

## **Serious Injury Compliance Reporting**

The following set of questions pertains to the reporting of serious injuries within your State. States are required to report serious injuries per the Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria (MMUCC) 4<sup>th</sup> Edition “*Suspected Serious Injury (A)*” attribute found in the “Injury Status” data element (P5) of the MMUCC. States must comply with the new definition by April 15, 2019.

### **Definition of “*Suspected Serious Injury (A)*”**

- Severe laceration resulting in exposure of underlying tissues/muscle/organs or resulting in significant loss of blood
- Broken or distorted extremity (arm or leg)
- Crush injuries
- Suspected skull, chest, or abdominal injury other than bruises or minor lacerations
- Significant burns (second and third degree burns over 10% or more of the body)
- Unconsciousness when taken from the crash scene
- Paralysis

### **Criteria for compliance with the “*Suspected Serious Injury (A)*” Definition:**

- (a) Maintains a statewide crash database capable of accurately aggregating the MMUCC 4th Edition injury status attribute for “*Suspected Serious Injury (A)*”;
- (b) Ensures the State crash database, data dictionary and crash report user manual employs the verbatim terminology and definitions for the MMUCC 4th Edition injury status attribute “*Suspected Serious Injury (A)*”;
- (c) Ensures the police crash form employs the verbatim MMUCC 4th Edition injury status attribute for “*Suspected Serious Injury (A)*”; and
- (d) Ensures that the seven serious injury types specified in the “*Suspected Serious Injury (A)*” attribute are not included in any of the other attributes listed in the States’ injury status data elements.

### **Questions**

1. Which agency in your state manages and maintains the state’s crash database (e.g. DOT, Department of Public Safety, State Police/Patrol, etc.)?
2. If your state is not already compliant with regulation for “*Suspected Serious Injury (A)*”, what steps or actions is your State planning to take to become compliant by when?
3. Does the state crash report form instruction manual, that identifies how officers are expected to complete the crash form for crashes they investigate, employ the verbatim terminology and definitions for the MMUCC 4<sup>th</sup> Edition attribute for “*Suspected Serious Injury (A)*”?

4. Does the state crash database dictionary, that provides the names and definitions for data elements in the state crash database, employ the verbatim terminology and definitions for the MMUCC 4<sup>th</sup> edition attribute for "*Suspected Serious Injury (A)*"?
5. Please provide us a copy (or scanned image) of your State's crash report form.
6. Is all data coming to the State from reporting agencies using the State crash form?
7. What agencies are not using the State-specified crash form?
8. For the agencies not using the State crash form, whom might we contact?
9. What agencies are not submitting to the State database, regardless of the crash form used?