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I am pleased to present the 2012 Pennsylvania State Police Firearms Annual Report.

For the Firearms Division, 2012 was an exceptionally busy year. Following a national trend, an unprecedented number of firearm background check requests were processed by the Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS), which for the first time in its history logged more than one million calls in a single year.

The PSP Firearms Division continues to make technological upgrades to improve its systems. A complete re-write of the PICS is underway, and is expected to be completed in 2013. Firearm dealers and law enforcement agencies will have the option to initiate a background check via a web interface, and send statutorily mandated fees and forms electronically.

Additionally, county mental health agencies will have the ability to transmit mental health records directly into the PICS interface, reducing manual entry of these records and providing more timely submission of this critical information.

In July, the PICS Unit upgraded its Interactive Voice Response (IVR) phone system to a voice over Internet protocol system. The new system handles 30 percent more incoming calls from firearm dealers and sheriffs requesting background checks. The IVR system remains a unique feature of the PICS, allowing the majority of background checks to be approved in minutes without operator assistance.

The PSP Firearms Division continues to provide training and outreach to firearm dealers and auctioneers. Last year the Firearm Compliance Unit conducted five regional training seminars throughout the state. The purpose of the seminars is to provide guidance on State and Federal firearm laws and regulations and to address specific situations which dealers and auctioneers encounter.

The activities and information outlined in this report demonstrate the PSP Firearms Division's firm commitment to providing the utmost service and safety to the citizens of Pennsylvania. The day-to-day efforts of each Division employee truly epitomizes one of the key tenets of the PSP to be "People Serving People." I thank you for taking the time to read the 2012 PSP Firearms Annual Report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Col Frank Noonan".

Colonel Frank Noonan
Commissioner

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides statistics and information on the activities of the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) Firearms Division for calendar year 2012, in compliance with 18 Pa. C.S.A. § 6111.1(i) of the Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act (PUFA).

The PSP conducts the instantaneous records check, known as the Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS), promulgated by the PUFA. The PICS utilizes an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) component designed to handle 1.2 million calls a year and, when applicable, issues approvals without operator intervention.

Since July 1, 1998, Pennsylvania has served as a Point-of-Contact State for the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) operated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The PSP is required to comply with both state and federal laws in determining an individual's eligibility to acquire, transfer, and/or carry firearms.

In 2012, the PICS handled 1,028,113 transactions for sheriffs and licensed firearm dealers throughout the Commonwealth. Of these requests, 57 percent were approved within minutes by the system, while an additional 34 percent were approved during the initial call with operator assistance. Calls transferred for operator assistance generally include checks for out-of-state residents, database hits or time outs, alien requests, and calls made from a rotary phone. In addition, 8,203 files that were placed in a research status were subsequently approved. Therefore, the overall approval rate of background checks that were initiated in 2012 is 92 percent.

There were 10,907 background checks initially denied through prohibitions indicated on the individual's record. The PSP received 5,196 challenges to these denials. After further review of information provided by the individual or through official court documentation, 1,821 or 35 percent of the challenges were reversed.

The instantaneous background check process yielded warrant information that led to the arrest of 116 individuals while attempting to purchase a firearm last year. The coordinated efforts of the PICS staff and law enforcement agencies, who respond to these notifications, have resulted in the arrest of 1,591 fugitives since the PICS was established in July 1998.

The PSP continues to coordinate investigative efforts and network information with the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to investigate and prosecute individuals who attempt to obtain firearms illegally. In 2012, 322 files were referred to PSP Troops, ATF and municipal police departments for investigation. Investigation referrals, including those initiated in previous years, resulted in 163 arrests, 120 reported convictions, and 34 cases in which prosecution was declined.

The PICS Unit saw an 8 percent increase in requests from law enforcement agencies for the return of confiscated and stolen firearms. In 2012, there were 5,163 background checks conducted for these transactions, which are processed in addition to the PICS IVR checks. The unit also processed 224 background check requests for Protection from Abuse related third-party safekeeping purposes.

A total of 800,890 firearms were reported purchased or privately transferred in Pennsylvania for 2012. This represents a 32 percent increase over 2011. Licensed firearm dealers reported 414,039 handgun transactions and 386,851 long gun transactions for the year.

The *Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report* for 2012 reported 12,180 violent crimes committed involving the use of a firearm.

BACKGROUND

On June 13, 1995, Act 17 was signed into law. Act 17 amended Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, the PUFA. The law included provisions for the PSP to conduct firearm background checks, to collect a \$2 fee from firearm dealers for each background check processed, and to collect a \$3 fee for the sale or transfer of each taxable firearm. These fees augment the general State Police budget, covering approximately 40 percent of the cost to operate and maintain the PICS.

