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LCSO Adopts Advanced Crime Reporting System

Beginning in January 2024, The Leon County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) will implement the Florida Incident-Based Reporting System (FIBRS) for crime data release, replacing the older Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Summary system. This change was mandated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as a transition from summary-based to incident-based reporting. The FBI's directive aligns with evolving law enforcement standards to provide more comprehensive and detailed information on reported crimes.

Florida adopted the new method of crime reporting under FIBRS as the solution to replace the Summary Reporting System (SRS). The previous methods of reporting index crimes were listed by hierarchy, meaning only the most serious offenses would be reported. This transition streamlines several data collection efforts into one system, facilitating a more efficient and unified reporting process.

The new system will allow LCSO to transmit data seamlessly through FIBRS to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) program. Some of the key features include reporting across 49 crime categories, as opposed to the previous eight under the UCR system. Additionally, LCSO will also be able to report all incidents it responds to, which expands the scope of its reach within city limits. All offenses within an incident will now be reported, shifting the counting method to focus on the number of victims rather than incidents alone. FIBRS also allows agencies to provide comprehensive details on each crime occurrence, including information about victims, offenders, arrestees, and property data.

The new system will also allow LCSO to report all incidents it responds to, expanding the scope of its reach within city limits and aligning with FIBRS requirements. The system also allows for more frequent submissions, ensuring that data is readily available for analysis and reporting.

"It's important for the public to recognize that reported crime numbers, especially for specific offense categories, might seem higher than in the past. However, it's crucial to understand that this shift in figures doesn't indicate an actual increase in crime occurrences. Instead, it signifies the adoption of a more comprehensive and detailed reporting system, offering a fuller picture of law enforcement activities," stated Sheriff Walt McNeil.

The Leon County Sheriff's Office remains dedicated to maintaining the highest standards in law enforcement and embraces technological advancements that contribute to the safety and well-being of the community.



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