

Privately-Owned Motor Vehicle Collisions

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Abstract

The problem was the State of Wyoming had no systematic method to collect data from motor vehicle collisions involving privately-owned vehicles used by fire department members during emergency response. The purpose of the applied research project was to identify methods to collect data from these types of incidents. Descriptive research was selected as the most appropriate research method to address the problem and purpose statements. Three research questions were chosen to analyze the problem. First, how do fire departments in Wyoming collect data from motor vehicle collisions involving privately-owned vehicles used by members of their organization? Second, how do Wyoming law enforcement collision reports record data from these types of incidents? Third, how do Wyoming insurers collect data from these types of incidents? Research procedures included the development of a questionnaire for Wyoming fire chiefs, data queries submitted to the United States Fire Administration, to the Wyoming Traffic Crash Report Database, and to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and interviews with the Wyoming Department of Transportation, the Wyoming State Insurance Department, and the Wyoming Local Government Liability Pool. The results indicated most Wyoming fire departments rely on state law enforcement officials to complete traffic crash reports; that Wyoming law enforcement agencies use a standardized traffic crash report form to collect data for motor vehicle collisions with over \$1,000.00 in damage; and that Wyoming insurers rely on affiliate companies to provide actuarial data from motor vehicle collisions. The primary recommendation to address the research project was to modify the Wyoming Investigator's Traffic Crash Report and accompanying training manual for law enforcement officers and to follow up with a proposal for modification submitted to the Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria Committee. Finally, an analysis of the impact privately-owned vehicle emergency response collisions has on public safety should then be conducted.

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Anecdotal evidence suggests public safety may be compromised by firefighters traveling in privately-owned vehicles during emergency response. Wyoming state statutes provide specific privileges for authorized emergency vehicles, including privately-owned vehicles, during emergency response. The impact these state statutes have on public safety is not known because sufficient quantitative data does not exist regarding this problem. The problem is the State of Wyoming has no systematic method to collect data from motor vehicle collisions involving privately-owned vehicles used by fire department members while performing, or traveling to perform, assigned firefighting or emergency service duties. The purpose of this applied research project is to identify methods to collect data from motor vehicle collisions involving privately-owned vehicles used by fire department members while performing, or traveling to perform, assigned firefighting or emergency service duties. Descriptive research has been selected as the most appropriate research method to address the problem and purpose statements. The following research questions have been chosen to conduct the applied research project.

1. How do fire departments in Wyoming collect data from motor vehicle collisions involving privately-owned vehicles used by members of their organization?
2. How do Wyoming law enforcement collision reports collect data from motor vehicle collisions involving privately-owned vehicles used by members of a fire department?
3. How do auto insurance companies in Wyoming collect data from motor vehicle collisions involving privately-owned vehicles used by members of a fire department?

Background and Significance

Motor vehicle collisions account for the second leading cause of firefighter line of duty deaths in the United States (Fahy, 2008). An analysis of 148 firefighter line of duty deaths involving motor vehicle collisions between 1998 and 2007 indicated that one third of the line of duty deaths involved the firefighters' privately-owned vehicles (Fahy, 2008). The impact these privately-owned vehicle emergency response collisions have on public safety is not readily apparent. Reports from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) from 1997 through 2006 indicate that motor vehicle collisions involving fire apparatus caused 127 civilian fatalities and 10 firefighter line of duty deaths (Fahy, 2008). Over the same time period, NHTSA reports indicate that fire apparatus motor vehicle collisions killed an additional 21 pedestrians and five bicyclists (Fahy, 2008). Unfortunately, data regarding how many of these civilian fatalities were caused by firefighters responding in privately-owned vehicles does not exist. Furthermore, data specific to privately-owned vehicle emergency response collisions within the state of Wyoming also does not exist.

Eighty-six percent of fire departments in America are volunteer fire departments according to the U.S. Department of State eJournal USA document, *The Spirit of Volunteerism* (Markley, 2012). This figure is accurately reflected in Wyoming where approximately eight-five percent of the fire departments are volunteer organizations. The remaining fifteen percent of the Wyoming fire departments are career fire departments, industrial fire brigades, and state or federal fire departments (Firescope Mid-America, 2005). When an emergency incident occurs in Wyoming, many volunteer fire departments allow firefighters to respond either to the fire station, or directly to the incident in their privately-owned vehicles. These types of emergency responses

may pose a significant risk to both the general public in Wyoming as well as to the volunteer firefighters who are responding.

Wyoming state statutes specify that when an authorized emergency vehicle is responding to an emergency call or fire alarm, the driver may proceed past stop signals and signs, exceed posted speed limits, disregard specified traffic movement direction, and park the emergency vehicle irrespective of posted regulations (Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways, 2012). The definition of an authorized emergency vehicle specifically includes privately-owned vehicles used by members of a fire department while performing assigned emergency service duties. However, the vehicle must be authorized in writing by the governing body, equipped with a flashing red or amber light, and equipped with a fire department organization marker or tag to be officially recognized as an authorized emergency vehicle (Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways, 2012). These exemptions have been provided for authorized emergency vehicles in an effort to ensure timely responses during exigent circumstances. The significance of these exemptions regarding public safety has not been fully analyzed. If sufficient data were created, a detailed analysis of the impact privately-owned vehicle emergency response collisions have on public safety could be conducted. Future potential amendments to state statutes could prove necessary to improve public safety while still ensuring timely emergency response.

In March of 1994, a sixteen-year-old Wyoming girl was struck and killed while she was making a left-hand turn through a green light intersection. A privately-owned vehicle was responding to investigate a reported smoke incident and drove through the opposing red light at a controlled intersection. The privately-owned responding vehicle struck the sixteen-year-old's vehicle broadside as it entered the intersection. The driver of the privately-owned responding vehicle was the sixteen-year-old girl's father, who was a volunteer firefighter for the local fire

department (Pieper, Stahla, & Depue, 1994). This anecdotal account serves to illustrate the impact motor vehicle collisions involving privately-owned vehicles used during emergency response can have on not only the responding firefighter, but also on the firefighter's family, the general public, and the entire community. There is currently no method to capture data from privately-owned vehicle emergency response collisions and analyze the extent of how these collisions may affect public safety.

The collection of data related to privately-owned vehicle emergency response collisions is an important topic of research for the Wyoming State Fire Marshal's Office (WSFMO) because the agency is responsible to implement fire safety programs and minimize loss of life and property for the residents of the state of Wyoming. Furthermore the WFSMO is specifically directed to conduct a critical analysis and evaluation of fire loss statistics to determine problems and solutions (Wyoming Department of Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety, 2012). The agency strategic plan specifies that the WFSMO shall effectively respond to the needs of residents and guests of the state of Wyoming (Wyoming Department of Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety, 2007). The WFSMO is uniquely suited to conduct this research because the agency maintains close contact with all the fire and emergency response agencies throughout Wyoming. Additionally, the WFSMO is the only agency with specific statewide jurisdictional fire related responsibilities.

The National Fire Academy Executive Analysis of Community Risk Reduction course focuses on the value of community risk reduction efforts (United States Fire Administration - National Fire Academy, n.d.). The topic of this research paper is directly related to the focus of the Executive Analysis of Community Risk Reduction course because the research is intended to identify methods to collect data regarding privately-owned vehicle emergency response

collisions. The data from these types of motor vehicle collisions will eventually lead to efforts to improve public safety and reduce privately-owned vehicle emergency response collisions.

The National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program, specifies that each applied research paper must be related to at least one of the United States Fire Administration (USFA) strategic goals (United States Fire Administration - National Fire Academy, 2012). The topic of this applied research is related to the first USFA strategic goal, to reduce risk at a local level through prevention and mitigation, because the research will lead to efforts to improve public safety and reduce privately-owned vehicle emergency response collisions (United States Fire Administration, 2010).

Literature Review

In an effort to review the findings of others who have published research related to privately-owned motor vehicle collisions, an extensive literature review was conducted using the Wyoming Library Database, Gale's Literature Resource Center, and the National Fire Academy Learning Resource Center. Literature related to each research question was selected and analyzed. Sources were selected based on relevancy and recency for each research question.

The first research question, regarding how fire departments in Wyoming collect data from motor vehicle collisions involving privately-owned vehicles used by members of the organization was analyzed as part of the literature review. To understand the broad implications of the theory of data collection, *The Practice of Social Research*, by Dr. Earl Babbie was selected and reviewed. This text focused on how research is conducted by social scientists. The text suggests that data collection and management is absolutely critical in the field of social research. Without adequate data collection procedures, it would be impossible to analyze the impact of

various societal issues (Babbie, 2009). The Practice of Social Research emphasizes the importance of quantitative and qualitative research methods to collect and analyze data.

To gain an understanding of data collection for motor vehicle collisions involving privately-owned vehicles by non-fire related entities, the scope of the literature review was narrowed to identify relevant information from the United States Postal Service (USPS). The USPS Highway Contractor Safety Handbook PO-515 was selected and reviewed as part of this research. This handbook was designed as a vehicle safety reference for postal service employees regarding policies, practices, and procedures (United States Postal Service, 2010). The USPS frequently employs contract delivery services using privately-owned vehicles to complete rural routes. These contract delivery service routes pose special safety problems that are relevant to the topic of research. USPS statistics indicate that rural roads are the most hazardous to drive on. More than two-thirds of the annual motor vehicle collisions occur on rural roads even though less than one-half of the annual miles driven are on rural roads (United States Postal Service, 2010). The USPS has developed a rigorous motor vehicle safety program and provided the USPS Highway Contractor Safety Handbook PO-515 as a guideline to help eliminate unnecessary motor vehicle collisions. Furthermore, the USPS has developed an internal accident report form, PS Form 1769/301, to report and fully analyze data from motor vehicle collisions (United States Postal Service, 2012). The data collected from this accident report form is an essential component for the USPS to conduct a thorough accident analysis and develop procedures to mitigate the identified hazards.

To gain a more thorough understanding of motor vehicle collisions involving privately-owned vehicles by non-fire related entities, the U.S. Army Safety Center publication Privately-Owned Vehicle Risk Management Toolbox for Commanders, Leaders, and Non-Commissioned

Officers was reviewed. This guiding text provides military standard operating procedures, best practice examples, and lessons learned that can be used when developing a privately-owned vehicle safety program (U.S. Army Safety Center, 2006). All Army personnel are required to complete the Army Traffic Safety Program, which is comprised of five instructor led classes and one online accident avoidance course. Each course builds upon the previous module to reinforce expected behaviors. The first course focuses on establishing a positive attitude toward driving, individual responsibility, and correct response to routine and emergency driving situations. The second course is designed for personnel who are assigned to a new installation for more than 30 days. This course focuses on local driving hazards personnel may encounter while stationed at the installation. The third course is designed as an intermediate traffic safety training course and reinforces previously learned information. The fourth course is designed as advanced training for personnel twelve to eighteen months after receiving their intermediate training. This course is designed to provide accident prevention training based on current trends. The final course is designed for all newly assigned Army supervisors to provide information regarding the responsibilities and the expectations of the Army Traffic Safety Program (U.S. Army Safety Center, 2006).

The Privately-Owned Vehicle Risk Management Toolbox for Commanders, Leaders, and Non-Commissioned Officers contains policies for accident/incident after-action-reviews, commander's assessment instructions for incidents, and reporting forms for privately-owned vehicle fatalities (U.S. Army Safety Center, 2006). This resource was extremely useful as part of the applied research because of the structured format and applicability towards the topic of research.

The literature review was again narrowed in scope to identify relevant information from fire related entities. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is the federal agency responsible for conducting research and making recommendations for the

prevention of work-related injury and illness (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, 2011). NIOSH has developed the Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program. NIOSH conducts independent investigations of fire fighter line of duty deaths to determine factors that cause or contribute to fire fighter deaths suffered in the line of duty. A report of each investigation is developed that identifies causal factors that contributed to the line of duty death and makes recommendations to prevent future similar incidents. NIOSH investigators conduct interviews and review available records to develop the reports and provide a context for the agency's recommendations.

A query for privately-owned motor vehicle collision fatalities was conducted using the online investigative report tool on the NIOSH website. Eight different NIOSH firefighter fatality investigation reports were found to have been completed. Each of the eight online reports involving privately-owned vehicles listed specific recommendations to minimize risk of similar incidents. These recommendations include providing program oversight, vehicle inspection procedures, the development of standard operating guidelines, the explicitly required use of seatbelts, requirements to ensure state motor vehicle codes are followed, training programs for all new-member orientations and driver training sessions, and requirements for annual defensive driver training programs (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, 2012).