The PUFA, and its subsequent amendments, afford the PSP the opportunity and ability to take an aggressive and technologically advanced approach to the firearm background check responsibility through the creation of the PICS. The PICS provides instantaneous records access through a toll-free telephone number and an IVR System. The system is designed for use by county sheriffs, chiefs of police of cities of the first class, and licensed firearm dealers to ascertain an individual's eligibility to acquire a license to carry firearms or obtain a firearm through a purchase or transfer.

The development of the PICS required coordination with the FBI through its NICS. Pennsylvania was established as a Point-of-Contact State, giving the PICS Operations Section the responsibility to conduct background checks for all federal firearm licensees within the Commonwealth.

In addition to checks for firearms, the PUFA mandates that sheriffs or chiefs of police of cities of the first class conduct a PICS check before issuing a license to carry a firearm. A license to carry is for the purpose of carrying a firearm concealed on or about one's person or in a vehicle throughout the Commonwealth.

The PICS is a database and communications network dependent system, which was designed to handle 1.2 million calls a year. It relies on access to a number of databases at both the state and federal levels to complete background checks. Problems completing the background check may be encountered when databases fail to communicate or outages occur. Federal level database issues or problems are outside the control of the PSP.

BACKGROUND CHECK DATABASES

The PICS background check process involves accessing both state and federal databases to determine an individual's eligibility to acquire a firearm or license to carry a firearm.

State databases searched:

- Pennsylvania Criminal History Records.
- Juvenile Records (contained within the criminal history record file).
- Mental Health File (containing 302, 303, and 304 involuntary commitment information and adjudication of incompetence).

- Pennsylvania Protection From Abuse (PFA) File.
- Pennsylvania Wanted/Missing Persons File.

As an agency organizational segment within a Point-of-Contact State, PICS conducts the check of the federal databases through the NICS.

Federal databases searched:

- Interstate Identification Index (III), which contains criminal history records submitted by states throughout the country, federal, and military records.
- National Crime Information Center (NCIC), which includes information on persons subject to civil protection orders and arrest warrants.
- NICS Index, which includes the following:
 - Illegal/Unlawful Alien Records.
 - Renounced Citizenship.
 - Mental Defectives/Involuntary Commitments.
 - Dishonorable Discharges from the U.S. Armed Services.
 - Unlawful Users of Controlled Substances.
 - Denied Persons File, which contains federally disqualifying records not already included in the III or the NCIC.

COMPREHENSIVE STATISTICS

Each PICS background check involves the comprehensive search of many databases, including the following: 2,603,285 Pennsylvania criminal history and juvenile records; 652,671 mental health records; 98,164 wanted persons; and federal files containing over 64 million criminal history records and 13.5 million records on other prohibited persons. The vast majority of applicants instantly clears this initial database search and is approved within minutes. When a matching record is identified during the initial background check process, the PICS allows up to 15 days to conduct further research as needed to determine prohibited status.

PICS STATISTICS

There were 1,028,113 PICS transactions initiated in 2012.

- 589,167 calls were automatically approved through the IVR computer.
- 411,068 calls were forwarded to a PICS operator for assistance.
- Of the calls forwarded to PICS operators, 344,556 were subsequently approved during the initial call.

- A total of 933,723 incoming calls were approved on the initial call. The remaining calls were placed into research, and determinations were provided within 15 days. Please see Appendix A for additional information.

AVERAGE PICS BACKGROUND CHECK CALL TIME

The PICS IVR System statistical reporting was used to determine the average length of time taken to complete a background check call for 2012. The figures below do not include calls that were placed into research status for more than one day.

- Calls approved by the automated system averaged 2.38 minutes.
- Operator assisted calls averaged 9.89 minutes.*

*This new statistic represents operator assisted calls which occurred after the implementation of the upgraded IVR System on July 12, 2012.

CHALLENGES TO DENIALS

Upon receipt of a challenge to a denial, the transaction file is reviewed by the PICS Challenge Unit. The initial response to a challenge is mailed within five business days to the individual and includes the name and phone number of the legal assistant assigned to the case. The assigned legal assistant works to obtain information that may lead to a final decision to reverse the denial, or provides the challenger with specific information explaining the reason for denial.

- 10,907 denials were issued by the PICS operators for Request For Purchase/Request for Transfer in 2012.
- 5,196 challenges to these denials were received.
- 3,064 final denials were issued.
- 1,821 denials were reversed.

