



NATIONAL INCIDENT BASED REPORTING SYSTEM (NIBRS)

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NIBRS is a federal reporting system for law enforcement agencies to report all crime cases and arrests to the FBI & DOJ



Under NIBRS agencies will report **52 different types of crime cases (offense classifications)** and all arrests related to those crimes



Agencies will report **58 pieces of information (data elements)** for each individual crime case that occurs within your jurisdiction

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WHY DOES NIBRS COMPLIANCE & REPORTING MATTER?

NIBRS IS THE FUTURE

FBI will retire the current data collection system (UCR Summary Reporting System) by January 1, 2021. In the future, agencies will use NIBRS for crime reporting.



INCREASED ACCESS TO FUNDING

Moving to NIBRS reporting will allow regional law enforcement agencies to access more federal grant funding opportunities and increased allocations on existing grants.



IMPROVED DATA TRANSPARENCY

NIBRS will improve the detail and accuracy of your crime-incident data and improve regional crime data. NIBRS will change the way we discuss crime trends as a region.



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SUMMARY REPORTING SYSTEM (SRS) OUTDATED & INCOMPLETE

Currently we report crime to the state and federal government using the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Summary Reporting System (SRS) which was created in 1929 to track crime reporting for just 8 offense categories (later updated to 10 offense categories). This system is outdated and employs the hierarchy rule, meaning we ONLY capture the most serious offense within each crime incident.



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NIBRS REPORTING VERSUS SUMMARY REPORTING

SUMMARY REPORTING SYSTEM (SRS)

- 12 MONTHLY REPORTS SENT TO STATE & FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
- 10 OFFENSE CLASSIFICATIONS (CRIME CATEGORIES)
- 1 OFFENSE REPORTED PER INCIDENT (HIGHEST CHARGE ONLY)
- 6 DATA FIELDS OR PIECES OF INFORMATION SENT ON EACH CRIME (HIGHEST CHARGE ONLY)

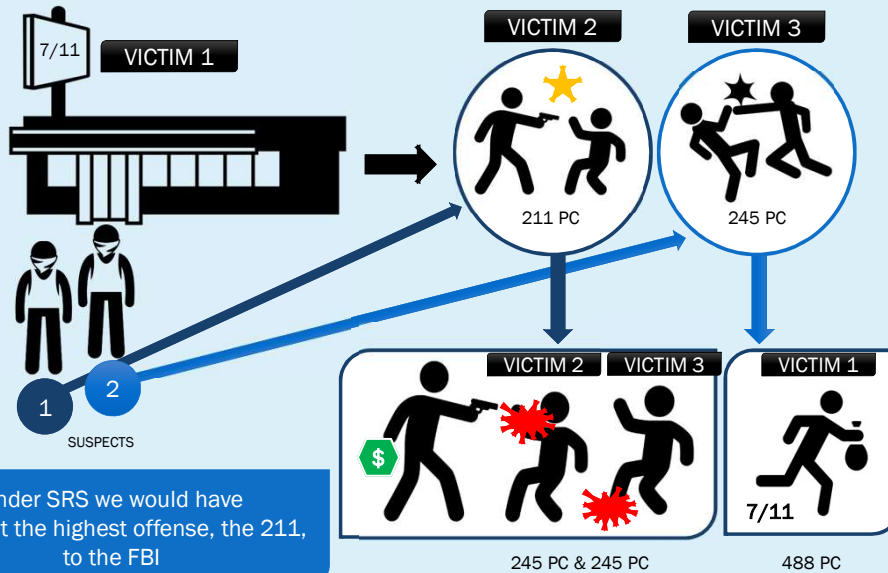
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- 1,000+ DATA TRANSACTIONS PER DAY TO FEDERAL GOV. (ONE OR MORE FOR EACH CRIME CASE)
- 52 OFFENSE CLASSIFICATIONS (CRIME CATEGORIES)
- 10 OFFENSES REPORTED PER INCIDENT (ALL NIBRS CHARGES)
- 58 DATA FIELDS OR PIECES OF INFORMATION SENT ON EACH CRIME (WEAPONS, RELATIONSHIPS, MOTIVES ETC.)

