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## Department of Public Safety

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### Law Enforcement Partners,

In December 2018, I emailed a letter to you regarding the launch of the FBI's National Use-of-Force Data Collection program, which officially began January 1, 2019. The letter described how the data in Utah would be collected using UCJIS and that law enforcement agencies could request access to the use-of-force transaction.

The data collected during 2019 will be published by the FBI in a report scheduled to be released on July 27, 2020. The document will include a list of agencies that participated in reporting information for the 2019 National Use-of-Force Data Collection, but will not include specific data elements. Only the 17 agencies in Utah that reported before the deadline of June 8, 2020 will be included.

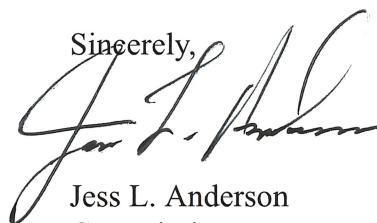
As a reminder, the criteria for reports entered into BCI that are forwarded on to the FBI are: when a fatality occurs connected to use of force by an officer; when there is serious bodily injury to a person connected to use of force by an officer; and when a firearm is discharged by law enforcement at or in a direction of a person that did not otherwise result in death or serious bodily injury. In addition, UCJIS also collects the following criteria for state purposes:

1. When a taser is discharged by law enforcement at or in a direction of a person that did not otherwise result in death or serious bodily injury;
2. When physical force is used by law enforcement that did not result in death or serious bodily injury. Agencies should only report this type of force when it meets at least one of the following criteria:
  - a. Any canine inflicted injury
  - b. Any discharge of pepper spray
  - c. Any strike or attempted strike with an impact object
  - d. Any strike or attempted strike of an individual with hands or feet
  - e. Any physical contact with an individual resulting in an injury or complaint of injury that requires medical treatment or a medical release to book the individual into jail
  - f. Any discharge of a Less-Lethal Weapon

Once again, I would like to encourage your respective agencies to actively participate in use-of-force reporting this year and in the future. Information from past months can be submitted at any time. Through UCJIS, your agency has the ability to enter use-of-force incident information specific to FBI qualifications and also information on lower levels of force. The data collected provides an opportunity to analyze information related to incidents and a more informed dialogue on a state and national basis. In turn, accurate and complete data is critical in maintaining transparency between law enforcement agencies and the public.

The Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI) is prepared to provide training, access, and answers to questions related to the UCJIS use-of-force transaction. Please contact Mandy Biesinger with BCI at 385-266-5162 or [mbiesinger@utah.gov](mailto:mbiesinger@utah.gov) for any questions or information needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jess L. Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Jess L. Anderson  
Commissioner