The second research question regarding how Wyoming law enforcement collision reports collect data from motor vehicle collisions involving privately-owned vehicles used by members of a fire department was also analyzed as part of the literature review. In an effort to research the general implications of motor vehicle collision report forms, the Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria (MMUCC) was reviewed. The MMUCC is a guiding document published as a collaborative effort between the Governors Highway Safety Association, the Federal Highway

Administration, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (Governors Highway Safety Association, 2012). The MMUCC presents a model format for completing standardized motor vehicle collision reports on a national level. The MMUCC is a minimum data set requirement. States may choose to collect additional motor vehicle crash related data elements if the data is deemed necessary to enhance decision-making. States are encouraged to adopt the MMUCC in an effort to generate uniform data which will lead to improvements in public safety. The MMUCC recommends law enforcement personnel at incidents should collect 77 specific data elements for the motor vehicle collision report. An additional 23 data element should also be obtained through linkage with state data file systems (Governors Highway Safety Association, 2012).

Specifically, section V.11 of the MMUCC is a data element that indicates the operation of motor vehicles such as a police vehicles, fire trucks, or ambulances that are legally authorized by a government authority to respond to emergencies. Selectable options for this data element include:

- Not applicable
- Non-Emergency, Non-Transport
- Non-Emergency Transport
- Emergency Operation, Emergency Warning Equipment Not in Use
- Emergency Operation, Emergency Warning Equipment in Use
- Unknown

The MMUCC guidance for this data element explains driver behavior related to emergency vehicle response is becoming national problem. The intent of the emergency response data element is to gather information that will eventually lead to efforts to reduce the

number of motor vehicle crashes involving emergency vehicle response (Governors Highway Safety Association, 2012).

In an effort to understand applicable standards related to the second research question, the American National Standard, ANSI D16.1-2007, Manual on Classification of Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents, 7th Edition was reviewed. The Manual on Classification of Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents (MCMVTA) is intended to enhance consistency of motor vehicle collision statistics developed by Federal, state, and local jurisdictions. The MCMVTA primarily provides statistical classifications, common language, and terminology guidelines for motor vehicle collision reports for nationwide use. The manual is not intended as a requirement for accident reporting or investigations. The manual specifies that reporting requirements should be established by state law or city ordinance (American National Standards Institute, 2007).

The literature review was narrowed in scope to identify how Wyoming law enforcement collision reports collect data from motor vehicle collisions involving privately-owned vehicles used by members of a fire department. The Wyoming Investigator's Traffic Crash Reporting Manual – January 2008 Revision (WITCRM) was selected and reviewed as part of this research. This WITCRM is intended to provide standardized training for law enforcement officers and traffic collision investigators to document and record motor vehicle collisions in a consistent and systematic format. The WITCRM provides two specific reasons to properly document and report motor vehicle collisions: “to provide detail on individual traffic crashes and to provide information for analysis and evaluation on a broad scale” (Wyoming Department of Transportation, 2008, p. I). The Wyoming Traffic Records Coordinating Committee utilized the Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria as a guideline to develop the WITCRM.

Section 115, the Emergency Vehicle Use section of the WITCRM, provides guidance for completing a crash report involving emergency vehicles. This data element indicates that an official motor vehicle has been involved in a crash during emergency response. Three options are selectable under this heading: yes, no, or unknown (Wyoming Department of Transportation, 2008). Section 116, the Emergency Equipment Activated section, provides additional guidance for completing a crash report involving the emergency vehicle. This data element indicates whether the emergency equipment for the vehicle was actuated at the time of the incident or not. Again, three options are selectable under this heading: yes, no, or unknown. Finally, Section 117, the Special Function of MV in Transport section, indicates the type of special function being served by this vehicle regardless of whether the function is marked on the vehicle (Wyoming Department of Transportation, 2008). Fourteen selectable options are available under this section:

1. None
2. Police
3. Ambulance/EMS
4. Fire Truck
5. Military
6. Snow Plow
7. Tow Truck
8. MV used as a School Bus
9. MV used as Other Bus
10. Construction Equipment
11. Farm Equipment

12. Taxi

13. Train

14. Unknown

The appendix of the WITCRM explains the fire truck coding element refers to a vehicle that is owned by any local, county, or state fire protection agency. The vehicles are presumed to be in special use at all times (Wyoming Department of Transportation, 2008). No further information is provided to assist in determining if the vehicle is a privately-owned authorized emergency vehicle responding to an emergency incident.

Finally, the third research question regarding how auto insurance companies in Wyoming collect data from motor vehicle collisions involving privately-owned vehicles used by members of a fire department was analyzed as part of the literature review as well. To address this research question, the literature review sought to identify how insurance companies evaluate risk. The literature review revealed that insurance companies quantify risk with data provided by industry professionals called actuaries. Actuaries use data to calculate risk and make recommendations regarding underwriting decisions. For example, the Insurance Services Office (ISO) provides actuarial services for insurers in an effort to enhance decision making and boost productivity and profitability (Insurance Services Office website, n.d.). The ISO provides information regarding premium trends, catastrophe losses, risk classifications, expenses, and residual markets. ISO provides compilations and data analyses for aggregated data from a broad base of insurers to ensure accurate and timely information (Insurance Services Office website, n.d.). The insurer can then use this information to make informed decisions regarding underwriting policies for general liability and many other forms of insurance that may be

necessary to provide coverage for motor vehicle collisions involving privately-owned vehicles used by members of a fire department.

The literature review for the third research question was narrowed in scope to identify specific research from insurance related organizations regarding privately-owned vehicle response. The Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services (VFIS) organization provides specialized insurance coverage and risk management services for emergency service organizations (Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services website, n.d.). The Risk Control Services Department of VFIS evaluates risk assumed by emergency service organizations. The Education and Training Services Department of VFIS then produces training programs to mitigate and implement the risk management solutions identified by the Risk Control Services Department. The Privately-Owned Vehicle Operations – Answering the Call Safely training program was created by the VFIS Education and Training Services Department to address the risks associated with volunteer firefighters driving privately-owned vehicles during emergency response (Everyone Goes Home website, 2006). VFIS has identified six common factors related to emergency response collisions involving privately-owned vehicles: driver error, excessive relative speed, lack of seatbelt use, rollovers, intersections, and alcohol use (Glatfelter Insurance Group Risk Control Services Department, 2011). To address these common factors, VFIS recommends emergency service organizations reduce their exposure to privately-owned vehicle response risks by ensuring responders have a valid driver's license, complete a background check, carry personal auto liability insurance, follow state and federal driving regulations and laws, follow departmental standard operating procedures regarding POV response, and complete an annual defensive driver training course (Glatfelter Insurance Group Risk Control Services Department, 2011).

Procedures

Three separate research questions were developed to analyze methods to collect data from motor vehicle collisions involving privately-owned vehicles used by fire department members while performing, or traveling to perform, assigned firefighting or emergency service duties. The research procedures conducted for each research question were selected to ensure thorough analysis and accurate results. Each research question was individually addressed by following the procedures described below.

The first research question regarding how fire departments in Wyoming collect data from motor vehicle collisions involving privately-owned vehicles used by members of their organization was researched by developing an online questionnaire (See Appendix A). The questionnaire was not intended to be a statistically valid survey instrument. The objective of the questionnaire was simply to collect relevant information from Wyoming fire departments regarding privately-owned vehicle emergency response. The questionnaire was created using Google Documents to develop a user-friendly, form-fillable, online questionnaire. On May 11, 2012, an email was sent to 185 fire chiefs, past fire chiefs, and key fire service leaders within the state of Wyoming, asking each recipient to participate in the online questionnaire. Participants were ensured the data collected would be kept confidential and would only be used for informational analysis. Responses were provided by 38 of the 185 participants for a 20% response rate.

The questionnaire assumed certain limitations. Most importantly, the primary limitation was the dissemination method of the questionnaire. Using contact information from the Wyoming Fire Service Directory, 185 participants, representing all of the listed Wyoming fire departments were selected to participate in the questionnaire (Wyoming Department of Fire

Prevention and Electrical Safety, 2012). However, only fire chiefs, past fire chiefs, and key fire service leaders were selected from the Fire Service Directory to develop the list of participants, which limited the available responses. Furthermore, only participants with email and internet access were capable of participating in the questionnaire. The results from the questionnaire also assume the respondents were being truthful and accurate in their responses. To avoid similar limitations in the future, it would improve the accuracy of the questionnaire if multiple dissemination methods were used to distribute the questionnaire and if more participants were selected to complete the questionnaire.

In an effort to more thoroughly analyze the first research question, additional research was conducted by contacting the United States Fire Administration - National Fire Data Center. The National Fire Data Center coordinates and manages data about fire and other emergency incidents involving fire department response, including the USFA's Firefighter Fatality Reporting Program (United States Fire Administration, 2012). To conduct the necessary research, Mark A. Whitney, Fire Programs Specialist for the National Fire Data Center was contacted and asked to provide raw data for all motor vehicle collision related firefighter fatalities from 1990 through 2012. Mr. Whitney conducted a query using the USFA Firefighter Fatality Database, which contained detailed information for 2,616 firefighter fatalities as of January 2012. A specific sub-classification of information regarding privately-owned vehicles was included in the data query. Mr. Whitney provided the requested data as a Microsoft Access database file in an email attachment on March 01, 2012 (M. A. Whitney, personal communication, March 01, 2012).

A significant limitation of this research method was the limitation of the data, which only included firefighter fatalities submitted to the USFA. No data was available to indicate the total

of non-fire personnel fatalities or injuries or the total number of motor vehicle collisions that have occurred. Furthermore, Mr. Whitney indicated there are gaps in the database from 1990 – 2000 due to changes in reporting and record keeping accuracy. To avoid similar limitations for future research, additional sources of data should be used to maximize accuracy.

The second research question regarding how Wyoming law enforcement collision reports collect data from motor vehicle collisions involving privately-owned vehicles was researched by conducting a telephone interview with Matt Carlson, Highway Safety Engineer Supervisor with the Wyoming Department of Transportation (M. Carlson, personal communication, April 03, 2012). Mr. Carlson was selected to be interviewed because of his role as the supervisor of the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) Highway Safety Office. It is Mr. Carlson's responsibility to oversee the Wyoming Traffic Records Coordinating Committee and the Wyoming Investigator's Traffic Crash Reporting Manual. As part of the interview, Mr. Carlson was asked questions about data collection for motor vehicle collisions, notification of collisions to the state level, how state, county, and local law enforcement officers maintain records and reports for motor vehicle collisions, and how to make changes to the Wyoming Investigator's Traffic Crash Report.

During the interview, Mr. Carlson explained that he would ask Joe McCarthy, Highway Safety Engineer, with the Wyoming Department of Transportation to access the Wyoming Traffic Crash Report Database and submit a query for fire related motor vehicle collisions in Wyoming. On April 03, 2012, Mr. McCarthy emailed an attachment with a database structured query language code for the fire query he had run using the Wyoming Traffic Crash Report Database (J. McCarthy, personal communication, April 03, 2012). Mr. McCarthy explained that he had queried the database using the search term fire. All motor vehicle collisions in the

database that involved a fire department apparatus appeared in the report provided. Mr. McCarthy explained that the data would be limited though. He did not believe the query would capture information specific to privately-owned vehicles because the owner of the privately-owned vehicle would most likely be identified by the reporting law enforcement officer as an individual rather than as a fire department organization.

Again, a significant limitation of this research method was the limitation of the data, which included motor vehicle collisions involving fire apparatus, but did not necessarily include collisions involving privately-owned vehicles being used during emergency response. However, this shortcoming does serve to illustrate the problem statement identified as part of this research project.

In an effort to more thoroughly analyze the second research question, additional research was conducted by contacting the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. An online request for information was submitted using the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website on June 03, 2012. In response to the request for information, Lyn Cianflocco, Information Management Specialist with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) - National Center for Statistics & Analysis - Data Reporting & Information Division provided three separate Microsoft Excel database spreadsheets for motor vehicle collisions that involved emergency fire apparatus (L. Cianflocco, personal communication, July 15, 2012).

The first Microsoft Excel database spreadsheet was titled: Emergency Vehicles Involved in Fatal Traffic Crashes by Emergency Vehicle Type, Crash Year, Crash Type, and Emergency Use Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) 1982-2010. The second Microsoft Excel database spreadsheet was titled: Persons Killed in Crashes Involving Emergency Vehicles by Emergency Vehicle Type, Person Type, Crash Type, and Emergency Use Fatality Analysis

Reporting System (FARS) 1982-2010. The third Microsoft Excel database spreadsheet was titled: Fatal Crashes Involving Emergency Vehicles by Emergency Vehicle Type, Crash Year, Crash Type, and Emergency Use Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) 1982-2010.

