CRASH CAUSAL FACTORS PROGRAM: KNOWLEDGE OF SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES

SURVEY INVITATION LETTERS



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1. FMCSA DIVISION ADMINISTRATORS

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Your Role in the Survey

The Agency is asking FMCSA Division Administrators (DAs) to provide contact information for State and local Government employees (or designated contractors) who can provide FMCSA with information about CMV crash notification processes; crash data collection systems, processes, and training; existing CMV crash data and data quality review processes; and CMV enforcement resources and funding. This contact information is critical; FMCSA will be administering surveys to the contacts to collect the required information.

DAs will need to reach out to appropriate staff in their State (e.g., crash records managers, law enforcement command staff, and MCSAP coordinators) to gather the requested contacts. The State contacts should be entered into the survey tool. We have attached a non-fillable PDF copy of the survey form for the State contacts, so you can review the questions in advance.

When you are ready to input the State contact information, you can access the online survey tool here: **[INSERT LINK]**

[INCLUDE THIS LANGUAGE ONLY FOR THE 13 DAs WHO WILL BE COLLECTING LOCAL JURISDICTION CONTACT INFO]

FMCSA is also requesting contact information for specific local jurisdictions and is collecting this information in Excel. You can access the Excel file for your State on SharePoint, here: **[INSERT LINK TO DA's STATE FOLDER]**. This is a secure, FMCSA-owned SharePoint site. **Please let us know if you have staff supporting you on this task, so we can provide them access to the SharePoint site.**

Please submit your completed survey by [INSERT DATE].

In addition to the survey, FMCSA will be sending you a separate request to upload key documents (e.g., your State's most current police crash report form) to the FMCSA SharePoint site. You should receive an email with this request within the next week or two.

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Your Role in the Survey

The Agency is asking you to provide information about your State's police crash report (PCR) database(s). We have attached a non-fillable PDF copy of the survey, so you can review the questions in advance.

When you are ready to input your responses, you can access the online survey tool here: **[INSERT LINK]**

Please submit your completed survey by [INSERT DATE].

In addition to the survey, FMCSA is hoping you will share a few key documents related to your State's crash repository (e.g., user manual, system specifications, data dictionary, etc.). If you indicate in the survey that you are willing to share these documents, FMCSA will send you a separate email request.

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The Agency is asking you to provide information about your [State's / local jurisdiction's] post-crash investigation and crash reconstruction data storage methods and access capabilities. We have attached a non-fillable PDF copy of your survey, so you can review the questions in advance.

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The Agency is asking you to provide information about your State's CMV enforcement resources and funding, post-crash inspection training, and post-crash inspection data elements. We have attached a non-fillable PDF copy of your survey, so you can review the questions in advance.

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