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The **NCS-Xpress** is a quarterly update on the National Crime Statistics Exchange (NCS-X). NCS-X represents a major step toward the FBI's goal of transitioning all U.S. law enforcement agencies to reporting crime data to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) by January 2021.

## NCS-X Solicitation Open - **APPLY NOW!**

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) **will release its final NCS-X solicitations in 2018**. NCS-X provides funding for improvements in automation to establish or enhance the capabilities of NCS-X agencies to report NIBRS data to their State Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program or the FBI.



**Agencies must have a complete NCS-X Readiness Assessment to be eligible for funding.** Contact [ncsx@rti.org](mailto:ncsx@rti.org) for assistance in completing a [NCS-X Readiness Assessment](#).

## Tips for Moving from Funding to Implementation

**Plan Your Transition** – See the [NCS-X Law Enforcement Agency Playbook](#) for steps to transition to incident-based reporting (IBR) and key considerations.

**Obtain Technological Solutions** – See two NEW NCS-X Resources on Acquiring Incident-Based Software and Services for guidance on [Key Topics for Law Enforcement to Consider](#) and developing a [Model Statement of Work](#).

**Learn from Peers** – Join the NCS-X Discussion Forum to connect with other state and local agencies about challenges and solutions to transitioning to NIBRS. To request access to the Discussion Forum, e-mail [ncsx@rti.org](mailto:ncsx@rti.org).

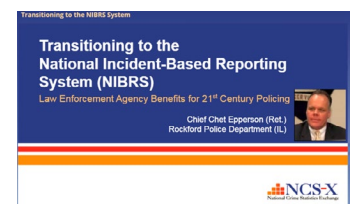


## Announcements

- The NCS-X Team will present **“NIBRS: How to Work With Vendors to Ensure A Seamless Transition”** at the [International Association of Chiefs of Police \(IACP\) Technology Conference](#) in Providence, RI, on Monday, May 21, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.
- Look for two NIBRS-related pieces in the May issue of *Police Chief* magazine: **“Leveraging NIBRS to Better Understand Sexual Violence,”** highlighting key findings about sexual assault using NIBRS data, and the **“Tech Talk”** column, which addresses how to build efficiencies, locate funding, and work successfully with service providers.

## Resources

- [“Transitioning to NIBRS: Law Enforcement Agency Benefits for 21st Century Policing,”](#) a narrated presentation by Chet Epperson, retired Chief of Rockford Police Department (IL), discussing the impact of NIBRS on crime the impact of NIBRS on crime rates in Rockford and tips to handle politics and marketing.
- The NCS-X NIBRS [Pre-Certification Tool](#) is live! Agencies can use the tool to test their IBR data submission before beginning the certification process with their State UCR Program or the FBI. Open-source code is available on the BJS Web site.
- Additional materials are available through NCS-X resource pages located on the [BJS](#) and [IACP](#) Web sites.



## Need Assistance From the NCS-X Implementation Team?

Contact us at [askbjs@bjs.gov](mailto:askbjs@bjs.gov) or [ncsx@rti.org](mailto:ncsx@rti.org) for help determining your transition needs, developing a NIBRS implementation plan, and communicating changes in crime reporting to your community. Use key words "NCS-X Assistance" in the subject line of your e-mail.



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