

NIBRS Tip of the Month

FBI Domestic Violence Data Collection

How does the FBI collect Domestic Violence information?

Although the Washington State UCR Program has been collecting Domestic Violence (DV) information since 1994, only recently has the FBI accommodated DV collection with these changes:

- Data Element 31 (Aggravated Assault/Homicide Circumstances): Data Value 06 is modified from Lover's Quarrel to Domestic Violence
- Data Elements 34 (Offender Number to be Related) and 35 (Relationship of Victim to Offender): These data elements must be collected for all Crimes Against Person and now for all Crimes Against Property
- Data Element 35 (Relationship of Victim to Offender): Data Value "XR" = Ex-Relationship (Ex-Boyfriend or Ex-Girlfriend) has been added

When do the FBI changes take effect?

The changes are effective January 1, 2019, and start with incidents that occur in 2019.

Does this affect the Washington requirements?

No, other than the FBI data element modifications or additions, the Washington State DV requirements remain.

