

# NIBRS Tip of the Month

## Reporting Drug Quantity or Measurement



### Estimated Drug Quantity

- The "Estimated Drug Quantity" is used to indicate the quantity of drugs or narcotics seized in a drug case.
- If a substance was sent to a laboratory for analysis and a response has not yet been received, enter the data value: 1 = None (000000001000). This must be updated with the true quantity when the laboratory results are received.
- Nine (9) characters are available to enter the number of whole pounds, ounces, kilograms, or grams plus three (3) characters to denote the decimal amount. For example, 1/2 ounce would be 000000000500 and 1/4 gram would be 000000000250.
- The smallest Drug Quantity used to submit a trace amount of marijuana would be reported as 000000000001. (.001)
- If more than three (3) drugs or narcotics are involved, the quantities of the two (2) most important should be entered plus enter the data value "X = Over 3 Drug Types"; do not enter the quantity of the remaining drugs or narcotics.

### Drug Measurement

- The "Type of Drug Measurement" is used in quantifying drugs or narcotics seized in a drug case.
- If a substance was sent to a laboratory for analysis and a response has not yet been received, enter the data value: XX = Not Reported. This must be updated with the true quantity when the laboratory results are received.
- Up to three (3) entries are allowed; if more than three (3) are involved, the types of measurement of the two (2) most important should be entered plus enter the data value "X = Over 3 Drug Types in Data Element 20" but do not enter the type of measurement for the remaining drugs or narcotics.
- Valid data values:

Weight	Capacity	Units
GM = Gram	ML = Milliliter	DU = Dosage Units / Items*
KG = Kilogram	LT = Liter	NP = Number of Plants**
OZ = Ounce	FO = Fluid Ounce	
LB = Pound	GL = Gallon	XX = Not Reported (Temporary)

\*Number of capsules, pills, tablets, etc.

\*\*For example, marijuana plants or bushes

