



Texas Department
of Public Safety

MANDATED NIBRS REPORTING

What is HB 4879?

In June 2023, the 88th Legislature passed House Bill 4879, ushering in a new era of incident-based reporting. HB 4879 modifies Government Code 411.054 to **make NIBRS (National Incident-Based Reporting System) submissions to the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program mandatory.**

What are the requirements?

ALL local law enforcement agencies must:

1. Adopt a NIBRS-compliant RMS (Records Management System).
2. Submit monthly NIBRS data to DPS UCR program using their ORI, or file 'zero reports' for no incidents.

Who does it cover?

Per NIBRS guidelines, this applies to agencies that have personnel who are commissioned or licensed peace officers per the TCOLE definition who possess full arrest powers.

- TCOLE defines commissioned as -- Has been given the legal power to act as a peace officer or reserve, whether elected, employed, or appointed.
- TCOLE defines a peace officer as -- A person elected, employed, or appointed as a peace officer under the provisions of the Texas Occupations Code, §1701.001.

Effective date:

September 1, 2023

Need assistance or more information?

Reach out to NIBRS@dps.texas.gov or call 512-424-2091.