

CJIS v6.0 Compliance Guide

CoreReconOS | FBI CJIS v6.0 Auditing — Effective October 1, 2025

Texas Municipal Threat Context

22 Texas municipalities were struck by a coordinated ransomware campaign in late 2025, prompting a collective \$2.5M ransom demand refused by all targets. FBI CJIS v6.0 auditing went live October 1, 2025. Full compliance deadline: October 1, 2027. Every Texas municipality on Wave 1 and Wave 2 outreach lists (Mission, Borger, Fort Bend, Travis, El Paso, Comal, Round Rock, Hays, Brazoria) is now in active audit scope. A failed CJIS audit means loss of NCIC access, federal funding risk, and public exposure of criminal justice data.

13 CJIS Security Policy Areas — Auditor Checklist

1. Information Exchange

Auditors look for: Encrypted CJI transmission, written MOUs between agencies, authorization protocols before sharing

Common gaps: Unencrypted email for criminal justice data, missing MOUs with third-party vendors

CoreReconOS coverage: Sentinel — Encrypted CJI handling, MOU automation, access controls

2. Security Awareness Training

Auditors look for: All personnel with CJIS access complete annual security training, records on file

Common gaps: Training completed but no documentation, incomplete annual refreshers, contractor training gaps

CoreReconOS coverage: Sentinel — Annual training programs, documentation management, automated reminders

3. Incident Response

Auditors look for: Documented IR plan, 24/7 response capability, incident logging, reporting to TX DPS

Common gaps: No formal IR plan, response times undocumented, no TX DPS reporting mechanism

CoreReconOS coverage: Command — 24/7 SOC, 30-min response SLA, incident documentation, TX DPS coordination

4. Auditing & Accountability

Auditors look for: 90-day minimum audit log retention, user-level accountability, monthly review process

Common gaps: Insufficient log retention, no user-level audit trails, logs not reviewed monthly

CoreReconOS coverage: Sentinel — Automated log retention, user activity tracking, monthly compliance reports

5. Access Control

Auditors look for: Role-based access, least-privilege principle, background checks before CJIS access

Common gaps: Overly broad access permissions, no formal role assignments, background checks not completed

CoreReconOS coverage: Sentinel — RBAC implementation, least-privilege enforcement, background check tracking

6. Identification & Authentication

Auditors look for: Unique user IDs, multi-factor authentication for remote access, password standards

Common gaps: Shared accounts, no MFA for remote CJIS access, weak password policies

CoreReconOS coverage: Sentinel — Unique ID enforcement, MFA deployment, password policy automation

7. Configuration Management

Auditors look for: Documented baseline configurations, change management process, approval workflow

Common gaps: No formal baseline documentation, ad-hoc changes without approval, no CMDB

CoreReconOS coverage: Fortress — Configuration management database, change approval workflow, baseline documentation

8. Media Protection

Auditors look for: Encrypted media containing CJI, physical destruction certification, media accountability logs

Common gaps: Unencrypted USB/storage devices, no destruction certificates, media not tracked

CoreReconOS coverage: Sentinel — Media encryption, chain-of-custody logging, certified destruction procedures

9. Physical Protection

Auditors look for: Controlled facility access, visitor logs, CJIS data isolated in locked areas

Common gaps: No badge access controls, visitor logging incomplete, CJI data on workstations in open areas

CoreReconOS coverage: Sentinel — Physical security assessment, badge access systems, workstation security standards

10. Systems & Communications Protection

Auditors look for: Firewall configurations, intrusion detection, VPN for remote access to CJI systems

Common gaps: No IDS/IPS, firewall rules not documented, remote access without VPN

CoreReconOS coverage: Fortress — Firewall management, IDS/IPS, VPN enforcement, perimeter security

11. Formal Audits

Auditors look for: Annual self-assessments against CJIS policy, corrective action plans, evidence packages

Common gaps: No self-assessment completed, findings not tracked to closure, no audit-ready documentation

CoreReconOS coverage: Command — Annual CJIS audits, corrective action planning, audit evidence packages

12. Personnel Security

Auditors look for: Background reinvestigation every 5 years, termination checklists, access revocation within 24 hours

Common gaps: No reinvestigation schedule, access not revoked on termination, personnel files incomplete

CoreReconOS coverage: Sentinel — Background reinvestigation tracking, termination checklists, automated access revocation

13. Mobile Devices

Auditors look for: MDM with encryption, remote wipe capability, mobile device policy, GPS tracking

Common gaps: No MDM, personal devices accessing CJI, no remote wipe, unencrypted mobile storage

CoreReconOS coverage: Fortress — Mobile device management, encryption enforcement, remote wipe, GPS tracking

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