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# Law Enforcement Use-of-Force

- At times, the complex policing scenarios our law enforcement officers face are subject to heightened media attention. The ability to better understand and discuss incidents where law enforcement officers use force is often hindered by the lack of data on a national scale.



# Use-of-Force Data Collection Pilot

- In order to better understand and discuss incidents where law enforcement officers use force the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), at the request of law enforcement partners, established the National Use-of-Force (UoF) Data Collection pilot project.
- On June 7, 2017, the FBI's pilot project for the National Use-of-Force (UoF) Data Collection was authorized by the Department of Justice and the Office of Management and Budget. The pilot project officially began on July 1, 2017 and ran through December 31, 2017.



# Use-of-Force Data Collection Pilot, continued

- The FBI recruited multiple law enforcement agencies (those with 750+ sworn officers) and four Department of Justice (DOJ) agencies to participate in the FBI's pilot study.
- The pilot study was designed to collect specific data values related to UoF incidents from the participating law enforcement and DOJ agencies.
- The pilot study goals were to provide more information to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program on areas where there would need to be better instructions and guidance, or possibly a change in reporting data values that would increase the reliability of information on law enforcement use-of-force.



# Use-of-Force Data Collection Pilot, continued

- The UoF pilot study was completed and the data was analyzed to determine the value of ongoing data collection.
- On September 5, 2018, the FBI received approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to launch the official National Use-of-Force Data Collection Program.
- The FBI's long term goal for the data collection program is to help law enforcement agencies improve communications with the community they serve as well as communications with media by having more informed discussions and increased transparency. The data collected will also allow law enforcement agencies to analyze trends to help improve training methods in an effort to reduce UoF incidents.



# Option for Reporting Use-of-Force Data

- Currently, Nevada does not have a state statute mandating participation.
- While the FBI encourages law enforcement participation in reporting UoF incidents, reporting UoF data to the FBI is voluntary.
- Nevada law enforcement agencies that wish to participate in reporting UoF incidents to the FBI's UCR Program may do so through the UoF Portal via the FBI Law Enforcement Enterprise Portal (LEEP).