A follow-up email was submitted to Ms. Cianflocco on July 19, 2012 asking for clarification on the data she had provided. The follow-up email asked Ms. Cianflocco questions about the differences between the reports she provided, how privately-owned vehicles are identified in the crash reports, how to estimate the total number of collisions rather than just collisions involving fatalities, whether the data can be narrowed in scope to only include Wyoming, and how the NHTSA obtained the data from the report she provided.

A limitation of this research method was discovered when Ms. Cianflocco indicated that if a person is driving a privately-owned vehicle, the NHTSA has no way to determine if the person was responding to an emergency incident. Ms. Cianflocco also indicated a further limitation of the data when she explained the data used by the NHTSA comes from the state of Wyoming. If the data collected by Wyoming is not complete or accurate, so too then would be the data provided by the NHTSA.

The third research question regarding how auto insurance companies in Wyoming collect data from motor vehicle collisions involving privately-owned vehicles was researched by contacting the Wyoming State Insurance Department. A telephone interview was conducted with Kathy Misener, Policy and Planning Analyst for the Wyoming State Insurance Department (K. Misener, personal communication, March 29, 2012). Ms. Misener was selected to be interviewed because she is a Wyoming insurance industry expert with knowledge regarding data collection for insurance companies. As part of the interview, Ms. Misener was asked questions regarding data collection procedures for Wyoming insurance companies, database management,

information sharing amongst insurers, where to obtain insurance data regarding motor vehicle collisions, and insurance coverage for privately-owned vehicles while responding to emergency incidents.

Additional efforts to analyze the third research question were focused on the Wyoming Local Government Liability Pool (LGLP). The LGLP is a self-insurance risk retention pool created by local governments within Wyoming to provide liability coverage for participating entities. The LGLP provides general liability for over 500 cities, towns, counties, boards, and special tax districts within Wyoming (Local Government Liability Pool, n.d.). An interview was conducted with Mark Pring, Executive Director for LGLP (M. Pring, personal communication, October 01, 2012). Mr. Pring was selected to be interviewed because of his unique insight and knowledge regarding insurance coverage for the numerous governmental agencies throughout Wyoming. Mr. Pring answered questions about how insurance coverage would be provided in the event of an emergency response collision involving a firefighter responding in a privately-owned vehicle. Mr. Pring also answered questions about how data from such incidents would be collected and used.

Further efforts to research the how auto insurance companies in Wyoming collect data from motor vehicle collisions involving privately-owned vehicles during emergency response included efforts to contact the Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services (VFIS), the Insurance Services Office (ISO) - Actuarial Services Department, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS), and the Highway Loss Data Institute (HLDI). Unfortunately, each of these agencies explained they could not provide assistance regarding the matter.

The research procedures limitations for the third research question were related to the lack of data from Wyoming insurers. Many insurance organizations and affiliates were

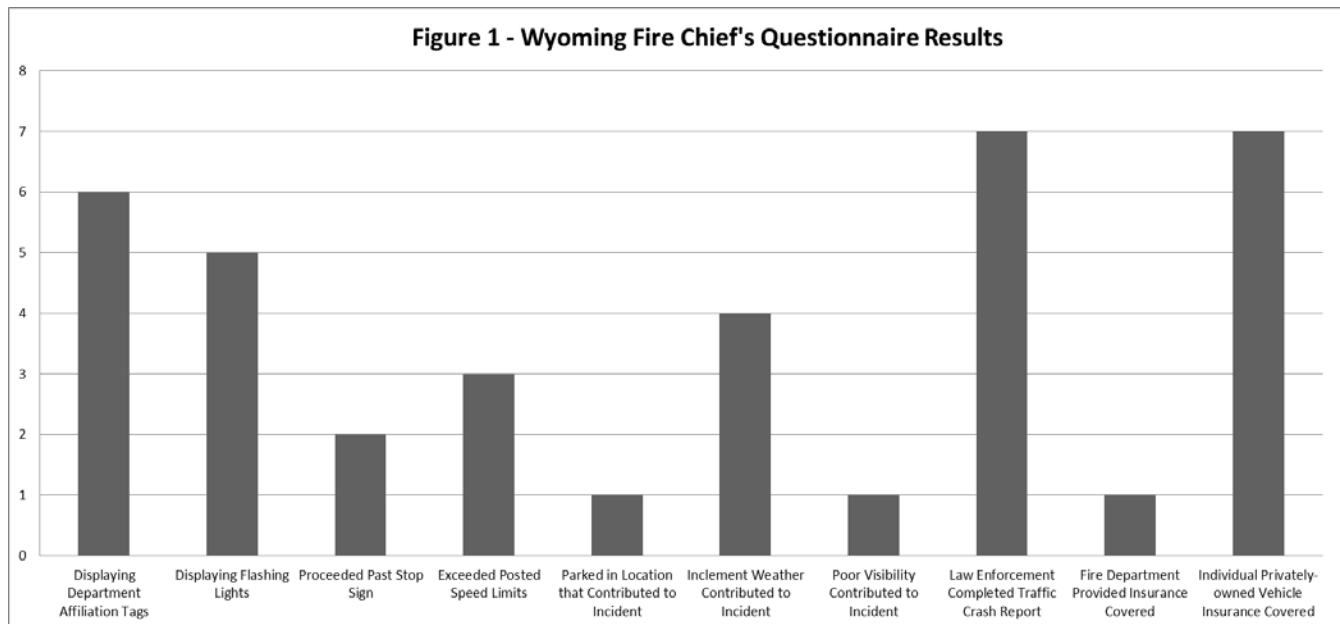
contacted regarding this research. Unfortunately, most of these organizations were not able to provide any insight into the problem due to lack of specific data regarding the issue. Most insurers contacted explained that there simply are not enough records or claims from these types of incidents in Wyoming to generate sufficient analysis. Furthermore, the data that is collected is usually only related to emergency apparatus owned by the fire department, rather than by the individual firefighter's privately-owned vehicles. Future efforts to address this type of research question should focus on actuarial data rather than information provided by individual insurers. Future efforts should also focus on national data rather than a narrowly defined scope of just Wyoming insurers to ensure statistical validity.

Results

The results from the first research question regarding how Wyoming fire departments collect data from privately-owned vehicle emergency response collisions indicate that most departments rely on traffic crash reports completed by local, county, and state law enforcement officials. The first research question was researched by creating and distributing an online questionnaire to fire chiefs, past chiefs, and key fire service leaders within Wyoming.

The results from the online questionnaire indicated that privately-owned vehicle emergency response collisions have occurred within Wyoming. Seven of the 38 respondents, accounting for over 18% of the total respondents, specified a fire department member of their organization has been involved in a motor vehicle collision while responding in a privately-owned vehicle. Of the seven fire departments that had been involved in a motor vehicle collision, six indicated the privately-owned vehicle was displaying department affiliation tags as required by state law, and five of the fire departments indicated the privately-owned vehicle was using emergency flashing lights at the time of the incident, also as required by state law. At the

time of the incident, two of the seven motor vehicle collisions involved a responder who had proceeded past a red light or stop sign, three of the seven incidents involved a responder who was exceeding the posted speed limit, and one of the seven incidents involved a responder who was parked in a location that contributed to the incident. The respondents indicated that inclement weather contributed to four of the seven motor vehicle collisions and poor visibility due contributed to one of the motor vehicle collisions. All of the respondents indicated that local, county, or state law enforcement officers completed the incident report for each of the seven collisions. Insurance provided by the fire department covered only one of the seven motor vehicle collisions and insurance provided by the individual's privately-owned vehicle covered all seven of the incidents (See Appendix B).



The first research question was also researched by obtaining raw data from the USFA Firefighter Fatality database, which was provided by the USFA National Fire Data Center. The results from the raw data indicate that nationally, there are 89 records of firefighter fatalities involving privately-owned vehicle emergency response collisions between January of 1990 and

January of 2012. None of the 89 privately-owned vehicle emergency response collision firefighter fatalities occurred in Wyoming. The data set includes records for 2,616 total firefighter fatalities from across the country, including the firefighter fatalities from the World Trade Center.

The results from the second research question regarding how Wyoming law enforcement collision reports collect data from motor vehicle collisions involving privately-owned vehicles used by members of a fire department indicate that all Wyoming law enforcement agencies use a standardized traffic crash report form to collect data for every motor vehicle collision with over \$1,000.00 in damage. The second research question was researched by conducting a telephone interview with WYDOT Highway Safety Engineer Supervisor, Matt Carlson, and from analyzing raw data provided by WYDOT Highway Safety Engineer, Joe McCarthy. In addition, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration was contacted and Information Management Specialist, Lyn Cianflocco provided raw data for analysis as well.

During the telephone interview Mr. Carlson explained that by Wyoming state statute, every motor vehicle collision with over \$1,000.00 in damages must be reported using the Wyoming Investigator's Traffic Crash Report. The Wyoming Investigator's Traffic Crash Report has over 300 elements designed to capture data from motor vehicle collisions (See Appendix C). When a motor vehicle collision occurs, the responding law enforcement officer investigates the incident, completes the report, and submits it to the state WYDOT office within 30 days. Mr. Carlson explained that the WYDOT Highway Safety Office is responsible to collect and analyze data for all reported motor vehicle collisions that occur in Wyoming.

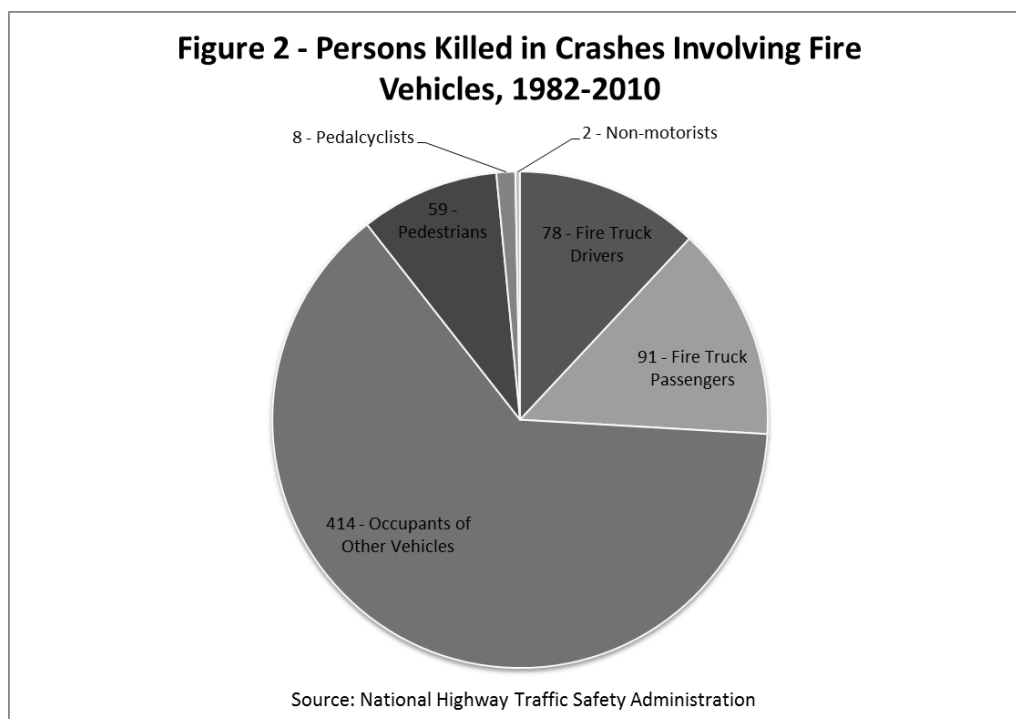
Mr. Carlson explained the Wyoming Investigator's Traffic Crash Report could be updated with additions or changes fairly easily. In order for a change to the form to become

finalized, a written request would have to be submitted to the WYDOT Highway Safety Office. The request would then be evaluated to determine if the change is appropriate, beneficial, and worthwhile. Once the suggested change is recommended, it would then be included in the next revision of the Wyoming Investigator's Traffic Crash Report form and distributed statewide to all the local, county and state law enforcement agencies.

