

MATRIX Fact Sheet

- The Multistate Anti-Terrorism Information Exchange (MATRIX) Project was formed as a technology tool to aid post-911 criminal investigations.
- MATRIX provides for a networked sharing of data among law enforcement agencies. The data shared in MATRIX is already accessible to law enforcement personnel. MATRIX streamlines the process of accessing that data, making it available in a more timely and efficient manner.
- MATRIX is limited to use by official law enforcement personnel, and data is not accessible to any other entities or agencies.
- Utah's participation in MATRIX was part of a federal pilot program under the Department of Homeland Security and is conditional. States participate on an opt-in basis.
- MATRIX currently operates under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among several states. Originally, 14 states were involved.
- The following are the only data provided by the State of Utah for use in the MATRIX Project:
 - Criminal history record information
 - Motor vehicle and title registration information
 - Driver license records
 - Department of Corrections offender records and images.
- All shared data is subject to federal and state privacy laws governing its maintenance, distribution and protection.
- Under the MOU, a state may terminate its participation in MATRIX at any time by giving a 30-day notice of its desire to withdraw. Following the issuance of the 30-day notice, the state would be completely divested of its connection to the MATRIX Project.
- The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) has made \$22,000 available to the State of Utah for Web site development. No additional federal or state money has been made available to Utah for MATRIX-related programs and development to date.