The remaining 311 challenges primarily include those which were returned to the challenger unprocessed for a variety of reasons, such as untimely filing, incompleteness, or because the file being appealed was not a PICS denial.

APPEAL STATUS

A total of 84 appeals were filed with the Office of Attorney General in 2012. Additional documentation was received that enabled the PSP to approve five of these cases prior to the scheduled hearing date. The following chart reflects the outcome of the remaining cases:

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL (2012)	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD	17
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED	1
APPEALS WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED	48
APPEALS PENDING	13

The first appeals to reach the Commonwealth Court were in the year 2000. Statistics listed below reflect cumulative totals. There was one appeal filed in Commonwealth Court in 2012.

COMMONWEALTH COURT (2000-2012)	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD	19
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED*	16
APPEALS REFUSED/WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED	3
APPEALS PENDING	1

*Seven of these cases resulted from a single court decision stemming from the same issue.

The first appeals to reach the Supreme Court were in the year 2001. Statistics listed below reflect cumulative totals. No appeals were filed with the Supreme Court in 2012.

PA SUPREME COURT (2001-2012)	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD*	5
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED	0
APPEALS REFUSED/WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED/REMANDED	11
APPEALS PENDING	0

*All five cases resulted from a single court decision stemming from the same issue.

FIREARM SALES AND TRANSFERS FOR 2012

There were 2,411 active Pennsylvania licensed firearm dealers in 2012. Please refer to Appendix B for a breakdown by county. Pursuant to the PUFA, licensed firearm dealers are required to conduct background checks on individuals attempting to acquire either a handgun or a long gun. For sales and transfers of handguns, dealers are also required to complete and submit the *Application/Record of Sale* form promulgated by the PSP. Although the form is not required for the sale of long guns, a background check is still necessary, unless the long gun transfer is between two private individuals who are both Pennsylvania residents.

The *Application/Record of Sale* forms are submitted by the dealers with the *Surcharge Remittance* form to the PSP within 14 days of the transaction, as mandated by the PUFA.

- 800,890 firearms were reported purchased/transferred in Pennsylvania in 2012.
- 414,039 handguns were reported purchased/transferred.
- 386,851 long guns were reported purchased/transferred.

Please refer to Appendix C for more information on reported sales by county.

CRIMES COMMITTED WITH FIREARMS IN 2012

The *Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report* is prepared each year under separate cover by the PSP. Excerpts of current summary data from the 2012 report, regarding crimes involving firearms, are provided in the table below.

(Reported as of 05/14/2013)

TYPE OF CRIME	TOTAL	FIREARMS	PERCENT
Homicide	949	657	69.2%
Robbery	15,614	6,526	41.8%
Aggravated Assault	25,533	4,997	19.6%

LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS/SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMITS

There were a total of 245,444 licenses to carry firearms issued as reported by county sheriffs' offices and chiefs of police of cities of the first class in 2012. This is a 46 percent increase over the number of permits issued in 2011. Background checks are conducted through the PICS to determine an individual's eligibility to obtain a license to carry firearms.

Section 6109(k) of the PUFA gives the Attorney General the authority to enter into reciprocity agreements with other states. These agreements provide for mutual recognition of a license or permit to carry a firearm issued by both states. The following states have entered into formal written reciprocity agreements with Pennsylvania: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

Additionally, the following states have been granted statutory reciprocity without a formal written agreement under 6106(b) (15), based on the determination of the Attorney General that the other state has granted reciprocity to Pennsylvania license holders, and that the other state's laws governing firearms are similar: Colorado, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Montana, North Dakota, Utah, and Wisconsin.

A complete list of states' firearm reciprocity statuses can be found on the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General's website at: www.attorneygeneral.gov under Crime; Firearms Reciprocity.

Sportsman's Firearm Permits are issued by the County Treasurer's Office and do not require a background check. In 2012, there were a total of 3,391 permits issued.

Please see Appendix D for individual county totals regarding license to carry firearms and Sportsman's Firearm Permits.