During the interview with Mr. Carlson, he explained that he would have Joe McCarthy, Highway Safety Engineer, with the Wyoming Department of Transportation access the Wyoming Traffic Crash Report Database and submit a query for fire related motor vehicle collisions in Wyoming. The data set provided by Mr. McCarthy indicates that between January of 2000 and January of 2012, a total of 138 records of fire department related motor vehicle collisions appear in the database for the entire state of Wyoming. Mr. McCarthy indicated that he does not believe this data includes motor vehicle collisions that involved firefighters driving privately-owned vehicles during emergency response. For further analysis, Mr. McCarthy also provided a copy of the Wyoming Investigator's Traffic Crash Report in addition to the data from his query.

The results from the data provided by National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Information Management Specialist, Lyn Cianflocco indicate that between 1982 and 2010, there have been 571 fatal crashes involving fire trucks nationwide. During the same time period, there have been a total of 652 persons killed in crashes involving fire trucks. Of those 652 persons, 78 were the fire truck drivers, 91 were fire truck passengers, 414 were occupants of the other vehicle, 59 were pedestrians, eight were pedalcyclists, and two were non-motorists. To summarize these figures, of the 652 persons killed in crashes involving fire trucks, 74% of the

fatalities were members of the general public and the remaining 26% were members of a fire department.



The results from the third research question regarding how auto insurance companies in Wyoming collect data from motor vehicle collisions involving privately-owned vehicles used by members of a fire department indicate that Wyoming insurers have not developed a database with information from these types of incidents. Rather, Wyoming insurers often rely on affiliate companies to provide actuarial data. This data is developed at the request of the insurer and is based upon previous insurance claims for similar risks and hazards. No actuarial data was available with regards to Wyoming privately-owned vehicles emergency response collisions.

As part of the research procedures for the third research question, a telephone interview was conducted with Kathy Misener, Policy and Planning Analyst for the Wyoming State Insurance Department. The results from the telephone interview with Ms. Misener indicate Wyoming insurers rely heavily on actuarial service providers to assess risk and make

recommendations for pricing of insurance. Based upon the recommendations from the ISO and other similar actuarial service providers, requirements for insurance coverage are established.

Ms. Misener also explained there are numerous personal auto insurers in Wyoming who would provide insurance coverage for privately-owned vehicles. Each insurer would have different requirements for individuals who use their vehicles to respond to emergency incidents. For example, some insurance companies may require an additional rider, other insurance companies may explicitly prevent emergency response, and still other insurance companies may provide coverage so long as the responder was following state vehicle codes and regulations.

Continuing the research procedures for the third research question, a telephone interview was also conducted with Mark Pring, Executive Director for the Wyoming Local Government Liability Pool (LGLP). Mr. Pring explained that in the event of a motor vehicle collision involving a privately-owned vehicle being driven by a firefighter responding to an incident, the city, town, municipality, special tax district, or participating agency would be required to submit a claim to the LGLP. Afterwards, the LGLP would analyze the facts of the incident and provide appropriate liability coverage if the firefighter was acting within the scope of his or her duties while responding to an official emergency incident. However, Mr. Pring explained that if the firefighter was responding to the station rather than to an incident, there would be a gray area needing close examination to determine if liability coverage could be provided. There is precedence that may be applicable indicating that if the firefighter was traveling to the workplace in preparation to perform work, coverage might not be provided. Mr. Pring further explained that as part of the analysis of the incident, it must be determined the firefighter was not only acting within the scope of his or her duties, but also that the firefighter was acting within the confines of local, state, and federal laws before coverage could be provided. In the event of a

motor vehicle collision, the LGLP would only provide liability coverage for any affected third parties. Collision coverage and comprehensive coverage would not be provided as part of any submitted claims through LGLP. If collision or comprehensive coverage is necessary, it would be the responsibility of the individual firefighter or the agency to provide such coverage. Mr. Pring explained that by Wyoming state law, liability coverage is capped at \$250,000 per injured third party and \$500,000 per collision for additional injured third parties. If third party damages amount to more than the specified caps, then the participating agency would be liable to cover the additional damages.

Discussion

As part of the literature review, the USPS Highway Contractor Safety Handbook PO-515 was reviewed. This training manual provides guidance for postal service employees regarding policies, practices, and procedures when operating privately-owned vehicles (United States Postal Service, 2010). The training manual emphasizes the importance of accurate data collection and requires the use of the internal accident report form, PS Form 1769/301, to report all motor vehicle crashes.

In addition to the USPS research, the U.S. Army's Privately-Owned Vehicle Risk Management Toolbox for Commanders, Leaders, and Non-Commissioned Officers was also reviewed. This training manual provides the U.S. Army with standard operating procedures, best practice examples, and lessons learned as related to privately-owned vehicle safety (U.S. Army Safety Center, 2006). The training manual focuses on the importance of continued training and contains specific policies for after-action-reviews, assessment instructions, and reporting forms for privately-owned vehicle fatalities.

Both the USPS and the U.S. Army documents corroborate the results discovered during the research procedures. Both organizations have devoted a tremendous amount of time to

understanding the scope of the problem by creating reporting forms and tracking the data from employees involved in motor vehicle collisions. In addition, both organizations have taken the issue further by creating policies for after-action-reviews, creating training programs to address the identified problems, and developing policies, practices, and procedures for operating privately-owned vehicles.

It was discovered during the research that many Wyoming fire departments rely on local, county, or state law enforcement agencies to document motor vehicle accidents involving fire apparatus and privately-owned vehicle responses. However, the Wyoming Investigator's Traffic Crash Report Manual is not comprehensive enough as a stand-alone program to accomplish what the USPS and the U.S. Army have done with their programs (Wyoming Department of Transportation, 2008). Law enforcement officers simply record the circumstances of motor vehicle collisions using the Wyoming Investigator's Traffic Crash Report. The value and benefit of the Wyoming Investigator's Traffic Crash Report is not fully realized by the involved fire department as compared to the USPS and U.S. Army programs. A comprehensive program designed to accurately capture and analyze data from motor vehicle collisions involving privately-owned vehicles used during emergency response is necessary as a foundation for a viable solution to address the problem. Future efforts to develop policies, procedures, and training programs aimed at the problem can only be successful if the scope of the problem is fully understood.

As part of the literature review, it was discovered that NIOSH has created a list of recommendations to minimize potential fatalities involving privately-owned vehicles used during emergency response (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, 2012). The NIOSH recommendations will make excellent policies, procedures and a training program for future

efforts regarding privately-owned vehicle emergency response mitigations. However, without adequate analysis of the scope of the problem, it will be extremely difficult to adequately address the issues and create programs that meet the identified needs.

Based on the results from the data provided by the NHTSA, the general public is indeed exposed to an increased risk from fire apparatus during emergency response. However, the data is not sufficient to analyze the risks associated with privately-owned vehicles used during emergency response. It must be noted, the data from the NHTSA only includes fatal crashes involving fire trucks. Data from fatal crashes involving ambulances and police vehicles were not included in the figures. Furthermore, data from fatal crashes involving firefighters responding in privately-owned vehicles was unavailable and not included in these figures. The data is relevant however, because it helps to illustrate the impact fire apparatus related motor vehicle collisions have on the general public.

As part of the literature review, The Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria (MMUCC) was analyzed. The MMUCC is a model designed to provide guidance for states to complete standardized motor vehicle collision reports that match other states' reports on a national level (Governors Highway Safety Association, 2012). The MMUCC emphasizes that driver behavior related to emergency vehicle response is becoming national problem. Furthermore, the MMUCC explains that gathering emergency response information will eventually lead to efforts to reduce the number of motor vehicle crashes involving emergency vehicle response (Governors Highway Safety Association, 2012).

As part of the research for this project, the Wyoming Investigator's Traffic Crash Report was obtained and analyzed. The Wyoming Traffic Records Coordinating Committee utilized the MMUCC as a guideline to develop the Wyoming Investigator's Traffic Crash Report. Section

117 of the Wyoming Investigator's Traffic Crash Report records the function of motor vehicle involved in the collision. Fourteen selectable options are available under this section including police, ambulance, and fire truck. The Appendix of the Wyoming Investigator's Traffic Crash Reporting Manual explains the fire truck coding element refers only to vehicles owned by local, county, or state fire protection agencies (Wyoming Department of Transportation, 2008). By the guidance included in the appendix of the training manual for completing traffic crash reports, Wyoming law enforcement officers are precluded from documenting privately-owned vehicles being used by firefighters during emergency response because the vehicle is not owned by local, county, or state fire protection agencies. It is imperative that the Wyoming Investigator's Traffic Crash Report and the corresponding training manual be updated to reflect the MMUCC's purpose of gathering emergency response information to reduce the number of motor vehicle crashes involving emergency vehicle responses.

During the literature review, it was discovered that insurance companies quantify risk with data provided by industry professionals called actuaries. Actuaries use data to calculate risk and make recommendations regarding underwriting decisions (Insurance Services Office website, n.d.). The importance of actuaries was emphasized during the interview with Kathy Misener, Policy and Planning Analyst for the Wyoming State Insurance Department. Ms. Misener explained that many Wyoming insurers rely on actuarial services to make decisions regarding insurance coverage and pricing.

An unexpected result was discovered during the interview with Mark Pring, Executive Director for the Wyoming Local Government Liability Pool. Mr. Pring explained that there may be gaps in liability coverage if a firefighter responds to the station rather than to an incident because the firefighter would be traveling to the workplace in preparation to perform work. This

statement may have profound impacts on numerous fire departments in Wyoming. Furthermore, Mr. Pring emphasized the importance of firefighters providing collision coverage and comprehensive coverage on their privately-owned vehicles used during emergency response because the LGLP only provides liability coverage for any affected third parties.

The importance of collision and comprehensive coverage was also emphasized as part of the results from the Wyoming fire chief's questionnaire. Insurance provided by the fire departments covered only one of the six motor vehicle collisions documented as part of the questionnaire. Whereas the individual's privately-owned vehicle insurance coverage was provided in all six of the incidents.

The Wyoming fire chief's questionnaire also indicates that privately-owned vehicle emergency response collisions are a problem in Wyoming. Approximately 18% of the respondents indicated a member of their fire department has been involved in a motor vehicle collision while responding in a privately-owned vehicle. Due to the small numbers of respondents who provided data regarding privately-owned motor vehicle collisions, it is impossible to determine if the Wyoming state statutes allowing authorized emergency vehicles to proceed past stop signals and signs, exceed posted speed limits, disregard specified traffic movement direction, and park emergency vehicles irrespective of posted regulations has affected public safety. Further research must be conducted with more complete data and information to analyze the potential impact on public safety.

The implications of this research to the Wyoming State Fire Marshal's Office indicate the organization must take a more proactive role to ensure not only firefighter safety during emergency response, but also the safety of the general public. Current data collection procedures are inadequate to the task. Leadership involvement at the state level is necessary to accurately

capture data from motor vehicle collisions involving privately-owned vehicles used during emergency response. Once the nature and scope of the problem has been fully analyzed and understood, further efforts must be made to create policies, procedures, and training programs as well.

The results from both the literature review and the procedures completed as part of this applied research project indicate there are multiple resources available to address the problem of privately-owned vehicle emergency response collisions. However, these resources are often disparate and remote from each other. The information from these multiple different resources has created a stop-gap effect that misses the intended target of reducing risk. Multiple organizations and agencies have put forth portions of the solution, but no single comprehensive action plan has been developed to address the root of the problem.

Recommendations

The identified problem for this research project was the State of Wyoming has no systematic method to collect data from motor vehicle collisions involving privately-owned vehicles used by fire department members while performing, or traveling to perform, assigned firefighting or emergency service duties. Therefore, the purpose of the research project was to identify methods to collect data from these types of incidents. The primary recommendation to address the purpose of the research project is to modify the Wyoming Investigator's Traffic Crash Report and accompanying training manual for law enforcement officers.

Based on the research results, the Wyoming State Fire Marshal's Office needs to submit a formal proposal for modification to the Wyoming Traffic Records Coordinating Committee. The proposal should reference the Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria and make recommendations to update Section 117 of the Wyoming Investigator's Traffic Crash Report. In

addition to the existing fourteen selectable options such as police, ambulance, and fire trucks, an additional selectable option should be included for firefighters responding in privately-owned vehicles during emergency response. Correctly identifying privately-owned vehicle emergency response collisions and then capturing the data correctly is essential for future efforts to analyze the problem. A similar formal proposal for modification should also be submitted to the workgroups responsible for the development of the Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria to ensure this data is captured on a national level as well.

Once the additional data from the Wyoming Investigator's Traffic Crash Report becomes available, the WYDOT Highway Safety Engineer's Office can easily analyze the nature and scope of the problem to identify exactly how many of these types of collisions are occurring in Wyoming. This process would be the first step in conducting a formal needs analysis.