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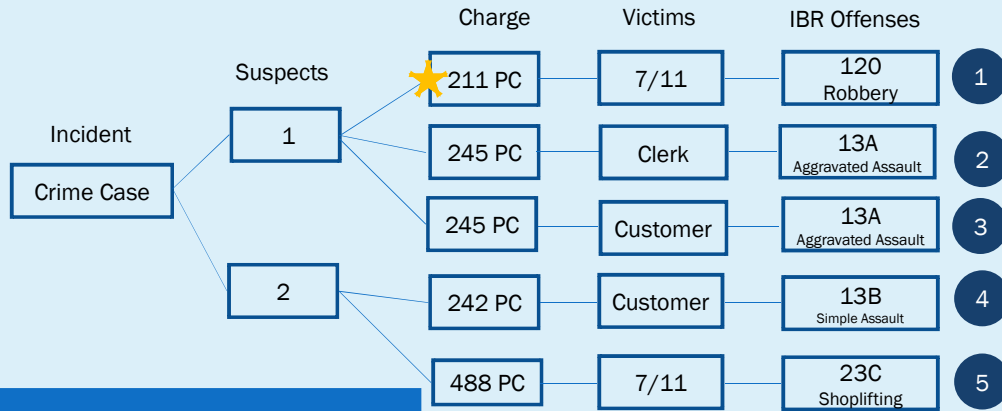
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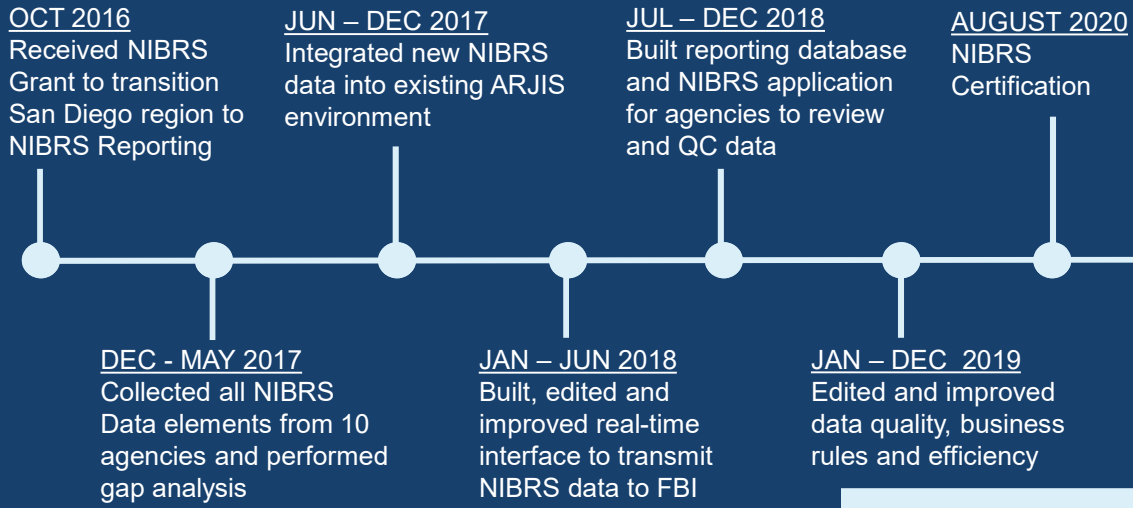
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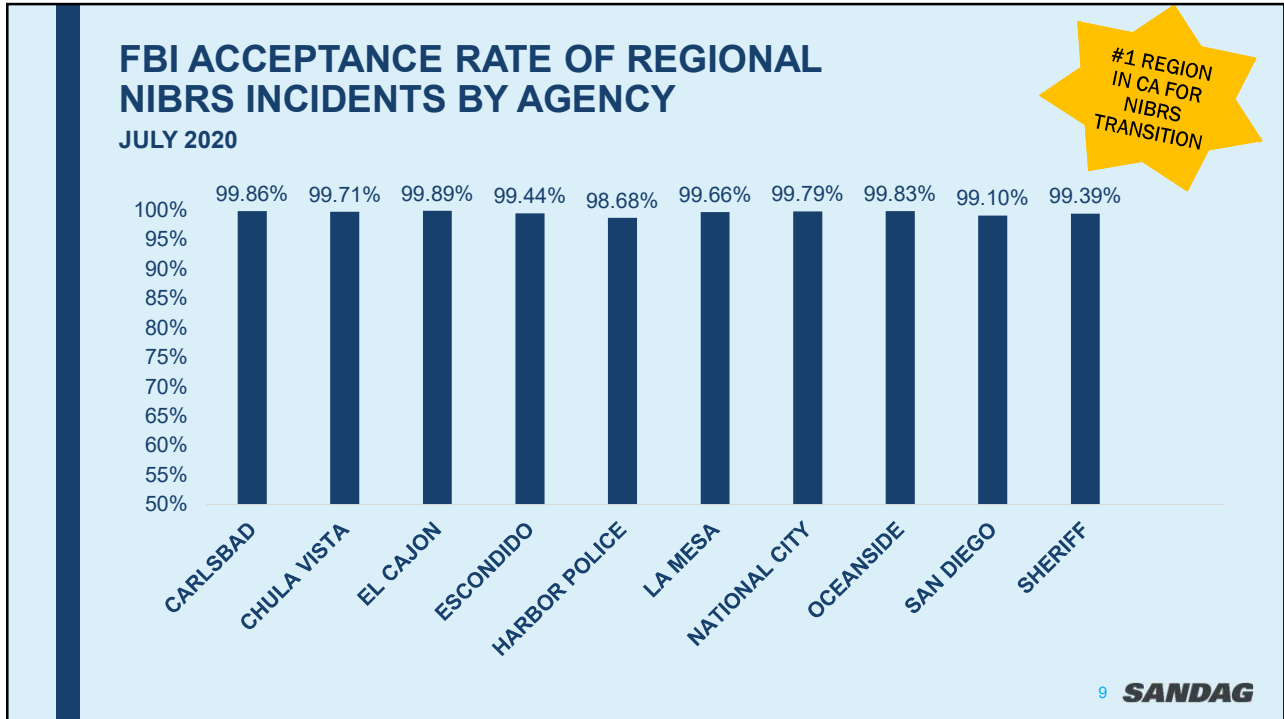
★ Under SRS we would have only sent the highest offense, the 211, to FBI!

