IOWA UCR PROGRAM UPDATE

ICRIME Development

ICRIME development is nearing completion. The Iowa UCR program continues to work with Optimum Technology, the state's vendor, to finalize remaining contract deliverables, including the reports within ICRIME and the soon-to-be-released public portal.

Optimum Technology has deployed the state charge code table into both the test and production environments, and charges enacted in the most recent legislative session are available to all agencies.

Agencies that submit via a file upload will continue to use the test environment until the Iowa UCR program achieves certification. Once this occurs, all certified agencies will transition to the production environment.

Training Opportunities

The Iowa UCR program will offer two virtual training opportunities in August. The first is scheduled for August 18 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and provides an overview of crime reporting in Iowa, including the data elements and values used by the Iowa UCR program. This training will mirror the training sessions offered in June.

The second session is scheduled for August 26 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. This training will cover the Report Center in ICRIME; it will provide information on the reports available to agencies and how to use them.

Participants are asked to register for the sessions, which are offered via Zoom. Refer to email for the registration links. The sessions will be recorded and shared with those unable to participate on the scheduled dates.

Certification Deadline

To help ensure the quality and integrity of submitted crime data, all agencies must certify within ICRIME. Agencies should achieve certification no later than **September 30, 2021**.

As agencies must submit a minimum of three months of data, please begin the certification process as soon as possible. Agencies that submit via file uploads should work with records management system (RMS) vendors to make sure software updates are in place. RMS vendors have received the technical specification, as well as regular updates from the Iowa UCR program.

Agencies that submit via a file upload may re-submit a monthly file if the initial error rate was four percent or more. If, after submitting a file a second time, the error rate is four percent or above, the file will not be counted for certification. The Iowa UCR Program Policy Manual provides more information on the process.

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at loynacha@dps.state.ia.us or (515) 725-6251.