Future research will be necessary to conduct the formal needs analysis to identify exactly how big the problem really is. Based on the results from the needs analysis, the Wyoming State Fire Marshal's Office will eventually need to develop a comprehensive program to address the identified issues. The program should utilize the numerous products related to privately-owned vehicle response that are available from other agencies and organizations. For example, the VFIS, Privately-Owned Vehicle Operations – Answering the Call Safely training program could be utilized as an excellent component of the overall program. Furthermore, the privately-owned vehicle programs available from the USPS and the U.S. Army could also be used as a guide when creating incident after-action-reviews, assessment instructions, vehicle inspection procedures, defensive driving programs, and privately-owned vehicle training programs.

The NIOSH recommendations to minimize future fatalities involving privately-owned vehicles used during emergency response should also be reviewed and included. These

recommendations include providing program oversight, vehicle inspection procedures, the development of standard operating guidelines, the explicitly required use of seatbelts, requirements to ensure state motor vehicle codes are followed, training programs for all new-member orientations and driver training sessions, and requirements for annual defensive driver training programs (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, 2012). Additional research will be necessary to identify other sources of information, guides, models, and training programs.

The recommendations outlined herein will prove to be great benefit for not only Wyoming firefighters, but also for the general public. With accurate and consistent data collection procedures that capture data related to privately-owned vehicle emergency response collisions, the root causes of the problem can be analyzed to ensure appropriate mitigation strategies are developed.

Future readers who may wish to replicate this study would be advised to include research from the National Fire Protection Association. Additionally, research from the National Fire Incident Reporting System may prove beneficial as well. Data from actuarial services may also prove to be beneficial to future research. Finally, future readers may also wish to focus efforts on data available from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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APPENDIX A

PRIVATELY-OWNED VEHICLES MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION QUESTIONNAIRE

The following questionnaire is intended to collect data regarding privately-owned vehicles involved in motor vehicle collisions while responding to emergency incidents. Please complete the following questions to the best of your ability. If your department has experienced more than one incident involving privately-owned vehicles, please fill out the questionnaire again for each additional incident. Thank you for your participation and assistance.

Organization Data

Note: the following two questions are helpful to prevent duplicate or redundant information and to conduct follow up questions if problems exist with the data from this questionnaire.

Fire Department Name

Name and rank of person completing this questionnaire

Questionnaire

1. Have any of your fire department members (current or past) been involved in a motor vehicle collision (MVC) while responding in a privately-owned vehicle (POV)? If no is selected, the questionnaire is completed. Please scroll to the bottom of the page and select the submit button.

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Yes

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No

2. Was a fire department affiliation marker or tag present on the involved POV which designated the vehicle as an authorized emergency vehicle?

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Yes

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No

3. Were any emergency flashing red, white, or amber lights being used by the emergency responder at the time of the incident?

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Yes

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No

4. At the time of the incident involving the POV, did the emergency responder proceed past a red light or stop sign and contribute to the occurrence of the motor vehicle collision?

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Yes

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No

5. At the time of the incident involving the POV, did the emergency responder exceed the posted maximum speed limit and contribute to the occurrence of the motor vehicle collision?

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Yes

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No

6. At the time of the incident involving the POV, did the emergency responder drive in a direction of travel opposite to the specified direction and contribute to the occurrence of the motor vehicle collision?

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Yes

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No

7. At the time of the incident involving the POV, was the emergency responder's vehicle parked in a location that contributed to the occurrence of the motor vehicle collision?

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Yes

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No

8. Were there any additional contributing factors that led to the resulting MVC?

☐

Weather

☐

Road Conditions (i.e., icy, wet, dry, etc.)

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Road Type (i.e., pavement, gravel)

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Time of Day

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Impaired Driving

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Other:

9. How did your fire department document the motor vehicle collision involving the POV?



10. Who completed the incident report for the motor vehicle collision involving the POV?

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Highway Patrol

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County Sheriff's Office

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City Police

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Other:

11. Was a claim paid by the fire department member's privately owned vehicle insurance policy?

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Yes

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No

12. Was a claim paid by an insurance policy provided through the fire department? (Example: VFIS)

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Yes

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No

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APPENDIX B

PRIVATELY-OWNED VEHICLES MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

1. Have any of your fire department members (current or past) been involved in a motor vehicle collision (MVC) while responding in a privately-owned vehicle (POV)?
2. Was a fire department affiliation marker or tag present on the involved POV which designated the vehicle as an authorized emergency vehicle?
3. Were any emergency flashing red, white, or amber lights being used by the emergency responder at the time of the incident?
4. At the time of the incident involving the POV, did the emergency responder proceed past a red light or stop sign and contribute to the occurrence of the motor vehicle collision?
5. At the time of the incident involving the POV, did the emergency responder exceed the posted maximum speed limit and contribute to the occurrence of the motor vehicle collision?
6. At the time of the incident involving the POV, did the emergency responder drive in a direction of travel opposite to the specified direction and contribute to the occurrence of the motor vehicle collision?
7. At the time of the incident involving the POV, was the emergency responder's vehicle parked in a location that contributed to the occurrence of the motor vehicle collision?
8. Were there any additional contributing factors that led to the resulting MVC?
9. How did your fire department document the motor vehicle collision involving the POV?
10. Who completed the incident report for the motor vehicle collision involving the POV?
11. Was a claim paid by the fire department member's privately-owned vehicle insurance policy?
12. Was a claim paid by an insurance policy provided through the fire department? (Example: VFIS)


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PRIVATELY-OWNED MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS

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APPENDIX C

CASE NO.



INVESTIGATOR'S TRAFFIC CRASH REPORT

Mail completed form within 10 days to: Wyoming Department of Transportation
Crash Records
5300 Bishop Boulevard
Cheyenne, WY 82003-3340

Date of Crash (yyyy/mm/dd) 20

Time (24 hr)

Day of Week

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Police Notified: 20

Arrived: 20

EMS Notified: 20

Arrived: 20

EMS Hospital Arrival Time

Combined Total Damage greater than or equal to \$1,000

Yes ☐ No ☐

Hit & Run

Yes ☐ No ☐

Investigated at the Scene

Yes ☐ No ☐

Photo/Video

Photo ☐ Video ☐ Both ☐

Private Property

Yes ☐ No ☐

Public/Private Property Damage

Yes ☐ No ☐

Amount of Damage (if known)

\$

Vehicles

Drivers

Persons

Pedestrians

Injured

Killed

County

City

Crash Occurred On Highway Section #

Highway/Street

at intersection with:

Highway Section #

Milepost Marker

Divided Hwy

No ☐ Yes ☐

If yes

☐ North ☐ South ☐ Northwest ☐ Northeast ☐ Southeast ☐ East ☐ West

Incr / Decr

Incr ☐ Decr ☐

WHP Only

☐

LRS #

LRS #

If NOT at Intersection

☐

Feet or Miles

Feet ☐ Miles ☐

OF

GPS Latitude 4

GPS Longitude -1

INSTRUCTIONS

TO ENSURE ACCURACY
PRINT IN UPPER-CASE LETTERS USING A BLACK OR DARK BLUE PEN!

PRINT NEATLY

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If 'Other' is selected in any field, describe in narrative
If a vehicle is towed, describe towed vehicle in narrative

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS

mark if attached

- ☐ If more than 2 vehicles are involved, complete form 'Supplemental Additional Vehicle/Driver Form'
- ☐ If more than 9 persons in a crash, complete form 'Supplemental Additional Vehicle Occupant Information'
- ☐ Trucks or Commercial Motor Vehicles complete form 'Supplemental Truck/CMV Information'
- ☐ If a non-motorist is involved, complete form 'Supplemental Non-Motorist'
- ☐ If a bus is involved and carrying passengers, complete form 'Supplemental Bus Information'
- ☐ Previous report submitted

Investigating Agency

☐ 01 - City PD ☐ 02 - Sheriff ☐ 03 - BIA
☐ 04 - Forest Service ☐ 05 - Campus Police ☐ 06 - WHP ☐ 07 - Other

Division (WHP only)

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Badge #

Officer Name & Rank

Signature

Report Date (yyyy/mm/dd) 20

Proximity to Residence ☐

1-Same Town 2-25 miles or less 3-25 miles Plus 4-Out of State

Highway District ☐

Accurately Located ☐

Date Received

Report Number:

Scan Date:

Crash Type:

☐ G > \$1,000 ☐ M - Missing Location
☐ N ≤ \$1,000 ☐ I - Industrial Crash
☐ P - Private ☐ D - Deliberate

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Driver/Vehicle Information

1

Last Name First Name MI Sex DOB (yyyy/mm/dd)

Street Number Street Name

Mailing Address (PO Box Number) City State Zip Code

Occupation Employer

Home Work Cell Phone and/or Home Work Cell Phone SSN (fatals only)

Driver's License Number State (FIPS) Restrictions CDL Endorsement

DL Type		DL Class		DL Status		No. of Vehicle Occupants (01 to 50)	
1 - Not Licensed	5 - CDL	1 - A	5 - Improper or	1 - Clear	4 - Revoked		
2 - Driver License	6 - CDL Permit	2 - B	No Endorsement	2 - Expired	5 - Suspended		
3 - Instruction Permit	7 - No License Required	3 - C	6 - Other	3 - Canceled or Denied	99 - Unknown		
4 - I2 Permit-Intermediate	8 - Restricted License	4 - M					

Posted Speed Estimated Speed

Vehicle Owner same as driver

Last Name First Name MI

Street Number Street Name City State Zip Code

Make (ie, Chevrolet, Dodge, Toyota) Model (ie, Silverado, Dakota, Solara) Year Expir. Date (mm/yy)

Vehicle Identification Number License Plate No. State (FIPS) Color

Insurance E-verified 01-Yes 02-No Company Policy #

Vehicle Towed By To

Direction of Travel Prior to Crash

01 - North 05 - South
02 - Northeast 06 - Southwest
03 - East 07 - West
04 - Southeast 08 - Northwest
99 - Unknown

Initial Impact Point Most Damaged Area

00 Non-Collision (Overturn/Rollover)
01-12 (Use 12 Point Clock Diagram)
13 Top (Roof)
14 Undercarriage
99 Unknown (Can't determine)

Extent of Damage 01 - None 02 - Functional 03 - Minor 04 - Disabling 99 - Unknown MV Damage ≥\$1,000 01-Yes 02-No 99-Unk.

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Last Name First Name MI Sex DOB (yyyy/mm/dd)

Street Number Street Name

Mailing Address (PO Box Number) City State Zip Code

Occupation Employer

Home Work Cell Phone and/or Home Work Cell Phone SSN (fatals only)

Driver's License Number State (FIPS) Restrictions CDL Endorsement

DL Type		DL Class		DL Status		No. of Vehicle Occupants (01 to 50)	
1 - Not Licensed	5 - CDL	1 - A	5 - Improper or	1 - Clear	4 - Revoked		
2 - Driver License	6 - CDL Permit	2 - B	No Endorsement	2 - Expired	5 - Suspended		
3 - Instruction Permit	7 - No License Required	3 - C	6 - Other	3 - Canceled or Denied	99 - Unknown		
4 - I2 Permit-Intermediate	8 - Restricted License	4 - M					

Posted Speed Estimated Speed

Vehicle Owner same as driver

Last Name First Name MI

Street Number Street Name City State Zip Code

Make (ie, Chevrolet, Dodge, Toyota) Model (ie, Silverado, Dakota, Solara) Year Expir. Date (mm/yy)

Vehicle Identification Number License Plate No. State (FIPS) Color

Insurance E-verified 01-Yes 02-No Company Policy #

Vehicle Towed By To

Direction of Travel Prior to Crash

01 - North 05 - South
02 - Northeast 06 - Southwest
03 - East 07 - West
04 - Southeast 08 - Northwest
99 - Unknown

Initial Impact Point Most Damaged Area

00 Non-Collision (Overturn/Rollover)
01-12 (Use 12 Point Clock Diagram)
13 Top (Roof)
14 Undercarriage
99 Unknown (Can't determine)

Extent of Damage 01 - None 02 - Functional 03 - Minor 04 - Disabling 99 - Unknown MV Damage ≥\$1,000 01-Yes 02-No 99-Unk.

