

EXPLOITING THE VALUE OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS- ESTABLISHING A RESEARCH AGENDA

What is the problem?

- Many repositories were not set up to deal with metrics, analytics, or even basic queries.
- Data analysis isn't what we do.
- When we provide the data do they understand what they are seeing? How are they going to use it?

What are we trying to do?

- Monitor the quality and completeness of criminal history records.
- Offer tools to repository managers that could help.
- Establish a research agenda

WHY DO THIS?

- The role of the repository is changing.
- State and federal laws are changing constantly, and we are under more scrutiny than ever before.
- We need to be active in explaining what the data is, how its used, and why.

HOW WILL THIS HELP REPOSITORIES?

Dynamic Dashboard

Things we are looking at...

- Disruptions in reporting between agencies and the repository.
- Arrest charge counts
- Time from arrest to disposition
- Open dispositions
- Open arrests without dispositions
- “Orphaned arrests or dispositions” ...should we prioritize these to make sure high profile (felonies, NICs, sex offenses) are processed?
- What % of records are “cite and release”?

How can you help SEARCH and the Data Analytics Workgroup?

- Share your data.
- We need to take a more active role in “telling our story”. Changes to dissemination, criminal history, and our repository should be based on the data.

THE OTHER MAJOR COMPONENT OF THIS WORKGROUP IS HAVING SHAWN LOOK AT WHAT WE ARE COLLECTING FOR DATA AND WORK ON A RESEARCH AGENDA.

Shawn can discuss his key piece of this project.

Feel free to catch me after, or anytime during the meeting if you want to discuss.