

C2009-25 Law Enforcement Standard for Digital Evidence

Description:

This Circular is to inform agencies of the new Law Enforcement Standard for Digital Evidence. The Standard specifies the formats in which digital information must be presented when submitted as evidence, or for another use, in court. The Standard applies to information captured by electronic technologies such as wired and mobile phones, closed circuit surveillance and broadcast video, text messaging and the Internet.

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The *Law Enforcement Standard for Digital Evidence* is a standard developed under the auspices of the Criminal Justice Chief Executive Officers Group (CJCEOs). The CJCEOs comprises the key justice agencies for NSW.

Information today is captured and exchanged using many different electronic technologies (e.g. both wired and mobile phones, closed circuit surveillance and broadcast video, text messaging, Internet). When this information is required by law enforcement agencies for evidence or use in court, then challenges emerge in relation to its conversion, playback and storage. In order to ensure effectiveness in the use of this type of digital information it is necessary to develop consistent and uniform standards regarding the transmission and receipt of data.

To this end, the CJCEOs have approved the *Law Enforcement Standard for Digital Evidence*.

The Standard requires information to be submitted in the following formats:

Video

All video is to be capable of being played on a standard DVD player or by Windows Media Player, without the requirement of additional codec or management. For legacy recordings, or pre ERISP recordings, the data will be on VHS video tape.

Audio:

All audio is to be capable of being played on a standard DVD or CD player or by Windows Media Player, without the requirement of additional codec or management.

Still Image:

All still images (including JPG, TIFF or other common format) are to be capable of being played on a standard DVD player or by Windows Media Player, without the requirement of additional codec or management.

Web Capture:

All web material is to be submitted as self-contained representations on disk or hard drive, capable of being played by Windows Media Player without the requirement of additional codec or management.

Virtual Crime Scene:

All virtual crime scenes are to be submitted on disk or removable hard drive, suitable for installation on a standard PC with Windows.

Media Labelling:

All disks supplied with briefs or submitted as evidence are to be clearly labelled with an index of the data on the disk and information on play requirements etc.

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Which agencies does this Circular apply to?

All public sector agencies. This includes all agencies and employees in the Government Service (Public Service Departments, Non-Public Service Divisions and Special Employment Divisions), the Teaching Service, NSW Police and the NSW Health Service. State Owned Corporations are encouraged to adopt provisions consistent with this Circular.

Who needs to know about this Circular?

Public sector agencies who present evidence in court proceedings, including law enforcement, IT and legal personnel

Further information

Enquiries should be directed to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions Helpdesk (02) 9285 8923, Attorney Generals Department Courtroom Technology Group (02) 9287 7870, or the NSW Police Investigative Systems Support (02) 9265 6194.

Other relevant documents

Requirements for Electronic Evidence Playback in NSW Courts, Information Services Branch Standard, AGDs, ISSTH_8-0-1 Version 0.4 draft

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