administrative matters	X	To promote information sharing initiatives
For litigation		For criminal law enforcement activities
For civil enforcement activities	X	For intelligence activities
To improve Federal services online		For employee or customer satisfaction
For web measurement and customization technologies (single-session)		For web measurement and customization technologies (multi-session)
Other (specify):		

### Section 5: Use of the Information

5.1 In the context of functional areas (business processes, missions, operations, etc.) supported by the IT system, describe how the PII/BII that is collected, maintained, or disseminated will be used. Indicate if the PII/BII identified in Section 2.1 of this document is in reference to a federal employee/contractor, member of the public, foreign national, visitor or other (specify).

**Physical Security Systems (at Boulder and Gaithersburg):** The Identifying Numbers, General Personal Data, Work-Related Data, and Distinguishing Features/Biometrics are used for identification purposes to control physical access to NIST buildings and facilities, and provide a secure work environment for NIST employees, associates, and visitors.

**Visitor Registration System:** The General Personal Data are used to positively identify visitors and manage all visitor traffic entering NIST facilities.

**Report Exec:** The Identifying Numbers, General Personal Data, Work-Related Data, and Distinguishing Features/Biometrics are collected for incident reporting, investigation and follow up purposes.

**Emergency Notification System:** The Work-Related Data are used for contacting NIST staff in the event of an emergency. If disclosed by a staff person, General Personal Data (e.g., telephone number) may also be utilized.

5.2 Describe any potential threats to privacy as a result of the bureau's/operating unit's use of the information, and controls that the bureau/operating unit has put into place to ensure that the information is handled, retained, and disposed appropriately. (For example: mandatory training for system users regarding appropriate handling of information, automatic purging of information in accordance with the retention schedule, etc.)

There are associated privacy risks any time PII is made available to or used by users. A potential threat to privacy exists if the identity of an individual were to be disclosed to an unauthorized person. Role-based access controls are in place to minimize this threat. The system maintains access roles that restrict and grant access to information and functionality to support the business process need of the particular user. These individuals have undergone annual mandatory security awareness training.

## Section 6: Information Sharing and Access

6.1 Indicate with whom the bureau intends to share the PII/BII in the IT system and how the PII/BII will be shared. *(Check all that apply.)*

Recipient	How Information will be Shared		
	Case-by-Case	Bulk Transfer	Direct Access
Within the bureau	X (Physical Security System, ENS, Visitor Registration)		
DOC bureaus	X		
Federal agencies	X (Report Exec)		
State, local, tribal gov't agencies	X (Report Exec)		
Public			
Private sector			
Foreign governments			
Foreign entities			
Other (specify): Investigative and court	X (Report Exec)		

The PII/BII in the system will not be shared.

6.2 Indicate whether the IT system connects with or receives information from any other IT systems authorized to process PII and/or BII.

	Yes, this IT system connects with or receives information from another IT system(s) authorized to process PII and/or BII. Provide the name of the IT system and describe the technical controls which prevent PII/BII leakage:
X	No, this IT system does not connect with or receive information from another IT system(s) authorized to process PII and/or BII.

6.3 Identify the class of users who will have access to the IT system and the PII/BII. *(Check all that apply.)*

Class of Users			
General Public		Government Employees	X
Contractors	X		
Other (specify):			

## Section 7: Notice and Consent

7.1 Indicate whether individuals will be notified if their PII/BII is collected, maintained, or disseminated by the system. *(Check all that apply.)*

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes, notice is provided pursuant to a system of records notice published in the Federal Register and discussed in Section 9.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes, notice is provided by a Privacy Act statement and/or privacy policy. The Privacy Act statement and/or privacy policy can be found at: <a href="https://www.nist.gov/privacy-policy">https://www.nist.gov/privacy-policy</a>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes, notice is provided by other means.	<p>Specify how:</p> <p>Physical Access Control Systems: Notice is provided through collection of data in Human Resource and NIST Associate processes.</p> <p>Visitor Registration: Notice is verbally provided to users before entry into the component. Notice is also provided with instruction mechanisms for facility access (e.g., public web).</p> <p>ENS: NIST staff are notified through internal communications, and a notice is displayed on the ENS member login page.</p> <p>Report Exec: Notice is verbally provided at the time of an incident from the individual, witness, and/or during a call for some of the data.</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No, notice is not provided.	<p>Specify why not:</p> <p>Report Exec: Notice is not provided for some data as the component supports law enforcement activities (i.e. violations, arrests).</p>

