

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (DWI) ARREST RECORDS PROCESSES

Survey of Practice

Technical Memorandum

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INTRODUCTION

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program has been providing crime statistics since 1930. Currently, the UCR program includes data from more than 18,000 city, university and college, county, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies.

The objective of the Uniform Crime Reporting program is to produce reliable crime statistics for law enforcement administration, operation, and management, students of criminal justice, researchers, the media, and the public. Recently, the National Incident-Based Reporting System, or NIBRS, has been implemented to improve the overall quality of crime data collected by law enforcement. In 2021, the historic Summary Reporting System (SRS) data collection, which collected more limited information than the more robust NIBRS, was phased out.

Often, the UCR SRS impaired driving arrests data reported by States is under-reported. For this reason, The Association of Transportation Safety Information Professionals (ATSIP), has developed a task force to understand how States report impaired-driving arrests to these systems. The objective of the task force is to identify potential challenges preventing States from reporting impaired driving arrest information to these systems and to provide guidance for States to overcome these challenges.

A survey of practice was conducted by the Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) Arrest Records Task Force of ATSIIP to collect general information on impaired driving arrest data reporting to these databases. This technical memorandum provides a summary of the survey results.

SURVEY OF PRACTICE

The ATSIIP DWI Task Force formulated 16 questions to gather information from states' DWI arrest data reporting. The survey was divided into three sections: arrest records processes, current SRS/NIBRS reporting, and completeness of state's DWI incident reporting to SRS/NIBRS.

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The survey was first distributed on January 7, 2022, and remained open until December 31, 2022. Although there were over 180 times the link to the survey was used, there were only 36 recorded responses that fully completed the survey. The following sections cover the results for each of the questions of the survey.

Section I: States' Arrest Records Processes

1. Does your state use a standardized form for submitting a DUI arrest report?

Answers to the question indicated that 28% of respondents did not use a standardized form. On the other hand, 55% of respondents indicated that their states used a standardized form in paper, electronic, or both paper/electronic format.

1. Does your state use a standardized form for submitting a DUI arrest report?			
Answers	Count	%	States
Yes, our state has a standardized paper arrest report.	6	17	VA, AL, MD, VT, NH, NY
Yes, our state has a standardized electronic arrest report.	7	19	CO, MS, ID, FL, DE, GA, ND
Yes, our state has a standardized paper and electronic arrest report.	7	19	UT, WI, IL, MI, KS, WA, UT
No.	10	28	TN, MN, NY, NH, NY, AK, OK, AR, NY, MO
Other.	6	17	IN, VT, MN, OK, WI, AR
Total	36	100	

Additional comments as provided by the respondents (Other):

- *Unknown for the report itself, as the State UCR program obtains the arrest information from the two record management systems used in the State of Vermont.*
- *Only Standardized by the RMS the agency uses. 90% use the two different state RMS programs. The remain use outside vendors./No state uniform form.*
- *For NIBRS purposes we collect data through an integration with law enforcement RMS. We also support a DWI event collection through a statewide system which is a workflow engine for criminal justice agencies which is not part of the NIBRS/UCR process.*
- *It will depend on the reporting. The SRS system does have a standardized submission form available online where an agency will enter aggregate OWI arrest data on a monthly basis to the state UCR Program. For NIBRS, the information that is sent to the UCR Program is standardized, but each agency has their own records management system for storing that data which is not standardized throughout the state.*
- *We have eighteen different software data within the state so each agency may use a different form, but they should have the same data.*

2. Does your state have a standardized process for submitting a DUI arrest report?

A significant percentage of respondents (66%) indicated that their agencies have a standardized process for submitting DUI arrest reports.