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Vehicle Occupant Information

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Seat Position 01-Driver 02-Front Row Middle 03-Front Row Right 04-Passenger Front Row Left (for foreign or postal vehicles, where the driver is on the right) 05-Second Row Left 06-Second Row Middle 07-Second Row Right 08-Third Row Left 09-Third Row Middle 10-Third Row Right 11-Fourth Row Left 12-Fourth Row Middle 13-Fourth Row Right 14-Other Row (i.e. Bus, Van) 15-Lying Down-Front Seat 16-Lying Down-Other Seat 17-Motorcycle Passenger 18-Sleeper Section of Cab 19-Other Enclosed Area 20-Unenclosed Cargo Area 21-Trailing Unit 22-Riding on MV Exterior 23-Other (explain in narrative) 99-Unknown (explain in narrative)	Air Bag Deployed 01-Not Applicable 02-Not Deployed 03-Deployed Front 04-Deployed Side 05-Deployed Combination 06-Deployed Other 99-Deployment Unknown Occupant Protection System Operation 01-Apparently Normal 02-Failure/Malfunction 03-Misuse 04-Air Bag System Turned off or Rendered Inoperative 99-Unknown Safety Equipment Usage 01-None Used 02-Not Available 03-Shoulder & Lap belt 04-Shoulder Belt Only 05-Lap Belt Only 06-Passive Restraint Only 07-Restraint used-Type Unk. 08-Forward Facing Child 09-Rear Facing Child Restraint 10-Booster Seat 11-Child Restraint-Type Unk. 12-Helmet Used 13-Other 99-Unknown	Ejection 01-Not Ejected 02-Partially Ejected 03-Totally Ejected 04-Trapped & Extricated 05-Not Applicable 99-Unknown	Injury Status 01-Fatal Injury 02-Incapacitating Injury 03-Non-Incapacitating Injury 04-Possible Injury 05-No Injury 99-Unknown	Injury Description 01-Severe Lacerations 02-Broken 03-Crushed 04-Unconsciousness 05-Internal Unknown 06-Lumps 07-Abrasions 08-Bruises 09-Minor Lacerations 10-Limping 11-Pain 12-Nausea 13-Other (explain in narrative) 99-Unknown Injury Classification 01-Fatal (Not Documented) 02-Fatal (Autopsy) 03-Fatal (Medical Diagnosis) 04-Non-Fatal (Hospitalized overnight or longer) 05-Non-Fatal (Treated & Released from Hospital) 06-First Aid Given at Scene 07-No Treatment 08-Refused Treatment 99-Unknown	Most Injured Area 01-Head 02-Face 03-Neck 04-Thorax (Chest) 05-Abdomen/Pelvis 06-Spine 07-Upper Extremity (Arm...) 08-Lower Extremity (Leg...) 99-Unknown
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Person Type
 01 - Driver
 02 - Passenger
 99 - Unknown
 If non-motorist, complete supplemental form

MV # _____
Person Type _____
Seat Position _____
Seat Belt Usage _____

Seat Belt Operation _____
Air Bag Deployed _____
Ejection _____
Injury Status _____
Injury Area _____
Injury Description _____
Injury Classification _____
Injured _____
Transported by _____

EMS ID _____ **EMS Run #** _____

Int. Transported by
 01-Not Transported
 02-EMS (Ground)
 03-EMS (Air)
 04-Law Enforcement
 05-Other (Private MV)
 99-Unknown

Driver # 1 _____ **EMS ID** _____ **EMS Run #** _____ **Medical Facility** _____

Driver # 2 _____ **EMS ID** _____ **EMS Run #** _____ **Medical Facility** _____

>> **Last Name** _____ **First Name** _____ **DOB** _____ **Sex** _____
 _____ **SSN (Fatais Only)** _____
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Vehicle Information

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3rd event <input type="checkbox"/>	Most Harmful Event <input type="checkbox"/>	HM Placard or Commercial Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/>		03 - Changing Lanes 04 - Overtaking/Passing	
4th event <input type="checkbox"/>	choose 1: <input type="checkbox"/>	01 - Yes 02 - No 99 - Unknown if yes, complete CMV supplement		05 - Turning Right 06 - Turning Left	
Non-Collision		Vehicle Owner		Road Surface <input type="checkbox"/>	
01 - Overturn/Rollover 02 - Fire/Explosion 03 - Immersion 04 - Jackknife 05 - Cargo/Equipment Loss or Shift 06 - Equipment Failure 07 - Separation of Units 08 - Ran Off the Road Right 09 - Ran Off the Road Left 10 - Cross Median or Centerline 11 - Downhill Runaway 12 - Fell/Jumped from a MV 13 - Thrown or Falling Object 14 - Avoiding an Object on Road 15 - Avoiding an Animal on Road 16 - Carbon Monoxide (CO) Poisoning 17 - Injuries by being thrown against part of vehicle 18 - Other Non-Collision (MC Loss of Control)		01 - Same as Driver 02 - Other 03 - Passenger 04 - Relative 05 - Rental Vehicle 06 - Commercial 07 - Occupant 08 - Vehicle Parked 09 - Federal Law Enforcement 10 - Federal Other		07 - Make U-Turn 08 - Leaving a Traffic Lane/Parking 09 - Entering a Traffic Lane 10 - Slowing 11 - Negotiating a Curve 12 - Parked 13 - Stopped in Traffic 14 - Driverless Motor Vehicle 15 - Trafficway Maintenance 16 - Other 99 - Unknown	
Collision w/ Person, MV, or Non-Fixed Object		Vehicle Type		Grade <input type="checkbox"/>	
19 - Pedestrian 20 - Pedalcycle 21 - Railway Vehicle 22 - Motor Vehicle in Transport on Roadway 23 - Motor Vehicle in Transport on OTHER Roadway 24 - Parked Motor Vehicle 25 - Struck by Falling, Shifting Cargo or Anything Else Set in Motion by Motor Vehicle 26 - Other NON-Fixed Object 27 - Work Zone/Maintenance Equipment 28 - Work Zone Channeling Device 29 - Object Set in Motion by Another Vehicle		11 - County Law Enforcement 12 - County Fire Department 13 - County Other 14 - City Law Enforcement 15 - City Fire Department 16 - City Other 17 - Government Other 18 - Ambulance/EMS 19 - WHP 20 - State Law Enforc Other		01 - Concrete 02 - Asphalt 03 - Gravel/Rock 04 - Dirt 05 - Brick/Stone 99 - Unknown	
Animals		Horizontal Alignment <input type="checkbox"/>		Grade <input type="checkbox"/>	
30 - Horse 31 - Cow 32 - Pig 33 - Sheep 34 - Other Domestic (Dog, Llama, ...) 35 - Elk 36 - Deer 37 - Moose 38 - Antelope 39 - Buffalo 40 - Other Wild		01 - Passenger 02 - Passenger Van 03 - PU 04 - School Bus 05 - Other Bus 06 - Transit Bus 07 - Charter Bus 08 - MC >150 cc 09 - Off Road CC 10 - Motorized Skateboard/Scooter 11 - Pedestrian Vehicle 12 - Low Speed Vehicle 13 - Other Vehicle		01 - Level 02 - Hillcrest 03 - Uphill 04 - Downhill 05 - Sag (Bottom) 99 - Unknown	
Collision w/ Fixed Object		Non-Commercial Trailer Style		Traffic Control Working Properly <input type="checkbox"/>	
41 - Guardrail End 42 - Guardrail Face 43 - Impact Attenuator/Crash Cushion 44 - Bridge Pier or Support 45 - Bridge Overhead Structure 46 - Bridge Rail 47 - Concrete Traffic Barrier/Jersey Barrier 48 - Other Traffic Barrier (Includes temporary) 49 - Utility Pole/Light Support 50 - Traffic Signal Support 51 - Traffic Sign Support 52 - Overhead Traffic Sign 53 - Sign Support Single Post 54 - Sign Support Multiple Post 55 - Other Traffic Sign Support 56 - Barricade 57 - Tree/Shrubbery 58 - Cut Slope 59 - Road Approach 60 - Rock, Boulder, Rock Slide 61 - End of Drainage Pipe/Structure/Culvert 62 - Building or Other Structure Wall 63 - Fence (Including Post) 64 - Raised Median or Curb 65 - Delineator Post 66 - Earth Embankment/Berm 67 - Ditch 68 - Snow Embankment 69 - Mail Box 70 - Tunnel 71 - Cattle Guard 72 - Other Fixed Object 99 - Unknown		01 - No Trailer 02 - Camping Trailer 03 - Mobile Home 04 - Utility Trailer 05 - Boat/Jet Ski Trailer 06 - Towed Vehicle 07 - Horse/Stock Trailer 08 - Motorcycle Trailer 09 - Multiple Trailers 10 - Other (ie. Bicycle) 99 - Unknown		01 - Yes 02 - No 99 - Unknown	
Contributing Circumstance		Emergency Vehicle Use		Traffic Control <input type="checkbox"/>	
01 - None 02 - Brakes 03 - Trailer Brakes 04 - Steering 05 - Power Train 06 - Suspension 07 - Tires 08 - Wheels 09 - Lights (Head, Signal or Tail) 10 - Windows/Windshield 11 - Rain/Snow/Ice on Windshield 12 - Tinted Windows 13 - Vehicle Cargo Blocking View 14 - Exhaust System 15 - Oversized Load 16 - Defroster 17 - Mirrors 18 - Wipers 19 - Truck Coupling/Trailer Hitch/Safety Chain 20 - Stalled Vehicle 21 - Cruise Control		01 - No Underride or Override 02 - Underride-Compartment Intrusion 03 - Underride-No Compartment Intrusion 04 - Underride-Compartment Intrusion Unknown 05 - Override-Motor Vehicle In Transport 06 - Override-Other Motor Vehicle 99 - Unknown if Underride or Override		01 - None 02 - Stop Sign 03 - Yield Sign 04 - Flashing Traffic Signal 05 - Do Not Enter Sign 06 - Traffic Signal 07 - Traffic Signal w/ Ped 08 - Traffic Signal w/ Ped & Audible Signals 09 - Person (Officer/Flagger, Xing Guard, etc) 10 - Pedestrian Crossing 11 - No Passing Zone 12 - Warning Signs 13 - Pavement Markings 14 - Traffic Barrels/Cones 15 - Temporary Jersey Barrier 16 - School Bus Flashing Stop Lamps 17 - School Zone Crossing 18 - RR Crossing Signal 19 - RR Crossing Signal & Gate 20 - RR Crossing Cross Buck Sign Only 21 - RR Crossing Cross Buck with Stop Sign 22 - RR Crossing Cross Buck with Yield Sign 23 - Other 99 - Unknown	
Emergency Equipment Actuated		Special Function of MV in Transport		Trafficway Description <input type="checkbox"/>	
01 - Yes 02 - No 99 - Unknown		01 - None 02 - Police 03 - Ambulance/EMS 04 - Fire Truck 05 - Military 06 - Snow Plow 07 - Tow Truck 08 - MV used as School Bus 09 - MV used as Other Bus 10 - Construction Equipment 11 - Farm Equipment 12 - Taxi 13 - Train 99 - Unknown		01 - Two-Way-Undivided 02 - Two-Way-Undivided w/ Continuous Left Turn Lane 03 - Two-Way-Divided, No Barrier 04 - Two-Way-Divided, With Barrier 99 - Unknown	
Emergency Vehicle Use		Contributing Circumstance		Rumble Strips Present <input type="checkbox"/>	
01 - Yes 02 - No 99 - Unknown		01 - None 02 - Brakes 03 - Trailer Brakes 04 - Steering 05 - Power Train 06 - Suspension 07 - Tires 08 - Wheels 09 - Lights (Head, Signal or Tail) 10 - Windows/Windshield 11 - Rain/Snow/Ice on Windshield 12 - Tinted Windows 13 - Vehicle Cargo Blocking View 14 - Exhaust System 15 - Oversized Load 16 - Defroster 17 - Mirrors 18 - Wipers 19 - Truck Coupling/Trailer Hitch/Safety Chain 20 - Stalled Vehicle 21 - Cruise Control		01 - Yes 02 - No 99 - Unknown	
Emergency Equipment Actuated		Contributing Circumstance		Rumble Strips Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Special Function of MV in Transport		Contributing Circumstance		Rumble Strips <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Vehicle Information

