



BCI Brady Section Newsletter

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Newsletter Information

The purpose of the BCI newsletter is to provide dealers with information regarding firearm transfers. Changes in laws, policies, and procedures will be included, as well as answers to questions we receive from dealers. It is important that you read this newsletter and brief your staff on its contents. The newsletter is only available electronically at our BCI website. It is located at www.publicsafety.utah.gov. Go to the Criminal Identification Link under the "Divisions" tab and then click on the Newsletter link. On the right will be listed the current newsletter under the Firearms Section.

2013 Calendar Year Checks

2013 was a banner year for back ground checks and validations of concealed permits. We ran 110,623 regular background checks in 2013 and validated almost 95,000 concealed firearm permits. This was an increase over 2012 which was a record setting year with 106,978 regular background checks and 78,139 permit verifications. We have started to see things start to ease off since the fall of 2013 and current trends seem to be falling back in line with traditional numbers starting in 2014. Total year numbers were driven up mostly by a strong six months to begin the year 2013.

Web-based Gun Checks/System Enhancements

If you would like to run background checks on the Internet, contact Lance Tyler at (801) 964-4517 or lt Tyler@utah.gov to request the application/waiver to set up your company. We may be able to do on-site training in your store. In addition to running background checks, you will be able to see all the checks your store has run in the last twenty days. This can help you in verifying your billing on a daily or weekly basis. You will not be able to use the web-based gun check system for running CFP's, out-of-state driver's license checks, or a check involving an immigrant/non-immigrant. These must all be called in still. The web-system does allow you expand the time frame for running background checks beyond normal business hours at BCI. Beginning in July 2014 the FBI NICS plans on going 24/7, 365 days of the year. This will be phase 1 of their "New NICS" expansion. This means any dealer in the state of Utah will be able to run a back ground check at any time of the day, any day of the year as long as they have an account on our web based system. Of course, if you get a pending response during non-business hours you will still have to wait until a technician is able to look at it during normal business hours. Also, if you get a research response on your web check submission at any time, please wait until you receive a return call from BCI before releasing the firearm. Remember your permanent password is only good for 90 days. Before the expiration date of the password you will not receive a prompt to renew it. You will, however, be able to see the expiration date of the password every time you log in. If it shows your log-in expires on May 23, 2014 (for example), the password actually expires at 12:00 am that day and not 11:59 pm, so don't wait until the very last day to renew the password or you will probably be calling BCI to get a new temporary 3 day password.

Denials

For dealers in the Salt Lake area, please do not send your customers to BCI over the weekend to find out why they have been denied. The office is closed and we are not able to help them. Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00AM-5:00PM. BCI is not able to disseminate denial information over the phone. Please do not tell your customers to call BCI to find out why they were denied. We can only tell them how to obtain the reason for denial and discuss the reasons why we might deny a potential buyer. There are two ways to retrieve denial information: in person at our office, or through a notarized letter (it may be mailed or faxed in). We are happy to answer any other questions your customers have. If you do not have any denial pamphlets in your store, they may be retrieved on our website listed at the beginning of the newsletter. Just go to the consumer and dealer sections under the Brady Bill Link. There is even a form pre-printed for the buyer's ease in requesting the information by fax or mail. The denial pamphlets should be given out to every customer who is denied.

The Table on the following page shows the total number of regular checks performed in the year 2011 by month and the number of denials broken down into categories. The number of checks does not reflect the number of sales of firearms, only the number of individual checks as a buyer may have purchased more than one firearm during a single transaction.

Year 2011 Sales/Denial Statistics
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Brady Monthly Totals (12 Months) Regular Firearm Checks (Not Individual Sales)

Month	Total	Denials	Denial Reasons					Denial %
			WARRANT	RECORD	*D V	*P O	*OTHER	
Dec '13	13265	197	68	48	13	24	44	1.5%
Nov '13	9982	134	61	26	1	11	35	1.3%
Oct '13	7162	139	64	25	15	13	22	1.9%
Sep '13	6890	152	55	29	15	23	30	2.2%
Aug '13	6506	120	43	32	4	10	31	1.8%
Jul '13	5495	74	35	11	1	6	21	1.3%
Jun '13	5865	88	42	14	0	6	26	1.5%
May '13	6754	109	42	28	4	10	25	1.6%
Apr '13	8631	124	54	24	7	11	28	1.4%
Mar '13	11,732	140	61	22	2	10	45	1.2%
Feb '13	13,197	182	77	47	4	16	38	1.4%
Jan '13	15,144	128	56	33	3	8	28	0.85%
TOTALS	110,623	1587	658	339	69	148	373	1.4%

* Note D V = Domestic Violence P O = Protective Order

* OTHER = Drug addiction, Mental Incompetent, Illegal Alien, Renounced Citizenship, Dishonorable Discharge, National Instant Check Denial (NICS)

2013 Top 40 Dealers As Listed By Number of Background Checks Performed

- 1) Cabelas
- 2) Scheel's
- 3) Gunnies
- 4) Gallenson's
- 5) Sportsman's Warehouse - Midvale
- 6) Impact Guns - Ogden
- 7) Sportsman's Warehouse - Riverdale
- 8) Sportsman's Warehouse - Provo
- 9) Basin Sports Inc.
- 10) Sportsman's Warehouse - St George
- 11) Smith & Edward's Co.
- 12) Sierra Guns and Hunting Gear
- 13) Get Some LLC - Murray
- 14) Jiffy's - Vernal
- 15) The Locker Room Dixie Gun & Fish
- 16) Al's Sporting Goods Inc
- 17) Get Some Guns & Ammo - Orem
- 18) Cal Ranch - West Jordan
- 19) Impact Guns - West Valley City
- 20) Cal Ranch - Logan
- 21) Cal Ranch - Cedar City
- 22) Cal Ranch - St. George
- 23) Cal Ranch - Vernal
- 24) Beaver Sport & Pawn
- 25) Cal Ranch - Spanish Fork
- 26) Cal Ranch - Layton
- 27) Jiffy's - Roosevelt
- 28) Cal Ranch - Tooele
- 29) Cal Ranch - American Fork
- 30) Kents Shooter Supply
- 31) Sportsman's Warehouse - Logan
- 32) Xtreme Pawn - West Jordan
- 33) Stewart's Ace Hardware
- 34) Discount Guns & Ammo - Provo
- 35) DMCR Hill Air Force Base
- 36) Cal Ranch - Farr West
- 37) Jorgensen's
- 38) Salvo Guns
- 39) Tooele Shooting Supply LLC
- 40) Discount Guns & Ammo II

Upcoming Enhancements

As we mentioned earlier, phase I of the New NICS is scheduled to be rolled out at the FBI in July 2014. Previously, the FBI shut down for maintenance from 11 pm to 6 am each night. This made it so anyone who wanted to run a check during these hours were not able to complete the transaction, even using our web based internet system. However, the new system will be 24/7 and 365 days of the year. This means if you are one of those night owls who likes to run a check between 11 pm and 6 am, you will be able to do it sometime in July 2014. Also, upcoming will be a re-write of the Brady applications that we have been using since 1998. We will be moving off of applications that aren't programmer supported anymore to web services applications. That won't mean much to you, but it will change the way we run your checks here. The programming will also be better tech supported and on new servers. We have already started this migration and during the next few months as we move things from one server to the next, we will have to process the checks a little differently on our end. This has been happening for the last few months and you probably haven't even noticed. We expect more of this to start mid-February to March 2014. Hopefully, we will have everything completed and operational before the Fall of 2014.