

Basic Training Module Specifications

<u>Functional Area:</u>	V. Traffic
<u>Subject Area:</u>	E. Motor Vehicle Crash Investigation
<u>Module Title:</u>	8. TRAFFIC CRASH FOLLOW-UP AND COMPLETION
<u>Hours:</u>	Not less than 1.5 hours

Notes to Instructor:

Module Objectives:

- V.E.8.1. Follow up the Extent of Personal Injuries Resulting from a Traffic Crash.
- a. Determines whether it is necessary to follow-up on injuries resulting from a traffic crash (e.g., when there is serious injury or possibility of a fatality).
  - b. Consults with medical personnel by phone or personally to determine the extent of injuries resulting from a traffic crash.
  - c. Obtains appropriate medical reports to determine the extent of injuries, if necessary (e.g., autopsy report).
  - d. Writes a supplemental report of findings from follow-up investigation of traffic crash injuries.
- V.E.8.2. Review the Traffic Crash with Crash Investigator(s).
- a. Provides the crash investigator(s) with information on the crash (e.g., UD-10 traffic crash form, supplemental reports, witness statements, photographs, etc.).
  - b. Asks the crash investigator for recommendations about handling the case, such as:
    - (1) what further investigation is required;
    - (2) the appropriate offense with which driver should be charged, and
    - (3) how speed should be calculated.
- V.E.8.3. Determine the Contributing Factors to a Traffic Crash.
- a. Interviews drivers and/or witnesses about the traffic crash.
  - b. Determines the factors that contributed to the motor vehicle crash (e.g., weather, driver's condition, condition of roadway, vehicle condition, obstructions to vision, interference from children/animals).

V.E.8.3. Determine the Contributing Factors to a Traffic Crash (continued).

- c. Decides which factors were primary contributors to the motor vehicle crash based on:
  - (1) observations,
  - (2) physical evidence, and
  - (3) statements of witnesses/drivers.

V.E.8.4. Determine Fault in a Traffic Crash.

- a. Interviews drivers and witnesses about the traffic crash.
- b. Evaluates the physical evidence from the traffic crash scene.
- c. Consults with other officers and experts (e.g., police crash investigators, crash reconstruction experts, lab technicians, medical examiners) concerning the cause of the traffic crash.
- d. Determines what caused the traffic crash (e.g., driver negligence, vehicle defect) by evaluating information obtained from all sources.

V.E.8.5. Issue a Citation(s) in a Traffic Crash.

- a. Determine if a violation of the law has occurred in a traffic crash by:
  - (1) interviewing drivers, passengers, and witnesses;
  - (2) examining the physical evidence; and
  - (3) evaluating all of the available information in light of the requirements of the Michigan Vehicle Code.
- b. Obtains the necessary documents or information to complete the citation at the traffic crash (e.g., driver's license, vehicle registration, etc.).
- c. Records the information about the traffic crash onto the citation form.
- d. Provides the offender with the proper copy of citation (i.e., proper copy depending on whether violation is a civil infraction or a misdemeanor).
- e. Explains to the individual receiving the citation how to handle the citation.
- f. Records citation charge on UD-10.
- g. Requests operator re-examination by the Department of State, if appropriate, by using Form OC-88 (See Objective V.B.2.5.).

**Module History**

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