



## If filing the monthly NIBRS report to the federal government is one of your biggest headaches, there's a better way.

Accuracy matters. So does specificity. And that's never more true than when it comes to data about crime. That's why the FBI transitioned from its 91-year-old Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). NIBRS defines and measures 44 different unique crimes, with subcategories under many, with the goal of providing greater detail and accuracy to national crime data.

To encourage participation, the federal government may restrict access to certain grants for agencies that fail to adopt the new NIBRS process. For many police departments and sheriff's offices that additional funding can have a tremendous impact.

But while the promise of federal dollars has definitely incentivized departments to participate in NIBRS reporting, actually doing so often isn't easy.



What was once a simple description now requires much more specificity to help law enforcement better understand where, when and how crimes occur and who is involved.

## MAKING IT EASIER

The need for more detail and specificity doesn't just require more time to complete the form; it means there's more opportunity for mistakes. And when errors are found, the FBI must kick back these reports to the agency to fix them.

Kologik was among the first to develop software specifically designed to help law enforcement comply with NIBRS requirements. Simply put, our In-line NIBRS Compliance (INC) module, which is included in our Records Management System (RMS) and offered as an upgrade to COPsync Texas, makes it much easier for the officer or deputy to quickly navigate the NIBRS system. And we can handle state-specific reporting requirements for NIBRS as well. Here are some of the features and benefits of our NIBRS Compliance Module:

Saves Time & Money

**Easy-to-Follow Prompts** 

Step-by-Step Assistance

**In-Line Correction Function** 

As the officer files their report, the software provides step-by-step assistance, guiding them to complete the required fields through a kind of "wizard" process that delivers easy-to-follow prompts. And because law enforcement personnel are often called into court to provide testimony about their documentation, the software suggests terms that best specify the nature of the crime they're reporting and ensure the report meets the demands of legal classification. **That's critical**.

Just as important, our solution has a unique internal correction function. This helps a deputy fix any discrepancies that would prevent a supervisor from accepting a report. An officer is alerted to any error before submitting their report. This is what sets Kologik apart from its



competitors. Over time, the mistakes become fewer and reporting gets even faster and more efficient. This also eliminates the need for staff to check reports, too; they can simply be submitted directly to the federal government.

## THE BENEFITS OF GOOD DATA

How much time are you spending per month on NIBRS Compliance? By creating software that's easy to use and smooths out the report submission process, more doors to federal funding are opening to our customers. In addition, our software has helped to alleviate staffing challenges: corrections are now made before reports are filed, eliminating the need for positions dedicated to correcting errors in NIBRS reports and allowing staff to be reassigned to other duties.

But perhaps most important, the software has helped officers be better at their job. They can file a NIBRS-compliant report on their in-car laptop or on a tablet right after it happens, when the facts are still very fresh in their mind. No more trekking back to the station at the end of a shift to file a report–another time savings that can make a big difference in job quality.