

Comport Pilot Program

**Internal Affairs Data Extraction
and Visualization Tool**

Pilot Program Overview

Over the past six years, Code for America (CfA) has worked with thousands of technologists, designers, and researchers in more than one hundred cities to demonstrate how an iterative, data-driven, user centered approach to technology can make government more effective and trustworthy in the 21st century. To do this we: build, pilot, evaluate and spread digital tools and services; define and disseminate key practices; and work closely with stakeholders inside and outside government. CfA applies this approach to specific functions of government, in four focus areas: health, economic development, citizen engagement, and safety.

In 2016, the Safety and Justice Focus Area aims to use 21st century technology and practices to reduce overreliance on incarceration and improve the practice of community policing.

The Community Police Relation Tool (Comport) was initially developed in 2015 by a team of Code for America fellows in conjunction with the Indianapolis Department of Public Safety. The tool is being used to extract data and update a user-friendly, public-facing site for Indianapolis' citizen complaint, officer involved shooting, and use of force data.

Comport Description:

Comport extracts, cleans and anonymizes incident-level data from a department's IA Pro database, creates data visualizations with summaries, and allows download of datasets. This tool is intended to help law enforcement agencies be transparent about police interactions with the community and for the community to have access to updated information to hold law enforcement agencies accountable and collaborate on solutions to systemic problems.

Comport enables stakeholders to:

- Easily keep the department and community informed about trends with automated data visualizations
- Use data as a starting point for conversations on your city's community policing goals and practices
- Allow all stakeholders to explore incident-level data to increase the range of potential insight

