The National Crime Statistics Exchange

OVERVIEW

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is implementing the National Crime Statistics Exchange (NCS-X) program to generate national incident-based data on crimes reported to law enforcement agencies. NCS-X will leverage the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) by recruiting a scientifically selected sample of law enforcement agencies to supplement the existing NIBRS data by providing incident data to their state (and onto the federal) NIBRS data collection program. When completed, this program will increase our nation's ability to monitor, respond to, and prevent crime by allowing NIBRS to produce timely, detailed, and accurate national measures of crime incidents.

NCS-X is a collaborative undertaking, supported by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other Department of Justice agencies. BJS also needs the support of the law enforcement community to ensure its success. NCS-X will be designed to implement efficient and minimally burdensome processes to collect and extract incident-based data from existing records management systems. Specific benefits may be provided to agencies to encourage participation in NCS-X. These may include increased operational and analytic capabilities or resources, training, technical support, or other customized incentives.

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A team of organizations — including RTI International, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Police Executive Research Forum, the Integrated Justice Information Systems Institute, and SEARCH, the National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics — is responsible for developing the implementation plans for NCS-X. This includes coordinating efforts with local law enforcement, state reporting programs, and the software industry. An Executive Steering Committee will review design and implementation options to ensure the maximum benefit to participants and key stakeholders.

HOW DOES NCS-X AFFECT MY AGENCY?

NCS-X Phase I activities are focused on assessing the program's viability and implementation costs. Tasks include (1) recruiting a sample of 400 law enforcement agencies for participation, (2) reaching out to stakeholders and existing state Uniform Crime Reports and NIBRS reporting programs to gain their insight and support, (3) identifying barriers and

developing incentives and resources that will encourage candidate agencies to participate in NCS-X, and (4) developing cost and feasibility guidelines for implementation.

The NCS-X project team will contact candidate law enforcement agencies in 2013 to introduce this initiative, provide background on the program, and gather information about each agency's current operations and incident-based reporting capabilities. BJS will explore a variety of options to assist agencies in participating in the program, including potentially expanding reporting capabilities, technical solutions, analytic tools, and other incentives that will enhance the operational capabilities of the NCS-X agencies.

More Information

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