There has been a delay in posting the revisions to reporting guidelines effective with the 2014 reporting year. Ms. Tammy Kujawa joined the I-UCR Program staff in December, and the priority shifted to training to enable Ms. Kujawa to begin providing Program administration assistance. Effective February 1, 2014, agencies may contact Ms. Kujawa via email with questions pertaining to the I-UCR Program, EXCLUDING technical issues with the reporting tool. Her e-mail address is: tammy kujawa@isp.state.il.us

The guideline and form revisions for Index Crime, Hate Crime, and Supplemental reporting, as well as guidelines for the new reporting element, School Incidents, will be posted throughout the month of January. This could potentially delay an agency's ability to compile and submit statistics for the first few reporting months of the year. This <u>will not</u> negatively impact an agency's JAG grant eligibility, as 2014 statistics will be accepted by the Federal UCR Program until December 2015. Additionally, the FBI (administrators of the Federal UCR Program) has encountered technical issues with their recently developed system and will not be able to accept 2014 Index and Hate Crime data until April 1, 2014 at the earliest.

Your patience is appreciated during this time. The addition of Ms. Kujawa to the I-UCR Program staff has been long awaited and will improve the efficiency of the Program by providing an additional resource for agencies.