



NIBRS Reminders



Drug Type & Measurement?

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In drug seizure situations, determining drug weight and type presents a problem in terms of time and logistics for most police officers. How precise do measurement and type determination have to be?

Determining the nature and extent of the illicit drug problem and the law enforcement response is one of NIBRS' many objectives. However, NIBRS' policy requires the seizing officer/agency to report only the "Suspected Drug Type" and "Estimated Quantity."

The NIBRS' option of entering code XX = Not Reported is an interim data value for the drug quantity data element. This gives reporting agencies time to send suspected substances to a laboratory for assessment before entering measurement data into the report. The XX code is for interim purposes only and must later be replaced with a specific measurement. The FBI conducts periodic computer checks to ensure that the XX codes appearing on incident reports are eventually replaced by a specific measurement code.

Destruction, Damage, and Vandalism of a Vehicle or Parts?

What is the proper classification of Destruction, Damage, and Vandalism of a vehicle including breaking of the windshield and "keying" the car? Should the property classification be the actual vehicle or should it be vehicle parts and accessories?



Whenever Destruction, Damage, Vandalism of Property occurs and the offender damaged vehicle parts or accessories that are on the vehicle, such as scratched doors, broken antennae, the more appropriate property description would be the actual automobile. The most specific Vehicle description is preferred to the description of Vehicle Parts/Accessories. (Example: 03 = Automobiles , 37 = Trucks, or 05 = Buses)

MONTHLY SUBMISSIONS

Agencies are encouraged to submit their NIBRS by the 10th of each month.