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DEPARTMENT: Police

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT: SAPD Technology Update

SUMMARY:

Briefing on the conversion to National Incidents Based Reporting System (NIBRS) to collect and report crime data and the status of the SAPD Records Management System (RMS) replacement.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The SAPD submits Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Part I crime data to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) each year. UCR Part I crimes include: homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson. The FBI will require all law enforcement agencies to report crimes using the National Incidents Based Reporting System (NIBRS) by January 1, 2021.

The Department is in the process of selecting a new Records Management System (RMS) that is NIBRS compliant and includes a Filed-Based Reporting System and Case Management System. The current RMS system is not NIBRS compliant and does not have the capability to become compliant.

NIBRS Crime Data

The SAPD currently submits data for the UCR Part I index crimes noted above. The UCR is a summary-based reporting system which employs a hierarchy model and reports only the most serious offense committed of the eight Part I crimes. In contrast, the NIBRS reporting system collects data on each offense, out of a group of 49 crimes, committed and includes more detailed reporting than the traditional summary-based reporting system.

Due to the more detailed reporting within the NIBRS system, most agencies have observed what appears to be an increased crime rate but is merely the reporting of additional crime data. In an effort to ensure consistency and understanding during the first year transition to NIBRS, the Department will generate both UCR and NIBRS crime data to allow for a true comparison of crime reported in previous years.

Record Management System

The Department, working in coordination with ITSD, is in the process of acquiring a Records Management System that is NIBRS Compliant. Interviews to select a new system have been conducted and the Departments anticipates to bring the recommended selection to the Audit Committee in October and a recommendation for City Council consideration in late October or early November 2019.

RECOMMENDATION:

This briefing is for information purposes only