

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

BAC and Toxicology Inquest Reporting Practices in Texas



Alcohol and drug impaired motor vehicle crash fatalities prevail year after year in Texas. Justices of the Peace (JPs) act as death investigators to determine if alcohol and/or drugs contributed to crashes. As coroners, JPs play a crucial role contributing to the state's quantitative depiction of impaired driving crashes.

Why Report BAC and Toxicology Results to TxDOT

- Blood alcohol concentration (BAC) and toxicology results point to regions in the state where impaired driving is negatively affecting the community
- The level of federal funding that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) receives to address impaired driving partially depends upon BAC and toxicology results being reported
- The Texas Transportation Code 550.081 mandates reporting

What to Report in a Fatal Crash that Occurred on a Public Roadway

- The name of the deceased and a statement identifying whether the deceased was the operator or passenger of the vehicle involved in the crash, or if the deceased was a pedestrian or non-occupant of the vehicle
- Include the date, county and if a bridge collapsed in the fatal crash
- Add the BAC/toxicology information: the name of the laboratory, medical examiner's office, or other facility that conducted toxicological testing relative to the deceased along with the results, if available

Where to Send the Results



EMAIL ADDRESS:

TRF_FatalityData@txdot.gov

(the sender gets a receipt notice)



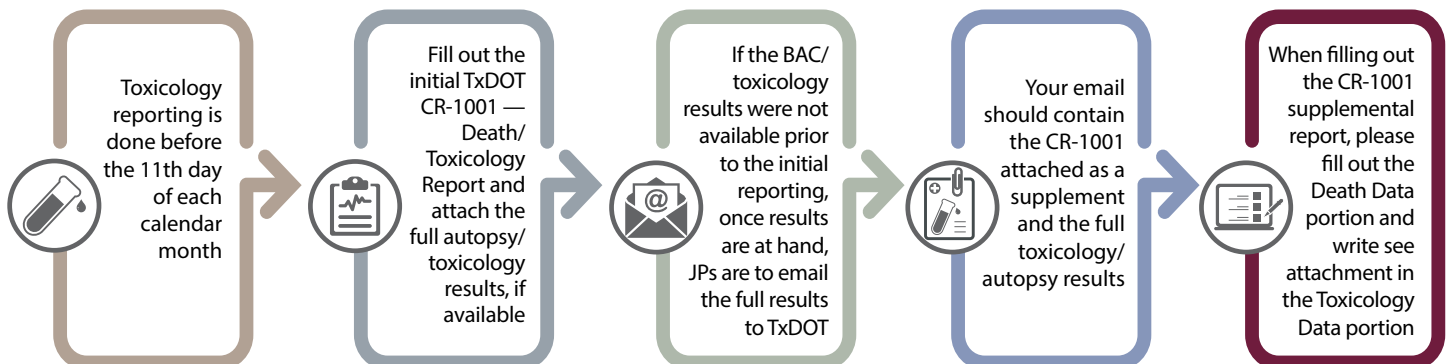
FAX NUMBER: 512-486-5794



MAILING ADDRESS:

Texas Department of Transportation
Traffic Operations Division-
Crash Data & Analysis Section
P.O. Box 149349
Austin, TX 78714

How to Report BAC and Toxicology Results to TxDOT



TxDOT's preferred method: CR-1001 Form + full autopsy/ toxicology results sent to TxDOT's email address.



Questions

Please contact TxDOT if you are having issues downloading the [CR-1001 form](#).

More Information

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