1st event <input type="checkbox"/>	Sequence <input type="checkbox"/>	Motor Vehicle Unit Type		Vehicle Maneuver/Action prior to crash	
2nd event <input type="checkbox"/>	← choose up to 4:	01 - Motor Vehicle in Transport		01 - Straight Ahead	
3rd event <input type="checkbox"/>	Most Harmful Event	02 - Parked Motor Vehicle		02 - Backing	
4th event <input type="checkbox"/>	choose 1 →	03 - Working Vehicle/Equipment		03 - Changing Lanes	
Non-Collision		HM Placard or Commercial Motor Vehicle		04 - Overtaking/Passing	
01 - Overturn/Rollover		01 - Yes 02 - No 99 - Unknown		05 - Turning Right	
02 - Fire/Explosion		if yes, complete CMV supplement		06 - Turning Left	
03 - Immersion		Vehicle Owner		07 - Make U-Turn	
04 - Jackknife		01 - Same as Driver		08 - Leaving a Traffic Lane/Parking	
05 - Cargo/Equipment Loss or Shift		02 - Other		09 - Entering a Traffic Lane	
06 - Equipment Failure		03 - Passenger		10 - Slowing	
07 - Separation of Units		04 - Relative		11 - Negotiating a Curve	
08 - Ran Off the Road Right		05 - Rental Vehicle		12 - Parked	
09 - Ran Off the Road Left		06 - Commercial		13 - Stopped in Traffic	
10 - Cross Median or Centerline		07 - Occupant		14 - Driverless Motor Vehicle	
11 - Downhill Runaway		08 - Vehicle Parked		15 - Trafficway Maintenance	
12 - Fell/Jumped from a MV		09 - Federal Law Enforcement		16 - Other	
13 - Thrown or Falling Object		10 - Federal Other		99 - Unknown	
14 - Avoiding an Object on Road		Vehicle Type		Road Surface <input type="checkbox"/>	
15 - Avoiding an Animal on Road		01 - Passenger		Grade <input type="checkbox"/>	
16 - Carbon Monoxide (CO) Poisoning		02 - Passenger Van		01 - Concrete 01 - Level	
17 - Injuries by being thrown against part of vehicle		03 - PU		02 - Asphalt 02 - Hillcrest	
18 - Other Non-Collision (MC Loss of Control)		04 - School Bus		03 - Gravel/Rock 03 - Uphill	
Collision w/ Person, MV, or Non-Fixed Object		05 - Other Bus		04 - Dirt 04 - Downhill	
19 - Pedestrian		06 - Transit Bus		05 - Brick/Stone 05 - Sag (Bottom)	
20 - Pedalcycle		07 - Charter Bus		99 - Unknown 99 - Unknown	
21 - Railway Vehicle		08 - MC > 150 cc		Horizontal Alignment <input type="checkbox"/>	
22 - Motor Vehicle in Transport on Roadway		09 - Off Road MC		01 - Straight 03 - Curve Left	
23 - Motor Vehicle in Transport on OTHER Roadway		10 - Motorized Skateboard/Scooter		02 - Curve Right 99 - Unknown	
24 - Parked Motor Vehicle		11 - Pedestrian Vehicle		Total No. Lanes <input type="checkbox"/>	
25 - Struck by Falling, Shifting Cargo or Anything Else Set in Motion by Motor Vehicle		12 - Low Speed Vehicle		01 - 06, 99 = Unknown	
26 - Other NON-Fixed Object		13 - Other Vehicle		(exclude turn lanes)	
27 - Work Zone/Maintenance Equipment		Non-Commercial Trailer Style		Traffic Control Working Properly <input type="checkbox"/>	
28 - Work Zone Channeling Device		01 - No Trailer		01 - Yes 02 - No 99 - Unknown	
29 - Object Set in Motion by Another Vehicle		02 - Camping Trailer		Traffic Control <input type="checkbox"/>	
Animals		03 - Mobile Home		01 - None	
30 - Horse		04 - Utility Trailer		02 - Stop Sign	
31 - Cow		05 - Boat/Jet Ski Trailer		03 - Yield Sign	
32 - Pig		06 - Towed Vehicle		04 - Flashing Traffic Signal	
33 - Sheep		Underride/Override		05 - Do Not Enter Sign	
34 - Other Domestic (Dog, Llama, ...)		01 - No Underride or Override		06 - Traffic Signal	
35 - Elk		02 - Underride-Compartment Intrusion		07 - Traffic Signal w/ Ped	
36 - Deer		03 - Underride-No Compartment Intrusion		08 - Traffic Signal w/ Ped & Audible Signals	
37 - Moose		04 - Underride-Compartment Intrusion Unknown		09 - Person (Officer/Flagger, Xing Guard, etc)	
38 - Antelope		05 - Overide-Motor Vehicle In Transport		10 - Pedestrian Crossing	
39 - Buffalo		06 - Overide-Other Motor Vehicle		11 - No Passing Zone	
40 - Other Wild		99 - Unknown If Underride or Override		12 - Warning Signs	
Collision w/ Fixed Object		Emergency Vehicle Use		13 - Pavement Markings	
41 - Guardrail End		01 - Yes 02 - No 99 - Unknown		14 - Traffic Barrels/Cones	
42 - Guardrail Face		Emergency Equipment Actuated		15 - Temporary Jersey Barrier	
43 - Impact Attenuator/Crash Cushion		01 - Yes 02 - No 99 - Unknown		16 - School Bus Flashing Stop Lamps	
44 - Bridge Pier or Support		Special Function of MV in Transport		17 - School Zone Crossing	
45 - Bridge Overhead Structure		01 - None		18 - RR Crossing Signal	
46 - Bridge Rail		02 - Police		19 - RR Crossing Signal & Gate	
47 - Concrete Traffic Barrier/Jersey Barrier		03 - Ambulance/EMS		20 - RR Crossing Cross Buck Sign Only	
48 - Other Traffic Barrier (Includes temporary)		04 - Fire Truck		21 - RR Crossing Cross Buck with Stop Sign	
49 - Utility Pole/Light Support		05 - Military		22 - RR Crossing Cross Buck with Yield Sign	
50 - Traffic Signal Support		06 - Snow Plow		23 - Other	
51 - Traffic Sign Support		07 - Tow Truck		99 - Unknown	
52 - Overhead Traffic Sign		Contributing Circumstance		Trafficway Description <input type="checkbox"/>	
53 - Sign Support Single Post		01 - None		01 - Two-Way-Undivided	
54 - Sign Support Multiple Post		02 - Brakes		02 - Two-Way-Undivided w/ Continuous Left Turn Lane	
55 - Other Traffic Sign Support		03 - Trailer Brakes		03 - Two-Way-Divided, No Barrier	
56 - Barricade		04 - Steering		04 - Two-Way-Divided, With Barrier	
57 - Tree/Shrubbery		05 - Power Train		99 - Unknown	
58 - Cut Slope		06 - Suspension		Rumble Strips Present <input type="checkbox"/>	
59 - Road Approach		07 - Tires		01 - Yes 02 - No 99 - Unknown	
60 - Rock, Boulder, Rock Slide		08 - Wheels		Rumble Strips Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	
61 - End of Drainage Pipe/Structure/Culvert		09 - Lights (Head, Signal or Tail)		01 - Yes 02 - No 99 - Unknown	
62 - Building or Other Structure Wall		10 - Windows/Windshield		Rumble Strips <input type="checkbox"/>	
63 - Fence (Including Post)		11 - Rain/Snow/Ice on Windshield		01 - None	
64 - Raised Median or Curb		12 - Tinted Windows		02 - Centerline Rumble Strips	
65 - Delineator Post		13 - Vehicle Cargo Blocking View		03 - Median Shoulder Only	
66 - Earth Embankment/Berm		14 - Exhaust System		04 - Transverse Rumble Strips (Road Approach)	
67 - Ditch		15 - Oversized Load		05 - Both Shoulders	
68 - Snow Embankment		16 - Defroster		06 - Both Centerline and Outside Shoulder	
69 - Mail Box		17 - Mirrors		07 - Outside Shoulders Only	
70 - Tunnel		18 - Wipers		99 - Unknown	
71 - Cattle Guard		19 - Truck Coupling/Trailer Hitch/Safety Chain			
72 - Other Fixed Object		20 - Stalled Vehicle			
99 - Unknown		21 - Cruise Control			
		22 - Other			
		99 - Unknown			

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Driver Information

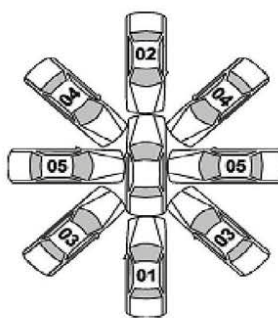
Driver's Action (choose up to 4/ie. 01, 10, 25)		1st choice	2nd choice	3rd choice	4th choice	Driver's Condition (choose up to 2)		1st choice	2nd choice	Citations Issued choose up to 5		1st choice	2nd choice	3rd choice	4th choice	5th choice
01 - No Improper Driving						01 - Apparently Normal				01 - None						
02 - Ran Off Road						02 - Emotional (depressed, angry, disturbed...)				02 - DWUI						
03 - Failed to Yield ROW						03 - ill (Sick)				03 - Drinking - (i.e., open container)						
04 - Disregarded Traffic Signs						04 - Fell Asleep, Fainted				04 - Exceeding Speed Limit						
05 - Ran Red Light						05 - Fatigued				05 - Speed too Fast						
06 - Disregarded Other Road Marking						06 - Under Influence of Meds				06 - Following too Close						
07 - Speeding						07 - Physical Disability				07 - Wrong Side of Road						
08 - Drove too Fast for Conditions						08 - Suspected Drug Use				08 - Improper or No Signal						
09 - Improper Turn or No Signal						09 - Suspected Alcohol Use				09 - Improper Lane Use						
10 - Improper Backing						10 - Other				10 - Improper Turn						
11 - Improper Passing						99 - Unknown				11 - Improper Passing						
12 - Improper Parking						Driver's Distraction (choose one)				12 - Improper Starting Out						
13 - Wrong Side/Wrong Way						01 - Not Distracted				13 - Failed to Grant ROW to Ped						
14 - Following too Close						02 - Electronic Communication Device (cell, pager...)				14 - Failed to Grant ROW to MV						
15 - Failed to Keep Proper Lane						03 - Other Electronic Device (palm, TV, computer...)				15 - Disregard Officer						
16 - Erratic/Reckless/Careless/Aggressive						04 - Other Distraction Inside MV (passenger, pet...)				16 - Disregard Stop Light						
17 - Avoiding an Object on Road						05 - Other Distraction Outside MV				17 - Disregard Stop Sign						
18 - Avoiding Animal						99 - Unknown				18 - Disregard Other						
19 - Avoiding Non-Motorist						Suspect				19 - Improper Parking						
20 - Avoiding MV						01 - Yes				20 - Reckless Driving						
21 - Swerve Due to Wind/Slippery Surface						02 - No				21 - Vehicular Homicide						
22 - Over Corrected/Over Steered						99 - Unknown				22 - Driver's License Violation						
23 - Evading Law Enforcement						Drug Test				23 - Improper Backing						
24 - Other Improper Action						01 - Yes				24 - No Insurance						
99 - Unknown						02 - No				25 - Hit & Run						
Suspect Alcohol						Alcohol Test Type				26 - Registration Violation						
01 - Yes						01 - No Test Performed				27 - Failure to Use Seat Belt						
02 - No						02 - Test Refused				28 - Charges Pending						
99 - Unknown						03 - Blood				29 - Fed R & R Driver						
Alcohol Test Result						04 - Serum				30 - Fed R & R Vehicle						
01 - No Test Performed						05 - Urine				31 - Racing						
02 - Test Refused						06 - Other				32 - Other						
03 - Blood						99 - Unknown				DL Investigation						
04 - Serum						DL Investigation				01 - Yes						
05 - Breath						01 - Yes				02 - No						
06 - Urine						99 - Unknown				99 - Unknown						
07 - Other																
99 - Unknown																

