# SUPPORTING STATEMENT 1110-0006 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED OR ASSAULTED

#### A. Justification.

#### 1. Necessity of Information Collection

June 11, 1930, under Title 28, Section 534, U.S. Code, *Acquisition, Preservation, and Exchange of Identification Records; Appointment of Officials*, the FBI was designated by the Attorney General to acquire, collect, classify, and preserve national data on criminal offenses as part of the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. The FBI is mandated to compile nationwide criminal statistics for use in law enforcement administration, operation, and management and to assess the nature and type of crime in the United States.

Form 1-705, *Law Enforcement Officers Killed or Assaulted* (LEOKA) form supplies the national UCR Program with a monthly count of line of duty felonious or accidental officer killings and information on officer assaults.

A revision of this currently approved collection is requested in addition to a 3-year extension.

The revisions on the existing form are:

- 1. First paragraph under title, second sentence. At the beginning of the sentence insert "Even though you are not required to respond," your cooperation in using......
- 2. At the bottom of the page, after *Prepared by* insert / *E-mail address*
- 3. At the signature line delete Commissioner and add Commanding Officer.

#### 2. Needs and Uses

The LEOKA form is necessary in order that law enforcement agencies can report officer assaults if reporting data on hard copy. Law enforcement data are used only for research and statistical purposes. The national UCR Program is able to generate reliable information on law enforcement officers killed and assaulted in the line of duty. The law enforcement community in general and training centers specializing in law enforcement use the *LEOKA* publication as a tool to develop training initiatives that support officer safety. In addition, members of city, county, state, federal, and tribal law enforcement organizations use this publication as part of their research, as do governmental offices, special interest groups, academe, and all who are concerned about the men and women who serve in law enforcement. Examples of other agencies uses are:

a. Law enforcement agencies and training academies request LEOKA information to

incorporate in law enforcement training programs.

- b. City, county, state, federal, and tribal law enforcement agencies request LEOKA information to perform research on specific topics of interest, i.e., use of body armor, weapon information, etc.
- c. Local, state, and national legislators request LEOKA information.
- d. The White House is supplied LEOKA information on a monthly basis to be used for condolence purposes.
- e. Special interest groups, media, and academe request LEOKA information for research.

#### 3. <u>Use of Information Technology</u>

Currently, 88 percent of participating law enforcement agencies submit this form electronically. Electronic submissions are received via magnetic media and/or Law Enforcement Online (LEO) e-mail <ucrstat@leo.gov>. The UCR Program has made this form available as a PDF printable form on the Internet at www.fbi.gov/hq/cjisd/formssummary.htm.

# 4. Efforts to Identify Duplication

This information collection was authorized in direct response to the June 11, 1930 enactment of Title 28, Section 534, U.S. Code. The FBI is the only agency collecting extensive data on law enforcement officers killed and assaulted in the line of duty.

# 5. Minimizing Burden on Small Businesses

This information will have no significant impact on small entities. No small business will be affected by this collection.

# 6. <u>Consequences of Not Conducting or Less Frequent Collection</u>

In order to serve as the national repository for crime reporting and to produce a reliable dataset, the FBI collects monthly statistics that are reported by participating UCR Program contributors. There is an ever-increasing need for timely and accurate data dissemination by the FBI to assist our partners in law enforcement.

#### 7. Special Circumstances

All data are collected/received from Program participants on a monthly basis. The FBI's UCR Program has established various time frames and deadlines for acquiring the monthly data. Monthly reports/submissions should be received at the FBI by the seventh day after the close of each month. Annual deadlines are also designated in order to collect/assess receipt of monthly submissions. There are times when special circumstances may cause an agency to request an extension. The FBI's UCR Program has the authority to grant these extensions. Participation in the national UCR Program is voluntary.

#### 8. Public Comments and Consultations

The 60 and 30 day notices were published in the Federal Register and no comments were received.

#### 9. Provision of Payments or Gifts to Respondents

The FBI's UCR Program does not provide any payment or gift to respondents.

# 10. Assurance of Confidentiality

All FBI UCR Program information collections are held confidential in accordance with Title 42, United States Code, Section 3789(g). Even though this information collection does not contain personal identifier information that may reveal the identity of an individual it is obtained from public agencies and are, therefore, in the public domain.

#### 11. Justification for Sensitive Questions

This information collection does not collect information of a sensitive nature.

#### 12. Estimate of Respondent's Burden

The estimated cost of the respondent's burden for this data collection is as follows:

Number of respondents 17,799

Frequency of responses 12 times per year

Total annual responses 213,588

Minutes per response 7 minutes Annual hour burden 24,919

Total number of agencies reporting 17,799

Total annual responses  $17,799 \times 12 = 213,588$ 

Total annual hour burden  $(213,588 \times 7) / 60 = 24,919$ 

#### 13. Estimate of Cost Burden

There are no direct costs to law enforcement to participate in the UCR Program other than their time to respond. Respondents are not expected to incur any capital, start-up, or system maintenance costs associated with this information collection.

### 14. Cost to Federal Government

It is difficult to estimate the annual cost to the federal government under the clearance request. The following are generalized projections based upon prior collection activity as well as activities anticipated over the next 3 years.

# <u>Data Collection and Processing Costs</u> \$635,291

This is a detailed cost projection provided by CJIS Financial Management Unit

Preliminary 6/12 month reports Crime in the United States Manuals		\$16,192 \$116,745 \$13,821
Special studies	\$168,0	
Data requests		\$17,846
APB services		\$36,472
Press Releases	\$710	
State program bulletins		\$5,363
Audit Reports		\$39,461
Summary/NIBRS data collection		\$74,234
Summary/NIBRS		\$60,140
Training materials		\$14,349
Training		\$56,016
UCR Program Development		\$15,880
Total cost to federal government		\$635,291

# 15. Reason for Change in Burden

There is no increase in burden on the individual respondents; however, the overall annual burden

hours have increased. This is an adjustment, an increase from 20,398 to 24,919 which is an increase of 4,521 due to the increase in the number of respondents.

# 16. Anticipated Publication Plan and Schedule

Published data are derived from data submissions furnished to the FBI from local, county, state, federal, and tribal law enforcement agencies throughout the country.

Request for missing Jan-Jun data Request for missing 12 month data Deadline to submit data Data processing/analysis Publication of data August and September February and March, following year mid-March July-June October of following year

#### 17. Display of Expiration Date

The FBI UCR Program is requesting OMB to not display an expiration date on the hard copy form. The program mails this form to twenty thousand individual law enforcement agencies, 49 state programs, and an undetermined number of individuals. Administratively, it would be extremely difficult to remove all of the old forms. In addition, some individuals may obtain copies of the form and wait an extensive period of time before submitting the form to us. It would be impossible to know which individuals may possess an older form. Therefore, it would not be practical for a date to be displayed. This would also alleviate the disposal of tens of thousands of expired forms when the form itself is not changed during the renewal process.

#### 18. Exception to the Certification Statement

The FBI's CJIS Division does not request an exception to the certification of this information collection.

B. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods.

The CJIS Division does not employ statistical methods when collecting this information.