

Submitting Traffic Crash Data Electronically via Third Party Vendors

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Division of Traffic Safety is the Administrator of the state's traffic crash information, as set forth in the Illinois Compiled Statutes: 625 ILCS 5/11-401.

As Administrator, IDOT is required to (1) tabulate and analyze motor vehicle crash reports, and (2) ensure that every crash report is submitted on an appropriate form approved or provided by IDOT. Since 2001, there have been only two crash reporting forms approved by the Department: the paper SR 1050 Illinois Traffic Crash Report form, and the electronic-based Mobile Capture and Reporting (MCR) form.

In an effort to work with local law enforcement agencies and their software vendors, a new program has been implemented allowing crash report data to be electronically submitted in an XML format defined by IDOT. The crash data can be validated upon submittal, and if accepted successfully, an IDOT-authorized bar code number will be assigned to each crash report. A number of third party vendors have been approved to participate in this program. However, **it is very important to note that IDOT will not accept electronic reports via third party vendors that have not participated in the established registration process**, designed to ensure that electronically submitted crash data meets a minimum level of quality. **Nor will IDOT accept paper or electronic crash reports lacking a legitimate IDOT-approved bar code number.**

If you are interested in submitting crash reports electronically and wish to authenticate the approval status of a third party vendor, or have other questions regarding traffic crash reporting, please contact Lou Humphrey at (217) 785-2782.

Thank you for your interest in improving crash reporting in Illinois.