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BACKGROUND

PARAS 0001 was published in May 2017 and provides a step-by-step guide and reference material for individuals that conduct and adjudicate criminal history records checks (CHRC) required under 49 CFR §§ 1542.209 and 1544.229.

Rap Back, which was only in a pilot phase during the initial project, is now more fully implemented. As more airports become users of the program, thorough guidance on its use would be beneficial.

Subsequent to the original publication, there are likely additional lessons learned and best practices regarding vetting and adjudicating that should be captured. Considering this, the aviation community would benefit from an update to PARAS 0001.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this research is to update PARAS 0001 to address changes that have occurred in the industry since its original practices, including regulatory requirements. At a minimum, the document should include:

- Lessons learned and successful practices in utilizing Rap Back, including at minimum:
 - Enrollment
 - Revocation/subscription removal
 - Maintenance
- Review of disqualifying crimes along with additional crimes that may lead to unsuitability
- Best or successful practices for adjudicating crimes between states
- Review of additional resources available to airports during adjudication (e.g., state and local police departments)
- Review of vetting and adjudication process steps
- Practices for reviewing outstanding warrants
- Practices for adjudicating special situations, such as juvenile convictions