



Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Quality Assurance Review (QAR)

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The QAR assesses the validity of reported crime statistics by a UCR program and its local law enforcement agencies as specified by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) UCR Program policies and guidelines.



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Two Standards are Assessed:

- The ability to conform to the FBI UCR Program submission standards, definitions, specifications, and required deadlines
- The ability to establish data integrity procedures and have personnel assigned to assist contributing agencies in quality assurance practices and crime reporting procedures



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- UCR Subcommittee deemed participation in the QAR by a UCR program is voluntary
- QAR findings are not presented to the Compliance Evaluation Subcommittee
- QAR findings are presented to the UCR Subcommittee



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- Criminal justice information or criminal history data are not collected in the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) or Summary Reporting System
- Increasing audit requirements and mandatory audit considerations



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How does this impact your UCR program?



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- October 1, 2016, the QAR will no longer be included in the FBI's CJIS Division CAU triennial audit schedule
- Performance of QAR will occur only upon formal request from a UCR program
- QARs will no longer be conducted for UCR programs reporting Summary data



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What's in it for your UCR program?



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Service Review Options:

- Request QAR as currently conducted
- UCR Program Manager select all agencies, which could be based on an area of concern:
 - A new NIBRS contributor
 - Concerns of underreporting/overreporting
 - Data trends indicate inconsistency in reporting
- Review will occur at the local agency



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Statistical Review Options:

- FBI's CJIS Division Crime Statistics Management Unit (CSMU) could identify areas for review
- CAU could consult with the training unit and CSMU to tailor a review
- UCR program will identify parameters of review
- Records will be randomly selected
- UCR program will be responsible for collecting records
- QAR will most likely occur at location of the UCR program



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Benefit of the Service Review:

- UCR program has more control over agency selection and why the QAR should occur
- Potential to review more records at each agency
- Results limited only to those records reviewed at agency



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Benefit of the Statistical Review:

- Methodology would be Statistical (scientific), for example, a Simple Random Sample
- True UCR program level sampling
- Validation/error rate of reported data's accuracy



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Special Review

- Performed in a fashion similar to the Service Review
- Written request must come from UCR program to explain the specific need for the local agency QAR and why the review cannot be conducted by the UCR program
- Each request will be considered individually by the CAU



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In continuing with the current QAR, the Service, Statistical, and Special Reviews will consist of:

- Administrative Interview
- Data Quality Review
- Exit Briefing

Presentation of UCR program findings to the UCR Subcommittee



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Tennessee Bureau of Investigation

Statistical Review:

- Crimes Against Persons involving a female victim with a location of university/college
- Hate Crime incidents reported as none with a location of church/synagogue/temple/mosque



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To request a QAR:

- QAR materials are available on <fbi.gov> or the Law Enforcement Enterprise Portal or LEEP
- Current CAU audit schedule on LEEP



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Questions?

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