

NIBRS Tip of the Month

Incident Report Date

What should be submitted when the actual date of an incident is unknown?

When the date of the incident is unknown, enter the date the incident was reported to law enforcement. For batch file submissions, the incident must have R = Report Date in the Report Date Indicator (record position 46).

Examples of incidents where the actual date of occurrence is unknown:

- ◆ A homeowner discovers that her lakeside cabin has been burglarized. She reports that it could have occurred anytime in the past three months.
- ◆ Decomposed human remains are found and the investigation determines that the victim died from multiple gunshot wounds. The victim was reported as missing ten years ago.

