

State of Michigan

Traffic Crash Advisory

Hit and Run Crashes and File Classes



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Background

Every year, police agencies must submit specific criminal incidents through MICR (Michigan Incident Crime Reporting) to the FBI. These incidents include Hit and Run traffic crashes under the file class of 5400-1.

Hit and Run—Definition

In 2017 the FBI changed the definition of a Hit and Run traffic crash to only include those crashes involving a motor vehicle and a pedestrian or bicyclist, where the motor vehicle leaves the scene after the crash.

From that point forward, the file class 5400-1 is only to be used for these two scenarios. (See below chart)

UD-10 Reporting

For a vehicle that hits another vehicle on the roadway and leaves the scene, select file class 9300-1 (Traffic Crash) on the UD-10. For a vehicle that hits another vehicle off the roadway, select file class 9300-2 (Non-Traffic Crash) on the UD-10.

If a motor vehicle hit a pedestrian and leaves the scene or a motor vehicle hits a bicycle and leaves the scene, select file class 5400-1 (Hit and Run Traffic Crash) on the UD-10.

For the Special Checks field on the UD-10, select the Hit and Run bubble anytime a motor vehicle strikes another unit (Motor Vehicle, Pedestrian, Bicycle, Train) and leaves the scene. These incidents are still tracked in Michigan.

Enforcement

Officers can still take enforcement action for these types of incidents, even though they no longer meet the status of a criminal file class.

MCL 257.728 and 257.742 in part, still allows the officer to issue a misdemeanor ticket or a civil infraction ticket at the scene of a traffic crash based on the officer's personal investigation and reasonable cause the person is responsible.

Further Info

This information is highlighted in the newest edition of the UD-10 Traffic Crash Report Instruction Manual (Revised 2018) which can be found at:

www.michigan.gov/crash

MICR Bulletin for Hit and Run Crashes

File Class 54001, Hit and Run with a Motor Vehicle – Defined as the accidental striking of a person or persons outside of a vehicle (walker, jogger, cyclist, etc.) and the offender fails to stop and identify or give assistance. MCL 257.618-257.622 – indicates this as an accident where the driver does not stop to render assistance.

Arrest Charge Codes: **8011** - Failed to Stop and Identify **8012** - Failed to Give Assistance **8013** - Failed to Report Accident

Guidelines Using Other File Classes

File Class 09001 (Non-negligent Homicide) or **09002** (Negligent Homicide) should be used when the person is killed; enter vehicle as the weapon.

File Class 13002, Aggravated Assault should be used if the person, inside or outside of their vehicle, is struck intentionally; enter vehicle as the weapon.

File Class 29000, Damage to Property should be used if a vacant vehicle is struck intentionally.