2. Does your state have a standardized process for submitting a DUI arrest report?			
Answers	Count	%	States
Yes.	23	66	VA, CO, TN, AL, MD, MS, VT, UT, WI, IL, MI, ID, NY, OK, DE, GA, NH, ND, KS, WA, UT, NY, NY
No.	7	20	MD, NY, NH, FL, AK, AR, MO
Other.	5	14	VT, MN, OK, WI, AR
Total	35	100	

Additional comments as provided by the respondents (Other):

- *Yes. Included in the state NIBRS reporting/Also NDex.*
- *Our state has standardized processes for submitting and receiving SRS and NIBRS DWI/DUI/OWI arrest reports, but there are differences between the two reporting systems and the type of information that is submitted as well as how this data is sent due to the inherent differences between the two systems.*
- *This will vary by the agency and the court.*

3. Following an arrest for DUI, where is the final report sent?

Final reports are sent to state-wide central repositories by 60% of respondents and depending on the agency, 26% of respondents mentioned that there is no standardized process for submitting the final reports. There were no responses indicating that there is no state-wide repository.

3. Following a DUI arrest, where is the final report sent?			
Answers	Count	%	States
It depends on the agency, there is no standardized process for submitting the report.	9	26	VA, MD, WA, AR, AR, NY, MD, NY, FL
To a local or regional central repository, there is no state-wide repository	0	0	NA
To a state-wide central repository where all agencies submit the report.	21	60	CO, TN, AL, MN, WI, VT, UT, MS, MI, NH, ID, NY, OK, OK, GA, NH, ND, KS, WI, UT, NY
Other.	5	14	IL, VT, MN, AK, DE
Total	35	100	

Additional comments as provided by the respondents (Other):

- *We save reports in Tracs.*
- *Actual reports would be sent to the prosecutors. The State UCR program obtains the arrest information from the two record management systems used in the State of Vermont.*
- *For NIBRS purposes we collect data through an integration with law enforcement RMS which is forwarded to the FBI for national crime reporting. The DWI event collection sends a portion of the data to Department of Vehicle Services for the civil process.*
- *Felony DUI's are done on crime reports which are sent to state repository. Non-Felony DUI's are on a standardized report but not submitted to NIBRS.*

4. Are DUI test results (blood, urine, oral fluids) included on the arrest report?

Of all respondents, 20% confirmed that when the test was performed, the test was in the arrest report, 37% answered that DUI tests were sometimes included in the arrest report. There were 26% of respondents that provided other responses.

4. Are DUI test results included in the arrest report?			
Answers	Count	%	States
Yes, when a test was performed the results are included on the arrest report every time.	7	20	VA, MD, MS, VT, MI, FL, AK
Sometimes.	13	37	CO, TN, UT, NY, WI, NH, NY, DE, NH, AR, AR, UT, NY
No.	6	17	MN, ID, OK, ND, KS, WI
Other.	9	26	AL, IL, VT, MN, OK, GA, WA, NY, MO
Total	35	100	

Additional comments as provided by the respondents (Sometimes):

- *Chemical test results of blood and urine are not included in the arrest affidavit.*
- *If the officer does do testing for Drugs or Alcohol, once they get the results the reporting officer is to up the report with the results.*

- *Depends on the case specifics - if it is warranted.*
- *The test results are supposed to be provided but there are times when they are submitted without the results and the file is considered incomplete.*
- *There are instances when test results are not available when the arrest report is completed and results that are received later are not always matched up.*
- *All arrest are captured electronically in each agency's Record Management System (RMS). Based on NIBRS rules, only the 'highest' arrest is submitted to the state repository. If the arrest is solely for DUI (Alcohol related), we will receive the arrest data based on the NIBRS required data elements. If an additional offense is created, we may not receive the DUI arrest (ex. Possession of Drugs).*
- *If the test result is known at the time of arrest, then it is included. If the test results require laboratory analysis, they would not be included.*
- *If they are available at the time of submission, results are included.*
- *It's up to the officer to include the results.*
- *It is based on the test used, and the local agency procedures.*
- *If a blood or urine test is taken, the results won't be on the initial report.*
- *It is dependent on case.*

