

Challenges and Success of NIBRS Transitions

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BJS and FBI joint initiative to generate national estimates of the volume and characteristics of crimes reported to law enforcement.

Goals:

1. Assist states in building capacity to accept and transmit incident-based crime data
2. Recruit and support 400 select agencies in reporting incident-based crime data
3. Produce national estimates of NIBRS data
4. Demonstrate the utility and relevance of incident-based crime data

NIBRS Transition: Overview & Challenges

Overview:

- NIBRS implementation plan, length of project
- UCR status, certification date

Challenges:

- Support, coordination, other gov't entities
- Identifying needs and solutions, budgets, procurement
- Technical challenges, interfaces, migration, dependencies
- Training, rollout, certification

Strategies, solutions, lessons learned

Sgt. Dave Graf

St. Louis County Police Department



- How does C.A.R.E. promote regional data sharing?
- How many agencies use C.A.R.E.?
- How do other law enforcement agencies and/or the community benefit from a shared RMS?
- What is St. Louis County's Crime Matrix and how are C.A.R.E. data used in the matrix?

Captain Frederic McQuiggan

Philadelphia Police Department



- How did PPD train 6,300 officers and roll out incident-based reporting across its 21 districts?
- How did PPD approach NIBRS coding – and crime coding in general?
- How did PPD report crime statistics during its transition? Did reporting requirements impact your agency's transition plan and/or budget?

Elliot Schlanger

Baltimore Police Department



- What is the biggest challenge in transitioning from a paper-based reporting model to a fully automated RMS?
- How was BPD able to Go-Live in an new RMS in about 9-months?
- Given the fast-track RMS project timeline, how did BPD train patrol officers, investigators, supervisors, records unit staff?
- Does BPD expect the transition will impact Records and/or Crime Analysis operations?

Diane Badger

Atlanta Police Department



- How did Atlanta's process for administering grants impact APD's NIBRS transition timeline?
- APD fast-tracked their transition by completing NIBRS-related tasks before implementing other system functionalities;
 - What factors influenced this decision?
 - How did APD benefit from organizing work this way?
 - Would you recommend this approach to other departments – why/why not?
- How did APD train officers on a compressed timeline?

Final Thoughts:

- What do you wish you would have known at the start of the project?
- Looking back, is there anything you would have done differently to implement incident-based reporting?
- How is your agency using its NIBRS data – any impact on crime analysis, performance measures, operations, public engagement?
- Is there anything else you'd like the justice community to know about how these complex transitions affect large agencies?