



REPORTING IS VITAL – Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) and Toxicology Results

As the state continues working to reduce and eliminate alcohol and drug-impaired motor vehicle crash fatalities, it is critical that BAC and toxicology results from these crashes be reported. Without reported BAC and toxicology test results, there is little to no filed evidence to indicate if alcohol and/or drugs were contributing factors to many fatal crashes. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), “high testing rates, accurate and complete reporting, and careful management” are essential for BAC reporting to be successful¹.

BAC toxicology data provides crucial evidence concerning which countermeasures should be deployed to repress the impaired driving problem. Reporting all BAC and toxicology results from suspected motor-vehicle impaired driving crashes that resulted in fatalities and testing all fatal drivers with alcohol and drug contributing factors is key for the state to advance its picture of the impaired driving problem and comply with NHTSA standards.

As a Justice of the Peace (JPs) acting as a death investigator, your role is pivotal to ensuring the state has a complete representation of the impaired driving problem Texas communities face.



Where to Report Results



EMAIL ADDRESS:

TRF_FatalityData@txdot.gov

TxDOT sends electronic receipts to the JPs upon receiving the toxicology results through email






MAILING ADDRESS:

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



FAX NUMBER: 512-486-5794

<p>Reported 2021 numbers indicate the state's BAC testing percentages on fatally injured drivers only had²:</p>	 <p>36.87% (1018) KNOWN TOXICOLOGY RESULTS</p>
	 <p>8.66% (239) WERE STILL UNKNOWN</p>
	 <p>54.47% (1504) OF CASES, NO TESTS WERE CONDUCTED</p>

BAC and Toxicology Reporting Questions



Crash Records Information System (CRIS) Help Desk 844-274-7457

MORE INFORMATION

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Why Report BAC and Toxicology Results to TxDOT

- The level of federal funding that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) receives to address impaired driving partially depends upon BAC toxicology results being reported.
- Reporting before the 11th day of each calendar month is mandated under [Texas' Transportation Code 550.081](#).
- Working with your law enforcement agency and your medical examiner office can facilitate your reporting process.

We Want to Hear From You! Please Share Your:

- Questions and concerns regarding reporting
- Ideas to partner with law enforcement and medical examiner office
- Barriers or challenges when trying to submit reports
- Reporting best practices

Comments are anonymous and can help us help you!

Click on the link below to share.

- https://tti.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a94MrobTqWs9Jxl

¹ <https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.gov/files/811661.pdf>

² https://ftp.dot.state.tx.us/pub/txdot-info/trf/crash_statistics/2021/36.pdf