Additional comments as provided by the respondents (No):

- *NIBRS Arrest do not include a space or data element for test results.*
- *Collected in some RMS but not sent to State Repository.*
- *These answers are pertaining to a NIBRS repository which is only allowed for 1 offense to be reported for an arrest code per FBI rules. This is not a system like TRACS which collects all citations and could show a higher arrest count due to DWI/DUI.*
- *Test results may be included on the state's standardized arrest form, but the state's Incident Based Reporting repository does not currently collect that data.*
- *The state UCR Program follows the reporting guidelines set by the FBI which does not include receiving lab test results with the arrest reports. Agencies likely have the ability to record these results within their own internal records management systems. However, when the OWI/DUI/DWI arrest data gets submitted to the state, these test results are not be included in those SRS or NIBRS submissions.*

Additional comments as provided by the respondents (Other):

- *Not sure.*
- *When known, the results of laboratory tests are either added via a supplemental report or if received before initial report is approved, they are added to it.*
- *Unknown, as these reports are not submitted to the State's UCR program.*
- *The test results are not part of the NIBRS data collection however they are part of the DWI event data.*
- *It collected by some RMS products. Not sent to centralized database.*
- *That information is not submitted to the state UCR portal, but it might be maintained in the Law enforcement agency's records management system.*
- *Unknown. You are asking about what is included in the DUI packet but this is not included in or relevant to the NIBRS DUI submission.*
- *The results are typically included in the report; however, they are not included in the data submitted to our NIBRS repository.*
- *There is no standard arrest report other than a form submitted to the Department of Revenue for licensing issues.*

Section II: States' Current SRS/NIBRS Reporting

5. Does your state report DUI incidents to the FBI SRS/NIBRS?

Of survey participants, 44% expressed that they are required to report DUI incidents and 32% indicated that they voluntarily report DUI incidents.

5. Does your state report DUI incidents to the FBI SRS/NIBRS?			
Answers	Count	%	States
Yes, we are required by state/local law to report DUI incidents to SRS/NIBRS.	15	44	TN, AL, MS, WI, NY, MN, OK, ND, KS, WI, AR, UT, NY, NY, MO
Yes, we voluntarily report DUI incidents to SRS/NIBRS.	11	32	VT, UT, IL, MI, NH, ID, VT, FL, AK, OK, NH
No, but we report other crimes to SRS/NIBRS.	1	3	VA
No, we do not report any information to SRS/NIBRS.	2	6	MN, AR
Other.	5	15	NY, DE, GA, WA, MD
Total	34	100	

Additional comments as provided by the respondents (Other):

- *Crimes are reported. DWI is not a crime in NJ.*
- *Felony DUI's are reported to NIBRS.*
- *We are required by state law to submit the arrest reports to the FBI based on the UCR guidelines.*
- *We do report DUI via NIBRS; however, this is a Group B arrest-only offense with minimal details and will not be reported if an arrest was made for a more serious offense. Only one arrest offense can be reported in an incident/arrest.*

6. For respondents that indicated "No" in question 5: Why doesn't your state report DUI/DWI to the SRS/NIBRS?

Reasons for three states not reporting data are related to state systems not being accurate, not using federal data, and not enough resources.

6. Why doesn't your state report DUI/DWI to the SRS/NIBRS?			
Answers	Count	%	States
Our state systems are more accurate	1	33	VA
We do not use the federal data	1	33	MN
We are prohibited from sharing data with the SRS/NIBRS	0	0	
We are not aware of NIBRS reporting	0	0	
There is no fiscal/human resources for reporting to NIBRS	1	33	AR
Include open text box	0	0	
Total	3	100	

7. Has your state transitioned DUI reporting to NIBRS?

Survey results indicated that 80% of respondents have transitioned to DUI reporting to NIBRS, 10% have partially transitioned, and 10% have not transitioned.

