2023 4th Quarter Crash Data Quality

Narratives are Important

Narrative – F2 Help

Used to describe the sequence of events for all units involved in the crash. The narrative, along with the diagram, should give a clear picture of what took place. Every crash report, except the abbreviated single vehicle property damage crashes, or nondomesticated animal crashes not resulting in injury, must have a narrative.

Who needs the narrative anyway?

- ➤ Engineers review these details and data elements to identify if the crash has an engineering countermeasure
 - ✓ Wording matters. Be as detailed as can be.
 - ✓ If the crash was a failure to stop vs failure to yield crash, different improvements may be implemented.
- ➤ Engineers don't always have the ability to collect "local knowledge" from citizens or law enforcement. Information from the report is often the only support data to help with decision making.

Focus on the "What" and "How"

- Do Need
 - Unit(s) direction/path of travel
 - Sequence of events (aligned with the sequence of events section)
 - Description that supports the diagram
 - Driver actions (aligned with driver action flags) if applicable to describe events
 - Suspected medical event or intentional (suicide) **

- Do Not Need
 - Date or time
 - Officer squad, uniform, shift
 - Lengthy report
 - See "Report #1234"



Focus on the "What" & "How"

- The diagram, narrative and sequence of events should support each other and allow the reader to understand the crash.
- DO NOT reference agency case/report numbers. WisDOT does not have access to your supplement reports.

Document Number Override Investigating Officer/Deputy Primary Crash Document # Agency Crash Number 000253-8273 KRLIQPGFGD Crash Date Crash Time Date Arrived Time Arrived 07/16/2023 11:50 AM 07/09/2023 11:40 AM Date Notified Time Notified Total Units Total Injured Total Killed 07/16/2023 02 02 01 11:46 AM Reporting ✓ Lane Closure On Emergency Hit and Run Work Zone Trailer or Towed Threshold School Bus Related Government Active School Zone NO Property Crash Type Secondary Amended ▼ Reportable DT4000 (STANDARD CRASH) Crash Description Diagram Reconstruction By Photos By SEE DIAGRAM FROM RECONSTRUCTION REPORT Additional Information PHOTOS, RECONSTRUCTION, **FATAL CRASH SUPPLEMENT** FULL RECONSTRUCTION BEING COMPLETED BY 1 T ASSISTING WITH INVESTIGATION AND INTERVIEWING DRIVERS / PASSENGER. FULL NARRATIVE REPORTS TO BE COMPLETED BY