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NIBRS PROJECT TIMELINE & PROGRESS



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WHAT DOES NIBRS CERTIFICATION MEAN?

- ARJIS received regional NIBRS certification August 2020, 5 months ahead of January 2021 national deadline
- How will this change our current crime reporting process?
- ARJIS will begin sending NIBRS Data to FBI Production (January 2021)
- ARJIS will stop sending UCR Summary Data to the FBI (January 2021)
- First region/agency in CA and one of the first regions in USA
- Better, cleaner more complete regional crime data

“Congratulations. You are the trailblazer for the state of California”

– Drema Fouch, FBI

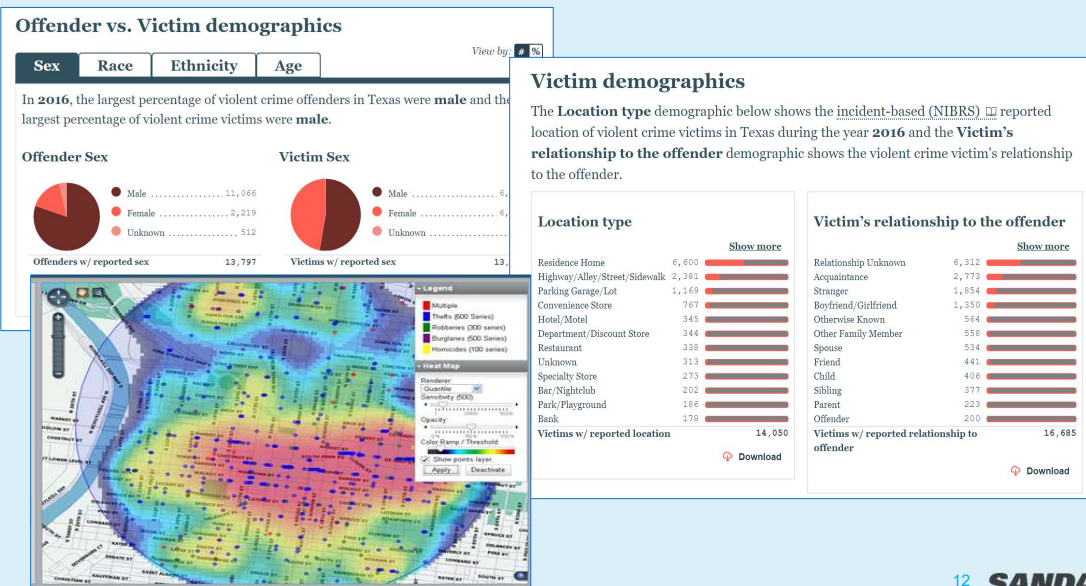
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NEXT STEPS FOR NIBRS PROJECT

- Continue building out agency reports
- Continue assisting with agency quality control of NIBRS data
- Continue improving interface efficiency and decreasing errors
- Build public NIBRS data website with real time data for regional use
- Work with SANDAG Applied Research Department to develop annual regional report
- Partner with the state to provide regional data for CIBRS program

NIBRS PUBLIC CRIME REPORTING WEBSITE



THE IMPORTANCE OF NIBRS DATA

- We are *leading* in an important shift in contemporary policing
 - Massive expansion in the nature and volume of information available in policing
 - Evolution of intelligence-lead, data-driven policing models
 - Growing demand for greater transparency and accountability in policing

“We face a data shortage on crime. How can we address a rise in violent crime without good information? Without this information, every single conversation in this country about policing and reform and justice is uninformed...NIBRS is a way in which we can all collect data where we can identify patterns, trends, and help prevent crime and have thoughtful, informed conversations at the national level.”

- James Comey, Former FBI Director, October 26, 2015