7.2 Indicate whether and how individuals have an opportunity to decline to provide PII/BII.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes, individuals have an opportunity to decline to provide PII/BII.	<p>Specify how:</p> <p>Physical Access Control Systems: Individuals may decline providing the required data to NIST staff, however failure to do so will result in denying access to the facilities.</p> <p>Visitor Registration: Individuals may decline providing the required data to NIST staff, however failure to do so will result in denying access to the facilities.</p> <p>ENS: Individuals have an opportunity to decline providing information by not completing a profile within the component.</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No, individuals do not have an opportunity to decline to provide PII/BII.	<p>Specify why not:</p> <p>Report Exec: Individuals do not have opportunity to decline providing information as the component supports law enforcement (i.e. investigations, arrests).</p>

7.3 Indicate whether and how individuals have an opportunity to consent to particular uses of their PII/BII.

X	Yes, individuals have an opportunity to consent to particular uses of their PII/BII.	Specify how: ENS: Individuals have an opportunity to consent to particular uses of their information by completing a profile within the component.
X	No, individuals do not have an opportunity to consent to particular uses of their PII/BII.	Specify why not: Physical Access Control Systems: Individuals do not have opportunity to consent to particular uses as the information is required for processing the individual for facility access.  Visitor Registration: Individuals do not have opportunity to consent to particular uses as the information is required for processing the individual for access.  Report Exec: Individuals do not have opportunity to consent to particular uses as the component supports law enforcement activities (i.e. investigations, arrests).

7.4 Indicate whether and how individuals have an opportunity to review/update PII/BII pertaining to them.

X	Yes, individuals have an opportunity to review/update PII/BII pertaining to them.	Specify how: Physical Access Control Systems: Individuals have the opportunity to update their information by contacting their Administrative staff to process the change.  Visitor Registration: Individuals have the opportunity to update information by contacting their NIST sponsor, who will then need to contact the Visitor's Center to make changes/updates to their visitor's record.  ENS: NIST staff may update their information profile in the component.
X	No, individuals do not have an opportunity to review/update PII/BII pertaining to them.	Specify why not: Report Exec: Data are collected by police officers and dispatchers at the time of an incident from the individual or during a dispatch call. Only authorized personnel have access to the data. Individuals wishing to update their records may contact Police Services.

**Section 8: Administrative and Technological Controls**

8.1 Indicate the administrative and technological controls for the system. (Check all that apply.)

X	All users signed a confidentiality agreement or non-disclosure agreement.
X	All users are subject to a Code of Conduct that includes the requirement for confidentiality.
X	Staff (employees and contractors) received training on privacy and confidentiality policies and practices.
X	Access to the PII/BII is restricted to authorized personnel only.
X	Access to the PII/BII is being monitored, tracked, or recorded.

	Explanation: Access is restricted only for employees and contractors with a "need to know" and is tracked and recorded through system logs.
X	The information is secured in accordance with FISMA requirements. Provide date of most recent Assessment and Authorization (A&A): 04/01/2019 <input type="checkbox"/> This is a new system. The A&A date will be provided when the A&A package is approved.
X	The Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 199 security impact category for this system is a moderate or higher.
X	NIST Special Publication (SP) 800-122 and NIST SP 800-53 Revision 4 Appendix J recommended security controls for protecting PII/BII are in place and functioning as intended; or have an approved Plan of Action and Milestones (POAM).
X	Contractors that have access to the system are subject to information security provisions in their contracts required by DOC policy.
X	A security assessment report has been reviewed for the supporting information system and it has been determined that there are no additional privacy risks.
	Contracts with customers establish ownership rights over data including PII/BII.
	Acceptance of liability for exposure of PII/BII is clearly defined in agreements with customers.
	Other (specify):

8.2 Provide a general description of the technologies used to protect PII/BII on the IT system.  
(Include data encryption in transit and/or at rest, if applicable).

Physical Access Control System (at Boulder and Gaithersburg) is on an isolated network. Servers, workstations, and network devices employ access controls, and are in controlled physical spaces. Unauthorized use of the system is restricted by user authentication. Access logs are kept and reviewed for anomalies. The communications between the server and access panels are encrypted. Data at rest is encrypted.

Visitor Registration System and Visitor's Center Application are accessible on internal NIST networks protected by multiple layers of firewalls. Unauthorized use of the system is restricted by user authentication. Access logs are kept and reviewed for anomalies. Databases fully implement and enforce encryption of data in transit and at rest.

Emergency Notification System is hosted in Burbank, California. The application is served over Transport Layer Security (TLS) connection. Data at rest is encrypted. Access is controlled through enforcement of NIST credentials and session time-outs.

