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National Incident Based Reporting and Crime Data Collection

Uniform Crime Reporting History

- Uniform Crime Reporting is a program within the FBI used to generate reliable statistics for use by law enforcement. Although agencies participate voluntarily, many federal grants require participation.
- The FBI created Summary Reporting in the 1930's as the uniform method of collecting crime data. This method of data collection used a hierarchy; if multiple offenses occurred in one crime incident only the most serious offense was counted. Summary Reporting collected data on 10 offense classifications.
- National Based Incident Reporting (NIBRS) was developed in the 1980's. This method of uniform crime data collected captures details on each crime incident including all offenses that occurred, information on victims, known offenders, and relationships between victim and offenders. NIBRS collects data on 52 offense classifications. This data is collected at the local law enforcement level and submitted to the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) who then submits the data to the FBI. Local law enforcement agencies must submit their data through the state and cannot report directly to the FBI.
- Wyoming began the process of transitioning to NIBRS in January 2016 when DCI was awarded an NCS-X planning grant that allowed us to develop a blueprint to establish a NIBRS certified Incident Based Reporting (IBR) program at the state level.
 - All Wyoming agencies reporting UCR data were notified at that time that the FBI sunset date for the Summary Reporting was January 1, 2021. As of that date, the FBI no longer accepted Summary reporting.
- Pilot agencies: Park County Sheriff's Office, Cody Police Department, and Powell Police Department, who share a record management system (RMS), began submitting NIBRS data on Feb 1, 2019.

Training

- DCI began conducting NIBRS training classes to many agencies in 2018. Trainings have been held in group settings as well as some individual trainings.
- Since 2018, 262 people have been trained, of those 237 completed training in 2020-2021
- The following are the years (with the number of trainings completed): 2018 (2), 2019 (4), 2020 (7), 2021 (1)

Certification Process for NIBRS

- In order for an agency to submit crime data to DCI they:
 - Must have at least one person trained in NIBRS;
 - If the agency is a city agency (PD or Marshal's Office), they must submit their municipal codes mapped to the appropriate NIBRS code to DCI for approval. State statute mapping is already maintained at DCI;

- The agency must then complete the Certification Test Plan and work with DCI's UCR program staff to complete testing. Once testing is approved the agency can begin submitting crime data to DCI.
- Time to complete certification varies greatly. If an agency is using a record management system (RMS), the time it takes for them to work with their vendor impacts the time to certification. We have seen the testing phase take from as little as one month to more than six months.

RMS Vendors

- Agencies across the country are struggling with the same vendor issues as agencies within Wyoming.
- Although several agencies may use the same vendor, they may have different issues since there are different custom versions of each RMS and different modules within each of those different versions – typically no two agencies are the same unless they share an RMS.

Web Incident Editor (Alternative to Using an RMS)

- Web Incident Editor is a web application that allows user agencies to submit their incidents in a one at a time fashion.
- Agencies that have a small (15-20) amount of incidents (if any) to report may utilize Web Incident Editor through our Crime Insight repository site instead of using an RMS. Any agency can use Web Incident Editor regardless of their size, however, since it is a case by case entry system (not a batch file like an RMS) it may be cumbersome to larger agencies to use in place of an RMS. We have a couple of larger agencies that are using it until their RMS is ready.
- This method of transferring NIBRS data is totally free to the local law enforcement agencies. Maintenance for the system is handled through DCI.

Update to Agencies Reporting as of October 2021

- Pine Bluffs Police Department is actively in the testing phase and intends to submit data back to January 2021 once approved.
- Park County Sheriff's Office has begun the process to restart reporting crime data as of October 2021 and anticipates submitting data from January 2021 forward.
- Sweetwater County Sheriff's Office, Green River Police Department, and Rock Springs Police Department's vendor, Spillman, reached out to DCI and is trying to correct the issues for the RMS system those agencies are using.
- Through calls to law enforcement agencies around the state it was discovered some agencies have never submitted crime data to DCI or at least not as far back as the records go. These agencies range from very small agencies with one part-time law enforcement officer to large state agencies, such as the Wyoming Highway Patrol. DCI staff have reached out to each of these agencies and if it is determined that they should be reporting, DCI will work with them to begin that process. Some agencies may not need to report. For example, Big Horn County Sheriff's Office handles all reportable offense that happen within Cowley. The Cowley Police Department typically only issues traffic citations which are not NIBRS reportable offenses.
- NIBRS is a much more robust system and provides deeper data collection; couple that with the fact that we may be adding agencies to our data collection which have never reported crime data, and we will have a more accurate picture of crime across Wyoming. Although numbers may increase, it does not necessarily indicate crime rates have actually increased.