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CHF Gun Entry – Firearms Type Codes

When entering firearms into the LEADS/NCIC Gun File (stolen/missing, recovered, or seized) it is important to ensure that the correct weapon type code (TYP) is being used. Codes for weapon type can be either 1 character or 2-character combination type codes. For example, type code “P” used by itself is the code for a pistol. Type code “I” used by itself is the code for a land mine. Type code “PI” is a 2-character combination code for “pistol, semi-automatic”. The single character codes can have different meanings depending on whether they are entered as a single character code, or as the second character in a combination type code.

Most common firearms entered will require a 2-character combination type code (PI – pistol, semi-automatic, PR – pistol, revolver, SP – shotgun, pump-action, etc.). Also note that type code “Z” is for a weapon that fires electrified darts (a “taser”) and not a generic code or a code to be used for incomplete firearms (i.e.: receiver only – The BATF classifies receivers as firearms, so you would use whatever code would apply if it was a complete gun).

You may refer to the NCIC Code Manual, available via the LEADS 3.0 website, for a full list of gun type codes and combination type codes, as well as firearms manufacturer (MAK) codes.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the ISP Help Desk ISP.HelpDesk@illinois.gov or at 866/LEADS-00 (866/532-3700).

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