

Case Study

State of Arizona

Data sharing tracks Arizona's criminal element

The concept of data sharing isn't a new one—it has been a source of much debate among politicians and the media. In the midst of all this commentary, one message rises above the rest: data sharing between law enforcement agencies goes a long way toward preventing crime and speeding investigations.



No one knows this better than the State of Arizona. For years they have been leveraging ImageWare technologies to not only capture digital mugshots and booking data, but to share that data among 24 Sheriff, Corrections and Police Departments across their state in addition to agencies such as the FBI, INS and Customs.

How? ImageWare's Crime Capture System (CCS) software enables law enforcement agencies to capture, store and retrieve digital mugshots and related booking information. The text-based booking information can either be entered directly into CCS or automatically imported from an AFIS, RMS or JMS, via a custom interface, to avoid duplicate data entry.

Once an agency has all the necessary records and images entered into CCS, it is instantly sent to a centralized server at the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

When a participating agency wishes to view this data to conduct investigations, create line-ups, generate mugbooks and the like, it simply uses its CCS system to access the information from the server.

Now, the Phoenix PD can access a booking record from Tucson minutes after an individual is booked. By connecting all ImageWare systems throughout the state, Arizona has experienced a significant reduction in investigation time and an improved ability to track known offenders who wander the state.