



Newsbriefs from the WASPC CJIS Department

New Year, New Format for the CJIS Newsletter

You may or may not have noticed that in 2014, we published only one newsletter rather than two ... so much to do, so little time. As many of you know, the first five months of the year, we are dedicated to compiling and publishing the annual report, *Crime In Washington*. After last year's annual report was complete in May, we started work on testing our repository vendor's new platform (hoping we could roll out the .net platform before the end of 2014 ... obviously, we didn't). Unfortunately, before we could finish testing and the vendor could complete all the fixes, we started work on our year-end data quality review for the next *Crime In Washington*. The year-end data quality review is when we start pestering you to send in missing data, correcting errors, and incessantly reminding you of deadlines!

And here we are again, in the first five months of the year, working on the annual report, *Crime In Washington* ... my, how time flies! All of this "busyness" does make one prioritize and the newsletter was low on the list of things to do. Fortunately, there were no hot topics, burning issues, or newsy news bits that needed to be disseminated at the end of 2014. So, in the interest of more timely information sharing, we're trying a new format (a two-page news bulletin) that we'll send more frequently (on a quarterly basis). Let us know what you think! 🌟



FBI to Begin Collecting Data on Animal Cruelty in 2016

Beginning January 1, 2016, the national UCR Program will add the offense of Animal Cruelty to the NIBRS as a Group A offense and as a Crime Against Society. Data Element 12 (Type Criminal Activity/Gang Information) will expand to include four data values about the type of abuse. The four types of abuse will be:

- ❖ Simple/Gross Neglect (failure to provide food, water, shelter, veterinary care, or intentionally or knowingly withholding food or water)
- ❖ Intentional Abuse and Torture
- ❖ Organized Abuse (dog fighting and cock fighting)
- ❖ Animal Sexual Abuse (bestiality).

The definition of Animal Cruelty will include intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly taking an action that mistreats or kills any animal without just cause, such as torturing, tormenting, mutilation, maiming, poisoning, or abandonment. This includes instances of duty to provide care, e.g., shelter, food, water, care if sick or injured; transporting or confining an animal in a manner likely to cause injury or death; causing an animal to fight with another; inflicting excessive or repeated unnecessary pain or suffering, e.g., uses objects to beat or torture an animal. This definition does not include proper maintenance of animals for show or sport; use of animals for food, lawful hunting, fishing, or trapping.

As soon as the FBI releases the technical specifications on the data values, WASPC CJIS will disseminate those to all our NIBRS contributors. Again, agencies will not be expected to submit these offenses to the WASPC NIBRS repository until January 1, 2016. 🌟

Tips and Reminders

- Additional Bias Motivations went into effect on January 1, 2015; if you need more information, please check the State or FBI NIBRS manuals on our webpage, <http://www.waspc.org/training-manuals-reference>.
- The Domestic Violence (DV) notation is mandatory for Human Trafficking offenses because these are Crimes Against Persons; please update your records management system to accommodate the DV notation for these offenses.
- The automatic weapon indicator can be used only for a firearm which shoots, or is designed to shoot, more than one shot at a time by a single pull of the trigger; otherwise, the indicator should be left blank (not automatic). A semi-automatic weapon is not considered an automatic weapon because it doesn't fire multiple rounds when the trigger is pulled.
- Check out the new items on our CJIS Training, Manuals, & Reference webpage: a quick reference guide for marijuana edible weight estimates, a new tip of the month, the recently released FBI hate crime data collection manual, and the FBI UCR master drug list. See instructions at the bottom of this page on how to access the WASPC CJIS webpages.
- There is a new "Tip of the Month" added each month to the CJIS Training, Manuals, & Reference webpage.
- WASPC CJIS has a listserv available to criminal justice personnel for the purpose of discussing UCR, NIBRS, or crime statistic-related issues. This is a discussion-type service for subscribers to share knowledge and experiences or ask questions of one another.
- As of December 4, 2014, 227 agencies are NIBRS certified, representing 94% of agencies and 77% of the population; 36 counties are 100% NIBRS certified. Congratulations!
- If you have problems or issues with your records management system (RMS), contact your local agency administrator or your RMS vendor Help Desk; For problems or issues with WASPC's NIBRS program or FBI UCR definitions, phone or e-mail WASPC CJIS (360) 486-2380 or cjis@waspc.org.

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To locate the CJIS Department Programs on the new WASPC website, go to www.waspc.org:

1. Click on "Programs, Projects & Services"
2. Hover over "Crime Statistics (NIBRS)" to open the webpage options or click to find the repository links and staff contact information
3. Click on which page you'd like to visit: Statistics & Reports; Training, Manuals, & Reference; Sex Offender Document Imaging; or CJIS Newsletters & Listserv



The screenshot shows the WASPC website interface. Callout 1 points to the 'PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, & SERVICES' menu item. Callout 2 points to the 'Crime Statistics (NIBRS)' dropdown menu. Callout 3 points to the 'Statistics & Reports' link within the NIBRS dropdown.