



# NORTH CAROLINA Traffic Safety Information Systems STRATEGIC PLAN

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## **Commonly Used Abbreviations**

AASHTO – American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

ACIS – Automated Criminal Infraction System

CSC – Clerk of Superior Court

EMSPIC – Emergency Medical Services Performance Improvement Center

FARS – Fatality Analysis Reporting System

FHWA – Federal Highway Administration

HSRC – Highway Safety Research Center

IPRC – Injury Prevention Research Center

ITRE – Institute for Transportation Research and Education

IVPB – Injury and Violence Prevention Branch

LEA – Law Enforcement Agencies

NC DHHS – North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

NC DPS – North Carolina Department of Public Safety

NC ECHS – North Carolina Executive Committee for Highway Safety

NC GHSP – North Carolina Governor’s Highway Safety Program

NC TRCC – North Carolina Traffic Records Coordinating Committee

NCAOC – North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts

NCAWARE – North Carolina Warrant Repository

NCDMV – North Carolina Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles

NCDOT – North Carolina Department of Transportation

NCDPH – North Carolina Division of Public Health

NCOEMS – North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services

NCSHP – North Carolina State Highway Patrol

NHTSA – National Highway Traffic System Administration

PI – Principal Investigator

PreMIS – Prehospital Medical Information System

SADLS – State Automated Driver License System

SHSP – Strategic Highway Safety Plan

STARS – State Titling and Registration System

TEAAS – Traffic Engineering Accident Analysis System

TRCS – Traffic Records Communication System

TraCS – Traffic and Criminal Software

TR – Traffic Records

UNC – University of North Carolina

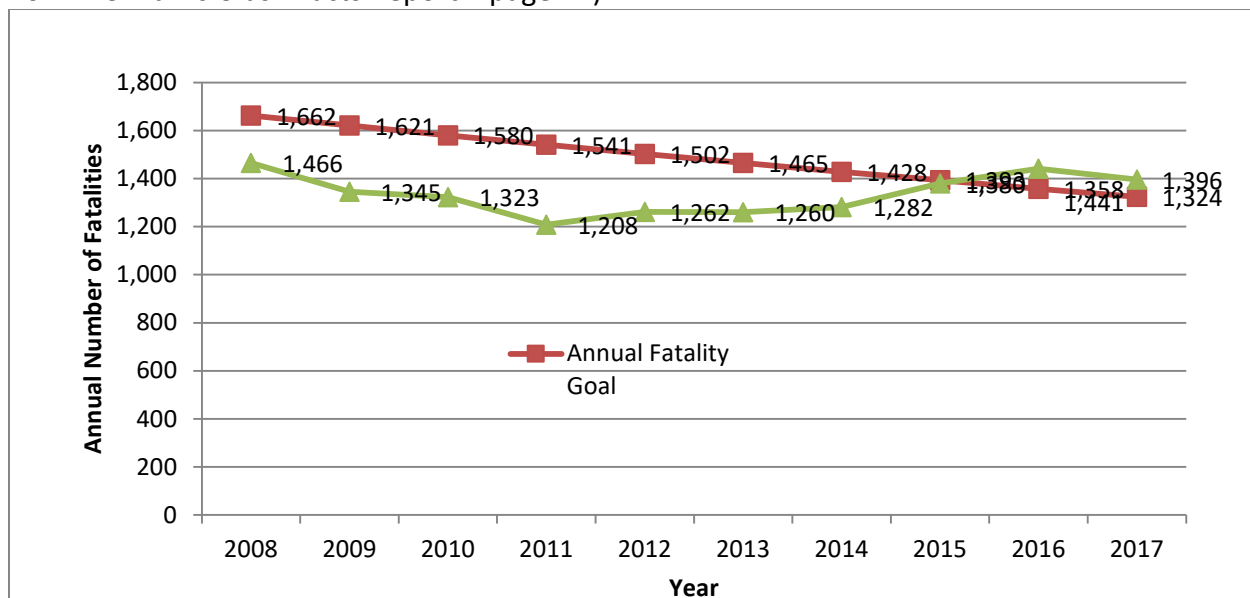
## Introduction

### Background

While North Carolina has made progress in reducing the toll that results from traffic crashes on our roadways, the number of people killed and injured remains unacceptably high. In 2017, there were 275,114 reported crashes on public roads that resulted in 1,396 people killed and 127,964 injured. The economic impact of these crashes is costly, resulting in an estimated annual loss of \$27.38 billion to the economy of North Carolina annually (based on a three-year average as noted in the online 2017 NC Traffic Crash Facts Report on page 38).

In 2016, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) updated the state's Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) and officially declared North Carolina a Vision Zero State—with the idea that even one fatality is too many on our roadways. The Plan's vision, mission, and goals guide the development and implementation of strategies and actions to achieve Vision Zero. It aims to cut the fatalities and serious injuries in North Carolina in half based on the 2013 figures, reducing the total annual fatalities by 630 and the total serious injuries by 1,055 before 2030. Progress toward this goal will be tracked on the NC SHSP online dashboard, <http://ncshsp.org/progress> (last updated in February 2016 according to the website).

Previous efforts by the NCDOT to reduce fatalities by 2.5 percent per year from 2008 onward have been mostly successful until the last two years. As shown in the chart below, the state fatality numbers are starting to fall behind ending with 2017 (the fatality rate has stayed low if you control for the NC population growth but it is still slightly above the 2012 rate – see the 2017 NC Traffic Crash Facts Report – page 12).



### Annual number of fatalities on North Carolina's roads versus the annual fatality goal of the NCDOT

For North Carolina to continue to make progress toward these goals and reach the vision of

multi-disciplinary and multi-agency approaches to the challenges we face, improvements in the quality and utility of traffic safety information data and systems must continue to evolve.

Improvements include 1) crash records, 2) vehicle and driver records, 3) roadway inventory and geographic information systems, 4) medical outcome systems, and 5) citation and adjudication systems. The even greater achievement will be to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of linking crash data to the other systems for improved reporting and analysis. These important linkages must be achieved while protecting the privacy rights of our citizens' data and abiding by the appropriate laws and regulations.

Coordination, communication, and cooperation are the defining attributes for success of the North Carolina Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (NC TRCC). Each stakeholder will be able to develop awareness of the needs of the various data collectors, data users, data managers, and traffic records systems owners. Beginning this year, the NC TRCC will be using the 2017 NC Traffic Records (TR) Assessment suggestions and recommendations cited on an overall level as well as on a question-by-question level in the new assessment format.

North Carolina's Traffic Safety Information Systems Strategic Plan documents progress toward the overall goal of providing high-quality data to users with timely and efficient processes. This document records the progress of the NC TRCC's efforts and will serve as the guide for planning and implementing change.

### ***Organization of the Report***

This report includes an overview of the organizational structure that is in place in the state to address traffic safety information needs, a strategic plan that was developed with input from the NC TRCC membership, and a description of safety information projects that have been conducted with specific objectives of improving traffic safety information systems.

## Organizational Structure

The multidisciplinary approach to traffic system information systems requires multiple agencies to be included in the planning and implementation of programs and processes designed to improve the components of the various systems, linkages among the systems and ultimately affect the outcome of reducing the level of harm on the roads of North Carolina. There are two committees that have been established in North Carolina to ensure that all information stewards and stakeholders are included in the decision-making process for improving our traffic safety information: the North Carolina Executive Committee for Highway Safety (NC ECHS) and the NC TRCC. The purpose and role of these groups are described below.

### ***Executive Committee for Highway Safety***

The NC ECHS was established in 2003; it is empowered to address the motor vehicle crash epidemic and coordinate the many safety initiatives both within and outside of the NCDOT, with an emphasis on efficiency of resources and the prioritization of programs. The NC ECHS is comprised of representatives from top management of selected disciplines involved in highway safety who control the current and potentially available resources for use in safety efforts. The committee endorsed and adopted the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' (AASHTO) SHSP as its working plan with the understanding that this is a dynamic document subject to modifications as necessary to address North Carolina's needs.

The committee has adopted the goal of reducing fatalities on North Carolina's roads by 2.5 percent per year for the next 20 years (this goal may have to be re-evaluated as fatalities nationwide have gone up in the last three years – from 32,479 in 2011 to 37,133 in 2017). Implementation of the strategies and directives of the NC ECHS and the AASHTO SHSP are viewed as the key mechanism to reach this goal and thereby significantly reduce the annual number of fatalities and deaths on our highways.

The energy generated and knowledge of the multi-disciplined NC ECHS team members has provided many opportunities for innovative strategies. Representatives from different agencies are teamed up to find solutions to a common goal. A key "facilitator" works closely with all of the working groups through meetings and discussions with members. This central point of reference provides assistance in eliminating roadblocks, suggests champions for strategy involvement and ensures elimination of redundant strategies.

The NC ECHS endorses and supports NC TRCC. NC TRCC, as necessary and appropriate, will provide strategies for the Executive Committee to support and endorse. These strategies could include legislative initiatives, inter-agency projects requiring significant resources and other important strategies.

### ***NC ECHS Membership***

The NC ECHS is chaired by NCDOT Secretary of Transportation James H. Trogdon III. The membership is listed below and includes representatives for the NCDOT, municipal

transportation departments, state and local law enforcement, universities, and other state and local agencies.

- James H. Trogdon III, Secretary of Transportation, NCDOT (Committee Chair)
- Isaac T. Avery, III, Attorney at Law, NC Conference of District Attorneys
- Alan Dellapenna, NCDPH, Injury and Violence Prevention Branch
- Adam Fischer, Transportation Director, City of Greensboro
- Randa Radwan, Director, UNC HSRC
- W. A. “Tony” Hayes, President and Chief Executive Officer, Transformative Ideas Calculated Success
- Tim M. Little, Chief Engineer, NCDOT
- Chris Lukasina, President of the NC Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations
- Johanna I. Cockburn, Director, NCDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Division
- Torre Jessup, Commissioner, NC DMV
- James K. Lacy, State Traffic Engineer, Transportation Mobility and Safety, NCDOT
- Brian K. Mayhew, State Safety Traffic Engineer, Traffic Safety Unit, NCDOT
- Jon R. McCormick, Division Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
- Glenn M. McNeill, Colonel, NCSHP
- Mark Ezzell, Director, NC GHSP
- Harriett Southerland, State Coordinator, Students Against Destructive Decisions
- John Sullivan, III, Division Administrator, FHWA

### ***Traffic Records Coordinating Committee***

The NC TRCC was established in 2006. The vision of the NC TRCC reads as follows:

*To improve safety by significantly reducing the number of fatalities and injuries to the citizens and visitors of our state.*

In support of this vision, the mission of the NC TRCC is to:

*Provide the leadership to establish and maintain a level of coordination, communication and cooperation between agencies and stakeholders to maximize utilization and improve functionality, data accuracy, timeliness and linkages, and to advance electronic data collection, protect privacy, minimize redundancies in traffic records systems and better accomplish individual agencies’ goals.*

The specific roles and functions of this group were collectively established by the participating members and consist of the following:

- Provide for coordination, cooperation, and collaboration of agency activities that could affect or improve the state traffic safety data or systems, while also ensuring the protection of confidential information.



- Prepare, update, and maintain the NC TRCC Traffic Safety Information Systems Strategic Plan and provide a guide for the implementation of traffic safety systems and data improvements.
- Recommend and provide strategies to NC ECHS for endorsement and action.
- Develop inter-agency project teams to create implementation plans for carrying out the objectives of the guide as necessary.
- Provide a forum for review and endorsement of programs, regulations, projects, and methodologies to implement the improvements identified in the implementation guide.
- Review programs, regulations, projects, and methodologies for alignment with the NC TRCC's mission, goals, and objectives.
- Provide coordination for programs, projects, and regulations as they become operational.
- Receive periodic updates from the project teams.
- Endorse and/or implement projects to achieve quality traffic safety data from state traffic records systems.
- Encourage and provide for the sharing of data among all members, owners, users and collectors, and collaborate on interagency projects.
- Provide for adequate communication and review between members of all changes or modifications to systems, regulations, collection procedures, or usage, and analysis needs.
- Support electronic data collection for all types of data including crash, roadway (including volume and asset management), vehicle, driver, medical, and citation or adjudication data.
- Simplify all data collection wherever possible for any record.
- Increase automation and only collect data necessary from field efforts.
- Encourage and provide for the marketing of traffic safety information to increase public and political awareness of its necessity for decision making, resource allocation and improving quality of life.

### ***NC TRCC Membership***

The NC TRCC consists of a diverse membership that includes representation from the data stewards for each primary data or information system: crash records; vehicle and driver records; roadway inventory and geographic information systems; court, citation and adjudication systems; and medical outcome systems. Several key stakeholder agencies also serve in a membership role on the committee, including law enforcement, the NCDOT Traffic Safety Unit, the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program (NC GHSP) and a university research center. The current list of members is provided below.

