# LEADS Daily Briefing for August 2, 2019

## Article Type (TYP) Code for Cell Phones

NCIC has previously issued new TYP codes for cell phones - DCELLPH and ZCELLPH (Z = Public Safety, Homeland Security, or Critical Infrastructure equipment). Previously, cell phones were entered using TYP/OTELEPH (or ZTELEPH), the same code that is used for land line telephones.

#### Cell Phones: TYP/DCELLPH (or ZCELLPH)

#### Land Line Telephones: OTELEPH (or ZTELEPH)

Existing Article records entered with TYP/OTELEPH or TYP/ZTELEPH that could be positively identified as cell phones have had the TYP field changed to DCELLPH or ZCELLPH by the LEADS programming staff. This modification will cause Modify Acknowledgment messages to be sent to the entering terminals. These messages should be retained with the original entry.

Agencies are encouraged to run a summary list of their active Article entries to verify that all cell phone entries now contain DCELLPH or ZCELLPH instead of OTELEPH and ZTELEPH (LEADS 2000 > Inquiry > Summary Inquiries. A link to the help file is on the Summary Inquiry screen). Records should also be reviewed during the monthly validation process. If any Article records need to be updated, modification should be made as soon as possible.

### Inquiry - Searching Process

Having a record reflect the correct TYP code is crucial because of how the LEADS and NCIC hot file searching process is conducted. During the Article searching process, LEADS and NCIC search the Serial Number and the Category code (the first character of the TYP code, in this case an O and a D). The problem here is that Category codes D and O do not match each other during the searching process. So an inquiry made using TYP/OTELEPH will not "hit" (match) a record entered with TYP/DCELLPH, and vice versa. For this reason, operators are encouraged to make two inquiries when making an inquiry on cell phones - one using DCELLPH and one using the old code of OTELEPH. That way if an entry on a cell phone was made using the old code (OTELEPH), the hit would be returned. Of course the Comparison step of Hit Procedure must be still done when any hit is received.

The Article Type Code Dictionary has been updated to reflect these new codes.

For assistance please contact the Help Desk at 866/LEADS-00.

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