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TRAINING

**DUE TO COVID-19, ALL
“LIVE” TIBRS CLASSES IN
HARRIMAN, JACKSON,
KNOXVILLE, NASHVILLE,
AND SEVIERVILLE HAVE
BEEN POSTPONED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!**



Due to the continued risks associated with COVID-19, the annual conference has been

CANCELED



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PROCEDURES FOR CHANGING VENDORS

Agencies that change software vendors are required to go through the certification process with the new software. Agencies have two options:

Dual Submission: This means you continue using your current software which is processed in production and the new software will be processed through our test site.

Agency must submit three consecutive months of data with an error rate of less than four (4%) percent with the new software.

An agency desiring to become certified with a new vendor will be allowed one (1) test file per month. The agency will have a period of eight (8) months to become certified.

Waive Dual Submission: This means you will go live with your new vendor and your files will be processed in production.

If the agency does not elect to continue entering TIBRS data in the system they are currently certified to use while attempting to attain certification in the new system, all data submitted with the new system will be processed live in the repository and will be subject to the requirements of submission with an acceptable error rate.

Previously submitted data using the software for which the agency is currently certified must be available for editing and resubmission by utilizing either of the following methods:

1. Two calendar years of back data, including the current year, can be converted to the new system by the new vendor and incorporated in a manner so that the data can be edited or deleted as need may require; or
2. The vendor must allow the agency to re-enter previously submitted incidents and mark them as re-submitted, edited incidents so that the incidents will come into the repository in the acceptable format for edited incidents.

CHANGING VENDORS? CONTACT ASHLEY ANDERSON FIRST!



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JUNE SHOUTOUTS

Shoutouts is a new feature in the TIBRS Newsletter. We'll recognize TBI staff, FBI staff, and TIBRS User Group members for an achievement, or we may just give a Shoutout for nothing at all! If you have someone to nominate for the July Shoutout, please send an email to Dale.King@tn.gov.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21st IS FATHER'S DAY!

Shoutout!!! All of us in the CJIS Support/Statistical Analysis Center want to offer our most sincere wishes for a very Happy Father's Day!



J. KEVIN MacFARLAND!

Shoutout!!! Kevin has played an integral role in Tennessee's incident based reporting program. Over the past 25 years, he has presented in nearly all of our conferences, and he has provided steady support and encouragement to us all. Thanks KMAC!



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JUNE SHOUTOUTS, continued



Shoutout!!! We also want to give a shoutout to recently retired Lorine Dunn of the Huntingdon Police Department. Lorine attended the very first TIBRS Meeting/Conference in Gatlinburg, and has been the Huntingdon Police Dept. RAC ever since! We will all miss you, Lorine. Enjoy your retirement!

ARE YOU A NEW REPORTING AGENCY COORDINATOR (RAC)?

If you are a new RAC or Alternate RAC, please do not be concerned about attending your introductory classes. We have extended the time period for completion of introductory training from six months to nine months from date of appointment. If necessary, we will extend the time period further. For further information, please email:

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THIS MONTH FROM CRIMEINSIGHT

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS REPORTED ON HOLIDAYS/SPECIAL EVENTS

(2016-2019)

#	HOLIDAY/EVENT	REPORTED INCIDENTS
1	Easter Sunday	1,124
2	Mother's Day	1,058
3	New Year's Eve	1,054
4	St. Patrick's Day	1,036
5	Independence Day	1,034
6	Father's Day	1,017
7	Christmas Day	984
8	NFL Super Bowl	900
9	Christmas Eve	885
10	Black Friday	781
FOUR-YEAR TOTAL (2016-2019)		9,873

We knew from preliminary data queries that Easter Sunday was going to be near the top, but we didn't think it was going to be number one!



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TIBRS TRAINING SLIDES OF THE MONTH

TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED (TCA)



TCA is for *charging*.

TIBRS is for *reporting*.

Different systems created for different uses.



TCA and TIBRS

TCA 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 "even the playing field" each participating state must comply with one set of NIBRS definitions/rules.

Although this leads to uniform reporting, it also means that the offense type you submit to TIBRS may differ from the TCA offense.



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TIBRS QUIZ

Take this quiz and see how you do! The answers can be found on page eight. Good luck!

Question 1:

As property, ammunition is entered as Explosives. **True** or **False**?

Question 2:

The victim's automobile was stolen from a parking lot on a college campus. The *primary* TIBRS Location code is: **A** School: College/University, **B** Parking/Drop Lot/Garage, **C** Residence/Home, **D** Other/Unknown

Question 3:

The *secondary* TIBRS Location code in Question 2 is: **A** School: College/University, **B** Parking/Drop Lot/Garage, **C** Residence/Home, **D** Other/Unknown

Question 4:

A man, brandishing a firearm, threatened his neighbor. For TIBRS, you must enter the following two offenses: Aggravated Assault and Weapon Law Violation. **True** or **False**?

Question 5:

When entering latitude and longitude, how many numbers must follow the decimals?
A 3, **B** 4, **C** 5, **D** 6

Bonus Question:



Name this member of Bonnie and Clyde's gang. **A** Buck Barrow, **B** Henry Methvin, **C** W.D. Jones, **D** George "Machine Gun" Kelly



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LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE

Auditors are still seeing incidents with incorrect latitude and longitude coordinates. As a reminder, latitude and longitude must reflect where the incident occurred, not where the report was taken, written, or the agency's address. The latitude and longitude should be specific to the actual location of the crime.

Scenario #1

Officers respond to a theft at a local college and met with the victim in the college student center. After talking with the victim, it was determined that the theft occurred at the victim's residence which is located off-campus. The latitude and longitude for this example should be the victim's off-campus residence, *not* where officers met with the victim on-campus. Also, because the crime did not occur on campus, the reporting agency will be the jurisdiction where the crime was actually committed. The college has nothing to report.

Scenario #2

An individual was hiking on a trail in a park. Rangers were hiking in the opposite direction and came upon the individual taking a break. Rangers happened to see a baggie of green leafy substance beside the individual's backpack. The rangers took possession of the suspected marijuana and cited the individual to court. The latitude and longitude would be where the rangers met the individual on the trail, not park headquarters.

Scenario #3

Deputies responded to a domestic violence incident to find that it was a verbal altercation only. As they were leaving, one of the deputies noticed marijuana growing in the field beside the house. The latitude and longitude would be the location of the marijuana patch (a Drug/Narcotic Violation), not the latitude and longitude for the house.

Q. How many numbers must be entered to the right of the decimal in both latitude and longitude?

A. There must be **five**. *More or less than five will cause an error.*

Q. What are the valid ranges for latitude and longitude in Tennessee?

A. Latitude: **34.85654 to 36.75412** Longitude: **-81.59809 to -90.49735**



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ANSWERS TO THE TIBRS QUIZ

QUESTION #	ANSWER
1	TRUE
2	B: PARKING/DROP LOT/GARAGE
3	A: SCHOOL—COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY
4	TRUE
5	C: FIVE (NO MORE, NO LESS!)
BONUS	C: W.D. JONES



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