- Brian Mayhew (NC TRCC Co-chairperson – no longer attending the TRCC meetings, but is on the ECHS), State Safety Traffic Engineer, Traffic Safety Unit, NCDOT
- Eric Rodgman (NC TRCC Co-chairperson), UNC HSRC
- Nancy Lefler (NC TRCC – TR Strategic Plan PI), UNC HSRC
- Marie Melendez (NC TRCC – Strategic Plan Project Key Member), UNC HSRC

- Alan Dellapenna, NCDPH, Injury and Violence Prevention Branch
- Greg Ferrara, ITRE
- Jennifer Barbour, NC AOC
- Eric Bellamy, NC DMV
- Janna Allison, NC DMV
- Bob Stevens (State Traffic Records Coordinator), NC GHSP
- Warren Smith, NC GHSP
- Mark Ezzell, NC GHSP
- Brian Murphy, NC DOT Safety Planning Group
- Shawn Troy, NC DOT Safety Planning group
- Erin Lesh, NCDIT-T GISP
- Reba Calvert, NC DMV (Vehicle)
- Genia Newkirk, NC DMV (Driver)
- Jeff Robertson, EMSPIC
- Eric Schaberg, NCSHP
- Alan Stokes, Raleigh PD
- Sharon Schiro, NC Trauma Registry
- Vish Tharuvesanchi, NCDIT-T
- Anna Waller, UNC Department of Emergency Medicine, Carolina Center for Health Informatics; IPRC
- Kathy Peticolas, Carolina Center for Health Informatics
- Katie Harmon, UNC HSRC
- Meg Miller, NHTSA (regional representative for NC)

In addition to the official membership, there are a number of additional stakeholders, including representatives from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and NHTSA, who routinely participate in NC TRCC meetings. A complete list of active participants is included in Appendix B.

### ***NC State Traffic Safety Data Coordinator***

One of the members of the NC TRCC is the state traffic safety data coordinator. This individual serves as the primary point of contact for information about traffic safety systems for NHTSA, the state of North Carolina, and the NC TRCC. This person is aware of all the primary traffic records systems in North Carolina and maintains communications with the NC TRCC. This person can report on, or obtain status information on, all projects within the state. The current representative is Bob Stevens from NC GHSP who has replaced the previous Coordinator, Frank Hackney, who retired in April 2018.

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## Traffic Safety Information System Summaries

Provided in this section of the report are descriptive summaries of the traffic safety information systems that are available in North Carolina. Summaries are included for systems within the following agencies:

- North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts (NCAOC)
- North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS)
- North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NC DPS)
- North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT)
- North Carolina Department of Information Technology - Transportation (NCDIT-T)
- North Carolina Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (NCDMV)
- North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services (NCOEMS)

### NC Administrative Office of the Courts

#### **Automated Criminal Infraction System (ACIS)**

The Automated Criminal/Infractions System (ACIS) was created by and is maintained by the NCAOC to provide the North Carolina superior and district courts with accurate and timely criminal and infraction case information. ACIS data is available to the public through the Court Information Public Record Search (CIPRS) tool at public access terminals located in each Clerk of Court's office, through private vendors via the Internet, and to other government agencies through system interfaces and nightly downloads.

ACIS is a mainframe computer system that has been enhanced and maintained for over 30 years. ACIS interfaces with several in-house systems, including the North Carolina Warrant Repository (NCAWARE), Financial Management System (FMS), Civil Case Processing System (VCAP), and CCIS (Criminal Court Information System – a browser-based system that will eventually replace ACIS). ACIS interfaces with several outside agencies as well, including NCDOT, the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI), and the Department of Public Safety (DPS).

All reportable traffic offenses are transmitted nightly to NCDMV. Charges and convictions for all serious misdemeanor and felony offenses (including death by motor vehicle) are reported nightly to the SBI which, in turn, updates ACIS, CCIS-Clerks Component, and NCAWARE with state fingerprint identification numbers. ACIS is also a major data feed to the Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Automated Data Service (CJLEADS). All North Carolina State Highway Patrol (NCSHP) citation data is transferred to CJLEADS nightly.

In March 2012, the NCAOC added the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) to ACIS, allowing the EBCI to process their court cases in the ACIS system. Additionally, in May 2016 the NCAOC provided an automated means for EBCI to report their traffic cases to the NCDMV.

**Criminal Court Information System – Clerks Component (CCIS-CC)**

CCIS-CC is a robust web-based application developed to record court information for all criminal cases in an efficient and accurate manner. CCIS-CC will incrementally replace existing ACIS screens and functions accessed primarily by clerks of court. Replacement of Court Flow functionality for clerks was completed in 2014. The system is designed to enhance the current work flow by consolidating multiple functions on a single screen to allow for speedy data entry and recovery for users. As replacement components with enhanced capability are built in CCIS-CC, those components are disabled in ACIS.

CCIS-CC is designed to reduce manual processes and streamline the flow of information. The application provides user friendly features such as system-calculated and pre-filled fields, search capabilities, calendar lookup and drop-down lists, all of which save time, and reduce data entry errors. The system provides multiple entry functions for court continuances and results, speeding dispositions and monies paid. Case disposition with extended DWI data capture is provided in CCIS-CC, along with courtroom generation and electronic storage of judgment forms, and a NCDMV interface for electronic notification and reporting.

CCIS-CC ensures that data consistency is maintained across the state by providing flexibility to accommodate user preferences while enforcing rules for business. Additionally, CCIS-CC is designed to be intuitive and flexible enough to handle large volumes of data accurately and efficiently while maintaining historical records. The system is scalable to include new features, enhancements and interfaces for future requirements, and is available statewide.

**Criminal Court Information System – District Attorneys Component (CCIS-DA)**

CCIS-DA is a web-based criminal case management system developed specifically for district attorneys to manage the caseload within their offices. CCIS-DA captures individualized case notes and tracks and schedules action-oriented events and decision points relevant to the prosecution of each case, including DWI case management.

CCIS-DA interfaces with ACIS to download case data in real-time. The system also interfaces with the Discovery Automation System, which allows uploads of law enforcement discovery documents. As of October 2011, CCIS-DA was implemented in all 100 counties.

**Electronic Compliance and Dismissal (ECAD)**

ECAD is a web-based system designed to save NC citizens a trip to court by providing them a quick, convenient means of requesting dismissal online for certain traffic offenses if they have complied with the NCDMV. ECAD also provides an efficient, simple interface to CCIS-DA allowing the district attorney the ability to view and approve or deny requests, as well as a reporting interface to CCIS-CC to assist clerks with the management of case records. ECAD directly interfaces with NCDMV data to determine whether someone is in compliance before allowing them to submit a request. Once the district attorney approves a request, the case is electronically dismissed with no data entry required by the clerk. There is no cost for the public to request dismissal through ECAD.



The ECAD rollout began May 2016 with Wake County and has been live statewide since July 2016.

### **eCitation**

eCitation automates the issuing of cite-and-release citations in North Carolina. Six hundred law enforcement agencies issue more than one million traffic and infraction citations annually. Prior to the implementation of the eCitation system, North Carolina law enforcement officers wrote all citations by hand. Copies of the handwritten citation were given to the recipient, delivered to the local clerk of superior court (CSC) office, and kept on file by both the LEA and CSC involved. This process could be rather cumbersome and lengthy, as it involved entering the same information multiple times in different systems. Additionally, there was a high probability of mistakes being introduced due to illegible handwriting.

eCitation, the first such system in the nation, was conceived and developed as a solution to this manual process. eCitation fully automates the citation process, producing the North Carolina Uniform Citation in an electronic format and reducing data entry to a single iteration. Using existing wireless connections, eCitation allows officers to create citations and schedule court dates electronically from the patrol car. A portable printer produces the copy of the citation for the cited person. After issuance of the eCitation, the officer transmits the data directly to NCAOC where it can be accessed immediately statewide in both the Automated Criminal Infraction System (ACIS) and the Criminal Court Information System – Clerks Component (CCIS-CC).

eCitation was developed as a joint venture between the NCAOC and the NCSHP. Significant funding was also provided by NC GHSP and the Governor's Crime Commission. During October 1999 through September 2001, a pilot project was conducted in Cumberland County, and after a successful pilot, eCitation was implemented in all 100 counties at no cost to law enforcement agencies.

The eCitation Officer Component was upgraded from Visual Basic/COBOL to Java platform in 2016 and implemented statewide in 2017. This rewrite was a major upgrade of the technology allowing for future enhancements such as an NCAWARE interface to handle arrest offenses and the use of hand-held devices.

eCitation includes the following components:

- **Officers component:** This component is loaded on the computer in the patrol car for entering and printing eCitations. It is capable of operating with or without communication coverage.
- **Records management systems component:** This component provides law enforcement agencies with the capability to electronically download eCitation data for use by the local law enforcement agency without requiring dual data entry. It also provides a citation printing function.

- Clerks component: This is a browser-based component used by county clerk staff to monitor and print judgment copies of the transmitted citations. It also allows the clerk to set court schedules and court room limits which the officer can then use to assign a court date to the defendant.
- Interface to NCAOC ACIS: This interface receives and stores eCitation data in ACIS and CCIS-CC, making the information available statewide.
- Interface to NCDMV: This interface automatically prefills demographic and vehicle data using the driver's license or vehicle plate number.

As of February 2019, Law enforcement officers now can efficiently transition from a cite-and-release process in eCitation to the arrest process through an electronic interface between eCitation and NCAWARE, the North Carolina Warrant Repository system. This enhancement prevents officers from duplicate data entry between eCitation and NCAWARE.

### **North Carolina Warrant Repository (NCAWARE)**

NCAWARE is a custom-developed, web-based system that was designed, developed and implemented by the NCAOC. The system maintains detailed information about criminal processes such as warrants, magistrate orders, citations that lead to an arrest, criminal summons, orders for arrest, release orders and appearance bonds. It also tracks information and details for all people and businesses involved in such processes. With the implementation of NCAWARE and accompanying legislation that provided for a statewide electronic repository, law enforcement can view and serve any electronic unserved process in the state without having paper in hand. Officers are also able to pre-fill arrest and warrant information prior to appearing before the magistrate, thus decreasing processing time.

All NCAWARE judicial and law enforcement users also have access to the unserved warrants in both the NCAWARE system and the ACIS through the Statewide Warrant Search, which combines information from both systems. Prior to implementation in each county, the NCAOC worked with local criminal justice and public safety entities to certify the validity of all outstanding processes for the year 2000 and forward. Additionally, the NCAOC staff continues to work with counties to convert paper-based orders for arrest to NCAWARE so that older processes are also available electronically.

NCAWARE is the first point of entry for all arrests, including DWI cases, into the courts databases. Via a user prompt, demographic driver and vehicle data is pre-populated in NCAWARE through a host-to-host DB2 connection with NCDMV. Court case information in NCAWARE automatically populates ACIS through real-time XML and MQ interfaces. The NCAOC is planning a real-time interface between eCitation and NCAWARE to provide for the automatic creation of a process where a traffic citation leads to an arrest – such as DWI, driving while license revoked, and driving with no operator's license.

In August 2018, NCAWARE was enhanced to allow a system generated Tracking Number in lieu of a citation number for the EC/IR II instrument. This enhancement reduces the need for paper citations.

**payNcticket**

payNcticket is a web-based system which allows persons who have received citations for offenses not requiring a court appearance (primarily traffic tickets) to query and pay their tickets online. Prior to payNcticket, citizens had to pay fines and related court costs by going to the courthouse to pay in cash or by mailing a money order or cashier's check. In addition to providing a more convenient payment method for the public, the system also allows for quicker disposition of cases because as payment is received, the citation is also disposed in ACIS and CCIS-CC. In conjunction with eCitation, which allows citations to be transmitted to ACIS and CCIS-CC immediately, payNcticket can potentially allow for a ticket to be paid and disposed within minutes after it was issued.

Payments made through payNcticket are processed by an independent payment processing vendor.

payNcticket was piloted in March 2010 and released statewide in June 2010.

**Online Request for Reduction of Speeding**

Online request for reduction of speeding is the latest addition to the suite of online services offered by the NCAOC as part of eCourts, the larger initiative to modernize the North Carolina court system. The service provides a fast, convenient means of requesting reduction for speeding offenses online and potentially avoiding a trip to court. Currently, the service is limited to two speeding offenses and subject to eligibility requirements. The primary eligibility requirements to request a reduction online include:

- Defendant must be 18 years of age or older and have a valid NC driver license.
- Driver license must not be a commercial driver license (CDL).
- Arraigned/charged speed must be between 10 and 19 miles over the posted limit.
- Arraigned/charged speed must not exceed 80 mph.
- If citation has a second offense (apart from speeding) the offense must be a driver license, registration, or inspection offense for which the defendant has complied with the NCDMV, or a driving without insurance offense, for which the defendant must upload an image of a valid DL-123 or FS-1 through online services as a proof of compliance.

Online requests must be submitted at least seven business before the assigned court date. If the district attorney offers a reduction, the requestor will receive an email confirming what offense the district attorney is offering to reduce to, along with the cost associated with that offense. Online reduction offers are limited to nine miles over the posted limit or improper equipment, in the district attorney's discretion. If the reduction offer is accepted, the defendant must pay the cost online through NC courts' Online Services page by 5:00 p.m. the day before the assigned court date or the offer will be vacated.

