



Message from the Director

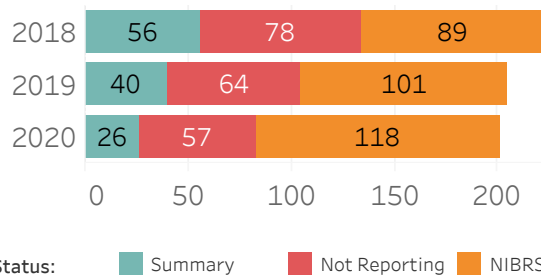
The year 2020 looks to be one of great opportunity. The Systems and Research Division (formerly known as Information Services) has numerous data integration, research projects, and deliverables this year -- this newsletter being the first. The Division has recently been renamed to better align with our agency's long term goals. The team now has two main missions. First, support our partners in data integration projects. Second, educate our constituents by producing statistics to aid in the decision making process.

Regards,

Mike Fargen
 Director, Systems and Research Division
 Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

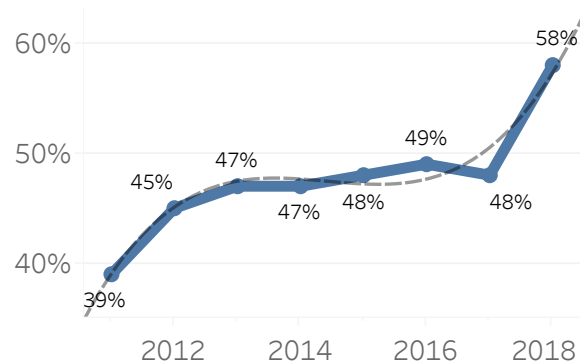
NIBRS Are you Ready?

We are officially one year away from the national NIBRS transition deadline. By **January 1, 2021**, all law enforcement agencies in the State of Nebraska and the rest of the nation will only be able to submit crime data using NIBRS format. **The Systems and Research Division has a free single-incident entry solution available to all law enforcement agencies who still need to make the switch.** Please contact Ryan Anderson at ryan.anderson@nebraska.gov or 402-471-3982 for more information.



eCitation Progress & Equipment Grant

Mandated by Supreme Court, eCitation is a data integration project for law enforcement agencies that allows an officer to create, print, and electronically transmit citations data. Capturing driver's license information electronically by scanning the license and/or registration barcodes. Citation data are transmitted directly from a law enforcement officer's patrol car to the courts, with minimal paper record creation and reduction of redundant data entry. eCitation improves officer safety by reducing time spent on the roadside. Additionally, the effort aids in collecting accurate information. Our partners in the judicial system also save time and energy by cutting down on manual processes. eCitation has seen much improvement in the past few years. **58% of citations in 2018 were processed electronically.** (see below)



The Systems and Research Division has been awarded funds to distribute to Law Enforcement, and **will be posting the grant announcement on January 10, 2020.** Please visit our website to apply. Note: This fund will be awarded using a formula.

<https://ncc.nebraska.gov/grant-apps>

Please contact Swikriti Lamichhane at swikriti.lamichhane@nebraska.gov or 402-471-3419 for more information.



Quarterly Newsletter from the Systems and Research Division (Volume 1, Issue 1)

Use of Force Data Collection (NEW)

The Use of Force Data Collection will go live on NCJIS starting January 1, 2020. All agencies are encouraged to enter any use of force incidents they have had throughout 2019 into the data collection under the "Use of Force Reports" link on NCJIS. Agencies are also encouraged to enter Zero reports for any months they do not have any use of force incidents. Use of Force incidents include any of the following:

1. The death of a person due to law enforcement use of force.
2. The serious bodily injury of a person due to law enforcement use of force.
3. The discharge of a firearm by law enforcement at or in the direction of a person that did not otherwise result in death or serious bodily injury.

Death in Custody Collection (NEW)

The DCRA Program is based upon the federal Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2000. States that administer certain Block Grants (JAG) must provide the BJA with "information regarding the death of any person that is detained, arrested, en route to incarceration, or incarcerated in state or local facilities or a boot camp prison." This federal law applies to the Nebraska Crime Commission. A 10% penalty is assessed if we fail to report. The Death in Custody Data Collection process will begin January 1, 2020. All agencies are encouraged to cooperate with NCC in reporting any arrest related deaths or death in custody. Agencies will be contacted to initiate a 'zero report' for any quarter for which they do not have any incidents.

Expect a call from Elliott Veal our new Research Analyst. If you have any questions, he can be reached at elliott.veal@nebraska.gov or (402-540-1299)

Traffic Stop Reminder

Please ensure your agency has submitted all four quarters of 2019 Traffic Stop Reports before February 15, 2020. Beginning last year, we now only accept electronic submissions via NCJIS; mailed hard copies will no longer be accepted.

Currently, the following percentage of statewide agencies have submitted their quarterly reports for 2019:

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
88.1%	85.7%	81.0%	??

If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Dahlman at kevin.dahlman@nebraska.gov or (402)471-4327

eFiling Now Available in NCJIS (NEW)

In Nebraska eFiling is currently only available to attorneys in good standing with the Nebraska State Bar. Registration for eFiling is mandatory for any Nebraska attorney practicing in the trial or appellate courts and requires a subscriber account through Nebraska.gov. Rules governing electronic filing and service in the trial courts and electronic filing and service in the appellate courts have been established by the Supreme Court.

NCJIS eFiling is available for all incidents that originate via an eCitation. Nebraska Revised Statutes are routed the County Attorney, local ordinances are routed to the City Prosecutor. If all the law enforcement in your prosecutorial jurisdiction have adopted eCitation, eFiling via NCJIS could be an easy way to save time. Prosecutors will be required to update their user profile in NCJIS for proper functionality.

If interested please contact Mike Fargen at mike.fargen@nebraska.gov or (402)471-3992