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For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **LBPB Transitioned to New Crime Data Reporting System**

Last year, the Department transitioned from Summary-Based Reporting (SRS) to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) as well as the California Department of Justice's California Incident-Based Reporting System (CIBRS).

NIBRS is the new national standard in data collection as it captures a higher level of detail on individual crime incidents than through the current SRS. This transition allows the Long Beach Police Department (LBPB) to meet federal data standards, improve operations, and better inform the public about the nature of crime in Long Beach. By transitioning to NIBRS data, LBPB will have the ability to identify specific public safety problems and provide the community with in-depth information.

NIBRS data includes an increased level of detail compared to the previous SRS system. This includes information regarding victims, known offenders, relationships between victims and offenders, arrestees, property, and drugs involved in crimes for up to ten offenses within an incident—representing a substantial shift in the way LBPB reports crime. At the state level, CIBRS data elements will be reported for crime analysis. When applicable, some of those items will be converted to a broader category to be submitted to the FBI (for example, race categories have been expanded at the state level to include Cambodian, Filipino, Japanese, etc., but will be converted to "Asian" at the federal level).

NIBRS collects information on a multitude of law enforcement issues regarding crime, such as offenses involving weapons, drugs, gangs, domestic violence, child and elder abuse, hate crimes, white collar crime, and terrorism.

With this migration to NIBRS, certain crime statistics will appear to increase due to a change in the way individual crimes are counted for statistical purposes. Under SRS only the most serious offense is reported whereas in NIBRS up to ten offenses can be reported per incident. For example, in an incident that involved an assault and a vandalism, only the assault would have been reported. Under NIBRS, both the assault and the vandalism would be reported.

The Department recently revamped the Crime Incident Mapping Application on its website, where community members can view where crime incidents have occurred in the City of Long Beach. The Crime Incident Mapping Applications is available on the [Department's website](#).

LBPB Crime Statistics are available on the [Department's website](#).

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For more information, please click on the two resources below from the FBI.

- [What is NIBRS?](#)
- [Benefits of NIBRS Participation](#)

The Chief's Office will be providing training in the near future to all Council offices regarding the use of the Crime Incident Mapping Application, as well as to answer any NIBRS related questions. If you have any questions, please contact me or my Chief of Staff, Commander Michael Solomita, at (562) 570-7301.

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