BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION

TOXICOLOGY REPORTING IN TEXAS

WHY TO REPORT

In 2017, Texas had 1,235 fatal crashes involving a person that was driving under the influence of alcohol. A total of 1,402 people were killed in those crashes with another 15,730 injured. One death is too many, and improving Blood Alcohol Concentration Toxicology Reporting is not only a duty of Medical Examiners, but is a step in the direction toward zero impaired motor-vehicle deaths in the state of Texas.

DUTY TO REPORT

Medical Examiners have a duty to report toxicology results for fatal crashes to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)’s Crash Records Section (TxDOT-CRS). This is a STATUTORY requirement based on Transportation Code 550.081.

WAYS TO REPORT

The ways to report are:

- TxDOT CR-1001—Death/Toxicology Report (Medical Examiner/Justice of the Peace)
- Send full autopsy and/or toxicology results—TxDOT’s preferred method
- In-house generated form/database—approved by TxDOT

WHEN TO REPORT

The report should be submitted before the 11th day of each calendar month and include:

1) the name of the deceased and a statement as to whether the deceased was:
   a) the operator of or a passenger in a vehicle involved in the accident; or
   b) a pedestrian or other non-occupant of a vehicle;
2) the date of the accident and the name of the county in which the accident occurred, and, if a bridge collapsed, the location of the bridge in that county;
3) the name of any laboratory, medical examiner’s office, or other facility that conducted toxicological testing relative to the deceased; and
4) the results of any toxicological testing that was conducted.

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