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Countdown to Improved Crash Data
Update on the new Wisconsin Crash Database and Crash Form
April 2016 (Eight months to go)

Dear Transportation Safety Partner:

As we communicated in the March newsletter, WisDOT understands that additional training on the new crash forms and fields will be needed. There are many training options beginning this summer and leading into fall around the state that will help provide answers and eliminate confusion about the new crash forms. We want to share the training dates and locations about the new crash forms training in this newsletter. Here is the update as of April 20, 2016.

- As indicated above, the current Crash Form and the Wisconsin Crash Database are going through many changes (around 50% new fields are added).
- We want to make sure that all the law enforcement agencies (LEAs) are trained on the new crash form and are ready to use it beginning January 1, 2017
- There will be an expanded “F2 Help” option to assist officers in working through all the fields. If you would like to share your feedback on this document, please contact us at the email address below.
- The DMV-TraCS team started the bi-weekly “Crash Redesign Workshop”, running from March 1, 2016 through June 2016. Please come in and test the new crash forms and give your feedback to make the form better and easy to use.
 - Note, this is not training and for Law Enforcement Agencies only.
- Thank you for replying to the Crash Form Training Survey sent out a few weeks ago. Your feedback helped us to finalize the training locations and months, and you indicated an interest in assisting with the training sessions.
- In your response to this survey, we recognize that having training conducted by agencies alongside the Division of State Patrol (DSP) is welcome in the law enforcement community.
- Volunteers will help conduct the training with the assistance of WisDOT and UW-TOPS personnel. DSP/UW-TOPS will be creating the training materials and outlines necessary so that all training sessions are presented in a similar manner.
- We have arranged full day training on Aug 16 (Room 421 at Hill Farms, Madison) just for those that will assist with the training. We would not expect the same individuals to conduct every training session. You can select which area(s) would be most convenient for you both geographically and for scheduling purposes.
- Please indicate if you would like additional information regarding this training. We understand this is an additional duty you are undertaking and appreciate your commitment.
- Based on the survey results, we are conducting trainings at these locations from July through October 2016. Please find the final training dates and locations below for each region. We encourage you to block these dates soon. We will share the registration information in our next newsletter.

- Training duration: From July to October 2016
 - Two training sessions will be provided per day, one in the morning (8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon) and a second session in the afternoon (12:30 PM to 4:30 PM)
 - We will provide one laptop for two officers, loaded with TraCS10 (new crash forms)
 - We are expecting two officers from each agency to share one laptop
- Training locations and dates:
 - South-Central area
 - **Aug 17 (Room 364 at Hill Farms, Madison).** We are conducting two classes, 30 people in each class. Total: 60 participants.
 - **Sep 13 and 14 (Room 421 at Hill Farms, Madison).** We are conducting four classes, 30 people in each class. Total: 120 participants.
 - Due to limited parking and seating capacity, we reduced to 30 participants per class.
 - Please don't park in the DMV customer parking. Park in the East lot and sign in at the security desk and put your vehicle plate number.
 - South-East area
 - **Aug 30 and 31 (Waukesha County Technical College, Pewaukee).** We are conducting four classes, 42 people in each class. Total: 168 participants. We are in the process of adding one more class on Sep 1.
 - South-West area
 - **July 26 and 27 (Room 4 at State Patrol Academy, Fort McCoy).** Open for State Patrol and other LEAs. We are conducting four classes, 50 people in each class. Total: 200 participants.
 - North-East area
 - **August 23 (The Governor's Conference on Highway Safety, Green Bay).** Opened for all areas/LEAs. We are conducting two classes, 50 people in each class. Total: 100 participants.
 - **Sep 20 and 21 (Northeast Technical College, Green Bay).** We are yet to get the confirmation from Northeast Technical College in Green Bay. We are in the process of reserving Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton as an alternate location. We will confirm this in the next newsletter. We are conducting four classes, 50 people in each class. Total: 200 participants.
 - North-Central area
 - **Sep 27 and 28 (North Central Technical College, Wausau).** We are conducting four classes, 50 people in each class. Total: 200 participants.
 - North-West area
 - **Oct 4 and 5 (Indianhead Technical College, Rice Lake).** We are conducting four classes, 50 people in each class. Total: 200 participants.
- Electronic copies of the training materials will be made available (Power Point Presentation with notes) to class attendees.
- The full version of online training videos will be available in fall 2016.
- Short versions of online videos will be available (For example: Work zone, Sequence of events etc.) in fall 2016
- A high level overview of the new crash form will be provided at the TraCS User Conference to be held in October or November. These will not serve as formal training sessions.
- It is very important to submit the FARS (information regarding fatal crashes) data on time which

- will help NHTSA to derive the data nationwide and improve the safety measures.
- Refer to the link below for the Wisconsin Traffic Safety Reporter, spring 2016 edition.
<http://wisconsin.dot.gov/Documents/about-wisdot/newsroom/newsletters/safety/tsr-vol19no1.pdf>

Recap of previous information:

- As we said in the February newsletter, the MV4002 Driver Report form will be digitized as well.
 - Beginning on January 1, 2017, all crashes will be submitted electronically through a TraCS10 format. Neither the MV4000 nor the MV4002 will be available for paper submission for 2017 crashes.
 - Information with regards to 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 in the site 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 be updated, 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 transportation 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,

Wisconsin Crash Database Project Team