**NC Department of Health and Human Services****NC Disease Event Tracking and Epidemiologic Collection Tool (NC DETECT)**

NC DETECT is North Carolina's statewide syndromic surveillance system. NC DETECT was created by the North Carolina Division of Public Health in 2004 in collaboration with the Carolina Center for Health Informatics (CCHI) in the University of North Carolina (UNC) Department of Emergency Medicine to address the need for early event detection and timely public health surveillance using a variety of secondary data sources. Authorized users are currently able to view data from emergency departments, the Carolinas Poison Center, and Prehospital Medical Information System (PreMIS), as well as pilot data from select urgent care centers. NC DETECT is designed, developed and maintained by CCHI staff with funding by the North Carolina Division of Public Health (NCDPH). New functionality is added regularly based on end user feedback.

On PreMIS, note the most recent changes which include:

- 1) The PreMIS data (and presumably Continuum) now is/are being managed by ESO instead of the EMS-PIC, and the operation is no longer part of UNC. It will be necessary to contact Tom Mitchell (Chief, NCOEMS) regarding a replacement representative for PreMIS/EMS-PIC on the NC TRCC and for new updated text describing the relationship between NCOEMS and ESO.
- 2) Jeff Robertson and Derek Traugbber are no longer members at the EMS-PIC and are no longer members of the NCTRCC.
- 3) NCTR: there are now 14 trauma centers in NC and there may soon be a few more.

### **NC Hospital Patient Discharge System**

Prior to 1995, the Medical Database Commission (MDC) collected hospital discharge data. On September 30, 1995, the North Carolina General Assembly eliminated the MDC and set up an alternate system for the reporting of discharge data. Since 1996, hospitals have reported data, currently through Truven Health Analytics, as set forth by the Medical Care Data Act of 1995 (Article 11a of Chapter 131E of the North Carolina General Statutes).

Since 1996, the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research has worked under contract with the North Carolina Division of Health Service Regulation to store, maintain, and analyze the North Carolina Discharge Databases. The data contained in the discharge databases are retrieved claim forms used by facilities to bill payers.

### **NC Medical Examiner System**

The North Carolina Medical Examiner System is a network of over 600 medical doctors throughout North Carolina who voluntarily devote their time, energy, and medical expertise to see that deaths of a suspicious, unusual, or unnatural nature are adequately investigated. This resource is maintained by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of the state of North Carolina (OCME), a division of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Resources. OCME also functions as the Division of Forensic Pathology of the UNC School of Medicine Department of Pathology.

The Medical Examiner's office has detailed data on each death in North Carolina. For the cases that are associated with motor vehicle crashes, these death reports are used to determine the



presence of alcohol for the North Carolina crash data driver fatalities and the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

### **NC State Center for Health Statistics (SCHS)**

The SCHS is the North Carolina agency responsible for data collection, health-related research, production of reports, and maintenance of a comprehensive collection of health statistics. SCHS provides high quality health information for better informed decisions and effective health policies. The goal is to improve the health of all North Carolinians and their communities. These data include statewide records on all births, deaths, marriages, and divorces. These records have data on age, race, sex, county, name, and key dates, as required by the state. Additionally, SCHS has copies of the NC hospital discharge and emergency department discharge datasets.

## **NC Department of Public Safety**

### **Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Resource Lab (COVERLAB)**

The COVERLAB is a university-based program for helping to reduce truck-involved crashes by improving commercial vehicle enforcement effectiveness. Located at North Carolina State University's Institute for Transportation Research and Education (ITRE), COVERLAB provides the Motor Carrier Enforcement (MCE) section of the NCSHP with online data-driven analytics, geospatial analysis, program development support, and research for improving commercial vehicle safety outcomes.

### **COVERLAB Analytics**

COVERLAB Analytics is web-based data visualization decision support tool that helps the MCE section of the NCSHP improve its tactical enforcement planning for reducing truck-involved fatal crashes and protecting road/bridge infrastructure from heavy truck damage. COVERLAB Analytics provides MCE supervisors with online scorecards to track crash reduction performance goals, dashboards for in-depth trend and comparison analysis, and map analytics to prioritize times and locations for improving enforcement effectiveness.

### **Vision Zero**

NC Vision Zero is a collaborative initiative to eliminate roadway deaths and injuries in North Carolina. The goal of the NC Vision Zero initiative is to unify all safety stakeholders to reduce traffic fatalities. The NC Vision Zero website provides centralized access to program content and crash data tools, for both the public and traffic safety partners.

### **Vision Zero Analytics**

NC Vision Zero Analytics is an online data visualization system for safety stakeholders to track traffic safety goals and identify effective data-driven strategies for reducing traffic fatalities in North Carolina. The state's crash reduction goals are visually presented to (and co-tracked by) both patrol supervisors and NC GHSP staff. Users can see how well they are performing with

“views” specific for their geographic location. This provides a common version of the truth and the capability to prioritize safety countermeasure activities by using a data-driven approach.

### **NC Vision Zero Safety Dashboard**

NC Vision Zero Safety Dashboard is a public-facing, web-based data visualization and mapping tool for helping to reduce traffic fatalities in North Carolina. Users can:

- Visualize trends of fatalities and serious injury collisions over time
- View maps of crash trends by county, city, and law enforcement jurisdictions
- View top contributing circumstances for filtered crashes
- Visualize crash times with a time-of-day/day-of-week heat grid

## **NC Department of Transportation**

### **North Carolina Geographic Information System (NC DIT-T formerly the GIS Section)**

The NCDIT-T GIS Group’s roadway linear referencing system (LRS) represents all public roads in NC and serves as the official system of record for roads maintained by the state. The LRS is maintained in an enterprise environment using ESRI Roads & Highways software.

Road features are edge-matched, split across boundaries, and corrected to match the latest available orthophotography. System roads are updated based on actions approved by either the Board of Transportation or traffic ordinances issued by the State Traffic Engineer. Non-system roads are updated based on new road additions, deletions, and spatial or attribute changes identified by running a change detection process between old and new authoritative sources (i.e. county GIS centerline). Change detection is also used to update other state maintained roads (i.e. Wildlife Resources Commission), federal roads (i.e. National Forest Service), and roads belonging to the Eastern Band Cherokee Nation.

The NCDIT-T GIS Group provides access to LRS data as web services, web maps and downloadable files.

### **Traffic Engineering Accident Analysis System (TEAAS)**

TEAAS consists of an oracle database and custom client software developed for the purposes of performing engineering and location-based analysis of crash data. TEAAS went into production in 1999 and contains crash data for analysis purposes back to 1990. The TEAAS database is a replication of the crash database maintained by the NCDMV. Crash data is typically available in the analysis system within a few weeks of the date of the crash. This time is much shorter for crashes that are submitted electronically.

TEAAS software is available for download via the internet free of charge to state or local government personnel, law enforcement agencies, planning organizations, and research entities.

TEAAS also contains all traffic ordinance information for state-maintained roadways. Roadway information is also available in the system for the purposes of locating crashes and ordinance data.

### **NCDOT Division of Motor Vehicles**

#### **Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS)**

FARS contains data for fatal traffic crashes that occur within the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. To be included in FARS, a crash must involve a motor vehicle traveling on a public roadway and result in the death of a person (including occupant of a vehicle or a non-motorist) within 30 days of the crash.

FARS was developed by the National Center for Statistics and Analysis (NCSA) of the NHTSA in 1975. The main objectives of FARS include: providing an overall measure of highway safety, identifying traffic safety problems and solutions, and providing an objective basis to evaluate the effectiveness of motor vehicle safety standards and highway safety initiatives.

NHTSA has a cooperative agreement with an agency in each state's government to provide information on all qualifying crashes in the state. In North Carolina, the NCDMV is the lead agency for FARS reporting. FARS data are obtained solely from the state's existing documents, which include the following: police crash reports, state vehicle registration files, state driver licensing files, state Highway Division data, vital statistics, death certificates, coroner/medical examiner reports, hospital medical reports, emergency medical service reports, and other state records.

More than 100 FARS data elements are coded from the documents above. The specific data elements may be modified slightly each year to conform to changing use needs, vehicle characteristics and highway safety emphasis areas. The data included in FARS do not include any personal identifying information such as names, addresses or social security numbers. Thus, data kept in FARS files and made available to the public fully conform to the federal Driver Privacy Protection Act.

Fatal crash data for each state are entered into a local microcomputer data file and daily updates are sent to NHTSA's central computer database. Data are automatically checked when entered for acceptable range values and for consistency. This makes it possible for corrections to be made immediately.

Each year, FARS data are utilized by the NCSA to publish a Traffic Safety Facts report. The report compiles fatal crash data from FARS and non-fatal crash data from the General Estimates System. The purpose of the Traffic Safety Facts report is to present statistics about traffic crashes of all severities.

#### **NC Crash Data**

The NCDMV maintains a database that contains information on all reported crashes in the state. The database was assembled to serve as a single electronic repository for all crash data. One of the main objectives of the crash database is to make records and related data available to the law enforcement community. The current Crash Reporting System (CRS) was established in 1999, and the earliest record dates back to 1990. Crash data may either be submitted electronically using either the NCDMV Traffic Records Communication System (TRCS) application or NCDMV Electronic Crash Reporting System (ECRS), and manually through a written crash report form. The TRCS application enables law enforcement to electronically complete and submit crash reports directly to the CRS from the field. The ECRS application allows the law enforcement to electronically send crash reports in an XML format from the law enforcement repository. Written crash reports are received by NCDMV and scanned. Data entry staff key information from the scanned images stored in the database. Crash report data that are electronically submitted through TRCS are typically available within two days after NCDMV receives the report. Crash data that must be manually entered from the DMV-349 form are usually available within 30 days after the NCDMV receives the report. Updates to the CRS database are made on a daily basis. The data are never purged. A CRS data dictionary is available upon request. It is updated periodically, as needed or as request by the NCDMV Traffic Records Branch. Business rules are in place to ensure the completeness of the data. Only reportable crash data are typically entered into the CRS database; however, data are entered for all crashes that are reported, even those that may not fit the criteria of a reportable crash.

A reportable crash must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- The crash resulted in a fatality, or
- The crash resulted in a non-fatal personal injury, or
- The crash resulted in total property damage amounting to \$1,000.00 or more, or
- The crash resulted in property damage of any amount to a vehicle seized, or
- The vehicle has been seized and is subject to forfeiture under G. S. 20-28.3.

All law enforcement agencies are required to report crashes that they respond to that meet one or more of the criteria.

### **Traffic and Criminal Software (TraCS)**

The North Carolina TraCS is the NCDMV's implementation of the national model of the TraCS package. TraCS enables law enforcement officers to record and retrieve incident information from the field wherever and whenever an incident occurs. The NCDMV TraCS is an enhancement of the current CRS that enables NCDMV to receive and process crash reports electronically.

NC TraCS and NCDMV TRCS are collectively referred to as TraCS and work together to allow officers to electronically collect and transmit crash information from the field to a central repository (i.e., CRS). TraCS allows an officer to collect and validate information in his or her vehicle using a notebook computer or at a local office using a workstation. TraCS can obtain driver and vehicle information corresponding to a driver license or a vehicle (plate or VIN) from



the State Titling and Registration System (STARS) and State Automated Driver License System (SADLS) through the crash database.

The primary objective of TraCS is to maintain a paperless system where creation, validation, and transmission of crash data are performed electronically. In the process of accomplishing this objective, TraCS also helps to reduce the time needed to create a crash report in the field. This translates to faster submittal of crash reports to DMV, and in turn, expedited public availability of crash data.

#### **NC Driver License Record System Data**

The NCDMV maintains the SADLS, which contains North Carolina driving records data. SADLS went into live production on November 24, 1994. The earliest driver license record stored in the system is from October 14, 1966.

Online data are processed in real time as received from various states/agencies via the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators Network (AAMVANet) interface. Some data files provided by outside agencies, such as the NCAOC, are not received through AAMVANet and are processed by batch each workday.

Updates made to a driver record as the result of the driver turning in his or her North Carolina license and applying for a license in another state are made in real time. In addition, another example of real time updates includes any updates resulting from receipt of customer information from the Social Security Administration.

Overnight data updating is primarily adjudicatory in nature and involves updating the driving record based on convictions received from the NCAOC. The updated record is then applied against the standards to determine whether a suspension should result. It could also involve updating the driving record when a suspension ends or updating status information for the recently deceased.

#### **NC Vehicle Registration Record Data**

The STARS is a database maintained by the NCDMV that was created to provide automated vehicle titling and registration services. STARS represents a comprehensive automation of all vehicle titling and registration business functions and was implemented in 1996. It is one of North Carolina's largest systems and requires a high level of support and maintenance. STARS currently stores information on 12,700,000 vehicles; 12,100,000 active titles; 6,860,000 active registrations; historical information on 2,900,000 cancelled titles; and 25,800,000 previous years' registrations. The major system components of STARS include titling, registration, fiscal, correspondence, inquiry, police network, imaging, inventory, printing, interface processing, headquarters, batch, and other services.

#### **SAFETYNET – Commercial Motor Vehicle Crash Reporting**

SAFETYNET is a computer system utilized by state law enforcement agencies and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) for the collection and management of commercial vehicle safety data. Data are collected from all safety inspections and compliance reviews performed in North Carolina and all qualifying crashes that occur on North Carolina highways.

