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VIBRS Data Access Policy
Division of Criminal Justice Services

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NOTE - This is a mandatory policy.

1. GOALS

1.1. The goal of this policy is to establish an agreement as to the ownership of data entered into VIBRS by user agencies and to establish the conditions under which VIBRS data may be utilized by entities other than the originating agency.

1.2. The goal of this policy is to limit access to VIBRS data only in cases where reporting of VIBRS data relates to the operational policies and performance of individual agencies.

2. DEFINITION

2.1. Data – units of information placed into a database by participating law enforcement departments. Data is information gathered by a law enforcement department. It is shared under the conditions of this policy.

2.2. Entity – An entity as used in this policy means any person or agency that has access to the VIBRS network.

3. POLICIES

3.1. Data entered into the VIBRS system is the sole property of the originating agency.

3.2. Except under the conditions outlined in Section 3.3 of this policy, data entered into the VIBRS system by a user agency may not be reported by other entities without the written permission of the originating agency.

3.3. Data entered into the VIBRS system may be published by another entity without the written permission (e-mail is permissible) of the originating agency under any of the following conditions:

3.3.1. The data cannot be attributed to the originating agency.

3.3.2. The format of the report is the same as that of the Vermont Crime Report.

3.3.3. The report is required by law.