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Countdown to Improved Crash Data
Update on the new Wisconsin Crash Database and Crash Forms
December 2016 (Ready to go!)

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Dear Transportation Safety Partner:

This newsletter includes information on: New Crash Database and Crash Forms 'Go Live' on January 1, 2017, Support teams contact information, Crash Forms training videos and Crash Forms trainings in year 2017 and more. Please read on…

New Crash Database and Crash Forms 'Go Live' and Support on December 31, 2016 night

As we have communicated in previous newsletters, the New Crash Database and Crash Forms (New Crash Form - DT4000, Fatal Supplement - DT3480 and Driver Report Of Crash - DT4002) are ready to **'Go Live' on January 1, 2017 at 12:01 AM.**

The Crash Database support teams will be here at Hill Farms, Madison on December 31, 2016, midnight through 4:00 AM, to respond to calls from Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs). If questions arise during this support window, please call us at 608-266-2265 or email us at crash.database@dot.wi.gov. Otherwise, follow your regular support process. If your agency is interested in participating on the 'Go Live', please email us.

If anytime you face any issues in using the new Crash Form - DT4000:

- Please call us at 608-266-2265 or email us at crash.database@dot.wi.gov

Driver Report Of Crash (DROC) – DT4002

In conjunction with the release of the new DT4000 Crash Report Form within TraCS, WisDOT is releasing the Driver Report of Crash, DT4002, to replace the MV4002 (paper form), Driver Report of Accident. The DT4002 will be completed exclusively via a web application available at the WisDOT website.

Attached with this newsletter are two versions of informational cards agencies can hand out to the public to report their crash. One version has four cards while the other has six depending upon agency preference. The webpage also has a printable version of the old MV4002 form for those who need to report a crash prior to January 1, 2017. Agencies should stop distributing the old MV4002 forms for 2017 crashes. If agencies have any questions regarding the new procedures for the Driver Report of Crash, please email us at Crash.database@dot.wi.gov.

Please use the short or long link below to access the launch page which has access to informational cards and any other information.

- wisconsindot.gov/crashreporting

- http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/safety/crsh-rpt/default.aspx

The web application includes extensive help and validation tools to enable drivers to provide accurate crash information, significantly streamlining the filing and processing of these forms. It will also be mobile friendly, so that it can be easily completed on a smart phone. Drivers without easy access to the web will be asked to visit their local library to access the form or contact their local Law Enforcement Agency.

Crash Forms Support Teams and Contact details from January 1, 2017

Questions on completing the crash form:

- LEAs should call Crash Records Unit at 608-266-2265 or email to crash.database@dot.wi.gov
- Please note that there is no change in the support hours

Crash Form Training Videos and Training Materials

We have created video tapes out of our crash forms training sessions conducted at the WisDOT Hill Farms location in Madison and TraCS Conference in Wisconsin Dells.

Please find the links below to TraCS site and YouTube.com:

TraCS training site link:

http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/safety/enforcement/agencies/tracs/training.aspx

Short videos:
- Section 1 - History and Overview: https://youtu.be/p807efGGPEU
- Section 2a - F2 Help, TLT and Crash Summary: https://youtu.be/UCHe8ZIPiOI
- Section 2b - Unit Information: https://youtu.be/WFCVgWmC6Cc
- Section 3a - Diagram, Validating and Transmission: https://youtu.be/oyXAKuVGXLw
- Section 3b - Amendments and Fatal Supplement Form: https://youtu.be/zXQMlgy86oM
- Section 3c - Additional Crash Facts, Citations and Wrap-Up: https://youtu.be/wmXE6-kP0tc

Please find the new crash forms **training materials** at the link below. These materials should assist you as you begin your own trainings.

Go here: http://www.topslab.wisc.edu/programs/safety/projects/Crash_Database_Improvement/ for the training PowerPoint and handouts (located at the bottom of the page). Please be careful and not print the very large PowerPoint presentation. The smaller one should be sufficient to conduct your trainings.

Crash Form Training – Next Year

We have travelled across the state and trained around 1,000 Law Enforcement Officers thus far. Thank you very much for all the Officers who helped us on the training, much appreciated! We are planning to conduct the New Crash Forms training next year (2017) also, here at Hill Farms, Madison. If your agency needs Crash Forms training, please email us at crash.database@dot.wi.gov.

We are still improving the F2 help screens. Please feel free to share your feedback to improve the help screens further. Refer to the 'Police Number' field F2 Help for more information.

Further Developments

As development of the crash forms get completed, the Crash Database team is focusing its attention on reports and other materials that will be beneficial to the LEA community and other stakeholders. Please send your suggestions by January 31, 2017 to the email below.

Conclusion

Beginning on January 1, 2017, all 2017 crashes will be submitted electronically through a new TraCS crash form. Neither the MV4000 nor the MV4002 will be available for paper submission for 2017 crashes, and WisDOT won't be accepting paper forms for 2017 crashes.

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

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

Sincerely,

Wisconsin Crash Database Project Team