The NCDMV maintains commercial motor vehicle (CMV) crash data in the crash database. The division is responsible for forwarding CMV crash data to the NCSHP, who enter the data into SAFETYNET. SAFETYNET data are routinely transferred to the Motor Carrier Management Information System for analysis by FMCSA and are used to help determine a motor carriers' safety fitness rating. The system also allows for the electronic collection of inspection data from roadside inspection software.

FMCSA's SAFETYNET Crash Module records qualifying vehicles involved in crashes that are motor vehicle traffic crashes as defined in the ANSI D-16 Manual on the Classification of Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents. To satisfy the definition of a motor vehicle traffic crash, the crash must not be the result of a deliberate act (e.g., suicide, police intervention) or a cataclysm (e.g., hurricane, flood). The crash must result in at least one of the following: a fatality, an injury or involve a towed vehicle. In addition, a crash must also meet the following criteria to be sent to SAFETYNET:

1. Commercial vehicles must have a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) > 10,000 pounds or carry hazardous materials.
2. Non-commercial vehicles must have one of the following vehicle styles: commercial bus, school bus, activity bus, other bus, light truck (carrying nine or more occupants), sport utility vehicle (carrying nine or more occupants), or van (carrying nine or more occupants).

### **North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services**

#### **EMS Performance Improvement Center (EMSPIC)**

The North Carolina EMS Performance Improvement Center (EMSPIC) is located within the Department of Emergency Medicine at UNC-Chapel Hill. Systems that are currently maintained and supported by the EMSPIC are the Credentialing Information System (CIS), Continuum™, EMS Toolkit Project, Prehospital Medical Information System (PreMIS), and the NC Stroke Registry.

The NCOEMS established a central location where, by regulation, incident data could be collected and maintained from all 101 North Carolina EMS systems/counties. This is accomplished by a contractual agreement in place since 1999. The EMSPIC is strategically placed to provide a high level of information technology support and quality management expertise. The EMSPIC supports state, regional and local EMS service delivery from a patient care, resource allocation and regulatory perspective.

#### **NC Trauma Registry**

Since 1987, all North Carolina trauma centers and several non-trauma center hospitals have submitted data to the North Carolina Trauma Registry. Thirteen of these facilities are designated by the state of North Carolina as level I, II, or III trauma centers. The NCOEMS maintains the North Carolina Trauma Registry through a contract with UNC-Chapel Hill Department of Surgery. All state designated trauma centers are required to submit data for the

purposes of performance improvement, outcomes measurement, resource utilization, injury prevention, and clinical research.

A designated trauma center is a local hospital voluntarily meeting the state's guidelines for care of the injured patient. Each of the state's centers has the responsibility of providing care and of developing and supporting a regional trauma system.

### **Prehospital Medical Information System (PreMIS)**

The Prehospital Medical Information System (PreMIS) provides data entry and reporting capability for the evaluation of EMS patient care and system performance. PreMIS follows the older NEMSIS version 2 standards and is still used but deprecated in favor of the replacement Continuum™ application. The benefits of PreMIS include a standard method of documenting patient care to facilitate tracking of hospital diagnoses and patient outcome information; system comparison across agencies; involvement in public health and injury prevention initiatives and EMS research; EMS strategic planning on a statewide basis; fiscal accountability; leadership in developing EMS outcome measurements; links to other state and national data sets for researchers; quality management of patient care, services, and resource tracking; required billing information; offsite data warehousing; feedback on technician procedures for evaluation and certification; and storage of medical device data.

### **Continuum™**

Continuum™ is the EMSPIC's new state EMS information system, compliant with the NEMSIS version 3 data specification, which collects data on each EMS call report made within the state. Continuum™ allows evaluation of EMS patient care and system performance, functioning beyond a medical record and quality management tool with hospital outcome data, billing data, and linkages to multiple databases outside EMS. Continuum™ replaces the older CIS and PreMIS applications which were NEMSIS version 2 compliant, as well as the now retired SMARTT application which was the State Medical Asset Resource Tracking Tool.

Continuum™ is used by state regulatory offices in North Carolina to monitor and provide credentials to EMS personnel, ambulances and EMS agencies. Continuum™ is used to track and document EMS personnel education, credentials, disciplinary actions and contact information. It is through this system that EMS personnel register for continuing education and certification courses. Grades from completed courses are also posted within the system by course instructors to be referenced by the students, EMS agencies and the state regulatory offices. Continuum™ also stores ambulance permits and inspections information as well as EMS agency permits.

## 2019 Strategic Plan

### Overview

In 2019, the NC TRCC began the process of updating the 2018 Strategic Plan. The UNC Highway Safety Research Center (HSRC) worked with NC GHSP and NCDOT to review relevant materials, gather input from key agencies, and develop a plan to guide improvements to be made in traffic safety information systems over the next five years. Agencies who participated in the development of this plan included:

- EMSPIC
- NCSU ITRE
- NC DHHS
- NC GHSP
- NCAOC
- NCDOT
- NCDIT-T
- NCDMV
- NCSHP
- UNC HSRC

Gathering input for the plan began with the initial task of reviewing the following documents:

- *North Carolina Traffic Safety Information Systems Strategic Plan, 2018*. This plan became the benchmark for progress with respect to improvements made over the past year.
- *State of North Carolina Traffic Records Assessment, 2017*. The assessment was completed by a NHTSA Technical Assessment Team in May 2017 and included several recommendations related to traffic safety information systems.
- *North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program FY 2018 Highway Safety Plan*. This plan was reviewed for specific recommendations related to traffic safety information systems and for data-related recommendations related to targeted safety strategies.

The primary source of input to the plan was a strategic planning session with representatives from the agencies listed above. This session was used to review goals and objectives and monitor progress toward performance measures, which were set last year.

The plan in this current form, first developed in 2010, was intended to address improvements in traffic safety information systems over five years. However, the plan was and will continue to be reviewed on an annual cycle and modified as necessary to ensure that progress is being made in each of the areas and that new objectives are added to address changes in the state and take advantage of improvements that may lead to better systems. In other words, this is a dynamic plan.



## ***Vision and Mission***

### **Vision**

*To improve safety by significantly reducing the number of fatalities and injuries to the citizens and visitors of our state.*

### **Mission**

*Provide the leadership to establish and maintain a level of coordination, communication and cooperation between agencies and stakeholders to maximize utilization and improve functionality, data accuracy, timeliness and linkages, and to advance electronic data collection, protect privacy, minimize redundancies in traffic records systems and better accomplish individual agencies' goals.*

## ***Goals and Objectives***

Goals are established for the NC TRCC as an entity and for each of the six primary data systems that are required for addressing traffic safety in the state. For each of these seven goals, specific objectives, and performance measures were developed that represent the priorities for each group/system.

### **Traffic Records Coordinating Committee**

***Goal – Provide direction and facilitate coordination among the safety data stewards and stakeholders to improve the transportation safety information systems in North Carolina.***

*\*Note: The official annual performance period for measuring performance is April to March each year. However, some of the activities described in this section include items undertaken or completed in May or June, as the final plan is delivered at the end of June each year.*

<b><i>Objective</i></b>	<b><i>Performance Measure/Target</i></b>	<b><i>4/1/17-3/31/18</i></b>	<b><i>4/1/18-3/31/19*</i></b>
Ensure that the membership of the TRCC consists of all key stakeholders, including the owners, stewards and users of the data in NC.	An annual review of stakeholders and expansion of the TRCC membership as necessary.	Ongoing. Annual review has been conducted. Seeking additional members as gaps identified.	Ongoing -- Annual review has been conducted. TRCC is still seeking additional members to fill the gaps identified.
In collaboration with the NC GHSP, review and improve upon the protocol used in the identification and prioritization of projects.	Annual review and improvement upon the project identification and prioritization process. <i>(Note: Schedule for the approved protocol will need to align with the GHSP proposal process.)</i>	Ongoing. Formal project identification form has been created.	Ongoing. Formal project identification form has been created. See below.

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure/Target</i>	<i>4/1/17-3/31/18</i>	<i>4/1/18-3/31/19*</i>
	<p>A set of guidelines created for use in identifying and prioritizing projects.</p> <p>A prioritized list of recommended projects provided to NC GHSP and other funding sources and agencies that align with the specific objectives of the Strategic Plan.</p>	<p>Ongoing. Process will be finalized at the next TRCC meeting</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The initial TRCC project rating policy and procedure has been agreed on. See Appendix G for the policy description, project description form, and the rating sheet for the TRCC members.</p>
Monitor and measure progress on existing goals and objectives.	<p>Annual update of TRCC Strategic Plan.</p> <p>Periodic review of ongoing projects, focusing on progress toward meeting performance measures outlined in the strategic plan.</p> <p>Feedback to NC ECHS to report on progress made and new strategies proposed by the TRCC.</p> <p>Review NHTSA recommendations for TRCC activities to align our goals with the assessment document focus questions.</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Updates provided at quarterly NC ECHS meetings.</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Updates provided at quarterly NC ECHS meetings.</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Identify gaps in the current traffic records	Establishment and revision of goals and objectives as part of	Completed (June 2018)	Completed (June 2019)

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure/Target</i>	<i>4/1/17-3/31/18</i>	<i>4/1/18-3/31/19*</i>
systems and explore new solutions.	development of the next strategic plan. (Note: Explore external funding opportunities. Examples include: 405C, NC ECHS, FHWA, NHTSA, CDC).		
Explore the value and feasibility of capturing detailed lat/long location information for citations, crashes and asset management (results have implications for multiple data systems).	Feasibility study report.	Future effort, pending availability of resources.  Collecting lat/long information for severe injury crashes from ITRE.	Future effort, pending availability of resources.  Collecting lat/long information for all severe (K & A) injury crashes from ITRE.
Share NC achievements and best practices in traffic safety information systems with other states.	Participation in regional and national conferences and peer-to-peer exchanges.	Ongoing. Presentations were made in 2017 and will be made in 2018 at the Traffic Records forum.  Several TRCC members attended the 2017 Traffic Records forum and plan to attend 2018.  Division of Public Health collaborated with CDC Injury Center sharing traffic records with health data.  Ongoing NHTSA GoTeam effort to improve injury surveillance data system.  Peer exchange in Louisiana related to state safety data systems (specifically	Ongoing. Presentations were made in 2018 and will be made in 2019 at the Traffic Records forum.  Several TRCC members attended the 2018 Traffic Records forum and some will attend 2019.  Division of Public Health collaborated with CDC Injury Center sharing traffic records with health data.  Major changes in personnel have put a GoTeam effort on hold for a while.  Peer exchange in Louisiana related to state safety data systems

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure/Target</i>	<i>4/1/17-3/31/18</i>	<i>4/1/18-3/31/19*</i>
		regarding roadway system).	(specifically regarding roadway system).
Monitor and evaluate the achievements and best practices in traffic safety information systems in other states for potential implementation in NC.	<p>Participation in peer-to-peer exchanges.</p> <p>Review of promising strategies from other states, or items shared w/ other states, and sharing back with group.</p> <p>Monitor USDOT/other state's TRCCs for ideas for consideration.</p>	<p>Ongoing NHTSA GoTeam effort to improve injury surveillance data system.</p> <p>Peer exchange in Louisiana related to state safety data systems (specifically regarding roadway system). Evaluating other state's electronic crash reporting methodologies (Possible XML based pdf form).</p> <p>Continued involvement and attendance at Traffic Records Forum in New Orleans (August 2017). NC is a HSIS state and has an annual peer exchange on traffic record topics.</p>	<p>No NHTSA GoTeams are currently being utilized.</p> <p>Peer exchange in Louisiana related to state safety data systems (specifically regarding roadway system). Still evaluating other state's electronic crash reporting methodologies (Possible XML based pdf form).</p> <p>Continued involvement and attendance at Traffic Records Forum in Milwaukee (August 2018). NC is a HSIS state and has an annual peer exchange on traffic record topics.</p>
Ensure that state highway safety plans include traffic safety information systems as a major component.	<p>Review of NC State Highway Safety Plan (SHSP).</p> <p>Review of Highway Safety Improvement Plan (HSIP).</p> <p>Review of NC Highway Safety Plan (HSP).</p>	<p>Next update will be in 2019.</p> <p>HSIP 2017 plans were completed and submitted.</p> <p>Completed (HSP 2018).</p>	<p>Next update will be in 2020.</p> <p>HSIP 2018 plans were completed and submitted.</p> <p>Completed (HSP 2019).</p>

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure/Target</i>	<i>4/1/17-3/31/18</i>	<i>4/1/18-3/31/19*</i>
Expand performance measures for remaining Core Data Systems.	Performance measures for vehicle, driver, roadway, and injury surveillance.	Future effort	Current project under consideration to assist TR agencies with this effort.

