1. Which of the following criminal justice data do you find useful in managing your agency? (check all that apply)
   - calls for service
   - clearance rates
   - arrest data
   - disposition data
   - cost data
   - recidivism rates
   - incident report data
   - drug/gun seizure data
   - “hot spots” data
   - court caseloads
   - drug use surveys
   - 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
   - treatment program data
   - other (please specify)
   - medical examiner data
   - education data
   - health data

3. How do you use the data? (check all that apply)
   - assessment of overall department performance
   - budget decisions
   - comparisons with other jurisdictions
   - promotion decisions and performance reviews
   - deployment and other tactical decisions
   - responses to inquiries
   - COMPSTAT-type processes
   - 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
   - clearance rates
   - arrest data
   - disposition data
   - costs data
   - recidivism rates
   - incident report data
   - drug/gun seizure data
   - “hot spots” data
   - court caseloads
   - drug use surveys
   - 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
   - treatment program data
   - other (please specify)
   - medical examiner data
   - education data
   - health data

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
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8. Which best 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!