

Is Florida Ready for A Standardized Crime Report: A Northeast Florida Perspective

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The primary method of communication between police agencies, specifically the crime or incident report, is a growing impediment in today's justice system. This study examines law enforcement crime reports from twelve agencies in the North Florida area. Although all contain similar information, these reports differ in content and form. The collected reports were then used in a series of interviews with several groups representing a cross section of users of law enforcement incident reports. Those interviewed included law enforcement personnel, state attorneys, insurance agents, and news reporters. The general public was also included in the survey. It was determined from the interviews that standardization would be beneficial to the criminal justice system and others who use these reports.