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End of Year TIBRS Training

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We still have openings for Data Collection (Dec.11th) and TnCOP (Dec.12th), if you are a new RAC or Alt. RAC needing initial training. We also have room in the last TIBRS Review class (Dec. 18). If you need to sign up for training, please contact Zack Frisbee <u>Zack.Frisbee@tn.gov</u>.

Happy Holidays from the CJIS Support Center!



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A Note from the Auditors—Vandalism: Yes or No?

Let's take a few minutes to review Theft from a Motor Vehicle, Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories, Burglary/Breaking & Entering, and the reporting of Vandalism with these offenses.

Vehicles: The element of forcibly entering a vehicle means there is a likelihood of causing damage. So when is Vandalism reportable? If there is damage that occurred while the offender was gaining entry to the vehicle, do not report the additional offense of Vandalism. However, if the damage is over and above what is needed to gain entry to the vehicle, such as items inside the structure are vandalized, an additional offense of Vandalism will need to be reported.

Burglaries: For a completed Burglary, you must have a structure (four walls, a roof and a point of entry). The structure must be for human use. A house would be a structure, but a dog house would not. Similar to vehicle break-ins, the element of forcibly entering a structure means there is a likelihood of causing damage. So when is Vandalism reportable? If there is damage that occurred while the offender was gaining entry to the structure and it has a value of less than \$1,000, do not report the additional offense of Vandalism. However, if the damage is estimated at \$1,000 or above, or the damage is over and above what is needed to gain entry to the structure, such as items inside the structure are vandalized, an additional offense of Vandalism will need to be reported.

Let's look at some of examples:

Example 1: Theft from a Motor Vehicle? Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories? Vandalism? Burglary?

A car was parked in a parking lot while the owner was attending a concert. The owner left her purse in the floorboard. An offender broke the driver's side front window, entered the car, and stole the purse. There was no damage other than what was necessary to gain entry and steal the purse. Only a *Theft from a Motor Vehicle* offense will be reported to TIBRS. *Vandalism? No*





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A Note from the Auditors (continued)

Example 2: Theft from a Motor Vehicle? Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories? Vandalism? Burglary?

A car was parked in a parking lot while the owner was attending a concert. When the concert was over, the vehicle owner discovered the theft of his license plate. No damage was done to the vehicle. Only a *Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories* offense will be reported to TIBRS. *VandaLism? No*

Example 3: Theft from a Motor Vehicle? Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories? Vandalism? Burglary?

A car was parked in a parking lot while the owner was attending a concert. When the concert was over, the vehicle owner discovered the theft of \$20 that was in his glove compartment. He also told the officer that the vehicle had been ransacked. The offender broke a vent window to gain entrance to the vehicle. The offender also etched "Thanks for the twenty bucks!" on the hood of the car. The total value of damages was \$925.00. In this example, two offenses should be reported to TIBRS: *Theft from a Vehicle and Vandalism*. Why Vandalism this time? Because the offender caused damage to the vehicle that had nothing to do with entering the vehicle. Also, notice that the property value was less than \$1,000. When breaking into vehicles, there is no "felony requirement" like there is when committing a burglary. An agency may want to use that amount in regard to reporting thefts from or damages to vehicles, and we're okay with that. But it is not a TIBRS requirement. Vandalism? Yes! (And, as mentioned above, Theft from a Vehicle).





A Note from the Auditors (continued)

Example 4: Theft from a Motor Vehicle? Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories? Vandalism? Burglary?

A family went on vacation and returned home to find their home had been broken into. A window was broken to gain entry. Once inside, the perpetrator(s) slashed the couch and all mattresses with a knife and broke many other pieces of furniture. A TV and computer were stolen. In this example, both a *BurgLary/Breaking & Entering* and *VandaLism* would be reported. Why? The perpetrator (s) did an excessive amount of damage to the contents of the house in addition to gaining entry and taking the items. *VandaLism? Yes! (And, as mentioned above, BurgLary)*.

If you have any questions, please consult your TIBRS Manual. If you still have questions, please contact your TIBRS CJIS Support Specialist. We're here to help! Please have a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

2018 TIBRS Training

December 2018			
Tuesday, December 4 th	CrimeInsight	TBI Headquarters	
Tuesday, December 11 th	Introduction to Data Collection	TBI Headquarters	
Wednesday, December 12 th	TnCOP Software	TBI Headquarters	
Tuesday, December 18 th	TIBRS Review	TBI Headquarters	

TIBRS Training—As a Friendly Reminder

- <u>TIBRS Overview & Report Writing</u> class <u>does not</u> count toward initial or recertification training requirements for Reporting Agency Coordinators (RACs) or Alternate RACs.
- CrimeInsight class does not count toward initial or recertification training requirements for Reporting Agency Coordinators (RACs) or Alternate RACs. However, due to the many advantages of using CrimeInsight, we highly recommend that RACs and Alt. RACs attend the class if at all possible.
- Due to limited seating, <u>TnCOP Software</u> classes are for <u>new users only</u>.





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