## Crash Information Systems

***Goal – Maintain the crash data system and expand the capabilities of the system to allow the state to use this data to track crash injury/fatality experience for use in court cases, safety improvement studies, and evaluating State driving statutes.***

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure/Target</i>	<i>4/1/17-3/31/18</i>	<i>4/1/18-3/31/19*</i>
Continue to enhance and expand electronic crash reporting by all enforcement agencies in the State.	Number or percentage of law enforcement <u>agencies</u> submitting to the electronic crash reporting system (minimum of 50% electronic submissions).	25.81%	30.63%
	Number or percentage of reported <u>crashes</u> submitted via the electronic crash reporting system.	74.0%	79.22%
	Integration and use of additional features or options for crash reporting. (Example: <i>geo-locating using an XML based pdf from.</i> )		Ongoing – collecting x and y coordinates for fatal and A-level injury crashes in NC + bike/ped crashes
Continue to communicate data collection and data submission protocols and business rules with third-party software vendors of electronic	Periodic meetings with third-party vendors to share business rules and communicate changes.	Continuing biweekly meetings.	Ongoing

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure/Target</i>	<i>4/1/17-3/31/18</i>	<i>4/1/18-3/31/19*</i>
crash submission products to keep them apprised of changes in the North Carolina crash data systems that need to be accommodated in their software applications.	Periodic review and validation of third-party vendors' compliance capabilities.  Initial review and validation for new third-party vendors.	Currently 4 vendors in place (1 new vendor in progress).	When DMV makes changes, we check to see the changes are accurate.  Currently 4 vendors in place (1 new vendor in progress).
Explore the feasibility of LEA-level metrics for improving crash reporting.	Feasibility study on the potential range and use of LEA-specific metrics. <i>(Note: Report on types of errors made and time period for reporting, compared to peers)</i> <i>Next: Review and see if it can be enhanced or built upon in the future/broadened to include quality.</i>	Ongoing	Ongoing
Continue to enhance the integration of crash data systems.	Continuing to correct CRS records on the basis of analysis of TEAAS data.  Periodic review of the integration process between the traffic safety unit and DMV.	Ongoing  Ongoing	Ongoing  Ongoing
Ensure that crash data continue to be submitted accurately and in a timely manner to the CRS.	Average lapsed time between the time of the crash and the time of the submission.  Percentage of crash reports submitted within 10 days. (GS 20-166.1 indicates that a law enforcement agency who receives an accident report must forward it to the	29.89 days (print submissions) 4.26 days (electronic submissions)  71.98%	17.83 days (print submissions) 3.92 days (electronic submissions)  78.52%



<i>Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure/Target</i>	<i>4/1/17-3/31/18</i>	<i>4/1/18-3/31/19*</i>
	NCDMV within 10 days after receiving the report.)		
Ensure that crash data continue to be accurately recorded and reported to the CRS.	<p>The percentage of rejected crash reports. (Note: no reports are accepted to the CRS until the errors in mandated data elements are corrected.)</p> <p>Periodic summary of crash report rejection reasons.</p> <p>Periodic review of business rules to target inaccurate fields.</p>	<p>3.75% (electronic submission only)</p> <p>Periodic summary of rejections provided.</p> <p>Identify new business rules with new form design.</p>	<p>3.6% (electronic submission only)</p> <p>Ongoing. Also identify any potential corrections</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Ensure that crash data continues to be recorded as completely as possible.	<p>Percentage of reports that have no missing critical data elements. (Note: Must define critical elements; see notes under prior objective.)</p> <p>Periodic review of business rules to address completeness.</p> <p>Feedback to LEAs with respect to their data quality.</p> <p>Year-to-year comparison of the number of reports received to review for possible missing data.</p>	<p>Completed MMUCC 5 assessment of crash variables (February 2018).</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing, bi-weekly calls.</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure/Target</i>	<i>4/1/17-3/31/18</i>	<i>4/1/18-3/31/19*</i>
Ensure that crash data is recorded uniformly.	<p>Percentage of data elements that are MMUCC compliant.</p> <p>Year-to-year comparison of reportable vs. non-reportable crashes by LEAs.</p>	<p>MMUCC Analysis was completed in 2018. MMUCC Mapping Score 67.7%</p> <p>75.33% reportable 24.67% non-reportable</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>74.95% reportable 25.05% non-reportable</p>
Ensure that the crash data are accessible to key stakeholders.	<p>Annual survey of crash data accessibility by stakeholder groups, including internal users within the NCDOT and external users such as other state agencies and universities.</p> <p>Potential workshop with stakeholders including IT to discuss accessibility issues.</p>	<p>DMV is working with stakeholders as data needs arise. ITRE has received a snapshot of data back to 2000. HSRC received a snapshot of data from 1991 – 1999 for a specific project they are working on.</p> <p>Still a future effort.</p> <p>Sanitized crash data has been completed.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Still a future effort.</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Enhance law enforcement training that will result in more complete and accurate crash reporting.	<p>Review of alternative training methods, including distance learning and blended training options, and methods used in other fields. <i>(Note: EMS as an example.)</i></p> <p>Number of law enforcement officers who receive training, including a breakdown of standard and more extensive training.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Trained 109 law enforcement train-the-trainer officers between April 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018.</p>	<p>Sgt Eric Schaberg has continued working on these improvements.</p> <p>Trained 108 law enforcement train-the-trainer officers between April 1, 2018 and March 31, 2019 in 4 different instructional classes.</p>

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure/Target</i>	<i>4/1/17-3/31/18</i>	<i>4/1/18-3/31/19*</i>
	Review of the current Basic Law Enforcement Training.	Coming January 2019. Does not address electronic reporting.	
Explore the feasibility of creating a statewide streamlined or “limited” data entry protocol for non-injury crashes within the electronic crash reporting system at the time the DMV349 is updated.	<p>Review of the implications on the CRS database.</p> <p>Review of the implications on safety analysis and decision making.</p> <p><i>Note: The issues addressed should include data acquisition, compliance with NHTSA data guidance (e.g., MMUCC), legal considerations, and possible degradation in the information being captured in the crash report.</i></p>	<p>Future effort</p> <p>Future effort</p>	<p>Future effort</p> <p>Future effort</p>
Develop standards for reporting location information.	Publication of spatial location reporting standards available to third-party vendors for ECRS.	Ongoing	Ongoing
	Determine the best method of implementing electronic crash reporting by all LEAs statewide.	<p>Meetings held in Fall 2017. Progress discussed.</p> <p>Do away with paper pads and move toward electronic crash collection.</p>	<p>Produced fillable PDF with validations (this is still considered a paper form). Looking to turn PDF into XML format.</p> <p>No longer distributing paper pads.</p>

## Data Use & Integration

**Goal - Provide direction and facilitate coordination among the safety data stewards to improve the integration of transportation safety information systems in North Carolina.**

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure/Target</i>	<i>4/1/17-3/31/18</i>	<i>4/1/18-3/31/19*</i>
Conduct a feasibility assessment of the value of and most effective means of sharing data across multiple systems within the data collection process, such as crash and citation, for consistency and accuracy of data.	Feasibility study report. <i>(Note: This is a project that will be addressed in the future, when all stewards are ready and funding is available to support the study.)</i>	Future effort	Future effort
Explore the value and the feasibility of developing a centralized database for warning tickets that would be available to law enforcement officers and other stakeholders, such as researchers, in the road safety community.	Feasibility study report. <i>(Note: This is a low priority issue based on recent discussions with NHTSA and will be discussed at a later time.)</i>	Decided not to do it.	Decided not to do it. Will remove in the next version of the TR Plan.
Conduct demonstration projects to illustrate the feasibility and value of data integration.	Data Linkage Project  Repeat Offenders Project	In progress	Ongoing  In progress

## Citation/Adjudication Systems

***Goal – Maintain and update North Carolina AOC databases and oversee the proper movement of court information and data, while centralizing information and creating citation/sharing procedures for the citation and adjudication records.***

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure/Target</i>	<i>4/1/17-3/31/18</i>	<i>4/1/18-3/31/19*</i>
Continue to improve electronic citation audit procedures and implement the most promising improvements to ensure citations are tracked from time of issuance to disposition of citations.	Implementation of a tracking system for unused citations.	Based on user feedback the previous software upgrade has improved system stability and fewer instances of “lost” citations reported. No relevant effort currently underway for tracking unused citations.	Based on user feedback the previous software upgrade has improved system stability and has resulted in fewer “lost” citations. There is no effort underway to track unused citations.
Continue to improve the electronic citation submission statewide.	Length of time for citations to be received at AOC.	88.33% received within 3 days	89.27% received within 3 days
Increase data capture surrounding the case management of DWI charges and convictions to aide in the analysis and tracking of these cases.	Number of DWI data element fields added to the file.	Next steps have not been defined.	Next steps have not been defined.
Provide an interface between eCitation and NCAWARE for the most frequent arrestable offenses to reduce duplicate data entry.	Percent reduction in number of cases for which there is duplicate data entry.	eCitation and NCWARE Interface project is near completion. Target implementation date set for Summer 2018.	Completed Feb 2019
Capture and store large video as evidence in a secure location in data center.	Expand discovery automation system to handle remote blob storage.	Future effort	Future effort
Paperless process in court room with workflow between district attorney, judges and clerks.	Design and develop automated workflow process for citation in the courtroom.	The NCAOC has begun the RFP process for an Integrated Case Management System. A vendor contract	The NCAOC has begun the RFP process for an Integrated Case Management System. A vendor contract has not yet been awarded.

		award is targeted for 1Q19.	
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## Injury Surveillance Systems

**Goal – Evaluate the need for and feasibility of a Statewide Surveillance Injury System.**

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure/Target</i>	<i>4/1/17-3/31/18</i>	<i>4/1/18-3/31/19*</i>
Conduct a demonstration project that links injury surveillance data with crash data to identify issues associated with linkage.	Identification of a project with defined objectives that requires linking injury surveillance data and crash data.	Continuing the data linkage project to connect crash data and health data.	Continuing the data linkage project to connect crash data and health data.
		Held second strategic planning meeting in December 2017	Held third strategic planning meeting in March 2019
	Development of a work plan for the demonstration project.	Add demonstration projects to go deep within the health data to help identify costs.	Work in progress (identifying data costs).
	Demonstration project report.	Determine what elements are needed to create a sustainable system.	In progress: Determine what elements are needed to create a sustainable system. Applying for CDC funding.
		Utilizing NHTSA GoTeam as barriers are identified.	Completed NHTSA GoTeam as barriers are identified.
		Working with UNC Trauma Registry Data.	Completed: Pilot work with UNC Trauma Registry Data.  Began work with the NC Trauma Registry Data.



<i>Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure/Target</i>	<i>4/1/17-3/31/18</i>	<i>4/1/18-3/31/19*</i>
Meet with key stakeholders to <b>improve interfaces across</b> the health care <b>databases</b> (EMS, Emergency Department, Hospital Discharge, Trauma Registry, Vital Records) and examine transportation injury data.	Develop process flow diagrams, data dictionaries, policies and procedures, data quality guidelines, annual reporting from the medical data systems to TRCC, and explore the collection of rehabilitation data.	Ongoing meetings to continue to refine the linkage.	<p>4 complete, pending approval: crash report (DMV), FARS, Medicaid, Office of Chief Medical data</p> <p>6 complete: Vital stats, Sheps Center hospital data, trauma data, emergency department (NCDETECT), research data statistics, EMS data</p> <p>2 working to get: PBCAT, HSIS</p> <p>1 no participation: NC health care association.</p>

### Roadway Information Systems

***Goal – Continue to maintain and expand an up-to-date statewide inventory of all North Carolina roadways that allows the State to track roadway changes and improvements and permits enhanced safety analysis.***

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure/Target</i>	<i>4/1/17-3/31/18</i>	<i>4/1/18-3/31/19*</i>
Improve the interoperability and linkage between the linear referencing system, road characteristics data, and the crash data system (TEAAS).	<p>Successful implementation of a distributed ownership model for capturing and maintaining roadway data elements.</p> <p>Ability of external customers to add or edit data to the primary roadway characteristics file.</p> <p>Ability to integrate crashes from non-system roadways into the statewide LRS.</p>	<p>Integration with various business units is ongoing.</p> <p>Future effort</p> <p>Project underway to provide functionality to link crashes on non-system roads to LRS non-system</p>	<p>Ongoing. Integrated 7 business units.</p> <p>Future effort, evaluating a tie in connection with the state's next gen 9-1-1 (address system).</p> <p>Updated non-system roads in all but 3 counties in NC.</p>

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure/Target</i>	<i>4/1/17-3/31/18</i>	<i>4/1/18-3/31/19*</i>
		roads for spatial display purposes.	Update TEAAS application to place crashes on local roads (goal complete Dec 2019).
Conduct a feasibility assessment of the development of supplemental roadway files that may be used in safety analysis. (Examples include horizontal curves and grades.)	Feasibility report that includes priorities for the development of supplemental files.	Collecting data for all state-maintained roadways.	Ongoing – data collection on secondary roads through pavement collection effort.
Explore the feasibility of an intersection database (in support of FHWA Fundamental Data Elements (FDE)).	Feasibility report.	Pilot project complete 2017 for rural, stop controlled intersections. Currently exploring options for the development of an enterprise level intersection database.	Waiting on FHWA AEGIST Guidebook (expected September 2019).
Improve data quality control for roadway data elements.	Investigate what data quality control measures are in place currently.	Ongoing	Proposed GHSP project to address this.

