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
• 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
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• 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?
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?
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?