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Countdown to Improved Crash Data
Update on the new WisDOT Crash Database and Crash Form
February 2016 (Ten months to go)

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Dear Transportation Safety Partner:

As you may already know, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is currently undertaking a revision to the two-decade old Crash Form (MV4000) and Crash Database that will go into effect on January 1, 2017. We will be providing periodic updates so you are aware of any upcoming details. Here is the update as of February 15th 2016.

- The current Crash Form and the WisDOT Crash Database have not been updated for 20 years and do not contain important fields that can provide valuable data for traffic safety purposes.
- The goal of the update is to seek more compliance with the most current Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria (MMUCC) guidelines.
- Good data drives decisions at the federal, state, and local levels. A common misconception is that the data is just used for insurance purposes. While insurance companies are end users of some of the information in the crash form, these updates are being sought to provide additional crash details to WisDOT and your agencies to provide improved opportunities for data-driven, strategic efforts to promote highway safety.
- There will be new fields for which data needs to be collected (like crashes at roundabouts, involving cell phone use, additional details about crashes involving motorcycles, etc.) that will provide improved data. There will be an expanded "F2 Help" option to assist officers in working through all the fields.
- With the new form (which will be retitled as DT 4000) and fields, WisDOT understands that additional training is needed and we will help provide answers and eliminate confusion about the new form. There will be a variety of training options offered around the state beginning this summer and leading into fall. We will provide specific details when the training sessions are set up. We encourage you to participate when training sessions come to your area.
- 2016 crashes and any amends for crashes occurring between 2013 and 2016 should be sent in the same format as they are now. Either submit using the electronic MV4000 crash form, the Amend form, or submit a paper crash form.
- In addition to a new reportable crash form, the MV4002 Driver Report form will be digitized as well.
- Beginning on January 1, 2017, all crashes must be submitted electronically through a TraCS10 format. Neither the MV4000 nor the MV4002 will be available in paper for 2017 crashes.
- Information regarding the new crash form and crash database is available at http://www.topslab.wisc.edu/programs/safety/projects/Crash_Database_Improvement/. The "Crash Database Data Dictionary - January 2016 Draft" file posted in this website is intended to provide you with the full details of the changes.

If you would like to utilize the new fields in your RMS, you will need to work with your vendor to get the new format implemented. If you instead want to keep just the old format/data or your RMS is unable to change it, BadgerTraCS is developing a procedure that will export the new form in a format that matches the old one. This export will not have any of the new fields available. There will be a configuration option in TraCS to utilize this export option.

Thank you for your partnership in safety. Improved data will assist all of us with our data-driven approach to drive fatalities toward Zero in Wisconsin.

If you have questions about TraCS10, or if your agency needs assistance with new equipment or training to submit crashes electronically, please contact WisDOT at crash.database@dot.wi.gov.

Sincerely,

WisDOT Crash Database Project Team