### Driver Information Systems

**Goal – Continue to maintain and update the North Carolina driver license record data to be used in road safety studies and statistical analysis and to track all North Carolina drivers and their driving records according to North Carolina law.**

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure/Target</i>	<i>4/1/17-3/31/18</i>	<i>4/1/18-3/31/19*</i>
Provide online a basic summary of the number of licensed North Carolina drivers, which includes their age, race, sex and county of residence. (Note: the publication should include motorcycle endorsements, commercial licenses and learner's permits.)	Annual online publication as part of NC Crash Facts.	Ongoing	Ongoing.
<b>Hold mini-assessment meeting(s) with key individuals in driver license sections to address the issues of the data dictionary and improve data quality control.</b>	Improve communication efforts and obtain a better understanding of what data documentation, data information flow charts, purging record procedures and data quality control routines are available. Develop summary reports on each of these topics.	In progress: data dictionary	Working on.

### Vehicle Information Systems

**Goal – Continue to maintain and update all North Carolina vehicle registration record data for the state to be used in road safety studies and statistical analysis and to insure all vehicles are properly licensed according to the laws of NC.**

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure/Target</i>	<i>4/1/17-3/31/18</i>	<i>4/1/18-3/31/19*</i>
Publish a summary of the number of NC registered vehicles – by type of vehicle and county.	Annual publication as part of NC Crash Facts.	Completed 2017	Updated for 2018.

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure/Target</i>	<i>4/1/17-3/31/18</i>	<i>4/1/18-3/31/19*</i>
Hold a mini-assessment meeting(s) with key individuals in vehicle registration information systems to address the issue of data quality control.	<p>Improve communication efforts and obtain a better understanding of the information available in the Vehicle Data System, data quality control procedures, validation of VINs, vehicle data information flow diagrams, and vehicle record purging procedures.</p> <p>Develop summary reports on each topic.</p>	Key individuals with vehicle registration systems are participating in the NC TRCC.	Working on.

## **Traffic Safety Information System Projects**

Provided in this section of the report is a discussion of the process that is currently used by the NC TRCC to provide input to the NC GHSP on the selection of projects to be funded using Section 405(c) funds from NHTSA. At the end of this section is a table showing current traffic safety information system projects that are ongoing in the state, regardless of funding source.

### ***Project Identification***

The following section of this report will be dynamic and will reflect the ongoing efforts of the NC TRCC to effectively identify and prioritize initiatives to reflect its goals. The priorities and projects will change as available resources are identified. This section will also evolve as Traffic Records Assessments are completed and as information, data, and opportunities become clearer. In addition, the status of information technology directives or legislative actions can have significant effects on the items in this section.

Projects will primarily be identified by each agency effort to address a deficiency in a traffic records system, the data collection process (accuracy, completeness), achieving necessary compliance, customer service improvements (availability of data), or improving the timeliness of the data. Projects involving the linking of data for improved utilization and establishing partnerships will also be identified and receive full consideration by the NC TRCC. All projects must fully address all federal and state laws or policies concerning the privacy or protection of information. Formal and informal traffic records assessments will be a significant resource for projects and strategies.

### ***Project Prioritization***

All strategies or projects included in this report are considered important to both the short-term and long-term success of the NC TRCC, each agency and North Carolina. Each initiative will have measurable benefits. In addition to addressing data systems, data collection, the technical ability to link data or systems, or other technical components, some projects may focus on increasing the general knowledge, understanding, or marketability of the data. Projects demonstrating the results of a successful NC TRCC partnership should also be considered.

The NC TRCC also recognizes that many projects or strategies will be easier to implement and may yield high payoff and have few obstacles to achieve relatively quick success. If resources become available to the NC TRCC, typically in the form of grants or possibly through the NC ECHS, a process should be in place to select these projects. As of this year, the NC TRCC has agreed on a project prioritization protocol and policy (see Appendix G for details).

### ***Traffic Safety Information System Projects Listing***

The table on the following page includes a list of current traffic safety information system projects, with the projects funded entirely or partially by Section 405(c) funds listed first. Descriptions of these projects, as well as a list and description of past projects is available in Appendix C.

## Current projects

Cross Ref. #	Project	Project Number	Coordinating Agency	Budget	Budget Source
	<b>405(c)-funded projects</b>				
1	Highway Safety Plan and Annual Report 2019	SA-19-09-03	HSRC	\$108,471	GHSP
2	NC Traffic Safety Information Systems Strategic Plan Updated	TR-19-07-01	HSRC	\$57,828	GHSP
3	Data Documentation for Linking Crash and Health Data in North Carolina	M3DA-19-14-03	IPRC	\$103,531	GHSP
4	Linking Crash Reports to Medical Data in North Carolina	M3DA-19-14-04	IPRC	\$273,327	GHSP
5	NC Vision Zero Technical and Program Support 2018-2019	SA-19-09-12/M3DA-19-14-02 (20.216)	ITRE	\$526,164	GHSP
6	eCitation Printers	M3DA-19-14-01	NCAOC	\$300,000	GHSP
7	Electronic Crash (eCrash) Replacement Program	M3DA-19-14-04	NCDMV – Traffic Records	\$85,779	GHSP
8	Mobile Data Terminal GHSP Grant Request	M3DA-19-14-05	Town of Belhaven P.D.	\$18,000	GHSP
9	Town of Haw River Safe Speeds Initiative	M3DA-19-14-06	Town of Haw River P.D.	\$12,000	GHSP



Cross Ref. #	Project	Project Number	Coordinating Agency	Budget	Budget Source
	<b><i>Non-405(c)-funded projects</i></b>				
10	Crash Location Geocoding Infill		ITRE	\$31,073	NCDOT
11	Truck Crash Geocoding		ITRE	Unknown	NCSHP
12	xPDF Electronic Crash Reporting Form		NCDMV	Unknown	NCDMV

## Appendix A – Conference Participation

### Presentations by NC TRCC members

2019 NC Traffic Safety Conference & Expo  
Raleigh, NC

Unified Technologies: North Carolina eCitation Interface with NCAWARE

Attendees will receive an overview of the enhanced eCitation with an electronic interface to NCAWARE, as well as eCitation tips. The newest release of eCitation will streamline the process for Law Enforcement Officers in the field by providing a seamless electronic transition from the nonarrest violation process in eCitation to the arrest process in NCAWARE. Additional benefits of interfacing the two successful systems include reduced paper production and the ability for Magistrates to receive and resume the arrest process in an electronic manner.

Speaker:

Jennifer Barbour, Business Analyst, N.C. Administrative Office of the Courts

2018 Traffic Records Forum Conference  
August 12-15, 2018  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Poster title: Motor Vehicle Crash Injury Research in North Carolina: An Overview of Data Sources

Authors: Katherine Peticolas, MPS, PMP; Clifton Barnett, MSIS; Katherine J. Harmon, PhD; Amy Ising, MSIS; Anna E. Waller, ScD

Carolina Center for Health Informatics and Injury Prevention Research Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Poster description: A flowchart depicting the source and flow of crash and health data that might be used in motor vehicle crash injury research, including the identification of the data owners at local, state and national levels.

2019 Safe Systems Summit  
April 23-24, 2019  
Durham, NC

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2018 Highway Safety Information System Annual Meeting  
October, 2018  
Chapel Hill, NC

Oral Presentation title: North Carolina Data Integration

Presenters: Waller AE & Harmon KJ Harmon

An overview of GHSP-funded efforts in NC to integrate motor vehicle crash and health outcome data.

2019 North Carolina Traffic Safety Conference & Expo

August 2019

Raleigh, NC

Oral Presentation title: North Carolina Motor Vehicle Crash Injury Data Linkage & Integration (abstract accepted, presentation scheduled, but presentation not yet delivered)

Presenters: Harmon KJ & Peticolas KA Harmon

Description: A overview of the importance of strategic planning and data documentation for successful motor vehicle crash injury data integration as well as specific examples of how North Carolina is advancing the field.

2019 International Society for Disease Surveillance Annual Conference

January 2019

San Diego, CA

Authors: Authors: Harmon KJ, Bailey L, Bonifacio A, Ising A, Peticolas KA, Sandt L, Waller AE

Poster title: Evaluation of pedestrian/bicycle crash injury case definitions for use with NC DETECT

Description: An evaluation of ICD-10-CM External Cause of Morbidity Code-based pedestrian/bicycle crash injury case definitions for use with NC DETECT, North Carolina's syndromic surveillance system.

2019 May Day Trauma Conference

May 2019

Chapel Hill, NC

Authors: Harmon KJ, Bailey L, Bonifacio A, Ising A, Peticolas KA, Sandt L, Waller AE

Poster title: Evaluation of pedestrian/bicycle crash injury case definitions for use with NC DETECT

Description: An evaluation of ICD-10-CM External Cause of Morbidity Code-based pedestrian/bicycle crash injury case definitions for use with NC DETECT, North Carolina's statewide syndromic surveillance system.

2019 Safe Systems Summit

April 2019

Durham, NC

Poster title: Systems thinking to prevent pedestrian deaths on railroads

Authors: Smock R, DeLisle D, Harmon KJ, Waller AE

Description: An overview of the problem of trespassing on North Carolina railroads and how a taking "safe systems" approach may help alleviate this problem and reduce railroad-related morbidity and mortality.

2019 Safe Systems Summit

April 2019

Durham, NC

Poster title: North Carolina data integration for motor vehicle crash injury research: The long road ahead.

Authors: Harmon KJ, Peticolas K, Waller AE

Description: A review of strengths/weaknesses of several North Carolina health outcome data sources for linkage with motor vehicle crash data. Also – a synopsis of the methods, results, and conclusions from three GHSP-funded projects: a pilot project to link crash-EMS-ED visit data for Wake County, a demonstration project to link crash-EMS data for all pedestrian and bicycle crashes in North Carolina, and a quality improvement project to review and revise pedestrian/bicycle crash injury case definitions for use with NC DETECT, North Carolina's statewide syndromic surveillance system.

Provided below is a list of the active participants in the NC TRCC meetings.

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Included in the table below are the historical (completed) traffic safety information system projects.

## Completed (historical) projects

Project	Project Number	Coordinating Agency	Budget	Budget Source
<b>408/405(c)-funded Projects</b>				
Air Cards Technology to Reduce Speed Related Crashes and Increase Seat Belt Use	K9-13-11-02	NCSHP	\$608,160	GHSP
ASU In-car Computer Grant	K9-14-11-06	Appalachian State University	\$30,000	GHSP
Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Gap Analysis	K9-09-11-05	NCDMV	\$56,109	GHSP
eCitation Printers	K9-13-11-03	NCAOC	\$214,500	GHSP
eCitation Printers	M3DA-15-16-05	NCAOC	\$303,050	GHSP
eCitation Printers	M3DA-17-14-01	NCAOC	\$303,421	GHSP
eCitation/Electronic Crash Reporting	K9-13-11-05	Enfield PD	\$8,000	GHSP
eCitation/Electronic Crash Reporting	K9-12-11-15	NCSHP	\$46,000	GHSP
eCitation to NCAWARE interface update	M3DA-17-14-02	NCAOC	\$711,660	GHSP
eCitation/NCAWARE Arrestables Interface	K9-13-11-06	NCAOC	\$133,572	GHSP
eCitation Upgrade	M3DA-16-14-01	NCAOC	\$288,104	GHSP
Electronic Submission of Crash Reports (DMV-349) from NCSHP	K9-08-11-04	NCSHP	\$331,240	GHSP
Geocode Pedestrian Crashes Statewide and Traffic Records Strategic Plan	K9-12-11-04	HSRC	\$51,421	GHSP

Project	Project Number	Coordinating Agency	Budget	Budget Source
eCitation Upgrade	M3DA-15-16-03	NCAOC	\$282,804	GHSP
GIS location of Crashes	K9-11-11-03	ITRE	\$15,898	GHSP
Linking Crash Reports to Medical Data in North Carolina	M3DA-17-14-04	IPRC	\$215,526	GHSP
Linking EMS, Trauma, Healthcare and Crash Data Systems	K9-10-11-03	EMSPIC	Unknown	GHSP
MDTs to Enable More Officers to Perform eCitation and Electronic Crash - GPD (Garner)	K9-10-11-11	Garner Police Department	\$10,000	GHSP
MDTs to Enable More Officers to Perform eCitation and Electronic Crash - GPD (Gastonia)	K9-10-11-08	Gastonia Police Department	\$3,340	GHSP
MDTs to Enable More Officers to Perform eCitation and Electronic Crash – LPD	K9-10-11-04	Lenoir Police Department	\$44,000	GHSP
MDTs to Enable More Officers to Perform eCitation and Electronic Crash – MCSO	K9-10-11-05	Macon County Sheriff's Office	\$16,000	GHSP
MDTs to Enable More Officers to Perform eCitation and Electronic Crash - NC Highway Patrol	K9-10-11-07	NCSHP	\$331,240	GHSP
MDTs to Enable More Officers to Perform eCitation and Electronic Crash – NPD	K9-10-11-12	Norwood Police Department	\$4,850	GHSP
MDTs to Enable More Officers to Perform eCitation and Electronic Crash – TPD	K9-10-11-06	Taylorsville Police Department	\$11,372	GHSP
NC Crash Data Website	M3DA-16-14-04	HSRC	\$61,222	GHSP

