

# Justice of the Peace and Toxicology Reporting in Texas

## Alcohol-Test

**A**lcohol and drug driving remains a prevailing issue in the state. Blood alcohol concentration (BAC) toxicology results are important in that they show the quantitative depiction of impairing substance(s) in suspected impaired drivers. 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. Without these funds, many impaired driving countermeasures applied in the state would not take place. In motor vehicle crash fatalities, Justice of the Peace (JPs) acting as death investigators, are authorized to investigate to determine if alcohol and/or drugs contributed to the crash. If the JP orders a BAC toxicology test to be conducted on a driver involved in a motor vehicle crash fatality, the JP must report the results to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Crash Records Section. Toxicology results provide a crucial insight into impaired motor vehicle deaths in Texas. This fact sheet is intended to inform JPs of the required BAC toxicology reporting practices outlined under the Texas Transportation Code 550.081.

### WAYS TO REPORT TOXICOLOGY RESULTS

- Fill out the initial TxDOT CR-1001—Death/Toxicology Report (Medical Examiner/Justice of the Peace)\*
- Send full autopsy and/or toxicology results to TxDOT
- In-house generated form/database—needs to be approved by TxDOT
- TxDOT's preferred method: CR-1001 Form+ Full Autopsy/toxicology results

### WHERE TO REPORT

- **EMAIL ADDRESS:** [TRF\\_FatalityData@txdot.gov](mailto:TRF_FatalityData@txdot.gov)
- **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

### QUESTIONS

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

\*Chrome browser does not support the CR-1001 Form. Please use Internet Explorer or other browsers to download the form.

### More Information

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### Toxicology Report Submission Best Practices



Toxicology reporting is done before the 11th day of each calendar month



JPs can initially complete the CR-1001 Form to report that a fatal crash has occurred



Once results are available, JPs email the full autopsy/toxicology results to TxDOT w/ attached CR-1001



TxDOT uses the JPs' toxicology results to supplement crash reporting data



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