



TEXAS SUMMIT ON IMPROVING BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION REPORTING IN TEXAS

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Traffic Fatalities – National and State



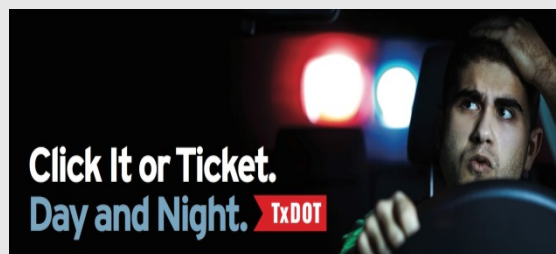
- NHTSA – 37,461 lives lost in 2016 in motor vehicle crashes nationwide
- 3,794 lives lost in Texas during 2016, including 1,176 in alcohol-related crashes

- Identify traffic safety problem areas and programs to reduce the number and severity of traffic-related crashes, injuries, and fatalities.



Highway Safety Plan - 14 Program Areas

- Planning
- Alcohol and Other Drug Countermeasures
- Emergency Medical Services
- Motorcycle Safety
- Occupant Protection
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety
- Police Traffic Services
- Speed Control
- Traffic Records
- Driver Education and Behavior
- Railroad Grade Crossing
- Roadway Safety
- Safe Communities
- School Bus Safety



Data is used to:

- establish data-driven performance targets for performance measures;
- develop evidence-based countermeasure strategies;
- to make project selections;
- and conduct project and program evaluations.

- Examples of data sources:
 - Local law enforcement data
 - Hospital and emergency room data
 - DPS data (i.e., heat maps)
 - State and local surveys
 - State and local assessments

- TxDOT's **Crash Records Information System (CRIS)**, - includes data from the individual Texas Peace Officers Crash Reports (Form CR-3) throughout the state.
- Web address:
<https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/traffic/crash-statistics.html>
- Approximately 94% of law enforcement agencies in Texas now reporting electronically

Examples of how crash data is used:

- Highway Safety Plan (HSP)
- Traffic Safety Media Campaigns – where to target messages
- Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) – Impaired Driving is one of our State’s 7 emphasis areas in the SHSP
- Legislative requests
- Attorney General Requests
- TxDOT Leadership and Commission
- Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)
- Wrong Way Driving

Medical examiners and Justices of the Peace are required by **State Statute Section 550.081** of the Texas Transportation Code to provide toxicology reports for all individuals killed as a result of a motor vehicle crash to TxDOT.

Medical examiners and Justices of the Peace submit toxicology information by using:

- CR-1001 Death and Toxicology Report
- Autopsy Reports
- Excel Spreadsheet Reporting



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Zero Deaths Video

