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

Dear Transportation Safety Partner:

As we communicated in the February newsletter, WisDOT understands that additional training on the new DT4000 form and fields is needed. There will be a variety of training options beginning this summer and leading into fall around the state that will help provide answers and eliminate confusion about the new crash form. We want to share more information about the new crash form training in this newsletter. Here is the update as of March 15, 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 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 form DT4000 and give your feedback to make the form better and easy to use.
 - <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084aaeaa28a1f49-crash>
 - Note, this is not a training
- We sent a survey to collect your feedback about training locations, months and other requirements
- Based on the survey results, we are planning to conduct trainings at these locations from July through October 2016. We will provide final training dates for each location once we get the dates from the Technical Colleges. We encourage you to participate when training sessions come your way.
 - Training duration: From July to October 2016
 - Two training sessions will be provided, 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 25 laptops loaded with TraCS10 (new crash form DT4000) to train 50 officers per session
 - We are expecting two officers from each agency to share one laptop
 - More than one day of training per location may be required if more than 100 LEOs registered for a particular location. Please look for additional information that will be forthcoming and register early!
 - Technical College Locations:

- South-Central area
 - Held in Madison
 - Planning to combine Fennimore location with Madison
 - The trainings will be held at the Wisconsin DOT building (Hill Farms)
- Southeast area
 - Held in Milwaukee
 - Planning to combine Pewaukee and Kenosha locations with Milwaukee
- Northeast area
 - Held in Green Bay
- North-Central area
 - Held in Wausau
- Northwest area
 - Held in Rice Lake or Chippewa Falls
- 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 Governor's Conference On Highway Safety in August and at the TraCS User Conference to be held in October or November. These will not serve as formal training sessions.

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