PENNSYLVANIA UNIFORM FIREARMS ACT - ENFORCEMENT

As provided in 18 Pa. C.S. § 6111(g) (4) of the Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act, *"...any person, purchaser or transferee who in connection with the purchase, delivery or transfer of a firearm under this chapter knowingly and intentionally makes any materially false oral or written statement or willfully furnishes or exhibits any false identification intended or likely to deceive the seller, licensed dealer or licensed manufacturer commits a felony of the third degree."*

Before initiating investigations under this section, the following information is taken into consideration:

- Initial PICS denial determinations are not always final denials, and the denial determination, exclusively, is not the determining factor for criminal intent.
- Initial denials may be a result of research that could not be completed or additional information, e.g., fingerprints, that is required to distinguish between individuals with similar names and numeric identifiers.
- Individuals denied through the PICS may challenge a denial response if they believe they have been denied in error.

In 2012, the following investigations were initiated by the PSP Firearms Division and referred to PSP Troops and municipal police departments. There were two investigations referred to the ATF in 2012.

TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS INITIATED IN 2012	322
Total Referred to PSP Troops	320
Total Referred to Municipal PDs	78
Total Referred to ATF	2

Listed below are the investigation results that were reported in 2012. They include referrals that were initiated in previous years.

TOTAL INVESTIGATION OUTCOMES IN 2012	317
Arrests Reported	163
Convictions Reported	120
Prosecutions Declined	34

The following table lists the cumulative totals for investigation referrals and the various outcomes. As of December 31, 2012, there were 738 investigations pending with no action reported by the investigating agency. In addition, there were 561 investigations which were reported disposed for various reasons. These miscellaneous disposed cases mainly include investigations which were closed without an arrest.

INVESTIGATION GRAND TOTALS (1999-2012)	
Total Referred	4,833
Arrests Reported	2,490
Convictions Reported	1,420
Prosecutions Declined	1,044
Pending Investigations	738
Miscellaneous Disposed Cases	561

WANTED PERSONS ARRESTS

A total of 116 individuals with active warrants were apprehended in 2012. Since its inception on July 1, 1998, the PICS is responsible for the apprehension of 1,591 individuals.

SYSTEM OUTAGES

In 2012, the PICS was operational 366 days, from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. for a total of 5,124 hours. The PICS experienced 73.11 hours, or 1.43 percent, of the total operational hours out of service due to technical problems. This includes periods for which the PICS was partially out of service, but still accepting background check calls, and those for which it was completely out of service. Please see Appendix E for additional information.

- 52 percent of outages were caused by non-system related issues such as problems with phone lines, power outages, and non-PICS technological upgrades. The latter category refers to the replacement of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), during which time the PICS accepted background check calls, but did not issue approval determinations since it did not have the most up-to-date arrest and conviction data.
- 43 percent of outages were caused by PSP system problems.
- 5 percent of outages were caused by technical difficulties with federal databases.

CONCLUSION

The PICS was developed in accordance with the provisions of the PUFA, to provide a means by which law-abiding citizens may acquire firearms without undue or unnecessary restrictions. The PICS identifies individuals who are precluded by state or federal law from purchasing a firearm, and thus, will not authorize the transfer of a firearm by a licensed dealer to a known prohibited person. The data presented in this report indicates that the PICS is functioning as intended.

PICS 2012 STATISTICS FROM THE IVR COMPUTERS

PICS STATISTICS FROM THE OLD IVR COMPUTERS: JANUARY 1-JULY 11, 2012

YEAR 2012	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	TOTAL
Total PICS Calls	68,511	92,678	96,534	73,878	64,414	62,102	20,341	478,458
System-Immediate Approvals	41,849	54,183	55,980	44,033	38,323	37,396	12,145	283,909
Database Hit-Call to Operator	21,219	30,053	30,323	23,235	19,641	19,536	6,181	150,188
Rotary Phone-File Timed Out	5,443	8,442	10,231	6,610	6,450	5,170	2,015	44,361
Average %-System Approvals	61.08%	58.46%	57.99%	59.60%	59.49%	60.22%	59.71%	59.34%

PICS STATISTICS FROM THE NEW IVR COMPUTERS: JULY 12-DECEMBER 31, 2012

YEAR 2012	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Total PICS Calls	49,762	81,919	78,503	85,167	111,492	142,812	1,028,113
System-Immediate Approvals	27,129	46,196	43,911	48,714	60,061	79,247	589,167
Operator Assisted Calls**	18,829	30,965	30,896	32,820	46,082	56,927	216,519
All Other Calls**	3,804	4,758	3,696	3,633	5,349	6,638	27,878
Average %-System Approvals	54.50%	56.39%	55.94%	57.20%	53.87%	55.49%	57.31%

**Denotes a new category of data presented, due to the replacement of the IVR System on July 12, 2012.

Total PICS calls in 2012: **1,028,113**
Total System-Immediate Approvals: **589,167**
Average %-System Approvals: **57.31%**

