Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs

Criminal Justice Information Support ~ Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program

Newsbriefs from the WASPC CJIS Department June 2016

NIBRS Repository Replacement Project Underway

In our December 2015 news bulletin, we reported that the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) awarded the WASPC CJIS Department with grant funds to replace our aging State Program National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) repository. Since then, we surveyed our stakeholders, issued a Request for Proposal (RFP), and have been reviewing proposals and software from vendors. A decision on software is forthcoming!

As we mentioned in our December article, our plan is to enhance the repository functionality and report extraction capabilities. Modernization of the UCR Program is a national effort and the funding was made available because of several FBI initiatives to improve data collection and retrieval. More information is available about this grant on the BJS National Crime Statistics Exchange (NCS-X) website: http://www.bjs.gov/content/ncsx.cfm

FBI Announces the End of Summary Reporting

One of the FBI modernization efforts that was officially signed by the FBI Director in February 2016, is the national transition from the Summary Reporting System (SRS) to NIBRS only by January 1, 2021. Fortunately, the majority of law enforcement agencies in the Great State of Washington are submitting via the NIBRS method already so the five-year transition period is no problem for us.

Summary Reporting System Changes Rape Data Collection

In April 2016, the FBI announced that the collection of both the historical definition of Rape and the revised definition of Rape under the Summary Reporting System (SRS) will end as of January 1, 2017. The FBI will no longer collect and publish Rape data using the historical definition as of January 2017. *This affects SRS submission only!* Again, the majority of Washington State agencies are submitting data via the NIBRS method so this change has no impact to NIBRS agencies because the definition of Rape in NIBRS is gender-neutral.

Changes Announced to the Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted Data

Effective immediately, the criteria for an officer to be included in reporting a law enforcement officer killed or assaulted (LEOKA) data submission is an individual who:
- Wears or carries a badge (ordinarily)
- Carries a firearm (ordinarily)
- Is duly sworn and has full arrest powers
- Is a member of a public governmental law enforcement agency and is paid from government funds set aside specifically for payment to sworn law enforcement
- Is acting in an official capacity, whether on or off duty, at the time of the incident

When reporting an officer death in LEOKA data, it must be directly related to the injuries received during the incident. It does not include a death that resulted from natural causes such as heart attack, stroke, aneurism, etc.; is not an on-duty death that is attributed to personal situations such as domestic violence or neighbor conflict, and; is not a suicide.

Examples of job positions that are not included in LEOKA data are correctional officers, bailiffs, probation or parole officers, prosecuting attorneys, or judges.

Updates, Concerns, and Reminders

➢ **Use of Force Data Collection:** A national Use of Force Task Force (representing the FBI, IACP, Major Cities Chiefs Association, Major County Sheriffs' Association, National Sheriffs' Association, Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies, Police Executive Research Forum, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, Association of State UCR Programs, and local, tribal, and federal law enforcement representatives) has been meeting since early 2016 to develop a conceptual design for the methodology of reporting information on use of force (which includes non-fatal and fatal officer-involved shootings). The national task force is considering who will be included in the reporting and the best method of reporting to the FBI UCR Program; determining data elements; developing a conceptual design of publication and dissemination of the information, and; deciding on a timetable for development.

   The 2016 Washington State legislature passed Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2908, which created a state legislative task force on the use of deadly force in community policing. The legislation requires the state-level task force review laws, practices, and training programs regarding use of force in Washington and in other states; review current policies, practices, and tools used by or available to law enforcement as alternatives to lethal uses of force, and; recommend best practices to reduce the number of violent interactions between law enforcement officers and members of the public. The state task force expires at the end of 2016. More information on the national and state task forces will be provided when it becomes available. ✸

➢ **Data Quality E-Mails:** At the end of each year, the CJIS Department begins data quality control efforts to collect missing months and eliminate pending data validation errors. In 2015, we incorporated a new data quality report, reference guide, and a list of outstanding errors: It was very successful in improving data quality and assisting with completion of the annual *Crime in Washington* report. Many thanks to all of you who made this a success! To relieve the burden on agencies (and on the CJIS team) at the end of the year, we are going to implement a mid-year data quality reminder. In late July, we will begin sending e-mails for missing months and data validation errors for the first six months of 2016. Let us know if you have any questions! ✸

➢ **Sex Offense Case File Archiving:** The guidelines for mandatory submission of sex offense case files for permanent archiving at WASPC are available on our website at http://www.waspc.org/sex-offense-document-imaging. Please remember to transcribe all audio or video recordings and submit as written documentation. Unfortunately, the CJIS Department does not have the ability to transcribe any recordings; additionally, storage and replication of the actual recordings are not feasible. ✸

➢ **Training and Tips:** On our Training, Manuals, & Reference webpage, http://www.waspc.org/training-manuals-reference, there are announcements for our July training sessions with the FBI NIBRS trainer, Brad Zoladz. Also, check out our "Tip of the Month" section - the June 2016 tip is about Property Codes! ✸

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State Reporting Deadline:
- **Preceding month's data is due by the 15th.**
- **If the 15th falls on the weekend or a holiday, the deadline is extended to the next business day.**

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 & Listserve