

WYOMINGUCR NEWSLETTER

WYOMING DIVISION OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

NIBRS

Transition Updates

It has been a busy month for the State Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. There has been many exchanges between our vendor, Beyond 20/20 and the State with how

to handle

certain Domestic Violence (DV) scenarios. The

preliminary technical

specifications are delayed. We are awaiting a new delivery date on this document.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has brought to our attention that updated Technical Specifications will be made available later this month. These NIBRS Technical Specifications

will include new data collection efforts to be implemented in 2019. More details of what additions will be included will be provided when it is released.

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On April 11th, the Wyoming UCR Program will be visiting the Colorado Bureau of

Investigation to observe the installation of their new repository and gather some insights as to how they run their successful program. The installation of the new NIBRS Repository and Reporting Module will begin on April 13th. This will allow the state to do preliminary testing and

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eventually the FBI certification process.

Updated NIBRS documents will be available online on the FBI's Internet Site at

<<https://ucr.fbi.gov>> by Friday, March 30.

SUMMARY CORNER

Trainer Talk

Question

How should an agency classify and score threats made on social media?

Answer

SRS agencies: Agencies should report intimidation as Other Assaults—Simple, Not Aggravated (4e), on the Return A report. Other Assaults—Simple, Not Aggravated is defined on page 160 of the Summary Reporting System (SRS) User Manual, Version 1.0, dated June 20, 2013, as “An unlawful physical attack by one person upon another where neither the offender displays a weapon, nor the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, severe

laceration, or loss of consciousness. To unlawfully place another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words and/or other conduct, but without displaying a weapon or subjecting the victim to actual physical attack.”

Question

When does intimidation become a simple or aggravated assault?

Answer

SRS agencies: An intimidation becomes a simple assault if the offender does not display a weapon and the victim does not suffer severe or bodily injury. An intimidation becomes an aggravated assault when the offender uses a

weapon or displays it in a threatening manner, or the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury.

Question

How should my agency classify and score weapons that, when purchased, were legal weapons, but items were added (or the weapon was altered) that made the weapon illegal?

Answer

SRS agencies: Weapons Law Violations is a Part II offense and is collected on line 15 of the Age, Sex, Race, and Ethnicity of Persons Arrested report where an arrest for such a violation is made.

Wyoming NIBRS Project Reminders:

-Wyoming will be accepting NIBRS submissions using the XML IEPD v 4.2 which was released on June 7, 2017. **Flatfile submissions will not be accepted.**

- NIBRS Technical Specification v3.2 released on November 1, 2017

- Hate Crime Technical Specification

- Cargo Theft Specification

- We will be incorporating into the FBI Specifications Wyoming-Specific Domestic Violence Requirements as well as lat/long/and address capability.

The following Wyoming State Specific data elements included in the implementation are described as follows:

1. Address and latitude/longitude data are state-specific fields in the administrative segment.
2. WY-specific IBR will include the necessary codes to support the WY-specific definition of Domestic Violence. This will likely be in the form of an additional flag on the record (at the administrative, offense or victim level) to identify the incident as being domestic violence according to the WY-specific definition.
3. A validation rule will be added to reject incidents where this flag is set and the offender(s) is under the age of 16. Discussion will be required on specifically how to handle situations when there are multiple offenders, including both those under 16 and over 16.
4. The Victim-Offender relationship code has additional valid values;
FB - Former Boyfriend/Girlfriend
5. If necessary, a validation rule can be added to the system to ensure that the DV flag is consistent with the victim-offender relationships.
6. A new field will be created for the disposition of domestic violence incident. This field will be included in the offense segment. The possible values for this field are:
A - Arrested
P - Papers Filed Against
S - Separated from Premises w/o arrest
R - Referred to Social Agency

M - Mediation by Officer

N - Offender Not Found

O - Other

7. A new field will be created at the offense level for capturing whether or not the offense is a violation of a protection order.
8. Validation rules will be created to ensure that the above fields (disposition and violation of protection order) are populated for DV-related incidents.

****Please remember that this information is subject to change****

Information contained in this newsletter is to update local agencies on the NIBRS transition and provide any training information.