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JUSTICE RESEARCH AND STATISTICS ASSOCIATION

IMPROVING CRIME DATA

POLICE CHIEF SURVEY

This survey can also be completed online. Please visit www.jrsa.org/survey.

PLEASE CHECK ONE OR MORE RESPONSES AS INDICATED.

1. Which of the following criminal justice data do you find useful in managing your agency?
   (check all that apply)

   ❍ calls for service   ❍ incident report data   ❍ traffic stop data
   ❍ clearance rates   ❍ drug/gun seizure data   ❍ state crime publications
   ❍ arrest data   ❍ "hot spots" data   ❍ police pursuits
   ❍ disposition data   ❍ court caseloads   ❍ corrections data
   ❍ cost data   ❍ drug use surveys   ❍ victimization survey rates
   ❍ recidivism rates   ❍ other: *(please specify)*_____

2. Which of the following non-criminal justice data do you find useful in managing your agency? *(check all that apply)*

   ❍ emergency room data   ❍ medical examiner data   ❍ census data
   ❍ treatment program data   ❍ education data   ❍ health data
   ❍ other *(please specify)* _____

3. How do you use the data? *(check all that apply)*

   ❍ assessment of overall department performance   ❍ deployment and other tactical decisions
   ❍ budget decisions   ❍ responses to inquiries
   ❍ comparisons with other jurisdictions   ❍ COMPSTAT-type processes
   ❍ promotion decisions and performance reviews
   ❍ other *(please specify)*_____

4. If not currently used, which of the following criminal justice data would you find useful if they were accessible to you? *(check all that apply)*

   ❍ calls for service   ❍ incident report data   ❍ traffic stop data
   ❍ clearance rates   ❍ drug/gun seizure data   ❍ state crime publications
   ❍ arrest data   ❍ "hot spots" data   ❍ police pursuits
   ❍ disposition data   ❍ court caseload   ❍ corrections data
   ❍ costs data   ❍ drug use surveys   ❍ victimization survey rates
   ❍ recidivism rates   ❍ other: *(please specify)*_____

5. If not currently used, which of the following non-criminal justice data would you find useful if they were accessible to you? *(check all that apply)*

   ❍ emergency room data   ❍ medical examiner data   ❍ census data
   ❍ treatment program data   ❍ education data   ❍ health data
   ❍ other *(please specify)* _____

6. How often do data and statistics help the performance of your agency?

   ❍ very often   ❍ often   ❍ seldom   ❍ rarely   ❍ never

7. How often do data and statistics affect the planning of programs or policies in your agency?

   ❍ very often   ❍ often   ❍ seldom   ❍ rarely   ❍ never

PLEASE COMPLETE REVERSE

8. Which <u>best</u> describes the response of your agency's officers when they are required to gather data for records and reports?
    ❍ very supportive ❍ supportive ❍ indifferent ❍ unsupportive ❍ very unsupportive

9. How thorough would your agency's officers be if required to record/report more data about incidents than they currently are?
    ❍ very thorough ❍ thorough ❍ somewhat thorough ❍ not very thorough ❍ not at all thorough

10. Does your agency collect and report incident-based (NIBRS) data? ❍ yes ❍ no
    ♦ If no, has your agency ever reported NIBRS-compatible data? ❍ yes ❍ no
    ♦ Does your agency plan to report NIBRS-compatible data?
      ❍ within the next year ❍ within next 3 years ❍ no definite plan ❍ never

11. If your agency does not report NIBRS data and has no plan to do so, what are the reason(s) for this? (*check all that apply*)
    ❍ costs associated with meeting reporting requirements
    ❍ NIBRS more useful for national or macro-level analyses than for local strategic analysis and planning
    ❍ possible "increases" in local crime statistics due to shift from UCR Summary to NIBRS and related changes in how/what data are collected
    ❍ doubtful commitment of state/federal resources to local agencies for continued implementation
    ❍ strict, rigid guideline requirements for certification and reporting data
    ❍ conflicting definitions of statutes and offenses on different government levels
    ❍ other (*specify:*) _____

12. Is your department currently involved in a multi-agency effort to share/integrate data?
    ❍ yes ❍ no
    ♦ If yes, how valuable would you say this effort is?
      ❍ very valuable ❍ somewhat valuable ❍ not very valuable
    ♦ If yes, what is the position/job title of the person who represents your department in this multi-agency effort? _____

13. What proportion of your agency's overall budget would you estimate goes to support data collection and analysis functions? _____ %

14. How often do community leaders (mayor's office, city council, community groups) ask for data or statistics from your department?
    ❍ 3 or more times a week ❍ 1–2 times a week ❍ 1–2 times a month ❍ 1–2 times a year ❍ never

15. How would you rate the media's understanding and reporting of data and statistics that you provide them?
    ❍ excellent ❍ very good ❍ good ❍ fair ❍ poor

RECOMMENDATION
If you could make one change in your current system of data sharing and integration to improve its role in developing programs and policies, what would it be?
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Thank you for your time!