

NIBRS Tip of the Month

Equating Homicide Statutes to NIBRS Offense Codes

The FBI has only three (3) NIBRS offense codes for Homicide Offenses:

Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter (09A): The willful killing of one human being by another

Negligent Manslaughter (09B): The killing of another person through negligence

Justifiable Homicide (09C): Not a crime but reports the killing of a perpetrator of a serious criminal offense by an officer in the line of duty or by a private individual

To equate Washington State statutes to the NIBRS offense codes, first determine the intent of the offender:

- 1) The offense should be coded to 09A if the death was due to injuries received in a fight, argument, assault, commission of a crime, or if the killing was willful or intentional.
- 2) The offense should be coded to 09B if the death was due to negligence such as gun cleaning, a hunting accident, or children playing with a gun.
- 3) At this time, Vehicular Homicide is not reportable to NIBRS unless it was intentional; if intentional, it is coded as 09A.