7. Has your state transitioned DUI reporting to NIBRS?			
Answers	Count	%	States
Yes.	25	80	TN, AL, MS, VT, WI, IL, MI, NH, ID, NY, VT, MN, OK, FL, AK, OK, GA, NH, ND, KS, WA, AR, UT, NY, MO
Partially (some SRS, some NIBRS).	3	10	DE, WI, NY
No.	3	10	MD, UT, NY
Total	31	100	

Additional comments as provided by the respondents (Partially):

- *Felony DUI's are reported to NIBRS*
- *Some agencies are still undergoing the transition to NIBRS within our state which is why some agencies will be submitting through SRS while most others are submitting through NIBRS.*
- *Depends on the Agency, some report to SRS and some to NIBRS.*

8. Does your state/local law identify a timeframe for reporting DUI incidents to the SRS/NIBRS?

Answers to this question showed that 42% of respondents' states identify a timeframe for reporting DUI incidents. It is worth noting that 23% of respondents did not know if their corresponding states identify a timeframe for reporting DUI incidents.

8. Does your state/local law identify a timeframe for reporting DUI incidents to the SRS/NIBRS?			
Answers	Count	%	States
Yes.	13	42	AL, MD, UT, NH, NY, OK, GA, ND, KS, WI, AR, UT, NY
No.	6	19	VT, NY, MI, AK, DE, MO
I don't know.	7	23	TN, MS, WI, IL, VT, NH, WA
Other	5	16	ID, MN, OK, FL, NY
Total	31	100	

Additional comments as provided by the respondents (Other):

- *Already reporting NIBRS.*
- *At least monthly (by the 10th day of the following month) but the system allows for submissions to be made at any interval and in real time.*
- *State in house policy sets the time frame.*
- *No state law requiring UCR data submission.*

9. Are there consequences or penalties in your state for not reporting to NIBRS, or reporting incidents to NIBRS after a certain timeframe?

There is a similar distribution in responses for the categories "Yes" (32%), "No" (39%), and "I don't know" (29%).

9. Are there consequences or penalties for not reporting to the NIBRS, or reporting incidents to the NIBRS after a certain timeframe?			
Answers	Count	%	States
Yes.	10	32	VT, NY, MN, OK, FL, OK, KS, WI, NY, MO
No.	12	39	TN, NY, MI, NH, ID, AK, GA, ND, WA, AR, UT, NY
I don't know.	9	29	AL, MD, MS, UT, WI, IL, VT, DE, NH
Total	31	100	

Additional comments as provided by the respondents (Yes):

- *All NIBRS data must be complete and validated.*
- *Title 52 of Code of Virginia requires the collection of crime data. Additional funding is based on participation in crime data collection.*
- *None-reporting agencies are contacted by the UCR program office.*
- *Denial of OSBI state service (very unlikely). May not qualify for some grant funds.*
- *Certain grant eligibility only.*
- *Denial of Services by State Bureau of Investigation.*
- *"K.S.A 21-2505. Same; nonperformance of duties; penalty. Neglect or refusal of any officer to furnish the information or perform any other act or duty required of the officer under K.S.A. 21-2501, 21-2501a, 21-2502, 21-2503 or 21-2504, and amendments thereto, is a class A nonperson misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, the officer shall forfeit the officer's office."*
- *Agencies may be ineligible for certain grants if they are out of compliance with NIBRS reporting to the state UCR Program. In addition, the data will be excluded from any state-wide publications as well as the annual submissions to the FBI.*
- *Possible revocation of grant funds disseminated by DCJS or Compensation Board.*
- *They cannot receive grant funds if they do not meet submission requirements.*
- *Not mandated in law; however, determined by VSP CJIS Data Analysis & Reporting Team for tracking purposes.*

10. What agency is responsible for reporting DUI incidents in the SRS/NIBRS?

Entering data manually either by the arresting officer, management officer, or single designated agency amounts to 45% of responses.

