



Location Overview

Dakota County is located in south central Minnesota. It is the third largest county in population, with an estimated 400,000 residents. Dakota County has implemented Court Integration Services to comply with state requirements, to improve their judicial processes and to better serve their residents.

Dakota County has a unique partnership between the county and its cities, known as Dakota County Criminal Justice Network (CJN). CJN links many regional criminal justice information systems and allows partner agencies to share information amongst each other in real-time.

Law Enforcement Record Management System

Dakota County Law Enforcement uses two different records management systems, called Pro Phoenix and TriTech.

Integrated eFile Services

[Add Supplemental Document](#) – when a citation is issued, CJN’s integration hub uses the Add Supplemental Document eFile service to send the courts a PDF of the citation as well as specific driver record information that is requested by the Courts.

Case Notification Services

Dakota County subscribes to numerous Case Notification Services, including Case Initiation Criminal, Charge Disposition and Warrant notifications.

[Case Initiation Criminal](#) – when criminal cases are initiated, a Case Initiation Criminal notification is sent to CJN’s integration hub. A search is then performed in the CJN Gun Permit Application to determine if the defendant possesses a permit to carry a pistol. If the defendant does possess a permit, both the Dakota County Sheriff’s Office and St. Louis County Sheriff’s Office are notified so that law enforcement can determine if the permit should be revoked. The Case Initiation Criminal notification is also what triggers an Add Supplemental Document eFile to be submitted to the courts, when applicable.

[Charge Disposition](#) – when a Charge Disposition notification is sent to CJN’s integration hub, it generates a PDF which is then pushed into the records system for the law enforcement agency that it applies to.



Charge Disposition notifications are also used to help law enforcement determine when they can dispose of property or return it to its owners.

Warrant – when a warrant is issued or updated, a Warrant Notification is sent to the jail’s warrant management system, Police Central Inc. (PCI), which is used by the Dakota County Sheriff’s Office. This allows the Sheriff’s Office to be able to view, and act on, warrants in real-time. CJIN users can search for all warrants County-wide. They also have accessibility to use the BCA’s warrant information to search state-wide, by zip code.

Prior to subscribing to integration services, warrant information was shared by the Sheriff’s office sending an email, which was then interpreted and hand-typed into the jail management system by staff. Now, staff receives the warrant electronically, reviews the warrant, and accepts it into PCI.

Benefits of Integration Services

Dakota County has experience many benefits from utilizing Court Integration Services, including:

- Reduction in paper consumption
- Reduction in data entry, also greatly reducing chances of data entry errors
- Increased timeliness of receiving information
- Increased reaction time to execute active warrants
- Increased ability to respond to state-wide Court initiatives.