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

Dear Transportation Safety Partner:

As we communicated in the April newsletter, we want to make sure that all the law enforcement agencies (LEAs) are trained on the new crash forms and are ready to use it beginning January 1, 2017. We want to share the registration details, training dates and locations about the new crash forms training in this newsletter. Here is the update as of May 17, 2016.

- Based on the survey results, we are conducting trainings at these regions from July through October 2016.
- We encourage you to block these dates soon.
 - Training and registration details:
 - 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). Please note that both training sessions are the same.
 - We will provide one laptop for two participants, loaded with TraCS10 (new crash forms)
 - Please note that only two participants are allowed to attend this training from each agency. These two participants are expected to train other staff in their agency.
 - Use the following form to indicate which two participants will be attending and which session each is requesting. WisDOT staff will use this information to pre-register the participants in the session.
 - <http://goo.gl/forms/qHkHKHu2Te>
 - Participants will receive an email with directions to complete the registration steps.
 - Training locations and dates:
 - South-Central area
 - **Aug 17 and 18 (Room 364 at Hill Farms, Madison).** We are conducting four classes, 30 people in each class. Total: 120 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 the number 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 with your vehicle plate number.

- South-East area
 - **Aug 30, 31 and Sep 1 (Room S-235 at Waukesha County Technical College, Pewaukee).** We are conducting five classes, 42 people in each class. Total: 210 participants.
 - 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, KI Convention Center, 333 Main St, Green Bay, WI 54301).** Opened for all areas/LEAs. We are conducting two classes, 50 people in each class. Total: 100 participants.
 - **Sep 20 and 21 (Lecture Hall: Room SC132 at Northeast Technical College, Green Bay).** We are conducting four classes, 50 people in each class. Total: 200 participants.
 - North-Central area
 - **Sep 27 and 28 (Health Building Auditorium: Room 1004 at 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 (Combined Rooms 241/243 at 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 in fall 2016. For example: Work zone, Sequence of events etc.
 - 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 easier to use.
 - Note, this is not training and for Law Enforcement Agencies only.
 - We have arranged full day training on Aug 16 (Room 421 at Hill Farms, Madison) just for those who 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.
 - 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.

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 - May 2016 ” file on 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