

Inventory of State Police Accident Reports & Serious Injury Reporting Outline for Conducting Interviews with State Personnel

Traffic Records Coordinator: Contact Call

Hello, my name is ____ of Traffic Safety Analysis, under contract to the Federal Highway Administration to learn more about how your state is coding injury crashes. In particular, this is element P5 Injury Status in the MMUCC guideline. We would like to talk to someone in your state, likely the crash data manager, about this. The person we have on file is _____. Is this person still current?

Crash Data Contact: Interview Outline

Hello, my name is ____ of Traffic Safety Analysis, under contract to the Federal Highway Administration to learn more about how your state is coding injury crashes. In particular, this is element P5 Injury Status in the MMUCC guideline. Might you have about 15 minutes to talk?

1. Do we have the most current crash form, data dictionary, and officer instruction manuals?
 - a. Crash form date: _____
 - b. Data dictionary date: _____
 - c. Officer instruction manual: _____
2. We are particularly interested in how your state defines injuries. We have your definitions as _____. Is that correct?
3. As you may or may not be aware, FHWA has a notice of proposed rulemaking out which would require states to report all of the mandatory performance measures that are based upon serious injuries and serious injury crashes to use the MMUCC 4 definition for serious injury. Do you believe your current definition is correct, or does it need to be changed? What would be involved in changing it?
4. Do you see roadblocks to implementing the new MMUCC 4 definition? If so, please identify.
5. Is all data coming to the State from reporting agencies using the standard PAR? If no:
 - a. What agencies are not using the State-specified PAR?
 - b. What agencies are not reporting crashes, regardless of PAR used?
 - c. About how many reports does each non-reporting agency account for each year?
6. For the significant data sources, whom might we contact? At the time of the pre-activity meeting, we will come to an agreement with the FHWA sponsors as to what level of missing data will be categorized as significant and worth pursuing.

This collection of information is voluntary and will be used to gather best practice information from State Traffic Records Coordinators. Public reporting burden is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this collection is 2125-XXXX. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: Michael Howell, FHWA Information Collection Clearance Officer, Michael.howell@dot.gov, 202 366-5707 Federal Highway Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590.

7. Do you have any thoughts about how reliably officers are using the MMUCC definition?

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