

NIBRS Tip of the Month

Who Is The Reporter?



1. Multi-Jurisdiction Incidents: When there is a bank robbery and the suspect flees the scene, involving multiple law enforcement agencies in a high-speed pursuit down city streets, county roads, and state highways, which jurisdiction is responsible for reporting the bank robbery and other involved offenses?

2. Officer Shootings: When there is an officer-involved fatal shooting and another jurisdiction is investigating the incident, which jurisdiction is responsible for reporting the justifiable homicide?

3. Drug or Gang Task Force Incidents: When there is a multi-agency drug or gang task force investigating drug or gang-related crimes in a region, which jurisdiction is responsible for submitting a reportable incident?

4. Critical Incidents: When there is a critical incident, such as an active shooter or suspected terrorist event, which jurisdiction is responsible for submitting a reportable incident?

Answer to all questions: The jurisdiction responsible for reporting an incident via their NIBRS submission is the city or county law enforcement agency in which the incident occurred. For example: If the bank robbery occurs in the city of Olympia and Olympia PD, Thurston County SO, and the WA State Patrol are all involved in pursuing the suspect, it is Olympia PD's responsibility for reporting the incident because it originated in their jurisdiction. Note: Drug or Gang Task Forces can be set up with their own NIBRS account for reporting incidents under the Task Force ORI - contact WASPC CJIS for more information.