10. What agency is responsible for reporting DUI incidents in the SRS/NIBRS?			
Answers	Count	%	States
A single designated agency manually enters the reports	1	3	TN
A single designated agency oversees automation of reports	6	19	AL, WI, MI, NH, NH, KS
The arresting officer manually enters the report	4	13	MS, VT, OK, ND
Individual agency/region records management officer manually enters the reports	9	29	UT, ID, NY, MN, AK, DE, GA, UT, NY
Other.	11	35	MD, NY, IL, VT, OK, FL, WI, WA, AR, NY, MO
Total	31	100	

Additional comments as provided by the respondents (A single designated agency manually enters the reports or A single designated agency oversees automation of reporting):

- TBI
- ALEA
- Wisconsin Department of Justice.
- The Michigan Incident Crime Reporting program (Michigan, UCR program) oversees the transfer of local, county, tribal, and state agency crime data to the state program and then to the FBI. DUI offenses and arrests are included within this collection. Individual agencies are responsible to submit their data to the state, the state is responsible for forwarding that data to the UCR.
- The New Hampshire State Police oversees submission to the NIBRS repository.
- Local Agencies report to the State Police who submit the files to the repository.
- All arrest reports in the state, including DUI arrest, are reported to the Kansas Incident Based Reporting System (KIBRS). Then all arrest data is electronically sent to the FBI once per month.

11. At what point are DUI incidents reported to SRS/NIBRS?

This question focuses on when incidents are reported relative to the adjudication process. Close to 52% of respondents answered that incidents were reported prior to adjudication. Of the respondents that answered “Other”, multiple mentioned that the adjudication process is not factored into the reporting of incident data, which means that these answers could technically be filed into the “Prior to adjudication” group as well.

11. At what point are DUI incidents reported to SRS/NIBRS?			
Answers	Count	%	States
Prior to adjudication	16	52	TN, AL, MD, VT, ID, OK, AK, OK, DE, GA, NH, ND, KS, WA, AR, NY
After adjudication regardless of adjudication outcome	1	3	NH
After adjudication only if final adjudication is still DUI/DWI	3	10	MS, UT, WI
Prior to adjudication but amended or deleted following adjudication	2	6	MI, UT
Other.	9	29	NY, IL, NY, VT, MN, FL, WI, NY, MO
Total	31	100	

Additional comments as provided by the respondents (Prior to adjudication):

- Most agencies submit DUI offense and arrest data to the state after the occurrence but before adjudication. The state forwards the data it receives from agencies to NIBRS on a daily basis. As the case works it, way through the investigation and adjudication processes, the incidents are amended or deleted by the originating agencies.
- I believe more information could be added after adjudication, but I don't know for sure.

Additional comments as provided by the respondents (Other):

- Not reported.
- On a timely basis as set up.
- Adjudication is not a factor in the reporting of DUI incidents. Once an arrest is made, the data is to be submitted following NIBRS guidelines.

- *The State UCR program sends up all arrest data monthly; this is done for any new data (updated, approved, and NIBRS audited); therefore, the prosecution of the suspect is not part of the data being submitted to the FBI.*
- *NIBRS data reports offenses known or reported to police. NIBRS collects arrest data on DWI.*
- *Unknown. There is not a directive governing this.*
- *DUI arrest reports, like all arrest reporting for SRS and NIBRS, follows the FBI's guidelines on when to report an arrest and what constitutes an arrest. Following this, if an individual is cited for a DUI/OWI ticket by a sworn law enforcement officer with arrest powers, or if they are mailed a citation and they appear in court/pay a fine for those charges, then the agency must submit the arrest report to the state. This can be prior to adjudication or after depending on exactly when the citations were issued and how while following the FBI's SRS/NIBRS reporting rules.*
- *When the local agency enters the incident into their RMS and includes the incident with their submission to the State program*
- *Each agency has a different process, but it is the agency's responsibility.*

Section III: Completeness of State's DWI Incident Reporting to SRS/NIBRS

12. Are all DUI incidents in your state reported to SRS/NIBRS?

Approximately 23% of respondents answered that 100% of DUI incidents are reported to the SRS/NIBRS. The remainder of respondents answered that there were inconsistencies with reporting (13%), respondents did not know (19%), or only some agencies reported 100% of DUI incidents (6%).

