

MTIBRS "Tip" of the Month



What is the MBCC's crime data Quality Assurance Review (QAR) program?

This program is designed to review the <u>integrity</u> of your crime data. The data is checked for reasonableness i.e. was an airplane stolen from a convenient store? Integrity checks support accurate data entries & identifies data reporting training needs. Accurate data assists LEAs in making policy & planning decisions to operate more effectively & protect the citizens of MT.

How does the QAR work?

- LEAs have a QAR every 2 years;
- QAR Reviewer requests case reports from LEA;
- Reviewer meets on-site to discuss findings between case reports & data imported into MTIBRS;
- Training is offered dependent upon findings;
- **S** Evaluation & follow-up letter of QAR is requested.

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