NIBRS Tip of the Month

Incident Date and Hour

- ⇒ Incident Date should reflect the day that the incident actually occurred.

- ⇒ If the Incident Date is unknown, enter the date of the report: the date the incident was reported to law enforcement.

- ⇒ The Incident Hour should reflect when the incident occurred or the beginning of the time period in which the crime occurred. For example, use the first two digits of the hour in military time, 2:37pm = 1437; therefore, enter only 14 as the beginning of the time period.

- ⇒ If the Incident Hour is unknown, do not report the time.