



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Clarksburg, WV 26306

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TO: State Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program Managers

RE: The Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI's) Transition to a National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)-Only Data Collection

The FBI is dedicated to modernizing the UCR Program, which has long provided a view of crime in the nation. To accomplish this, the FBI will retire the Summary Reporting System and fully transition to collecting UCR data through NIBRS. This modernization of crime data will help the law enforcement community and municipal leaders have better, more detailed information to use in resource allocation and strategy development to deal with crime.

In 2015, the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Advisory Policy Board recommended:

“The FBI UCR Program will transition to a NIBRS-only data collection by January 1, 2021, and will evaluate the probability of achieving that goal on an annual basis. Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies unable to meet the five year transition and who have committed to transitioning to NIBRS will collaborate with the FBI CJIS to develop a transition plan and timeline for conversion.”

The FBI Director is committed to this move toward a NIBRS-only collection, which also comes with the endorsement of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Major Cities Chiefs Association, the Major County Sheriffs of America, the National Sheriffs' Association, the Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies, and the Executive Branch of the federal government.

We appreciate those states and agencies already participating in NIBRS, those committed to making the transition, and those working toward it. Given the many steps involved with converting an agency's records management system to NIBRS, the 2018 calendar year is pivotal to allow enough time to plan and secure resources for state and local agencies to be ready. To facilitate this transition, the FBI has dedicated resources to assist state UCR Programs and state and local agencies: training, technical documentation, data integration specialists, and NIBRS certification assistance. For support, call the FBI at 304-625-9999 or email <UCR-NIBRS@fbi.gov>.

Sincerely yours,

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