(Reported as of 3/19/2013)

NUMBER OF LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS BY COUNTY FOR 2012			
COUNTY	NO. DEALERS	COUNTY	NO. DEALERS
ADAMS	34	LACKAWANNA	46
ALLEGHENY	127	LANCASTER	54
ARMSTRONG	29	LAWRENCE	24
BEAVER	40	LEBANON	27
BEDFORD	24	LEHIGH	54
BERKS	73	LUZERNE	57
BLAIR	48	LYCOMING	46
BRADFORD	34	MCKEAN	21
BUCKS	85	MERCER	37
BUTLER	53	MIFFLIN	15
CAMBRIA	35	MONROE	48
CAMERON	4	MONTGOMERY	78
CARBON	12	MONTOUR	5
CENTRE	34	NORTHAMPTON	43
CHESTER	61	NORTHUMBERLAND	30
CLARION	19	PERRY	31
CLEARFIELD	21	PHILADELPHIA	12
CLINTON	10	PIKE	26
COLUMBIA	30	POTTER	20
CRAWFORD	28	SCHUYLKILL	32
CUMBERLAND	50	SNYDER	17
DAUPHIN	46	SOMERSET	29
DELAWARE	39	SULLIVAN	6
ELK	16	SUSQUEHANNA	34
ERIE	43	TIOGA	31
FAYETTE	38	UNION	9
FOREST	3	VENANGO	18
FRANKLIN	49	WARREN	21
FULTON	11	WASHINGTON	48
GREENE	13	WAYNE	30
HUNTINGDON	33	WESTMORELAND	119
INDIANA	46	WYOMING	14
JEFFERSON	27	YORK	98
JUNIATA	16		
TOTAL LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS FOR 2012:			2,411

(Reported as of 3/19/2013)

2012 FIREARM SALES/TRANSFERS REPORTED BY COUNTY

COUNTY	HANDGUN	LONG GUN	COUNTY	HANDGUN	LONG GUN
ADAMS	4,550	5,953	LACKAWANNA	7,660	6,493
ALLEGHENY	27,224	21,022	LANCASTER	20,357	17,415
ARMSTRONG	2,480	1,946	LAWRENCE	5,311	3,874
BEAVER	6,175	5,012	LEBANON	8,654	7,162
BEDFORD	3,435	5,653	LEHIGH	10,873	8,131
BERKS	24,249	25,481	LUZERNE	14,439	10,615
BLAIR	6,394	8,310	LYCOMING	9,259	10,409
BRADFORD	3,243	4,976	MCKEAN	1,284	1,589
BUCKS	22,220	15,371	MERCER	5,660	4,857
BUTLER	10,026	9,252	MIFFLIN	1,159	1,413
CAMBRIA	7,231	6,566	MONROE	5,860	4,541
CAMERON	105	62	MONTGOMERY	13,709	11,492
CARBON	1,505	1,522	MONTOUR	52	82
CENTRE	3,511	3,837	NORTHAMPTON	6,800	7,164
CHESTER	7,788	6,003	NORTHUMBERLAND	2,677	3,245
CLARION	2,403	3,048	PERRY	1,431	1,703
CLEARFIELD	11,380	12,801	PHILADELPHIA	11,276	3,586
CLINTON	1,012	1,850	PIKE	1,000	877
COLUMBIA	3,238	4,266	POTTER	761	1,024
CRAWFORD	1,767	3,076	SCHUYLKILL	6,997	7,154
CUMBERLAND	4,259	4,974	SNYDER	964	1,906
DAUPHIN	7,881	7,837	SOMERSET	2,096	2,793
DELAWARE	12,315	5,760	SULLIVAN	70	63
ELK	1,730	2,278	SUSQUEHANNA	1,352	2,397
ERIE	11,050	11,380	TIOGA	2,008	3,937
FAYETTE	6,555	6,825	UNION	817	1,059
FOREST	9	10	VENANGO	3,159	3,214
FRANKLIN	5,977	8,190	WARREN	2,186	3,222
FULTON	363	419	WASHINGTON	16,866	11,022
GREENE	2,172	2,148	WAYNE	4,860	5,103
HUNTINGDON	630	1,341	WESTMORELAND	16,752	15,397
INDIANA	2,586	3,279	WYOMING	1,353	2,427
JEFFERSON	3,532	4,120	YORK	16,680	15,849
JUNIATA	662	1,068			
GRAND TOTAL FOR HANDGUNS FOR 2012				414,039	
GRAND TOTAL FOR LONG GUNS FOR 2012				386,851	
GRAND TOTAL FIREARM SALES/TRANSFERS REPORTED				800,890	

Totals include taxed and non-taxed sales/transfers reported for the year 2012.

