1. **What is the Law Enforcement Suicide Data Collection (LESDC)?**

The LESDC is being established based on mandates within the *Law Enforcement Suicide Data Collection Act (LESDCA)* which was signed into law on June 16, 2020. The collection provides a mechanism for law enforcement agencies to report suicides and attempted suicides of law enforcement personnel, based on the scope of the *LESDCA*, for the purpose of compiling national statistics on these tragedies.

2. **What data is captured in the Law Enforcement Suicide Data Collection?**

As established within the *Law Enforcement Suicide Data Collection Act*, the following information will be made available for the collection:

- The circumstances and events that occurred before each suicide or attempted suicide.
- The general location of each suicide or attempted suicide.
- The demographic information of each law enforcement officer (LEO) who commits or attempts suicide.
- The occupational category, including criminal investigator, corrections officer, line of duty officer, 911 dispatch operator, of each law enforcement officer who commits or attempts suicide.
- The method used in each suicide or attempted suicide.

The collection will also accept data on “former” LEOs which include retired as an occupation status.

3. **What data is NOT captured in the Law Enforcement Suicide Data Collection?**

Suicidal thoughts, or suicide ideation/gesturing, which refers to thinking about or planning suicide, should not be reported.

4. **What qualifies an incident for submission?**

An incident will be applicable for submission if the following terms apply:
• The incident is submitted by a law enforcement agency which is defined within the Law Enforcement Suicide Data Collection Act (LESDCA) to mean “a federal, state, tribal, or local agency engaged in the prevention, detection, or investigation, prosecution, or adjudication of any violation of the criminal laws of the United States, a state, tribal, or a political subdivision of a state.

• The subject of the incident is a law enforcement officer which is defined within the LESDCA to mean “any current or former officer (including a correctional officer), agent, or employee of the United States, a state, indian tribe, or a political subdivision of a state authorized by law to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of any violation of the criminal laws of the United States, a state, indian tribe, or a political subdivision of a state.

• The incident occurred within a ‘‘state’’ which is defined to mean “each of the several states, the District of Columbia, and any commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States.”

5. What is meant by an “attempted” suicide?

An attempted suicide is defined as a non-fatal act of self-harm behavior with an intent to die as a result of the behavior but falls short of completing the suicide.

6. Can a law enforcement officer self-report a “suicide” or “attempted” suicide event?

No. All incidents must be submitted to the collection through the applicable law enforcement agency1. If information is known concerning a suicide or attempted suicide incident of a law enforcement officer as defined within the Law Enforcement Suicide Data Collection Act the appropriate personnel within the agency should be notified as applicable.

7. How do I access the collection application?

The Law Enforcement Suicide Data Collection resides on the Federal Bureau of Investigation Criminal Justice Information Services Division Law Enforcement Enterprise Portal (LEEP). To obtain access to the collection, law enforcement agency personnel will need to obtain LEEP authorization and access. LEEP accounts are

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available to personnel affiliated with the criminal justice system. To apply for a LEEP account, go to www.cjis.gov and complete the online application. Once LEEP access has been obtained, agency personnel will then need to apply for access to the Law Enforcement Suicide Data Collection.

8. **When is the Law Enforcement Suicide Data Collection open to the law enforcement community for applicable submissions?**

   The collection is scheduled to be open for submissions no later than January 1, 2022.

9. **What are the reporting timeframes for this collection?**

   The collection will open for submissions beginning January 1, 2022, and will accept applicable submissions from incidents occurring January 1, 2022, forward. Although it is recommended for a law enforcement agency to submit an applicable incident as soon as possible, the Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Reporting Program prefers submissions no later than 120 days after the incident is known. Once the collection is established, additional criteria may be identified and will be communicated to the law enforcement community as necessary.

10. **Is this collection mandatory or optional?**

    The Law Enforcement Suicide Data Collection will serve as the principal tool to compile data on law enforcement suicides and attempted suicides within law enforcement agencies across the country. By providing accurate and detailed information on suicides and attempted suicides, departments can implement more effective prevention and postvention programs to save more lives. The United States Attorney General, through the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is mandated to establish the Law Enforcement Suicide Data Collection based on the passing of the *Law Enforcement Suicide Data Collection Act (LESDCA)*. Submissions to the collection are voluntary.
11. How often will data be published for the Law Enforcement Suicide Data Collection? What will the publication include?

The Law Enforcement Suicide Data Collection Act mandates the United States (US) Attorney General, through the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), provide an annual report to the US Congress. The initial report will discuss the progress of establishing the collection and what the data collection will capture. Additionally, this report will be published on the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Crime Data Explorer annually.

Once the collection has been established, the FBI UCR Program staff will reassess future data publications to determine an appropriate level of publication while maintaining the privacy of agencies and individuals of reported incidents.

12. What contact information is available for any questions/comments?

Personnel of the Law Enforcement Suicide Data Collection may be contacted via email at LESDC@fbi.gov or by phone at 304-625-5370.