12. Are all DUI incidents in your state reported to SRS/NIBRS?			
Answers	Count	%	States
Yes, we report 100% of DUI incidents to SRS/NIBRS	7	23	TN, VT, MI, ID, AK, OK, NY
Some agencies report 100% of DUI incidents	2	6	NH, KS
Reporting is inconsistent among agencies and over time	4	13	AL, UT, IL, WI
I don't know.	6	19	MS, NH, FL, GA, UT, MO
Other.	12	39	MD, NY, WI, NY, VT, MN, OK, DE, ND, WA, AR, NY
Total	31	100	

Additional comments as provided by the respondents (Other):

- *None.*
- *We report convictions only, not all arrests.*
- *Data is inconsistent, not due to the lack of entry on reports, but due to the rules of NIBRS requiring only the 'highest' arrest offense. Individual agencies will have the arrest on their report; however, only the most egregious offense is submitted in NIBRS arrest data.*
- *As long as all of the arresting officers and agencies are putting the data into the RMS.*
- *There is no way to verify that all are reported. Each agency is required to report data to the crime reporting system.*
- *100% should be reporting. How some fail to report.*
- *Felony DUI's are reported to NIBRS*

- *As this is a Group B offense, if it occurs with other Group A offenses the officer has the option to use a different offense to clear the case. So an offense that may be of higher value (such as simple assault) may be the arresting code provided in NIBRS.*
- *Again, only one arrest offense can be reported to NIBRS. If there is an arrest for a more serious offense, that will take priority over the DUI.*
- *All agencies report to ACIC, with the exception of the Arkansas State Police.*
- *100% of DUI incidents are reported; however, more egregious offenses within an incident will cause the DUI to be counted in the data submitted to NIBRS.*

13. For DUI incidents that are reported to SRS/NIBRS, does the arrest report contain all the information necessary to report the incident?

Approximately 58% of respondents answered “Yes” to this question, and 26% answered “Other”.

13. For DUI incidents that are reported to the SRS/NIBRS, does the arrest report contain all of the information necessary to report the incident?			
Answers	Count	%	States
Yes.	18	58	AL, MS, VT, WI, NH, ID, NY, OK, AK, OK, DE, NH, ND, KS, WI, AR, NY, NY
Yes, but they are often incomplete.	2	6	UT, IL
Some of the necessary information is not collected.	3	10	NY, MI, GA
Other.	8	26	TN, MD, VT, MN, FL, WA, UT, MO
Total	31	100	

Additional comments as provided by the respondents (Other):

- *Unknown*
- *NIBRS has a series of edits that look for required arrest fields.*
- *Again, DUI is considered a Group B arrest-only offense and not all data elements are collected like a Group A incident.*
- *As far as I know, the reports contain the needed information.*
- *We do triennial audits to help with consistency but ultimately it is the agencies responsibility to get all the information from the report into the entry.*

14. Are there data quality checks in place for the exchange of information from the arrest report to the SRS/NIBRS reporting?

The distribution of the answers heavily favored the answer “Yes”, with 74% of respondents answering that there are data quality checks in place for arrest reports.

