

Crime Statistics Newsletter

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CJIS Support Center Reorganization

As of January 2013, the CJIS Support Center was formed and encompasses TIES/NCIC, TIBRS and TIES Operations. To improve efficiency, the overall group has been divided into three focus areas with a supervisor over each. TIES Operations will fall under the supervision of Katie Black. The overall training and auditing program for both TIES/NCIC and TIBRS will be called the Auditing Compliance and Training Team (ACTT) and fall under the supervision of Dale King. The data quality, review and publications functions will fall under the supervision of Steven Jancarek and will be called the Data Analysis and Reporting Team (DART). Jackie Vandercook will manage the overall functions of the CJIS Support Center. The two units that will operate with the TIBRS program are the ACTT and DART groups.

Audit Compliance and Training Team (ACTT):

The audit cycle for TIBRS will continue to be a three year cycle to comply with FBI requirements. We are in the third year of the current cycle so all agencies will be audited by the end of this year. Additionally, the annual TIBRS training requirement remains the same with 8 hours for continuing RACs and Alt RACs and 16 hours for new RACs and Alt RACs.

Data Analysis and Reporting Team (DART):

This group will be responsible for ensuring the overall data quality of the TIBRS data and publication of all reports based upon TIBRS data. The unit will conduct research projects with other criminal justice data such as the Tennessee Methamphetamine Registry, Tennessee Criminal History Repository, etc. Additionally, this group will be responsible for the entry and removal of meth offenders on the Methamphetamine Registry.

Dissemination of CRMS Information to Law Enforcement Agencies

The policy on dissemination of information was discussed in the February 2014 newsletter. According to the Tennessee Fusion Center security policy, information may be disseminated to other law enforcement agencies, but must be documented. The following information should be documented:

1. Date of release.
2. The subject of the information.
3. To whom the information was released (including address and telephone number).
4. An identification number or other indicator that clearly identifies the data released.
5. The purpose for which the information was requested.

Special Points of Interest:

- Please accommodate any requests you may receive from the TICS Unit. Due to the security policies we have in place, the TICS Unit does not and cannot print reports contained in the CRMS.
- Be sure you are using the correct web link to access TNCOP.
- New errors have been put in place regarding Officer Involved Shootings and Juvenile Prostitution Offenses.

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TNCOP/Fusion Center/CRMS and TICS

In response to the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act, the Tennessee General Assembly incorporated federal legislation into the Tennessee gun transfer statute with an amendment. This amendment requires the TBI establish and maintain a background check system that meets or exceeds the requirements established by the Brady Act for continuing recipient background checks on all firearm transactions except those specifically excluded by law.

The Tennessee Instant Check (TICS) Unit runs a check including a National Instant Check System (NICS) inquiry on a prospective gun purchaser from a licensed firearm dealer or to redeem a firearm from pawn from a licensed firearm dealer. To meet the federal and state requirements, TICS accesses multiple databases including CRMS.

TICS must check on any possible drug related charges (DUI, PI, etc.) that have occurred within the last three years. After checking TBI's I-Result, if there is no information or the results are still pending, CRMS will be queried. If TICS is still unable to ascertain if the offense in question is alcohol or drug related, they will call the arresting agency. If the arresting agency determines the incident in question was drug related, TICS will request a copy of the report.

Please accommodate any requests you may receive from the TICS Unit. Due to the security policies we have in place, the TICS Unit does not and cannot print reports contained in the CRMS. In keeping with those same security policies, rather than acting solely on what is contained in CRMS, it is the responsibility of the unit to contact the entering agency for additional information.

All personnel should be familiar with the security policy that governs the use of the CRMS. Some things to always remember when using the CRMS:

1. **Individual passwords will not be disclosed to any other person.**
2. **The Fusion Center's data will be used only in support of official law enforcement or public safety activities.**
3. **Use of the Fusion Center's data in an unauthorized or illegal manner will subject the requestor to denial of further use of the Fusion Center, discipline by the requestor's employing agency, and/or criminal prosecution.**
4. **Information cannot be disseminated to unauthorized persons (friends, family, etc.).**
5. **Persons wishing to access personal data pertaining to themselves should communicate directly with the agency or entity responsible for the data in question.**

One of the responsibilities of the CJIS Support Center is to routinely audit the use of the CRMS by authorized users in order to avoid any misuse of the system. As a reminder, individual users of TRIC information remain responsible for the appropriate use of Fusion Center information.

Please double check the web address in the address bar at the top of the page when you are trying to access TNCOP. Until recently, the link on the TBI page was still pointing to the old address (the one used with Aventail) and agencies were being told to book mark that page under their Favorites.

All agencies should be using the following address:

<https://www.tfc.tn.gov/leadr/login.jsp>

TIBRS Tip: T.C.A. and TIBRS: Not the Same Thing!