Project	Project Number	Coordinating Agency	Budget	Budget Source
NC DOT Traffic Engineering TR Guidebook	K9-09-11-06	NCDOT	\$6,342	GHSP
NC DOT Traffic Engineering TRCC Support	K9-09-11-07	NCDOT	\$33,000	GHSP
NC Traffic Safety Information Systems Strategic Plan Update	M3DA-16-16-03	HSRC	\$90,843	GHSP
NC Traffic Safety Information Systems Strategic Plan Update	M3DA-15-16-04	HSRC	\$39,263	GHSP
NCAOC-Batmobile for purchase of MDTs to Place Aboard Each BAT Units	K9-10-11-09	NCAOC	\$10,992	GHSP
NCSHPGIS Decision Support from Motor Carrier Enforcement to Traditional Enforcement	K9-12-11-02	ITRE	\$28,049	GHSP
Performance-based Web Analytic Solution for NCSHP	M3DA-15-16-06	ITRE	\$135,648	GHSP
Purchase of MDTs for Electronic Crash Reporting – MDPS	K9-11-11-06	Morganton Department of Public Safety	\$8,000	GHSP
Purchase of MDTs for Electronic Crash Reporting – RMPD	K9-11-11-11	Rocky Mount Police Department	\$4,000	GHSP
Purchase of MDTs for Electronic Crash Reporting – SPD	K9-11-11-07	Sylva Police Department	\$4,132	GHSP
Purchase of MDTs for Electronic Crash Reporting – WPD	K9-11-11-12	Warrenton Police Department	\$5,425	GHSP
Purchase of Printers	K9-10-11-02	NCAOC	\$325,000	GHSP
Purchase/Distribution of Printers to Expand the eCitation Program	K9-11-11-02	NCAOC	\$325,000	GHSP
Records Management Grant FY2017-2018	M3DA-18-14-04	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

Project	Project Number	Coordinating Agency	Budget	Budget Source
Salary and Benefits for a State Traffic Records Coordinator	K9-10-11-01	GHSP-Traffic Records	\$67,000	GHSP
State Highway Patrol (SHP) Mobile Data Computers	K9-09-11-03	SHP	\$445,639	GHSP
Systems Gap Analysis	K9-10-11-10	NCDMV	\$117,420	GHSP
Quick Response System	M3DA-16-14-02	HSRC	\$43,841	GHSP
TRACS Upgrade	K9-14-11-03	NCDMV	\$43,300	GHSP
Vision Zero- North Carolinas Fatality Reduction Program	M3DA-17-14-03	ITRE	\$422,231	GHSP
eCitation to NCAWARE interface update	M3DA-17-14-02	NCAOC	\$711,660	GHSP
eCitation Printers	M3DA-17-14-01	NCAOC	\$303,421	GHSP
<b><i>Non-408/405(c)-funded Projects</i></b>				
2013 North Carolina Traffic Safety Information Systems Strategic Plan Update	TR-13-10-03	HSRC	\$22,807	GHSP
A Performance-Based Web Analytic Solution for NCSHP Operational Planning Decision Support - PHASE II	Unknown	ITRE	\$142,909	GHSP
ACIS/Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (ECBI)	Unknown	NCAOC	\$67,990	EBCI/NCAOC
Administrative Office of the Courts (NCAOC) e-Citation Printers	K9-09-11-04	NCAOC	\$328,157	GHSP
Alcohol Facts Website 2016	TR-16-07-03	HSRC	\$40,030	GHSP
Alcohol Facts Web Site 2014	TR-14-10-03	HSRC	\$40,066	GHSP
Automated Criminal Infraction System (ACIS)	Unknown	NCAOC	Unknown	NCAOC

Project	Project Number	Coordinating Agency	Budget	Budget Source
eCitation	Unknown	NCAOC	\$2,001,616	GHSP/Governor's Crime Commission
Criminal Court Information System – Clerk Component (CCIS-CC)	Unknown	NCAOC	\$6,301,022	NCAOC
Criminal Court Information System – District Attorney Component (CCIS-DA)	Unknown	NCAOC	\$3,333,348	NCAOC
E-citation/Electronic Crash Reporting	TR-12-10-06	Roxboro PD	\$40,000	GHSP
E-citation/Electronic Crash Reporting	TR-12-10-04	Enfield PD	\$16,000	Enfield PD/GHSP
ECRS Program Manager Position Continuation	K9-11-11-13	NCDMV-TR	\$27,400	NCDMV-TR
EMS PIC Linkage Project	Unknown	EMSPIC		GHSP, NCDOT, AOC, NCSHP, etc.
Electronic Compliance and Dismissal (ECAD)	Unknown	NCAOC	\$338,000	NCAOC
Ignition Interlock Management System	Unknown	NCDOT	\$1,308,089	NTSA, NCDOT
Local Law Enforcement MDT Projects	Unknown	Local PD	\$19,682	GHSP
Linkage Project	Unknown	EMSPIC	Unknown	EMSPIC
Motor Vehicle Crash Injuries in Wake County, NC: Exploring available data sources and potential data linkages	TR-16-07-02	IPRC	\$136,474	GHSP
Motor Vehicle Crash Injuries in Wake County, NC: Exploring available data sources and potential data linkages	TR-15-14-02	Carolina Center for Health Informatics and IPRC	\$135,430	GHSP
NC Crash Data website	TR-12-10-02	HSRC	\$51,782	GHSP

Project	Project Number	Coordinating Agency	Budget	Budget Source
NC Crash Data Web Site	K9-15-15-03	HSRC	\$59,656	GHSP
payNCTicket	Unknown	NCAOC	\$185,459	NCAOC
North Carolina Traffic Safety Information Systems Strategic Plan Update	TR-17-07-03	HSRC	\$72,573	GHSP
North Carolina Warrant Repository/NCAWARE	Unknown	NCAOC	\$13,000,000	NCAOC
PreMIS migration to NEMSIS v3 Standard	Unknown	EMSPIC	Unknown	OEMS
Quantifying and Describing EMS Patient Transports following Motor Vehicle Crashes in North Carolina	Unknown	EMSPIC	Unknown	EMSPIC
Quick Response System	TR-18-07-02	HSRC	\$24,975	GHSP
Quick Response System	TR-17-07-02	HSRC	\$24,687	GHSP
Quick Response System	K9-15-15-02	HSRC	\$44,640	GHSP
Quick Response System	TR-12-10-01	HSRC	\$45,537	GHSP
Quick Response System for GHSP Inquiries: A Continuation	TR-13-10-01	HSRC	\$44,146	GHSP
SADIP 2009	SD-09-37-G-00000	NCDMV-TR, NCSHP	\$562,651	NCDMV- TR, NCSHP
SADIP 2010	SD-10-37-01-000000	NCDMV-TR	\$90,218	NCDMV-TR
SADIP 2011	FM-SAD-003-11-01-00	NCDMV-TR	\$872,400	NCDMV- TR, NCSHP
SADIP 2012	FM-SAD-0022-12-01-00	NCDMV-TR	\$946,400	NCDMV-TR
Traffic Records	TR-18-07-01	NC GHSP	\$111,800	GHSP
Traffic Records	TR-17-07-01	GHSP	\$119,800	GHSP

Project	Project Number	Coordinating Agency	Budget	Budget Source
Traffic Records Support Position	M3DA-14-20-02	NCDMV	\$176,800	GHSP
Truck Crash Geocoding	Unknown	ITRE	\$69,000	NCSHP
Vision Zero- North Carolinas Fatality Reduction Program	M3DA-16-14-03	ITRE	\$299,863	GHSP
UNC HSRC Crash Web Site Update	Unknown	HSRC	\$48,483	GHSP
Weldon Electronics Enhancement	TR-15-14-03	Weldon PD	\$18,000	GHSP
Web Site Using NC Crash Data	TR-13-10-02	HSRC	\$55,421	GHSP



***2018 Traffic Records Current Project Status Reports***

See below for project descriptions for current traffic safety information system projects.

**1. Highway Safety Plan and Annual Report 2019**

**Number(s):** SA-19-09-03

**Agency(ies):** UNC HSRC

**Project Leader(s):** Arthur Goodwin

**Performance Period:** 10/01/2018 – 09/30/2019

**Description:** The goal of this project is to prepare the North Carolina Highway Safety Plan for FY2020, and the GHSP Annual Report for 2018.

All states are required to develop both a Performance Plan and a Highway Safety Plan that identifies key highway safety problem areas and develops targets for how to improve performance in these problem areas. Additionally, the Performance Plan/Highway Safety Plan includes a description of the projects and effective countermeasures the state plans to implement to reach the identified targets. The first objective of this project is to assist GHSP in preparing the Highway Safety Plan for FY2020.

The Highway Safety Plan will be developed in collaboration with NC GHSP through a statistically-based problem identification process. We will analyze statewide traffic safety data to identify the major highway safety problems facing the state. This process will involve the study of statistical relationships between traffic crashes and the characteristics of population, licensed drivers, registered vehicles and vehicle miles traveled. Trends in the data will be used to establish specific, measurable, action-oriented, realistic and time-framed (SMART) targets accompanied by one or more performance measures. The Highway Safety Plan will also describe the projects and effective countermeasures North Carolina plans to implement to reach the targets identified in the Performance Plan. The overall objective will be to demonstrate how North Carolina is addressing identified priority areas to prevent and reduce traffic fatalities and injuries. The HSP will meet the reporting criteria outlined under current Federal requirements.

To assist HSRC with this effort, GHSP will provide information needed for the successful completion of the Highway Safety Plan. This will include current and previously funded projects in each of the identified problem areas. In addition, GHSP will provide relevant data which may include: observational seat belt use data, seatbelt citation data during grant funded enforcement activities, citation results from grant funded enforcement activities, and results from statewide attitudes and awareness surveys. GHSP will also provide information about equipment requests and a cost summary.

In addition to the Highway Safety Plan, HSRC will assist GHSP in preparing North Carolina's applications for 405 funding under the Federal requirements of the FAST Act. Separate applications will be prepared for occupant protection, traffic records, impaired driving, and motorcycle safety. The application will include the Certifications and Assurances and all requirements as set forth under the FAST Act.

In the second part of this study, we will assist GHSP in preparing the 2018 Annual Report. The Annual Report will describe North Carolina's progress in reducing motor vehicle crashes and fatalities. It will document initiatives and programming efforts funded by GHSP, outline major accomplishments, and examine how closely GHSP met the targets outlined within the Highway Safety Plan. The report will also discuss relevant highway safety legislation passed and a description of projects funded during FY2018.

Specific tasks required to complete this task:

1. Identify and access data sources for examining highway safety problems in North Carolina, such as the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS), NC crash data, and observational survey data.
2. Analyze at least 5 years of traffic safety data to identify the major highway safety problems in North Carolina.
3. Define highway safety targets and performance measures for the 15 core outcome, behavior, and activity measures identified by NHTSA and GHSA.
4. Define additional targets and performance measures for other identified high-priority highway safety problems.
5. Describe criteria used to identify the state's highway safety problems and define targets.
6. Describe GHSP programs and activities that have been implemented to address each problem area and reach stated targets.

**Performance Areas:**

**Performance Measures:** Prepare and submit the FY2020 Highway Safety Plan to GHSP by June 15, 2019.

**Status:** In progress.

**Sponsoring Agency:** NC GHSP (\$108,471)

**Total budget:** \$108,471

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**2. 2019 North Carolina Traffic Safety Information Systems Strategic Plan Update**

**Number(s):** TR-19-07-01

**Agency(ies):** UNC HSRC

**Project Leader(s):** Nancy Lefler

**Performance Period:** 10/01/2018 – 09/30/2019

**Description:** The North Carolina Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC) includes members from NC GHSP, NC DOT, NC AOC, NC DHHS, state and local law enforcement, EMS, and university research centers. These stakeholders are both stewards of the data and users of the data. Coordination, communication and cooperation are the defining attributes for success of the TRCC. Each stakeholder should be aware of the requirements and needs of the various data collectors, data users, data managers and traffic records systems owners. The objective of this project is to: 1) provide technical and logistics support to the TRCC to enable coordination, communication, and cooperation among the TRCC membership and other stakeholders, and 2) update the North Carolina Strategic Plan for Traffic Safety Information Systems 2019, 3) attend

the 2019 North Carolina Traffic Safety Conference and the 2019 Association of Transportation Safety Information Professionals (ATSIP) Traffic Records Forum in order to engage with national and state representatives and stay informed on traffic safety data issues at the state and national level that could impact and potentially benefit the NC TRCC.

**Performance Areas:**

**Performance Measures:** HSRC staff will provide technical and logistics support to the TRCC and HSRC staff will participate in all three required TRCC meetings during the year.