14. Are there data quality checks in place for the exchange of information from the arrest report to the SRS/NIBRS reporting?			
Answers	Count	%	States
Yes.	23	74	AL, VT, MI, NH, ID, NY, VT, MN, OK, FL, AK, OK, DE, GA, NH, ND, KS, WI, WA, AR, NY, NY, MO
No.	4	13	MD, MS, UT, NY
Other.	4	13	TN, WI, IL, UT
Total	31	100	

Additional comments as provided by the respondents (Yes):

- *Department supervisory approval on all criminal cases. State level follow through with correct NIBRS coding.*
- *MICR audits incidents and arrests submitted to the state on a random basis. When data is transferred to NIBRS, MICR performs data quality checks throughout the year to ensure the data collected at the state level matches what was forwarded to NIBRS.*
- *We use InfoShare which has built-in checks and work with other agencies vendors to ensure all data points are reported.*
- *We follow the FBI Technical Specification and data validations*
- *The state repository has NIBRS quality control. Also, agencies are routinely audited.*
- *The State's UCR program employs a "NIBRS Auditor;" it is this persons job to audit the data being sent to the FBI's UCR program.*
- *The NIBRS specification requires specific validations. The state also extends their own.*
- *Field Services unit does month data quality reviews. Unit consist currently 6 field reps and a supervisor.*
- *The Florida Incident Based Reporting System (FIBRS) has business rules that implemented to govern data quality that, at a minimum, satisfy NIBRS business rule requirements.*
- *Monthly review of errors returned by the FBI via the UCR repository*
- *Monthly Reviews*
- *Employees review the reports.*
- *Our NIBRS portal contains quality assurance modules for all incidents and arrest reports.*
- *They are based upon NIBRS rules.*
- *We use the standard validation rules provided by the FBI for NIBRS collection.*
- *The DUI arrest data we submit the the FBI's NIBRS meets the FBI requirements. Kansas does Quality Assurance Checks on each agency in the state every three years.*
- *The state UCR Program generates errors and warnings that do check for certain data quality concerns for any SRS/NIBRS reports coming in. The program also provides regularly-updated reports available for reporting agencies to check their SRS/NIBRS counts on a regular basis.*
- *Read the FBI NIBRS Technical Specifications. There are data validation edits throughout the manual.*
- *Standard FBI validations are included at the RMS level. Validations at the state repository level, and then validations at the FBI are all checked.*
- *If submitted through NIBRS, the incidents are subject to edits*
- *Monthly review of data submitted in addition to automatic quality control errors and warnings per the FBI UCR NIBRS Technical Specification.*
- *We do triennial audits to help with consistency.*

Additional comments as provided by the respondents (Other):

- *Unknown*
- *I don't know, handled by DOJ*
- *Tracs reporting system is in process of being updated to contain all field / data required.*

15. Optional additional information

This question allowed respondents to share any additional information that may be relevant to the survey information. While most respondents did not have any additional comments to add, three separate respondents commented about DUI's status as a Group B offense. All

three of these respondents stated that categorizing DUI as a Group A offense would allow for more accurate collection of information after individual arrests.

Comments provided:

- *I would contact BCI, as they would know for sure the process of this.*
- *DWI not a crime in NJ - it is a traffic violation only.*
- *Currently DUI arrests follow the NIBRS Group B methodology. Much more information can be collected if DUI was moved to a Group A offense. Currently we receive only a fraction of information as it pertains to arrests, but moving to a Group A classification would allow the collection of additional NIBRS data elements.*
- *The FBI publishes a specification that outlines the data collected. States are required to implement to these specifications.*
- *Be sure you have a understanding on how arrest records are created in NIBRS by FBI standards.*
- *While there can always be more information that is collected through SRS/NIBRS reporting including DUI/OWI arrests, there is a point where the state is limited by the FBI's specifications on what is and is not collected through SRS or NIBRS. While each state does have some flexibility in what we can collect in the state-level, the information that is submitted to the FBI may not include these state-specific fields and information due to the FBI's submission specifications on a national level.*
- *DUI should be reported as a Group A incident offense rather than a Group B arrest-only offense. Group A incidents allow up to ten (10) offenses per incident.*
- *Changing DUI to a Group A offense would allow for more accurate capture of data when another Group A offense (such as 35A- Drugs) is indicated on the crime report.*