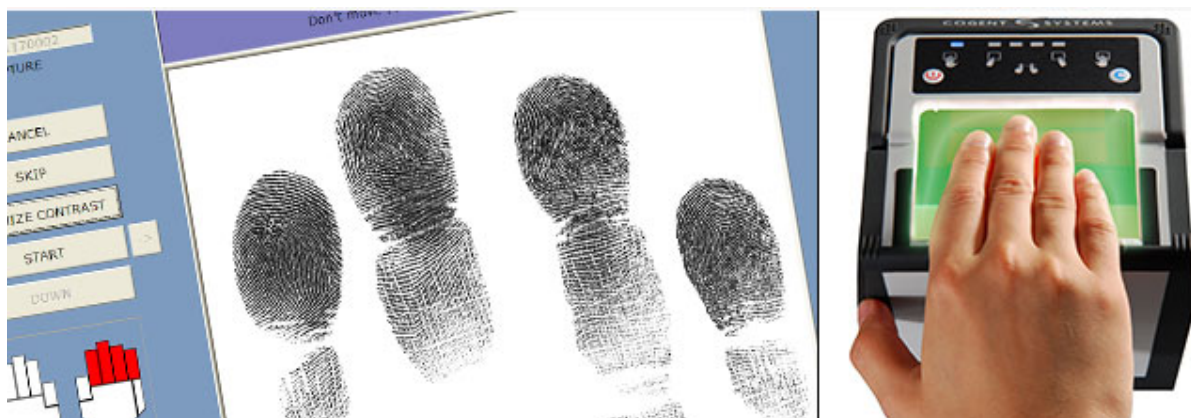


Canada enhances public safety with Gemalto fingerprint identification solution

Gemalto, a Thales company, will implement the Canadian Department of National Defence's (DND) first Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) to increase security and reliability in the collection and verification of fingerprint records.



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A recent initiative undertaken by the Government of Canada and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) to advance public safety measures has led to the digitalization of biometric records across the country which will allow for faster and more accurate criminal and civil identity checks. Canada's DND is the latest to modernize their capabilities.

Gemalto's [AFIS](#) will provide a central, digital repository which will then be managed and operated by DND. In addition to the storage itself, the system will collect, process, enroll and verify this biometric data for enrollment/hiring, security clearances and policing.

Information collected from existing booking stations, known as [LiveScans](#), across the country will feed into the DND's AFIS and be submitted to the RCMP central AFIS, also provided by Gemalto. Both systems may support facial recognition, DNA, and other forms of biometric identification in the future. In addition, Gemalto will be installing a Disaster Recovery (DR) site to protect the DND from losing valuable data.

*"Thales has a long and successful history delivering mission critical solutions to Canada's Armed Forces. After 19 years of working with Canadian local and national law enforcement agencies to provide biometric security services and solutions, we are proud to deliver this important security capability to the Department of National Defence," said **Rob Cimperman, Vice President Government Programs at Thales.** "The addition of an Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) and Disaster Recovery (DR) site demonstrates Canada's commitment to protecting its citizens and keeping Canada safe."*

Note to editors

Gemalto's solutions are at the heart of modern life, from payment to enterprise security and the internet of things. Gemalto's technologies and services authenticate people, transactions and objects, encrypt data and create value for software – enabling businesses and governments to deliver secure digital services for billions of individuals and things.

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