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Steven McCraw, Director
Texas Department of Public Safety
Incident Based Reporting Bureau
Law enforcement Support
Texas Department of Public Safety

Dear Mr. McCraw:

The Fort Worth Police Department (FWPD) became a NIBRS certified agency in 2006. The benefits of participating in the NIBRS reporting method which has been an indispensable tool in the war on crime for this agency. This valuable data gives us the ability to identify with precision when and where crime takes place and by whom. It enables our staff to evaluate numerous variables, for example:

- Relationships of suspects to victims as well as the age, sex and race of both giving us the tools to know if the offender is “unknown” vs a Family Member.
- Tracking attempted vs completed offenses
- The breakdown of types of crimes, such as Crimes against Property, Crimes against Society and Crimes against persons
- All crimes that are reported vs citing only the highest offense in an incident
- The crime incident details vs just the highest offense
- Counts all victims for all offenses reported, instead of the victim for the highest charge
- Arrest information for all forty-nine (49) offenses reported, even multiple offenses for a report
- Break downs of Sexual Assault offenses among four (4) different categories
- Hate crime categories are broken down into multiple categories for better analysis
- Type(s) of criminal activity i.e.: gang related or not
- Drug types and amounts being confiscated
- Victim’s residential status; allows investigators to see if victims actually reside in Fort Worth or were visiting the City of Fort Worth

Each of the aforementioned variables allows our department to intelligently deploy resources where they are needed in order to combat crime in the City of Fort Worth. NIBRS reporting improves our transparency relating to crime in the community because we report “All” crime, not just UCR Part 1 incidents, that only capture eight (8) categories of offenses. We highly recommend the NIBRS reporting method and stand ready to be of any assistance to other State of Texas agencies seeking to convert to NIBRS reporting.

If assistance is needed, please contact Melony Ebel, Public Safety Support Manager at melony.ebel@fortworthtexas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Fitzgerald". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Joel F. Fitzgerald, Ph.D.
Chief of Police