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Crime Reporting System

Minnesota law enforcement agencies report certain crime data to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension using Minnesota's Criminal Justice Reporting System (CJRS). However, the CJRS is over 40 years old and is built on obsolete technology which is difficult to integrate with other systems and cannot be changed to meet changing state and federal reporting requirements.

DEVELOPMENT UNDERWAY ON NEW CRIME REPORTING SYSTEM

The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) has begun developing a new statewide crime reporting system to replace the CJRS. In addition to providing an automated method for crime reporting, the new system will include a reporting tool for agencies to view their crime statistics and a basic interface that will allow agencies that do not possess their own records management system to electronically submit crime statistics.

CHANGE FROM SUMMARY TO INCIDENT-BASED REPORTING

When the new Crime Reporting System (CRS) is complete, Minnesota law enforcement agencies will transition from submitting summary crime statistics to incident-based reporting using an electronic-only National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) format. The decision to transition to incident-based reporting was made with the unanimous support of a project team representing Minnesota's law enforcement community.

Using NIBRS, agencies provide data on each single crime occurrence, rather than just the most serious crime in an incident. Collecting more detailed crime statistics than those gathered today provides agencies information needed to plan crime prevention programs and deploy resources where they will have the most impact on public safety.

Additional ways in which summary and incident-based reporting differ:

- NIBRS collects data on 52 crimes in 24 categories; summary reporting collects data on ten (Part 1) crimes
- NIBRS collects data on attempted crimes; summary reporting does not
- Summary reporting includes two categories: Crimes Against Persons and Crimes Against Property. NIBRS includes a third: Crimes Against Society (i.e. drug or narcotic offenses)
- NIBRS collects information about crimes committed using a computer; summary reporting does not

The FBI provides much more information about incident-based reporting on their website at <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/nibrs>

TIMELINE FOR MOVING TO THE NEW CRS

It will take approximately two to three years to build the new system, followed by a projected five year rollout, with an incremental transition from summary to NIBRS crime reporting. The goal is to begin using the new system in 2017 with the phased transition to NIBRS reporting.

PROJECT UPDATES

Law enforcement agencies and vendors can visit <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/bca/bca-divisions/mnjis/Pages/crime-reporting-system.aspx> for project updates.

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