

# NIBRS ~ Tip of the Month

## Hate Crime Guidelines

- Washington State Statute (RCW 36.28A.030) requires monthly reporting of Hate Crime Offenses to the State UCR Program.
- Hate crimes are identified by a Bias Motivation Indicator to reflect the offender's bias against race, ethnicity, ancestry, religion, disability, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation.
- Up to five bias motivations can be reported for each offense type.
- If bias is unclear, report 99 = Unknown and update the information based on subsequent investigation findings.

