

Michigan State Police

Crash Advisory # 3



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Which Jurisdiction Did the Crash Occur?

Scenario: A motor vehicle in transport is on a roadway that divides two jurisdictions; the vehicle goes out of control, crossing into the bordering jurisdiction before making impact with another unit or object. (A) How is the crash location coded on the UD-10? (B) Which jurisdiction is responsible for policing the crash?

(A) The location of the crash is determined by the first point of impact. If there is no impact causing death, injury or property damage of \$1,000 or more in the jurisdiction where the vehicle lost control, then a crash has not occurred in that jurisdiction. If the first point of impact occurs in the neighboring jurisdiction causing death, injury or property damage of \$1000 or more, the crash should be located in that jurisdiction.

(B) Which jurisdiction is responsible for policing the crash? This is determined by the agencies involved. It is important however; if you police a crash for a neighboring agency that occurs outside of your jurisdiction's boundaries, that you complete the crash report the same as if it had occurred within your jurisdiction. Make certain you enter the **County, City/Township codes where the actual impact took place in the neighboring jurisdiction.**

LOCATION is the most frequent error on the UD-10 Traffic Crash Report. Recording the proper location of a crash is vital for such things as the placement of traffic signs, signals and the design/construction of intersections. Do not GUESS or ESTIMATE the distance from the center of the nearest intersection to the crash site. Please MEASURE it; pace the distance off or use a tape measure, but please do not GUESS or ESTIMATE the distance.

Be sure to include the Prefix, Road Name, distance and direction, Road Type and Suffix if applicable.

Maple = Maple Street = Maple Drive. It is not enough to simply write the NAME of the roadway. If it has a designation of Street, Road, Avenue, Drive, Highway, etc., be sure to include it in your location. If the roadway is also a US-route or M-route, give us the local name. For example, M-100 is also Wright Road, so tell us the crash occurred on **Wright Road**, 100 feet north of Price Road. Please refer to Section 2 of the UD-10 Instruction Manual for more information.

Can I use a Railroad Crossing as a reference point?

Yes, if the railroad crossing sign displays a USDOT inventory number. Look for a metal sign affixed to the cross buck which will have a 7-digit number (e.g. 233106P). On your UD-10 Report, indicate that the crash occurred, for example, on Elm Street, 50 feet east of **RR-233106P**. If you cannot find the USDOT inventory number, do not use this railroad crossing as a reference point. These reference numbers can also be located at the Federal Railroad Administration Office of Safety Analysis website and searched by location.

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