Report Exec: Hardware access controls are employed (e.g., restricting IP addresses to only those authorized). The application server and database are hosted and accessible on internal NIST networks protected by multiple layers of firewalls. Unauthorized use of the system is restricted by user authentication. Access logs are kept and reviewed for anomalies.

## Section 9: Privacy Act

9.1 Indicate whether a system of records is being created under the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C.

§ 552a. (A new system of records notice (SORN) is required if the system is not covered by an existing SORN).

As per the Privacy Act of 1974, "the term 'system of records' means a group of any records under the control of any agency from which information is retrieved by the name of the individual or by some identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to the individual."

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes, this system is covered by an existing system of records notice (SORN). Provide the SORN name and number ( <i>list all that apply</i> ):
	<u>Commerce/NIST-1, NIST Associates</u> <u>Commerce/NIST-7, NIST Emergency Locator System</u> <u>Commerce/Dept-6, Visitor Logs and Permits for Facilities Under Department Control</u> <u>Commerce/Dept-7, Employee Accident Reports</u> <u>Commerce/Dept-18, Employees Personnel Files Not Covered by Notices of Other Agencies</u> <u>Commerce/Dept-25, Access Control and Identity Management System</u> <u>GSA/GOVT-7, Personal Identity Verification Identity Management System (PIV IDMS)</u>
	Yes, a SORN has been submitted to the Department for approval on (date).
	No, a SORN is not being created.

### Section 10: Retention of Information

10.1 Indicate whether these records are covered by an approved records control schedule and monitored for compliance. (*Check all that apply*.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	There is an approved record control schedule. Provide the name of the record control schedule: GRS 5.6, Security Records
	No, there is not an approved record control schedule. Provide the stage in which the project is in developing and submitting a records control schedule:
	Yes, retention is monitored for compliance to the schedule.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No, retention is not monitored for compliance to the schedule. Provide explanation: The new GRS was recently released in July 2017. Implementation of this new schedule will be planned for accordingly.

10.2 Indicate the disposal method of the PII/BII. (*Check all that apply*.)

<b>Disposal</b>			
Shredding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Overwriting	
Degaussing		Deleting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify):			

### Section 11: NIST Special Publication 800-122 PII Confidentiality Impact Levels

11.1 Indicate the potential impact that could result to the subject individuals and/or the organization if PII were inappropriately accessed, used, or disclosed. (*The PII Confidentiality Impact Level is not the same as the Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 199 security impact category*.)

	Low – the loss of confidentiality, integrity, or availability could be expected to have a limited adverse effect on organizational operations, organizational assets, or individuals.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moderate – the loss of confidentiality, integrity, or availability could be expected to have a serious

	adverse effect on organizational operations, organizational assets, or individuals.
	High – the loss of confidentiality, integrity, or availability could be expected to have a severe or catastrophic adverse effect on organizational operations, organizational assets, or individuals.

11.2 Indicate which factors were used to determine the above PII confidentiality impact levels.  
(Check all that apply.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Identifiability	Provide explanation: The data in aggregate can uniquely identify an individual.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Quantity of PII	Provide explanation: A large quantity of PII regarding NIST employees, associates, and visitors.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Data Field Sensitivity	Provide explanation: The data is considered more sensitive in aggregate form.
	Context of Use	Provide explanation:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Obligation to Protect Confidentiality	Provide explanation: Based on the data which could be within the 137-01 system, 137-01 must protect (e.g., via encryption) the BII/PII of each individual in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974.
	Access to and Location of PII	Provide explanation:
	Other:	Provide explanation:

## Section 12: Analysis

12.1 Identify and evaluate any potential threats to privacy that exist in light of the information collected or the sources from which the information is collected. Also, describe the choices that the bureau/operating unit made with regard to the type or quantity of information collected and the sources providing the information in order to prevent or mitigate threats to privacy. (For example: If a decision was made to collect less data, include a discussion of this decision; if it is necessary to obtain information from sources other than the individual, explain why.)

In light of the information collected, there is a potential threat to privacy related to the inadvertent disclosure of sensitive information to persons not authorized to use or possess it. Another potential risk is that the system may collect and/or maintain more information than is necessary for official business purposes.

12.2 Indicate whether the conduct of this PIA results in any required business process changes.

	Yes, the conduct of this PIA results in required business process changes. Explanation:
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No, the conduct of this PIA does not result in any required business process changes.
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12.3 Indicate whether the conduct of this PIA results in any required technology changes.

	Yes, the conduct of this PIA results in required technology changes. Explanation:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No, the conduct of this PIA does not result in any required technology changes.