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Law Enforcement Information Network

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The Michigan Department of State Police (MSP), in conjunction with the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget (DTMB), maintains and manages the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN). LEIN was implemented in 1967 as a Statewide resource for local law enforcement and criminal justice agencies needing access to accurate and timely criminal justice information. LEIN contains information regarding arrest warrants, missing persons, and stolen vehicles.

Audit Objective			Conclusion
Objective #1: To assess the effectiveness of MSP and DTMB's security and access controls over LEIN.			Moderately effective
Findings Related to This Audit Objective	Material Condition	Reportable Condition	Agency Preliminary Response
MSP should implement more complete controls over LEIN to help prevent inappropriate access and ensure data confidentiality. Some necessary authentication controls were not implemented, and some database administrators should have their access removed (<u>Finding #1</u>).		X	Agrees
MSP should continue to work with non-criminal justice agencies to determine if LEIN is the best resource to provide access to criminal justice records. While authorized, these agencies may have been granted access to criminal justice records they did not need (<u>Finding #2</u>).		X	Agrees

Audit Objective			Conclusion
Objective #2: To assess MSP and DTMB's controls to ensure the accuracy and completeness of data entered into LEIN.			Moderately effective
Findings Related to This Audit Objective	Material Condition	Reportable Condition	Agency Preliminary Response
MSP should improve its monitoring of records entered by local law enforcement and criminal justice agencies into LEIN to identify potentially inaccurate warrant and missing person information. For 88,412 (17%) of 507,771 warrants, LEIN contained a potentially inaccurate height of 4 feet and weight of 50 pounds (<u>Finding #3</u>).		X	Agrees

Audit Objective			Conclusion
Objective #3: To assess the sufficiency of MSP's audits and reviews of LEIN data.			Sufficient with exceptions
Findings Related to This Audit Objective	Material Condition	Reportable Condition	Agency Preliminary Response
MSP needs to improve its training and instruction for local law enforcement and criminal justice agencies on completing the monthly validation of LEIN records. Local law enforcement and criminal justice agencies did not always follow MSP guidance to ensure that LEIN records are valid, accurate, and complete (<u>Finding #4</u>).		X	Agrees

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