(Reported as of 3/19/2013)

COUNTY STATISTICS FOR LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS AND SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMITS ISSUED IN 2012					
COUNTY	LTC	SFP	COUNTY	LTC	SFP
ADAMS	2,308	24	LACKAWANNA	3,661	25
ALLEGHENY	16,276	159	LANCASTER	8,251	106
ARMSTRONG	3,793	37	LAWRENCE	2,799	48
BEAVER	4,966	87	LEBANON	2,862	33
BEDFORD	1,621	47	LEHIGH	4,310	2
BERKS	9,468	30	LUZERNE	6,883	70
BLAIR	3,702	21	LYCOMING	3,824	12
BRADFORD	2,184	54	MCKEAN	2,247	21
BUCKS	9,053	142	MERCER	4,147	109
BUTLER	7,103	50	MIFFLIN	1,375	35
CAMBRIA	5,216	38	MONROE	2,343	100
CAMERON	289	7	MONTGOMERY	7,929	78
CARBON	2,125	33	MONTOUR	524	16
CENTRE	3,595	31	NORTHAMPTON	4,075	122
CHESTER	5,654	40	NORTHUMBERLAND	2,711	9
CLARION	1,722	58	PERRY	1,851	31
CLEARFIELD	2,944	62	PHILADELPHIA	7,680	0
CLINTON	1,282	13	PIKE	1,910	66
COLUMBIA	2,031	41	POTTER	1,007	36
CRAWFORD	2,023	137	SCHUYLKILL	4,234	18
CUMBERLAND	4,152	33	SNYDER	1,006	17
DAUPHIN	5,716	35	SOMERSET	2,481	58
DELAWARE	5,655	71	SULLIVAN	253	10
ELK	1,624	31	SUSQUEHANNA	1,535	50
ERIE	5,795	234	TIOGA	1,497	28
FAYETTE	4,110	30	UNION	1,184	10
FOREST	340	32	VENANGO	1,668	51
FRANKLIN	3,111	50	WARREN	1,841	31
FULTON	556	14	WASHINGTON	6,540	100
GREENE	879	66	WAYNE	1,686	67
HUNTINGDON	962	61	WESTMORELAND	12,445	108
INDIANA	3,551	57	WYOMING	1,008	14
JEFFERSON	2,350	31	YORK	10,800	45
JUNIATA	721	9			
GRAND TOTAL LTC FOR 2012				245,444	
GRAND TOTAL SFP FOR 2012				3,391	

LTC – License To Carry
SFP – Sportsman's Firearm Permit

PENNSYLVANIA INSTANT CHECK SYSTEM OUTAGES - 2012

Month	Total Hours Down	NICS Hours		PSP Hours		Both Hours		Other Hours		No. Days Affected	Minimum Minutes Down in a Day	Maximum Minutes Down in a Day	Partial System Out of Service	System Out of Service
		Partial	Full	Partial	Full	Partial	Full	Partial	Full					
January	9.77	0.07		7.78				1.92		7	4	224	2.25%	0%
February	1.20			0.68	0.52					6	2	20	0.17%	0.13%
March	1.42	1.42								1	85	85	0.33%	0%
April	0									0	0	0	0%	0%
May	32.82			1.17				31.57	0.08	6	5	840	7.54%	0.02%
June	1.40		0.80		0.28				0.32	4	7	48	0%	0.33%
July	5.50				2.77				2.73	5	20	100	0%	1.27%
August	5.76			0.83	4.33				0.60	4	36	222	0.19%	1.14%
September	7.70			7.70						4	59	234	1.83%	0%
October	0.17								0.17	1	10	10	0%	0.04%
November	2.48			0.32	1.58			0.58		4	19	63	0.21%	0.38%
December	4.89	0.42	0.72	2.75	1.00					3	60	165	0.73%	0.40%
TOTALS	73.11	1.91	1.52	21.23	10.48	0	0	34.07	3.90	45	307	2011	1.12%	0.31%
OUTAGE TIME AS PERCENT OF OPERATIONAL HOURS: 1.43%														
Other: Problems with phone lines, power outages, or any non-system related issue.														

Partial – Indicates the PICS was not taken out of service, but the background check could not be completed due to unavailable database information.

Full – Indicates the PICS was taken out of service and not accepting background check calls.