

# Criminal History Record Verification, Glossary of Terms

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**Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS).** The process of automatically matching one or many unknown fingerprints against a database of known and unknown prints.

**Criminal History and Background Check.** A criminal history and background check is a fingerprint-based check of an individual's criminal record and other relevant records.

**Department.** The Virginia Department of Health or its designee.

**Eligible.** Term meaning the applicant is eligible for certification and/or affiliation with an EMS agency.

**Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).** The federal agency where fingerprint-based criminal history and background checks are processed.

**Not-Eligible.** Term meaning the applicant is not-eligible for certification and/or affiliation with an EMS agency for failure to meet the EMS personnel requirements related to criminal or enforcement history (12VAC5-31-910).

**OEMS or Office .** The Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services.

**Regional EMS Council.** An EMS resource designated by the Virginia Department of Health to perform certain functions on behalf of the Office of EMS through established performance contracts. ([www.vaems.org](http://www.vaems.org)).

**Virginia State Police (VSP) Central Criminal Records Exchange (CCRE).** The state agency where fingerprint-based criminal history and background checks are processed.