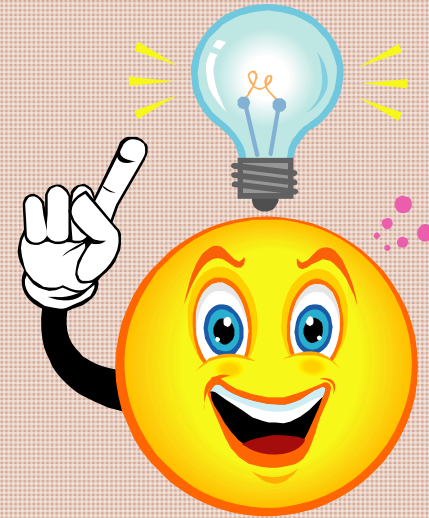


MTIBRS "TIP" of the Month!



Offense Classification

In reporting crime data, it is necessary to Classify an Offense into the appropriate crime category (refer to Appendix B of our MT Incident-Based Reporting Standards). Within that crime category, a specific MTIBR code is determined for reporting purposes.

Law Enforcement should classify and report offenses after preliminary confirmation of a call for service or a complaint establishes that a crime was, in fact, committed. Offenses known to law enforcement are to be recorded, **NOT** findings of a court, coroner, jury, or decision of a prosecutor since crime statistics generated from MTIBRS are intended to assist in identifying law enforcement problems.