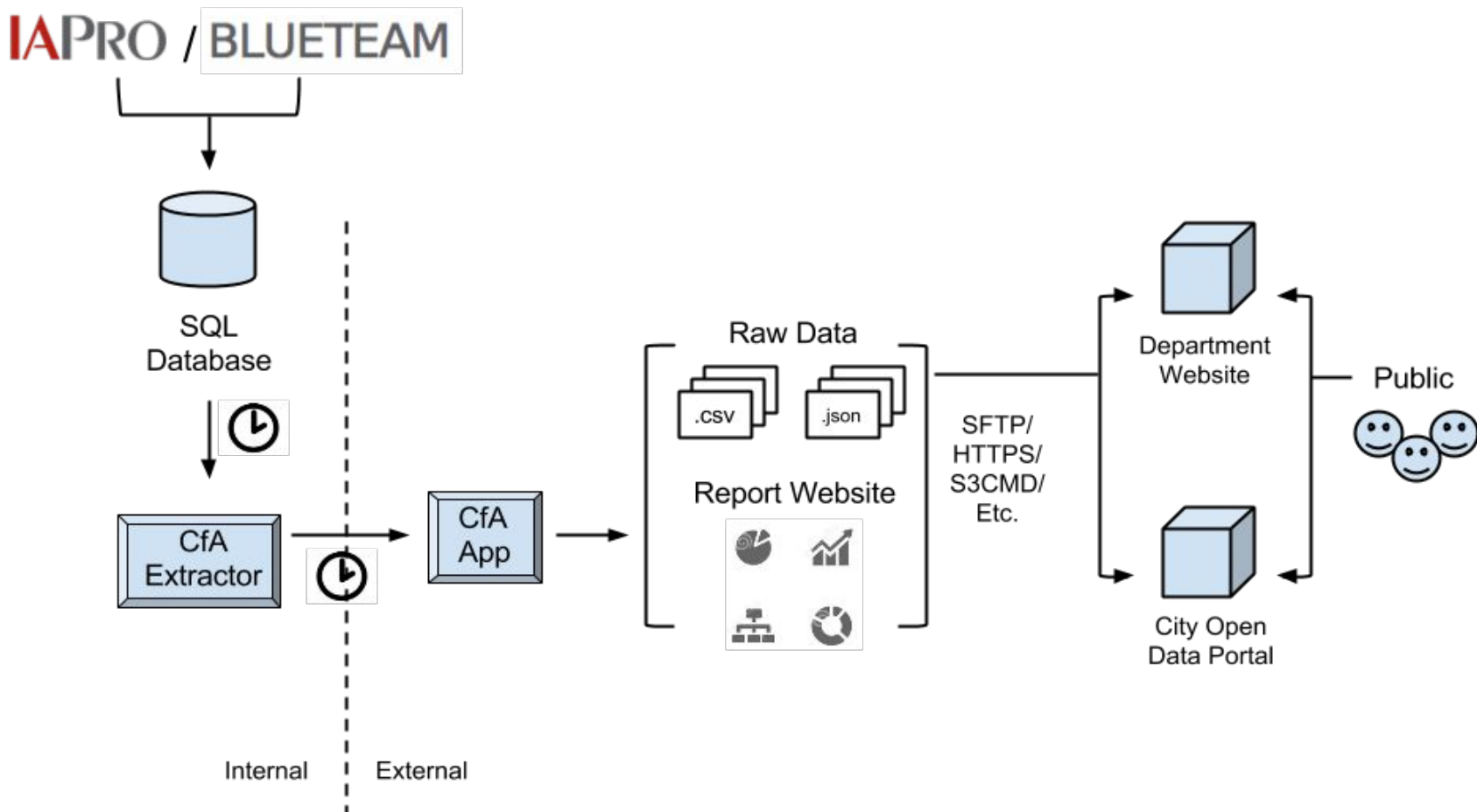
Pilot Timeline

December	12/3 Informational Webinar 1 12/9 Informational Webinar 2
January	Pilot Outreach
February	2/5 <i>Application Deadline</i> 2/9 <i>LEA Notified of Pilot Participation</i> 2/23 Welcome Session
March	3/1-11 Toolkit Installation 3/14-28 Content Sessions
April	4/8 Website Goes Live
May-June	Analysis Debugging (as needed)

Cost

This pilot is free for law enforcement agencies located in the United States and is being funded by the Laura and John Arnold Foundation and Code for America.

Architecture



Github:

<https://github.com/codeforamerica/comport>

Indianapolis DPS Live Site: <https://www.projectcomport.org/department/IMPD>

Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department

Citizen Complaints

This page is an Alpha prototype and is subject to change. We're absolutely interested in feedback from all users. Please email us at indy@codeforamerica.org or check out our twitter at [@projectcomport](https://twitter.com/projectcomport). This open data project is the result of a partnership between the Indianapolis Department of Public Safety and Code for America. It opens data that the Citizens Police Complaints Office and IMPD have been collecting internally, but that has not been shared publicly before.

About Citizens' Police Complaint Office data

The Citizens' Police Complaint Office (CPCO) gathers this data as part of accepting and investigating resident complaints about interactions with IMPD officers. More information is available in the [CPCO FAQ](#).

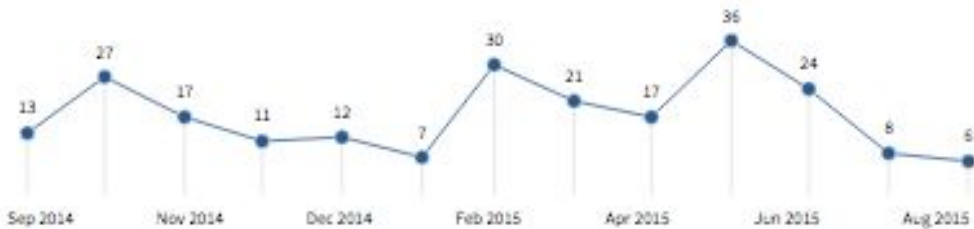
Why we're sharing the data - transparency to build trust

We believe that being transparent about our work will help us better serve the people of Indianapolis, and that being accountable to our citizens will allow us to work together to improve relationships between IMPD and Indianapolis residents.

What you can do with the data

We have done some initial analysis on this dataset, though there are many other ways the data can be compared and analyzed. The underlying data is available [here](#) for public use.

Complaints By Month



The current month shows complaints to date, so will not be a complete count until the month ends.

Complaints By Allegation Type

Citizen Interaction	199
Vehicle Operation	59
Substandard Performance	49
Violation of Any Rule	38
Use of Force	36
Neglect of Duty	14
Bias-Based Profiling	12
Breach of Discipline	8
Unspecified	8
Off-Duty Employment	4
Violation of Any Law	4
Conduct Unbecoming	4

Allegations in complaints fall into a number of classes. For example, the allegation class citizen interaction contains specific allegations such as rude, demeaning and affronting language, and failure to provide name or badge number. These numbers count allegations in complaints since January 2014.

Context added by the Police Department

Summary of citizen complaints.

Requirements

- Use the IA Pro software for internal affairs data management of police complaints, use of force , and complaints
- Provide remote access to SQL Server
- Provide internal technical and/or database personnel to work with during the installation process
- Provide police personnel for content management

Commitment for Pilot

- Dedication of IT, leadership and program staff time required to deploy the Comport
- Commitment to collaboration among Criminal Justice partners including utilizing ongoing reviews of performance metrics to inform policies that impact jail use
- Willingness to facilitate a publicly accessible web portal or other vehicle to make a version of the Comport, limited to aggregate data, publicly available
- Agreement to participate in evaluation of the pilot, including implementing necessary data use agreements and
- On-going participation in the White House Police Data Initiative and Code for America's Communities of Practice to enhance development of additional Safety and Justice technology solutions

Application

Answer the five questions below and email answers to tandrews@codeforamerica.com:

1. Are you an IA Pro client? If so, how long have you been using it?
2. Does your agency/dept currently have data available to the public? If so, what type of data is it? What is the URL for your data portal or site?
3. Why do you want to be a pilot government?
4. What community partners would you work with to use this data? Please be specific with which advocates/community organizations, schools and universities, civic tech groups you are planning to work with.
5. How would you promote the data/project?

DEADLINE: Friday, February 5th, 2016