



Rockford Police Department

Reporting Crime Data

February 23, 2009

Agenda

- Methods of Crime Reporting
 - UCR (National and Illinois) and NIBRS
- Current Crime Index
- Auditing Crime Data



Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)

- UCR was developed in 1930
- UCR captures 8 different “Index Crimes”
 - Murder, Criminal Sexual Assault, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson
- City to city comparisons



Illinois (I-UCR) and National (N-UCR) Uniform Crime Reporting

- Data is collected and reported on the “Index Crimes”
- The Hierarchy Rule
- Some crimes are interpreted differently
 - Criminal Sexual Assault
 - Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm
- For I-UCR, arrests are also reported for drug related offenses



National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

- 46 “Group A” and 11 “Group B” offenses
- UCR “Index Crimes” are included in “Group A”
 - Group A offenses also include forgery, fraud, criminal damage to property, drug offenses, pornography, prostitution and other weapon offenses
 - Group B offenses include curfew, disorderly conduct, DUIs, other liquor law violations, runaways and trespassing



National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

- 56 data elements
- Up to 10 offenses
- More detailed, accurate and meaningful data
- 2004 - RPD acquired NetRMS, a NIBRS-based Records Management System
- 2005 - we began the NIBRS certification process
- December, 2006 – we became NIBRS certified

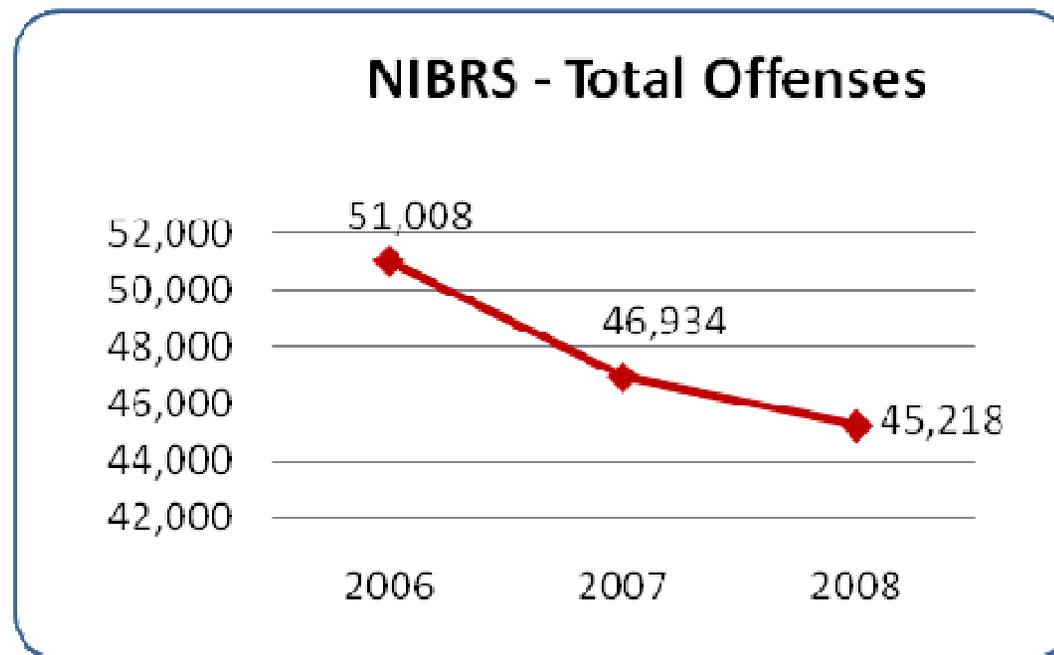


Rockford Police Department Crime Reporting

- RPD submits a monthly NIBRS file to FBI
- The FBI converts that crime data into National UCR (N-UCR)
- We also report I-UCR data to the State



