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## **SECTION 1—MESSAGE TO PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS**

### **1.1 Advance viewing of the *Preliminary Annual Uniform Crime Report, January–December, 2010***

On Monday, May 23, the national UCR Program will publish the *Preliminary Annual Uniform Crime Report, January–December, 2010*, on the FBI's Web site. Direct contributors will have advance access to the information via a beta site. Please note that the Web site, username, and password are all case-sensitive.

*Preliminary Annual Uniform Crime Report, January–December, 2010*

Advance viewing date: Monday, May 16, 2011

Web site: <http://www.fbi.gov/ucr-prelim-2010>

Username: UCRcontr

Password: 12mos2010

Public release date: Monday, May 23, 2011

Agencies are reminded that these data are embargoed until the public release date. Until then, they are for internal use only.

### **1.2 Update on the UCR Redevelopment Project**

Since the 1930s, the FBI has worked with local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies to collect, organize, and publish crime statistics. Through the years, the UCR Program has expanded to include the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted (LEOKA) information, hate crime statistics, and more.

The FBI's CJIS Division created the UCR Redevelopment Project (UCRRP) to manage the acquisition, development, and integration of a new information systems solution. The UCRRP's goal is to improve UCR efficiency, usability, and maintainability while increasing the value to users of UCR products. The UCRRP will:

- Decrease the time it takes to analyze data and respond sooner with data quality questions and concerns.
- Reduce, to the point of elimination, the exchange of printed materials between submitting agencies and the FBI and replace those with electronic submissions.
- Provide an enhanced external data query tool to maximize the public's ability to view and analyze published UCR data from the Internet.
- Decrease the time needed to release/publish crime data.
- Implement a flexible and scalable system framework, including industry standard interfaces that better accommodate future changes.

The deadline for eliminating printed materials coincides with the scheduled deployment of the information system on January 3, 2013. In anticipation of this deadline, the UCRRP is working with agencies to collect information and identify ways that the project can assist with the transition, including:

- Adopting an electronic submission approach via the NIBRS, electronic Summary, or Extensible Markup Language (XML). The UCRRP will release electronic specifications in July.
- Configuring an Excel workbook that contains all UCR forms. The UCRRP is developing an associated data mapping tool that can read the workbook and create a flat file that is formatted for submission to the UCR system.

The new UCR system will include an online Web entry tool for key-entered data and will include a feature for Optical Character Recognition scanning. The system will recognize and read the two most recent versions of UCR forms approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This approach requires that agencies strictly adhere to the OMB form template; the scan will not be able to read documents that are customized for agency differences.

The UCRRP would like comments or suggestions about the project. Agencies with comments, questions, or suggestions should send an e-mail to the UCRRP Program Office at <ucr@leo.gov>.

### **1.3 Agencies are asked to submit e-mail addresses**

The FBI is asking each direct contributor to submit the e-mail address of its chief or sheriff to its FBI contact in the Crime Statistics Management Unit (CSMU) so that the national UCR staff can send documents such as the *UCR Newsletter* to these agencies via e-mail. Agencies with questions should contact their FBI contact or the CSMU by telephone at (304) 625-4830.

### **1.4 Electronic availability of the *UCR Newsletter***

The current *UCR Newsletter*, as well as previous editions, is also available via the Law Enforcement Online (LEO) Intranet at <[https://www.leo.gov/http://leowcs.leopriv.gov/lesig/cjis/programs/crime\\_statistics/newsletters/newsletters.htm](https://www.leo.gov/http://leowcs.leopriv.gov/lesig/cjis/programs/crime_statistics/newsletters/newsletters.htm)>. Users with questions concerning access to the LEO should contact the LEO Program Office by telephone at (304) 625-5555.

## **SECTION 2--CLARIFICATION TO POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

### **Reporting U for Unknown gender in cargo theft arrests**

The Arrestee section of the online *Cargo Theft Incident Report* allows for reporting the gender of the arrestee as M = Male, F = Female, or U = Unknown. However, U = Unknown is not a valid entry to report the gender of an arrestee (for cargo theft or for any other offense). The only valid entries to report the sex of an arrestee are M = Male and F = Female. The national UCR Program staff is revising the form, but until that occurs, agencies should not use U = Unknown when reporting the gender of an arrestee for cargo theft or for any other offense.

Agencies with questions should contact Mrs. Kristi L. Donahue in the Crime Statistics Management Unit by telephone at (304) 625-2972.