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LVMPD Transitioning to National Incident-Based Reporting System

The LVMPD is now participating in the FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). As the new national data collection standard, NIBRS captures metrics on victims, known offenders, relationships between victims and offenders, arrestees, property, and drugs.

In preparation for the transition, the LVMPD has been reporting NIBRS-compliant crime data to the State of Nevada for submission to the FBI since 09/01/2020. The LVMPD is making it a priority to support the national transition to NIBRS. Transitioning to NIBRS will enable LVMPD to give context to specific public safety problems that exist in our city.

The benefit to the community is that citizens will now have a more accurate depiction of the overall crime in their neighborhoods. Residents will now be able to search crimes in their neighborhood using LVMPD's new Open Data Portal which will launch in early January 2022. Transparency is very important to the LVMPD, and NIBRS increases transparency by providing more information about all types of crime, while the old SRS reporting only focused on a handful of specific crimes.

NIBRS data is more detailed and comprehensive and cannot be directly compared to Summary Reporting System (SRS) data, sometimes referred to as Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) summary data. Comparing them can be erroneously perceived as an increase in crime statistics. Unlike Summary Reporting System (SRS), NIBRS does not have a Hierarchy Rule. Under the Hierarchy Rule, only the most serious offense in an incident is counted. In addition, NIBRS can collect up to 10 offenses within an incident, representing a substantial shift in the way the LVMPD reports crime.

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