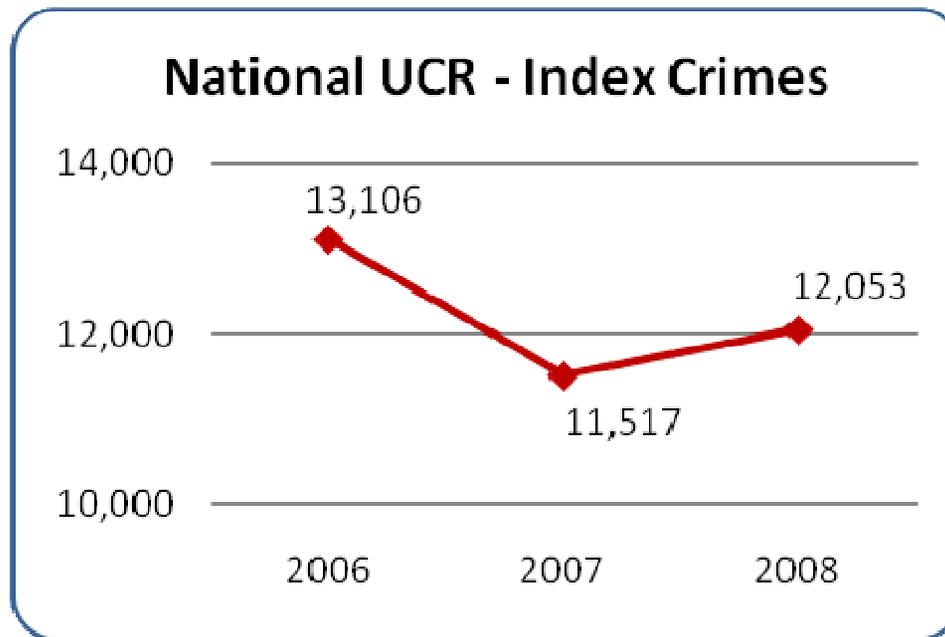
NIBRS – Total Offenses



NIBRS data as of 01/05/2009 and is subject to change.



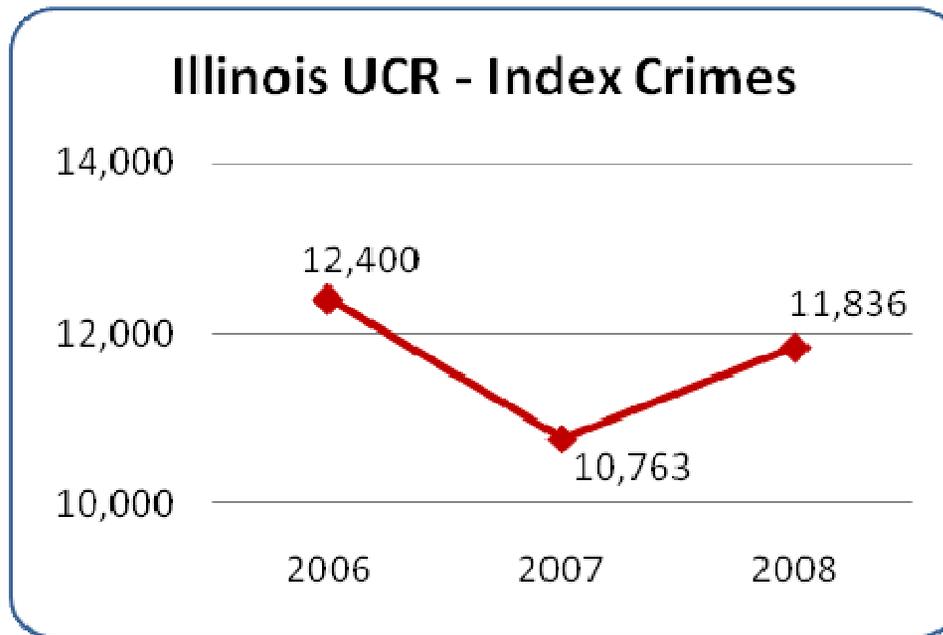
N-UCR Index Crimes



N-UCR data as of 01/20/2009 and is subject to change.



I-UCR Index Crimes



I-UCR data as of 02/06/2009 and is subject to change.



Auditing our Crime Data

- November, 2007 – staff from the I-UCR program reviewed our reporting procedures and methodology
 - Two discrepancies were found
 - We were using the Hierarchy Rule
 - We were not counting victims in crimes against persons
- April, 2009 – FBI Quality Assurance Review
- April, 2009 – additional NIBRS training
- Self-audit

