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TO: All Chiefs of Police and Firearms Licensing Officers

FROM: Massachusetts Department of Criminal Justice Information Services
Firearms Records Bureau

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RE: Implementation of the Massachusetts Gun Transaction Portal

In August of 2014, Chapter 284 of the Acts of 2014 was signed into law. This action amended the Massachusetts gun law and made changes to many of the law's provisions.

One of the changes made by the new gun legislation was the requirement that the Massachusetts Department of Criminal Justice Information Services (DCJIS) create a "Massachusetts Gun Portal." The purpose of this Gun Portal is to allow individual firearms licensees and gun owners to report the personal sale, transfer, and surrender of firearms to the DCJIS via the internet. The new gun law requires the Gun Portal to be operational this month.

As a result of the above, the DCJIS will implement the Massachusetts Gun Transaction Portal on Sunday, March 15, 2015. The portal will be available at <https://mircs.chs.state.ma.us/fa10>. On that same date, Massachusetts firearms licensees and gun owners will be required to report all personal sales, transfers, and surrenders of firearms to the DCJIS via the new Portal. Paper FA-10 forms will no longer be accepted by the DCJIS for these transactions and will be returned to the submitting individual.

The DCJIS is attempting to get the word out to as many firearms licensees as possible. To that end, included with this letter is a notice about the new Portal. We are requesting that you post copies of this message in various, conspicuous locations within your department. In addition, a letter to firearms licensees is also included. We would greatly appreciate it if you could hand a copy of this letter to each firearms license applicant (new and renewal). It is understood that the reproduction of this letter could be burdensome, and we understand if you are not able to make copies for every applicant. However, any assistance you can provide in getting the word out to licensees would be sincerely appreciated.

Thank you.



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