



NPPD AT A GLANCE

BIOMETRIC IDENTITY MANAGEMENT



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The National Protection and Programs Directorate is the primary provider of biometric identity services for DHS and its mission partners. It also provides enduring identity services that enable informed decision-making by producing accurate, timely and high-assurance biometric identity information and analysis.



WHAT WE DO

- The Office of Biometric Identity Management (OBIM) provides enduring, enterprise-level biometric identity services to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and its mission partners. NPPD operates and maintains the Automated Biometric Identification System (IDENT), the largest automated biometric identification system in the U.S. government.

- NPPD supplies authorized federal, state, local, tribal, territorial government agency-users and international partners with around-the-clock biometric services to help them accurately identify the people that they encounter and determine whether those people pose a risk.
- NPPD provides the following services:
 - » Meets the needs of U.S. government partners through print and latent-print matching services;
 - » Drives biometric innovation and supports emerging technologies;
 - » Maintains interoperability with other biometric systems, including the FBI's Next Generation Identification system;
 - » Shares data with the U.S. Department of Defense to establish an automated interface with their Automated Biometric Identification System;
 - » Sustains and expands international partnerships with cooperating governments; and
 - » Operates and maintains the Federal Government's largest automated identification system for fingerprints.
- NPPD provides biometric identity services to roughly 45 domestic and international stakeholders; key customers and partners include:
 - » Department of Homeland Security Office of the Chief Security Officer;
 - » Federal Emergency Management Agency;
 - » Transportation Security Administration;
 - » U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services;
 - » U.S. Coast Guard;
 - » U.S. Customs and Border Protection;
 - » U.S. Department of Defense;
 - » U.S. Department of Justice;
 - » U.S. Department of State; and
 - » U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.



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IN ACTION

- In March 2017, assisted INTERPOL in the deportation proceedings of a criminal fugitive by identifying a Costa Rican national wanted for the 1998 rape of a child under the age of 13.
- Assisted the Alameda County, CA Sheriff's Office in identifying remains after the tragic Oakland warehouse fire that claimed 36 lives in December 2016.
- In 2016, identified 9 out of 32 sets of victims' fingerprints that were received after the Brussels terror attack in March 2016, including one set belonging to a U.S. citizen.
- August through October 2017, helped speed up credentialing for FEMA recovery teams following disasters. This process is now more efficient and accurate at vetting the workers that participate in disaster recovery operations.



Each day, NPPD will process more than 320,000 biometric transactions and compare them against a database of more than 220 million unique identities and a biometric watchlist of over more than 11 million known or suspected terrorists, criminals and immigration violators.



STATISTICS FY 2017



IDENT contains more than **220 million unique biometric identities** and processes over **320,000 biometric transactions** a day.



High priority searches are conducted in **less than 10 seconds** with **99.7 percent accuracy**.



NPPD's Biometric Support Center provides assured biometric identification and verification services **24 hours a day, 7 days a week**.



Worldwide, the U.S. Department of State's consular officials **sent 12,230,047 visa applicant fingerprint submissions to OBIM for clearance in IDENT** in FY 2017.



NPPD **establishes and verifies the identities of 9,200 immigration benefit applicants** for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services **each day, including asylum and refugee applications**.



ADVANCING BIOMETRICS

OBIM is developing IDENT's replacement biometric system - Homeland Advanced Recognition Technology (HART). HART will provide DHS and its mission partners the next generation of flexible, scalable, and efficient biometric repository technology. The new system will furnish timely, accurate, and highly assured biometric identity services that support mission partners in identifying people encountered and assessing whether they pose a risk to the United States.