IOWA UCR PROGRAM UPDATE

ICRIME Development

Both the ICRIME test and production environments are accessible to Iowa UCR program staff. Optimum Technology, the vendor developing ICRIME, must finalize the migration of 2016 through 2020 crime data and address programming issues before agencies may utilize the production environment.

To both develop a better testing process and ensure that we can move forward with agency certification, the Iowa UCR Program Policy Manual has been revised. The document provides information on an updated certification policy. As outlined in the manual, agencies that submit crime data via RMS-generated flat files or the TraCS CIRF-NIBRS forms will certify within the test environment. Once certification is achieved, these agencies will receive access to the production environment.

Agencies that submit crime data via the forms built into ICRIME will achieve certification once they submit three complete months of crime data in the production environment. Due to the intuitive nature of the forms, these agencies are not required to use the test environment.

As a reminder, all agencies must achieve certification. In addition, those agencies that received a UCR Technical Specification Subaward must become certified before they can be reimbursed for the cost related to RMS software updates.

More information, including exact dates when agencies may begin the certification process, is forthcoming. Thank you for your continued patience with this process.

2021 Data Deadlines

Once Optimum Technology finalizes the required changes within ICRIME, agencies will have a grace period before they must initiate the certification process, and after certifying, submit data in the production environment. The exact dates will be communicated at the earliest opportunity.

Importantly, RMS vendors could test starting February 17, with direct access to the ICRIME test environment on March 12. Vendors have been engaged throughout testing, reaching out with questions and concerns. Due to the project delays, however, some RMS vendors may need additional time to finalize software updates.

At this point, it's unlikely that the Iowa UCR program will submit data for the FBI's Q1 2021 data deadline. The Iowa UCR program has been working closely with the FBI and BJS, and both are aware of the current project status.

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