The National Crime Statistics Exchange (NCS-X)

OVERVIEW

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is spearheading the National Crime Statistics Exchange (NCS-X), an effort aimed at generating nationally-representative, incident-based data on crimes reported to law enforcement agencies. NCS-X will leverage the existing data compiled by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) by recruiting a carefully selected sample of law enforcement agencies to join the more than 6,000 agencies currently reporting NIBRS data. When completed, this initiative 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.

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NCS-X is a collaborative undertaking, supported by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other Department of Justice agencies. Support from the law enforcement community is essential to ensure the success of NCS-X. The procedures promoted by NCS-X to extract incident-based data from existing records management systems will be efficient and minimally burdensome to participating agencies. In addition, NCS-X will provide incentives to agencies and to state reporting programs to encourage their participation in NCS-X.

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.

HOW DOES NCS-X AFFECT MY AGENCY?

NCS-X Phase I activities are focused on assessing the program's viability and the implementation costs. Tasks include (1) recruiting a sample of 400 law enforcement agencies for participation, (2) reaching out to stakeholders and existing state incident-based 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 began contacting candidate law enforcement agencies in late 2013 to introduce the NCS-X initiative, provide background on the program, and gather information about each agency's current operations and incident-based reporting capabilities. BJS is exploring a variety of options to assist agencies in participating, including expanding reporting capabilities, technical solutions, analytic tools, and other customized incentives intended to enhance the operational capabilities of the NCS-X agencies.

More Information

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