

BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION TOXICOLOGY REPORTING IN TEXAS

WHY TO REPORT

In 2016, Texas had 1,157 fatal crashes involving a person that was driving under the influence of alcohol. A total of 1,321 people were killed in those crashes with another 14,000 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.



Driving Under the Influence



1,157
FATAL CRASHES



1,321
FATALITIES



14,000
INJURIES

WHERE TO REPORT

MAILING ADDRESS:

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

FAX NUMBER:

512-486-5794

EMAIL ADDRESS:

TRF_FatalityData@txdot.gov

QUESTIONS:

844-274-7457

Crash Records Information
System (CRIS) Help Desk