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04 - Disregarded Traffic Signs						04 - Fell Asleep, Fainted				04 - Exceeding Speed Limit						
05 - Ran Red Light						05 - Fatigued				05 - Speed too Fast						
06 - Disregarded Other Road Marking						06 - Under Influence of Meds				06 - Following too Close						
07 - Speeding						07 - Physical Disability				07 - Wrong Side of Road						
08 - Drove too Fast for Conditions						08 - Suspected Drug Use				08 - Improper or No Signal						
09 - Improper Turn or No Signal						09 - Suspected Alcohol Use				09 - Improper Lane Use						
10 - Improper Backing						10 - Other				10 - Improper Turn						
11 - Improper Passing						99 - Unknown				11 - Improper Passing						
12 - Improper Parking						Driver's Distraction (choose one)				12 - Improper Starting Out						
13 - Wrong Side/Wrong Way						01 - Not Distracted				13 - Failed to Grant ROW to Ped						
14 - Following too Close						02 - Electronic Communication Device (cell, pager...)				14 - Failed to Grant ROW to MV						
15 - Failed to Keep Proper Lane						03 - Other Electronic Device (palm, TV, computer...)				15 - Disregard Officer						
16 - Erratic/Reckless/Careless/Aggressive						04 - Other Distraction Inside MV (passenger, pet...)				16 - Disregard Stop Light						
17 - Avoiding an Object on Road						05 - Other Distraction Outside MV				17 - Disregard Stop Sign						
18 - Avoiding Animal						99 - Unknown				18 - Disregard Other						
19 - Avoiding Non-Motorist						Suspect				19 - Improper Parking						
20 - Avoiding MV						01 - Yes				20 - Reckless Driving						
21 - Swerve Due to Wind/Slippery Surface						02 - No				21 - Vehicular Homicide						
22 - Over Corrected/Over Steered						99 - Unknown				22 - Driver's License Violation						
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24 - Other Improper Action						01 - Yes				24 - No Insurance						
99 - Unknown						02 - No				25 - Hit & Run						
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02 - No						02 - Test Refused				28 - Charges Pending						
99 - Unknown						03 - Blood				29 - Fed R & R Driver						
Alcohol Test Result						04 - Serum				30 - Fed R & R Vehicle						
01 - No Test Performed						05 - Urine				31 - Racing						
02 - Test Refused						06 - Other				32 - Other						
03 - Blood						99 - Unknown				DL Investigation						
04 - Serum						DL Investigation				01 - Yes						
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06 - Urine						99 - Unknown				99 - Unknown						
07 - Other																
99 - Unknown																

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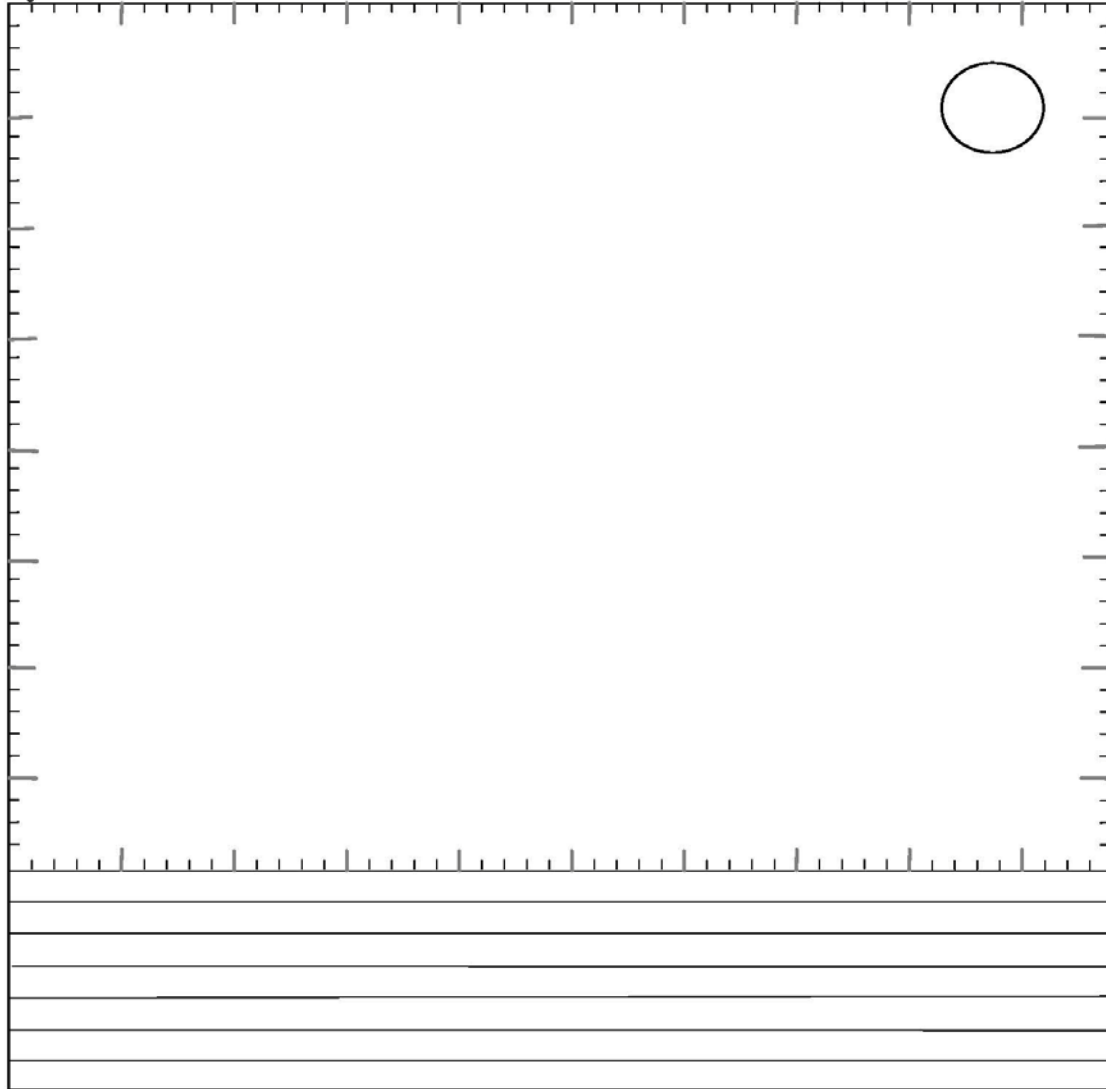
Base Information

FIRST HARMFUL EVENT <input type="checkbox"/>		Location of FHE <input type="checkbox"/>		Weather 1st choice <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd choice <input type="checkbox"/>		Road 1st choice <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd choice <input type="checkbox"/>		Lighting <input type="checkbox"/>	
Non - Collision: 01 - Overturn/Rollover 02 - Fire/Explosion 03 - Immersion 04 - Jackknife 05 - Cargo/Equipment Loss or Shift 06 - Fell/Jumped from a motor vehicle 07 - Thrown or Falling Object 08 - Carbon Monoxide (CO) Poisoning 09 - Injuries by being thrown against part of the vehicle 10 - Other Non-Collision (Motorcycle Loss of Control)		01 - On Roadway 02 - Off Roadway 03 - Shoulder 04 - Median 05 - On OTHER Roadway 06 - Outside of ROW 07 - Gore 08 - Separator 09 - In Parking Lane/Zone 10 - Tunnel 11 - Bridge 12 - Port of Entry 13 - Rest Area 99 - Unknown		01 - Clear 02 - Raining 03 - Snowing 04 - Fog 05 - Blowing Dust/Sand/Dirt 06 - Severe Wind Only 07 - Blizzard 08 - Sleet/Hail/Freezing Rain 09 - Blowing Snow 10 - Cloudy, Overcast 11 - Smoke 12 - Other 99 - Unknown		01 - Dry 02 - Wet 03 - Ice/Frost 04 - Snow 05 - Mud/Dirt/Gravel 06 - Slush 07 - Oil/Fuel 08 - Sand on Dry Pavement 09 - Sand on Icy Road 10 - Water standing/Running 11 - Other 99 - Unknown		01 - Daylight 02 - Darkness Unlighted 03 - Darkness Lighted 04 - Dawn 05 - Dusk 06 - Other 99 - Unknown School Bus Related <input type="checkbox"/> 01 - No 02 - Yes, Directly Involved 03 - Yes, Indirectly Involved	
Collision w/ Person, MV, or Non-Fixed Object: 11 - Pedestrian 12 - Motor Vehicle in Transport on Roadway 13 - Motor Vehicle on OTHER Roadway 14 - Parked Motor Vehicle 15 - Railway Vehicle 16 - Pedalcycle 17 - Work Zone/Maintenance Equipment 18 - Work Zone Channeling Device 19 - Object Set in Motion by Another Vehicle 20 - Other NON-Fixed Object Animals: 21 - Horse 22 - Cow 23 - Pig 24 - Sheep 25 - Other Domestic (Dog, Llama, etc) 26 - Elk 27 - Deer 28 - Moose 29 - Antelope 30 - Buffalo 31 - Other Wild (Bear, Coyote, Eagle)		Road Circumstance choose up to 3 01 - None 02 - Road Surface Condition 03 - Debris, loose material on the surface 04 - Ruts, Holes, Bumps 05 - Work Zone/Construction Zone 06 - Worn or Polished Surface 07 - Obstruction in Roadway 08 - Traffic Control Device Missing 09 - Traffic Control Device Inoperative 10 - Traffic Control Device Obscured 11 - Shoulders (None, Low, Soft, High) 12 - Non-Highway Work 13 - Reduced Road Width 14 - Lane Markings Missing or Faded 15 - Obstructed by a Previous Crash 16 - Other 99 - Unknown		Environmental Circumstance choose up to 3 01 - Weather Conditions 02 - Visual Obstruction Buildings 03 - Visual Obstruction Other Vehicle 04 - Visual Obstruction Vegetation 05 - Visual Obstruction Hillcrest 06 - Visual Obstruction Embankment-Snow, Rock, etc 07 - Other Physical Obstruction 08 - Glare (Sun or Headlight) 09 - Animals in Roadway 10 - Other 11 - None 99 - Unknown		Work Zone Related <input type="checkbox"/> 01 - Yes 02 - No 99 - Unknown Work Zone Workers Present <input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone Location <input type="checkbox"/> 01 - Before the First Warning Sign 02 - Advance Warning Area 03 - Transition Area 04 - Activity Area 05 - Termination Area 99 - Unknown Type of Work Zone <input type="checkbox"/> 01 - Lane Closure 02 - Lane Shift or Crossover 03 - Work on Shoulder/Median 04 - Intermittent or Moving Work 05 - Other 99 - Unknown Manner of Collision <input type="checkbox"/> *see below		Relation to Junction <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Interchange Area <input type="checkbox"/> Interchange Area <input type="checkbox"/> 01 - Non-Junction 12 - Thru Roadway 02 - Intersection 13 - Intersection 03 - Intersection Related 14 - Intersection Related 04 - Driveway Related 15 - Ramp 05 - Entrance/Exit Ramp 16 - Other Parts (Gore) 06 - Railway Grade Crossing 99 - Unknown Interchange 07 - Crossover Related 08 - Business Entrance 09 - Alley 10 - Other Non-Interchange (ie. Bike, Snowmobile Trail, School Xing) 99 - Unknown (describe in narrative)	
Collision w/ Fixed Object: 32 - Guardrail End 33 - Guardrail Face 34 - Impact Attenuator/Crash Cushion 35 - Bridge Pier or Support 36 - Bridge Overhead Structure 37 - Bridge Rail 38 - Concrete Traffic Barrier/Jersey Barrier 39 - Other Traffic Barrier (Includes temporary) 40 - Utility Pole/Light Support 41 - Traffic Signal Support 42 - Overhead Traffic Sign 43 - Sign Support Single Post 44 - Sign Support Multiple Post 45 - Other Traffic Sign Support 46 - Barricade 47 - Tree/Shrubbery 48 - Cut Slope 49 - Road Approach 50 - Rock, Boulder, Rock Slide 51 - End of Drainage Pipe/Structure/Culvert 52 - Building or Other Structure Wall 53 - Fence (Including Post) 54 - Raised Median or Curb 55 - Delineator Post 56 - Earth Embankment/Berm 57 - Ditch 58 - Snow Embankment 59 - Mail Box 60 - Tunnel 61 - Cattle Guard 62 - Fixed Object Other 99 - Unknown		Direction of Force <input type="checkbox"/> 01 - Opposing (Opposite Direction within 15 degrees) 02 - Angle (force exceeds 15 degrees) 03 - Same (same direction within 15 degrees) 04 - Meeting (glancing collision from opposite direction) 05 - Passing (glancing collision from same direction) 99 - Unknown		Type of Intersection <input type="checkbox"/> 01 - Not an Intersection 06 - Intersection as part of an interchange 02 - Four (4) -Way Intersection 07 - Roundabout 03 - T Intersection 99 - Unknown 04 - Y Intersection 05 - Five (5) Point or more					



Manner of Collision CLARIFICATION ☐
 01 - Rear End (Front-to-Rear)
 02 - Head-on (Front-to-Front)
 03 - Angle (Front-to-Side), Same Direction
 04 - Angle (Front-to-Side), Opposing Direction
 05 - Angle (Front-to-Side), Right Angle/Broadside

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Witnesses	1st	First Name	MI	Last Name		-		-	
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