QUESTION 1: Why isn't the TIBRS offense in an incident always the same as the Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.) offense/charges?

ANSWER 1: T.C.A. and TIBRS are two different entities created for totally different purposes. T.C.A. is for *charging*. TIBRS is for *reporting*.

TIBRS offense classifications have nothing to do with the prosecution of the arrestee. *For TIBRS reporting purposes, offenses should be classified according to the NIBRS/TIBRS definitions and not according to local, state, or federal codes.* The Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.) is the criminal code used by law enforcement to arrest an offender for perpetrating a criminal offense in our state. TIBRS, on the other hand, is the system we use to collect statistical data *from that same criminal incident*. T.C.A. contains *state laws* - specific to Tennessee. TIBRS, however, is part of a *national* program called the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). The laws in each particular state vary, so in order to ensure consistent data/statistics, each participating state must comply with the same NIBRS offense definitions. Although this leads to uniform reporting, it also means that the offense type you submit to TIBRS may sometimes differ from the T.C.A. offense. *However, TIBRS does not change what you do from a prosecutorial standpoint. It's worthy of repeating: T.C.A. is for **charging**, TIBRS is for **reporting**.*

SCENARIO 1: A man visited a car dealership to test drive a car. He told the sales person that he would return it in twenty minutes, but never brought the truck back. Under T.C.A. this would be considered Motor Vehicle Theft. For TIBRS reporting purposes it would be reported as Fraud, False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game, (26A) because the subject lied, or used deceit, to steal the car.

SCENARIO 2: A cashier at a department store stole \$20 from the cash register. Upon arrest, this person would be charged with Theft (T.C.A. 39-14-103). This crime meets the T.C.A. definition of Theft, but it meets the NIBRS/TIBRS definition of Embezzlement. Although Tennessee no longer has a specific statute entitled "Embezzlement," most states do. Even though the offender is going to be *charged with/prosecuted for Theft*, the incident is *reported to TIBRS as Embezzlement*.

SCENARIO 3: A man telephoned the 911 operator and said "A bomb is going to be detonated at Phil's Used Car Lot at 10:00 this morning!" In TIBRS, the definition of Intimidation is "To unlawfully place another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words and/or other conduct, but without displaying a weapon or subjecting the victim to actual physical attack." Intimidation involves an offender making some type of threat to the victim without actually using or displaying a weapon. Such threats can be made in person, over the telephone, or in writing. *A bomb threat is reported to TIBRS as Intimidation. The victim is the person who received the threat by call, letter, note, etc. That is because Intimidation is an assault offense and the victim for TIBRS must be classified as either "Individual" or "Law Enforcement Official."* In Scenario 3, law enforcement could select from several statutes to prosecute the offender. But, regardless of the statute used, this incident is classified as Intimidation for TIBRS. The victim is the 911 operator. The code for the victim type would be Individual (I).

QUESTION 2: What if the T.C.A. charge is a felony, but the reportable TIBRS offense in that same incident is a misdemeanor? Won't that cause problems for the agency when the case is heard in court?

ANSWER 2: Absolutely not. *In TIBRS, the classifications of felonies and misdemeanors do not apply. TIBRS offenses are classified according to their definitions and the facts involved in the incident. However, this does not change what a person is charged with under Tennessee statute(s). One last time, for good measure: T.C.A. is for charging, TIBRS is for reporting.*

"The offense type you submit to TIBRS may sometimes differ from the T.C.A. offense. T.C.A. is for charging. TIBRS is for reporting!"

SOURCE: 12th Edition TIBRS Data Collection manual, pages 3, 42, 59, 61, 133

New Errors and Error Numbers

Officer Involved Shooting Segment

An error message will appear if you have "Y" in the Officer Involved Shooting field, but you do not have an Officer Involved Shooting Segment in your entry. If you have an Officer Involved Shooting Segment in your entry, but marked "N" in the Officer Involved Shooting field, then you will receive an error as well.

825.1 Officer Involved Shooting Field = "Y" requires at least one Officer Involved Shooting Segment submission.

825.2 Officer Involved Shooting Field = "N" cannot have an Officer Involved Shooting Segment submission.

Juveniles and Prostitution Offenses

Any incident with an offender or arrestee with an exact age or age range that is below 18 and has an included offense of Prostitution (40A) or Assisting/Promoting Prostitution (40B) will now be flagged as errors. Prostitution and Assisting/Promoting Prostitution involving juveniles as offenders or arrestees should be entered under the offense of Human Trafficking (64A).

TN_561 Juvenile offenders involving prostitution must be reported as Human Trafficking -- Commercial Sex Acts (64A).

TN_605 Juvenile arrests for prostitution must be reported as Human Trafficking -- Commercial Sex Acts (64A).

