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Reasoning for Crime Dashboard Cutover

In cooperation with the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigations, in March of 2022, the Minneapolis Police Department officially transitioned to publicly reporting our crime metrics to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Part of a multi-year effort to shift from the previous Summary Reporting System (SRS), Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) which is always an event-based count compared to the new SRS, NIBRS – which for various crime types and categories NIBRS can be a victim-based count. The main distinction being crimes against persons counting victims, and crimes against society counting incidents.

"As of January 1, 2021, NIBRS became the FBI's national standard for law enforcement crime data reporting in the United States. NIBRS is now the only mechanism for reporting crime data to the FBI's UCR Program."

The State of Minnesota is 100% NIBRS compliant according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

NIBRS allows for greater context of crime reporting in the City of Minneapolis. For example, if an assault with two victims occurred, under UCR, it would be counted as one assault. Under NIBRS the count will be two for each victim. Additionally, if this example of an assault was also associated with a property damage incident – or any other crime type, that property damage or additional crime type(s) would also be counted in addition to the two victim counts of assault. NIBRS allows for up to 10 different crime types to be reported belonging to the same incident.

- I.e., if case number 24-123456 (not a real example) had a burglary of a dwelling, an auto theft from that same dwelling, and the victim's property was damaged as well. All three crime types are reported to the FBI under the same case number.