

Michigan State Police

Crash Advisory # 27



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Personal Identifiers

Personal identifiers such as name, address, phone number, carrier name, etc. are being removed in the sanitized viewing of the UD-10 for certain user groups. The narrative section is public, so to protect identities please refer to the units in general terms such as veh 1, unit 1, car 1 or driver 1 instead of “Mr. Jones” or “current address is...” For officers involved in on duty crashes, use your agency’s address and phone number. Also make sure you enter the driver license number correctly and mark special vehicles (1-police) and vehicle use (3-in pursuit/on emergency, or 8-other government).

Vehicle Registration – Improper, invalid or no license plate

The license plate registered to the vehicle must be entered in the vehicle registration section, even if it is not displayed on the vehicle at the time of the crash. If a license plate is improper (registered to a different vehicle or stolen) or there is no plate displayed, write this information in the narrative/remarks section of the UD-10. Enter the plate number if it is a dealer or municipal plate not registered to a specific vehicle. The registration information will be returned from the VIN (vehicle identification number) provided on the UD-10. This will ensure the correct information is reported to Carfax and Experian for the vehicle involved in the crash.

Alcohol/Drug Reporting on Fatal Crashes

Please remember to indicate your opinion of yes or no for alcohol and drugs. Also, submit alcohol and/or drug test results for all persons tested in a fatal crash, not just the deceased. We are aware of the delayed reporting due to backlog at the labs. Do not defer sending in the crash report because you do not have test results or are awaiting prosecution. A corrected copy can always be submitted later to amend the report. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is administering grant funding based on the completeness of this data. Your cooperation is needed for federal reporting and is greatly appreciated.

Restraint Usage

NHTSA is also administering funds based on the completeness of restraint usage data so accurate reporting is necessary. Restraint usage should never be left blank. There are only rare circumstances where it cannot be determined if restraints were used in a crash. If it absolutely cannot be determined if restraints were used then 09 (Restraint use unknown) or 12 (Helmet use unknown) should be used. When reporting restraint usage for motorcycles or bicycles make sure to use the following codes: 10 (Helmet worn), 11 (Helmet not worn) or 12 (Helmet use unknown). Do not use 01 (No belts available) or 05 (No belt used).

Please Distribute to All Personnel Who Complete or Review Traffic Crash Reports