Data Deadlines and Publication Timeline

Please watch the TIBRS listserv on how to access publications posted prior to public release. Further, you will need an active account for TNCrimeOnline.com. If you do not have an account, you may apply for one by completing the application found on the TIBRS page (http://www.tbi.tn.gov/law_enforcement/law_tibrs.shtml).

March 10

Final Crime in Tennessee/Hate Crime and LEOKA data submissions due

March 14

2013 Crime on Campus posted for Colleges/Universities

March 19 (Tentative)

2013 Crime on Campus released

March 31 (Tentative)

2013 Crime in Tennessee report posted for agencies

April 7 -14 (Tentative)

Crime in Tennessee release date

April 7 – 9 (Tentative)

2013 Hate Crime and LEOKA Reports posted for agencies

April 14 – 21 (Tentative)

2013 Hate Crime and LEOKA Reports released



2014 TIBRS Training Schedule

IMPORTANT: We are teaching a new class this year entitled “TIBRS Overview & Report Writing.” This class was not developed for RACs or Alternate RACs, and DOES NOT count toward their annual TIBRS training requirement.

MARCH		
Wednesday, March 5	Introduction to Data Collection	Civic Center, Sevierville
Thursday, March 6	TIBRS Review	Civic Center, Sevierville
Tuesday, March 25	Introduction to Data Collection	TBI Headquarters, Nashville
Wednesday, March 26	TnCOP Software	TBI Headquarters, Nashville
APRIL		
Thursday, April 3	Introduction to Data Collection	Union University, Jackson
Friday, , April 4	TIBRS Review	Union University, Jackson
Tuesday, April 8	1 THIS CLASS IS FULL NOT FOR RACs or Alt. RACs!	TBI Headquarters, Nashville
Friday, April 11	TIBRS Review	TBI Headquarters, Nashville
Wednesday, April 16	TIBRS Overview & Report Writing NOT FOR RACs or Alt. RACs!	TBI Headquarters, Nashville
Wednesday, April 23	Introduction to Data Collection	TBI Headquarters, Nashville
Thursday, April 24	TnCOP Software	TBI Headquarters, Nashville
MAY		
Tuesday, May 6	TIBRS Overview & Report Writing NOT FOR RACs or Alt. RACs!	TBI Headquarters, Nashville
Monday, May 12	Introduction to Data Collection	TBI Headquarters, Nashville
Tuesday, May 13	TnCOP Software	TBI Headquarters, Nashville
Friday, May 30	TIBRS Review	TBI Headquarters, Nashville
JUNE		
Tuesday, June 10	Introduction to Data Collection	Civic Center, Sevierville
Wednesday, June 11	TIBRS Review	Civic Center, Sevierville
Thursday, June 12	TIBRS Overview & Report Writing NOT FOR RACs or Alt. RACs!	Civic Center, Sevierville
Tuesday, June 17	TIBRS Review	TBI Headquarters, Nashville
Friday, June 20	TIBRS Overview & Report Writing NEW LOCATION! NOT FOR RACs or Alt. RACs!	University of the South
Tuesday, June 24	Introduction to Data Collection	TBI Headquarters, Nashville
Wednesday, June 25	TnCOP Software	TBI Headquarters, Nashville
Friday, June 27	TIBRS Overview & Report Writing NOT FOR RACs or Alt. RACs!	TBI Headquarters, Nashville

2014 TIBRS Training Schedule (cont.)

JULY		
Wednesday, July 9	Introduction to Data Collection	Union University, Jackson
Thursday, July 10	TIBRS Review	Union University, Jackson
Friday, July 11	TIBRS Overview & Report Writing <i>NOT FOR RACs or Alt. RACs!</i>	Union University, Jackson
Tuesday, July 29	TIBRS Review	TBI Headquarters, Nashville
AUGUST		
Tuesday, August 5	Introduction to Data Collection	TBI Headquarters, Nashville
Wednesday, August 6	TnCOP Software	TBI Headquarters, Nashville
Tuesday, August 12	Introduction to Data Collection	Civic Center, Sevierville
Wednesday, August 13	TIBRS Review	Civic Center, Sevierville
Thursday, August 14	TIBRS Overview & Report Writing <i>NOT FOR RACs or Alt. RACs!</i>	Civic Center, Sevierville
Tuesday, August 19	TIBRS Overview & Report Writing <i>NOT FOR RACs or Alt. RACs!</i>	TBI Headquarters, Nashville
Tuesday, August 26	Introduction to Data Collection	TBI Headquarters, Nashville
Wednesday, August 27	TIBRS Review	TBI Headquarters, Nashville
SEPTEMBER		
Monday-Wednesday, September 15-17	Annual TIBRS Conference	Pigeon Forge

**To sign up for a TIBRS class (other than the annual conference),
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Online Registration information for the TIBRS Conference will be available in June, 2014.

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