



May 2011

NIBRS Coding Scenarios

Incident Date/Hour

Issue: Several agencies are reporting the time of an incident as "00", midnight when they do not know the time it occurred.

Details: Military 24-hour time should be used. If the incident hour is unknown, the hour should be left blank.

If the incident occurred on or between midnight and 0059, "00" should be entered; if on or between 0100 and 0159, "01" should be entered; if on or between 2300 and 2359, "23" should be entered; etc. If the incident occurred at exactly midnight, it is to be considered to have occurred at the beginning of the next day, as if the crime occurred at 1 minute past midnight. Therefore, "00" should be entered for the hour, along with the next day's date.

Examples: If a robbery occurred at 9:30 p.m. on May 13, 2011, the entry should be 05/13/2011 at "21".

If a kidnapping started at 11:30 pm on July 19, 2010, and ended at 6:00 pm on July 20, 2010, the entry should be 07/19/10 at "23".

If the incident occurred at midnight on December 31, 2010, the entry should be 01/01/2011 at "00".

Reference: *NIBRS Volume 1: Data Collection Guidelines* (blue cover), Page 69.

Mark your Calendars!

NIBRS Class

Sept 28 - 29, 2011

There must be a minimum of 25 participants enrolled by August 31, 2011 in order to conduct this training.

Note that the preceding gives general examples. It is not meant to be all inclusive. Coding is based on individual case circumstances. Please direct NIBRS questions to:

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