Tasks associated with project:

- a) Manage all logistics associated with the TRCC meetings, which includes 1) corresponding with the TRCC chair/co-chair regarding ideas for future meetings; 2) contacting members and invited speakers to make presentations; 3) setting the place, date and time for the meetings, which will be completed by January of FY2018; 3) reserving the meeting facilities; 4) sending email invitations and announcements; 5) facilitating the meetings, and 6) preparing and distributing meeting minutes.
- b) Work with the NCDOT web coordinator to provide presentations, links, and meeting minutes in a timely manner for inclusion on the TRCC web site.
- c) Work with the NC State Data Coordinator at NCGHSP to fulfill any communication and reporting requirements with NHTSA. This will include correspondence with NHTSA regional staff to address NHTSA questions and requests for information from NC.
- d) HSRC staff members (goal=minimum of 2) will be in attendance at each TRCC meeting. As members of state, regional, and national committees on traffic information systems topics, attendees will provide updates on activities and initiatives that are related to the NC TRCC.
- e) Staff may make presentations at the TRCC meetings, as requested by the TRCC Co-chairs, on topics of interest to the TRCC membership. Resources have been budgeted for up to three presentations to be conducted during the year and include preparation and analysis time in advance of the meeting.
- f) Attend the 2019 North Carolina Traffic Safety Conference. HSRC staff that are currently members of the NC TRCC would attend this conference to provide an opportunity to confer with many NC representatives of state agencies such as local & state law enforcement agencies, County Health Departments, etc.

**Status:** In progress.

**Sponsoring Agency:** NC GHSP (\$57,828)

**Total budget:** \$57,828

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**3. Data Documentation for Linking Crash and Health Data in NC – Year 2**

**Number(s):** M3DA-19-14-03

**Agency(ies):** IPRC

**Project Leader(s):** Anna Waller

**Performance Period:** 10/01/2018 – 09/30/2019

**Description:** The ability to integrate safety information from a variety of sources in North Carolina has the potential to improve safety analysis, inform subsequent policy and program decisions, and support communications with the public and with transportation decision makers. The Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC) has established a goal of evaluating the need for, and feasibility of, a statewide injury surveillance system in its 2017 Traffic Safety Information Systems Plan. One specific identified objective for this goal was to conduct a demonstration project that links injury surveillance data with crash data. We are currently in Year 2 of a strategic planning project to address this data linkage.

Work completed in Year 1 of the Strategic Planning for MVC Crash and Health Data Linkage project found that data documentation was a major limiting factor to moving forward with data linkage efforts. The 2017 NC Traffic Records Assessment also found a lack of data documentation available for key data sources. In addition, discussion with the NHTSA GO Team assigned to work with NC on developing an implementation plan for data linkage included a recognition of this lack of data documentation and endorsement of efforts to create the necessary data documentation to better inform data linkage efforts. This lack of data documentation makes planning for successful data linkage between data sources challenging. There is an ongoing need to create standardized data documentation for all the key data sources necessary for crash and health outcomes data linkage.

This proposal is for Year 2 of an ongoing project to address the need for standardized data documentation. Year 1 of this work was funded mid-year and will begin in February 2018. This proposal will continue the data documentation work. The graduate research assistant (GRA) will continue to work under the supervision of Anna Waller and Amy Ising, Director and Associate Director of the Carolina Center for Health Informatics, respectively, and in close collaboration with Clifton Barnett, the Data Quality Manager at CCHI, who is also an information scientist with experience documenting health surveillance databases. In Year 2, the GRA and project team will use the template developed in Year 1, to produce standardized data documentation and data dictionaries for at least 3 key NC data sources.

This project will result in thorough data documentation, including data dictionaries, in a standardized format for each key data source identified for potential data linkage to address health outcomes of motor vehicle crash injury in NC. This will be a valuable resource for the individual data sources, those who wish to request any of these data sources individually for use in research and intervention/evaluation projects, and for those attempting to link data sources for ongoing investigation of health outcomes following motor vehicle crashes.

This project will directly address issues identified in the 2017 TRCC Strategic Plan, as well as deficits identified in the 2017 NC Traffic Records Assessment. It will provide data documentation which is currently unavailable, thus strengthening our ongoing and future efforts to work with these data sources to improve motor vehicle crash injury outcomes in NC. It also builds on the current efforts and relationships cultivated through the ongoing Strategic Planning for Implementation of Data Linkage project.

This proposal is for Year 2 of the project. In Year 1, we are investigating data documentation by other states, developing and testing a data documentation template for NC, and creating a prioritized list of data sources to document. In Year 2, documentation of at least 3 priority data sources will be completed and compiled into a resource document. Total costs for Year 2 are: \$101,331. The Year 2 budget submitted here covers 20 hours a week for the Graduate Research Assistant, with 2 semesters' tuition (Spring and Fall 2019) and health insurance (required by NC law), for 12 months; 10% of the CCHI Data Quality Manager and 5% each of CCHI Director and Associate Director to work closely with the GRA and oversee the data documentation process, and 2.5% of the IPRC Research Administrator to manage the contract with UNC for 12 months; off-campus housing of the project in CCHI; \$2,348 Travel to cover mileage to consult with data owners and experts and sending two project staff members to the NC Traffic Safety Conference in 2019; \$25 a month to cover any project supplies, including office supplies and printing/copying supplies; \$6,000 consultant fees for paying data owners (e.g. NC Hospital Association, OEMS, NC Trauma Registry) up to \$3,000 each to help them work with this project to insure thorough documentation of their data systems; and UNC indirect costs calculated at 10%.

**Performance Areas:** Integration

**Performance Measures:** Evaluate the need for and feasibility of a Statewide Surveillance System for Motor Vehicle Crash Injury by developing standardized data dictionaries.

Objectives:

- a) Based on initial contacts and discussions in Year 1, determine which data sources to document first.
- b) Request existing data documentation from each priority data source.
- c) For each data source, work with their existing documentation and their data subject matter experts to complete the NC data documentation template, including a data dictionary template.
- d) Review the completed data documentation, including the data dictionary, for each data source with the data owners, making any final adjustments and revisions.
- e) Provide each data source with the final completed data documentation/dictionary template for their own use with their data.
- f) As data documentation is developed and completed for each data source, communicate progress and provide copies of the documentation to the Strategic Planning for Data Linkage project team and incorporate feedback from the Strategic Planning for Data Linkage project team into the ongoing data documentation process.
- g) As each data documentation/dictionary template is completed, compile it into an electronic resource that can be shared.
- h) By the end of Year 2, produce a report that includes the data documentation/dictionary template for NC and the documentation and data dictionaries for at least 3 key data sources for data linkage, and a description of the process, including challenges encountered, solutions found, and lessons learned, to date.

**Status:** In progress.

**Sponsoring Agency:** NC GHSP (\$103,531)

**Total budget:** \$103,531

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#### **4. Linking Crash Reports to Medical Data in North Carolina: A Strategic Implementation Plan**

**Number(s):** M3DA-19-14-04

**Agency(ies):** IPRC

**Project Leader(s):** Anna Waller

**Performance Period:** 10/01/2018 – 09/30/2019

**Description:** The ability to integrate safety information from a variety of sources in North Carolina has the potential to improve safety analysis, inform subsequent policy and program decisions, and support communications with the public and with transportation decision makers. The Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC) has established a goal of evaluating the need for, and feasibility of, a statewide surveillance injury system in its 2017 Traffic Safety Information Systems Plan. One specific identified objective for this goal was to conduct a demonstration project that links injury surveillance data with crash data.

This application proposes specific steps towards that goal. We seek to advance TRCC's overall objective of linking police reported crash data housed at the DMV with medical data to inform highway safety planning and policy decisions. Crash data provide detailed information about the circumstance and events of the crash, but very little on the injuries sustained in the crashes and nothing on the costs for treating these injuries. Of particular significance are costs of treating injuries that are borne by the state of North Carolina itself and other taxpayer-funded sources. For example, a recent publication demonstrated that the presence of a universal motorcycle helmet law saves the state of North Carolina between 9.5 million and \$11.6 million annually in averted hospital charges for traumatic brain injury [Naumann et al, NCMJ 2015:76:70-5]. Currently, generating statistics such as these requires extraordinary efforts by researchers. Systematic incorporation of medical and crash data into a consolidated database will facilitate decision-making and will also improve North Carolina's response to reporting requirements for FHWA related to serious injury crashes, which is a new requirement mandated in the MAP-21 legislation. In addition, linked crash and health outcomes data will help us better address several priorities identified in the NC GHSP FY2018 Highway Safety Plan, including alcohol impaired driving, young drivers and older drivers, motorcycles, pedestrians, and pedal-cyclists. Linking medical and crash data can provide a better understanding of the nature and severity of injuries sustained in crashes and allow our investigation of health outcomes of motor vehicle crashes to go beyond fatalities to include non-fatal injury as well. This can lead to better injury prevention programs as well as improvements to injury reporting systems and training for officers responding to crashes.

In response to this need, GHSP funded a two-year pilot project in Wake County, NC, exploring the linkage of DMV crash report data, EMS response data, and emergency department visit data for motor vehicle crashes. Over the course of this two-year project (10/01/2014-09/30/2016), we described the three data sources in detail, developed deterministic data linkage methods based on the literature, presented detailed linkage results, and made



recommendations for further data linkage efforts, including data improvements to facilitate data linkage.

During the same time period, a concurrent study examined crash data and ED visit data for injuries sustained in MVCs involving pedestrians and bicyclists. While this project did not attempt data linkage, it did result in recommendations for future work related to data linkage, specifically around incorporating final diagnosis codes into crash data for pedestrian and bicycle crashes. These recommendations apply more generally to data linkage for all reported motor vehicle crashes.

Each of these prior projects included recommendations for future linkage of crash and health data, including pros and cons of various options and needed data improvements to optimize linkage efforts. Our current strategic planning project builds on this foundation by identifying and overcoming barriers to linking biomedical data to DMV crash report data through the engagement of key stakeholders, demonstration projects to test the acquisition and linkage of key data sources, and the development and testing of successful data linkage methods.

Year 1 of this project began in October 2016, taking steps to build a coalition of stakeholders and conduct planning meetings with this group to determine the best way forward, given the information available from existing studies. In addition to stakeholder meetings, two small demonstration projects were completed exploring data linkage with various health outcomes data sources (EMS and hospital encounter data). The outcomes from the stakeholder planning meetings held in Year 1 and early in Year 2 and the demonstration projects completed in Year 1, informed an implementation plan for data linkage. In Year 2 of this project, currently underway, the implementation plan is being initiated. We are working with NC DMV and NCHA to obtain and link a year of crash and hospital encounter data (emergency department and inpatient) for pedestrians and bicyclists struck by motor vehicles. Data linkage methods are being revised and refined, with opportunities to validate the linkages and use the linked data to begin to describe injury outcomes from these types of crashes. Year 3 of this project will continue to build and expand on this work.

The goals and objectives that are relevant to Year 3 are described in this application. In Year 3, we will take the data linkage methods refined in Year 2 and apply them to a full year of all motor vehicle crash reports and hospital encounter data. We will work closely with NC DMV and NCHA around data access and sharing issues, with data linkage conducted by NCHA, using key identifiers, and the resulting data being stripped of identifiers to provide a de-identified linked crash and hospital encounter data set for further exploration. Once a year of linked crash and hospital encounter data is produced, it will be used to evaluate the KABCO injury severity scale used in the crash report data. This will be accomplished by comparing KABCO scores to the Abbreviated Injury Scale/Maximum Abbreviated Injury Scale (AIS/MAIS) score derived from the diagnosis code data captured the hospital encounter data. In addition to the KABCO evaluation, other descriptive statistics will be produced from the linked data to illustrate what can be done using the linked crash and health data. Reports featuring the linked data will be posted online for stakeholders and other users to access. Finally, exploration of two additional



health outcomes data sources (e.g. NC Trauma Registry and Vital Statistics data) will begin to lay groundwork for their inclusion in the linked data in future years.

**Performance Areas:** Integration

**Performance Measures:** Conduct linkage between one year of all motor vehicle crash report data and hospital encounter data, refining and documenting data linkage methods. Based on the Year 2 work with pedestrian/bicyclist crashes, the refined data linkage methods will be applied to a year of all crash report data and hospital encounter data. This will require close collaboration with NC DMV, owners of the crash data, and NC Healthcare Association (NCHA), owners of the hospital encounter data. All necessary data sharing agreements will be obtained. Crash report data will be provided to NCHA, where personal identifiers will be used to link. Documentation of the linkage process will be completed, as will the production of descriptive analytics of the linked data. Once linked, all personal identifiers will be stripped from the linked data so that the linked dataset made available to the rest of the project team is effectively de-identified.

Utilize linked crash report-hospital encounter data to compare the KABCO injury severity ratings in NC crash data to injury diagnoses and severity ratings in hospital encounter data. The highest priority for linked data identified by our stakeholders is the evaluation of the KABCO injury severity rating used in crash reports. Once we have linked crash report-hospital encounter data for a full year, we will compare diagnoses, emergency department disposition, and number of days for inpatient stays with the KABCO rating assigned in the crash report. Hospital encounter data will be categorized for this comparison. Diagnosis codes will be used to assign Abbreviated Injury Scale (AIS) and Maximum AIS (MAIS) for each hospital encounter. NC data will be compared to results reported from other states. An initial report of these findings will be written to share with the TRCC, our stakeholders group, and other interested parties.

Investigate two additional health data sources for potential inclusion in data linkage. We will consider what additional health data sources should be added to further our understanding of health outcomes following motor vehicle crashes. We will explore data available in other health data sources that would augment and extend the hospital encounter data already available. We will explore what additional data sources other states have included as part of a robust motor vehicle crash injury surveillance system. This may include more detailed toxicology data (i.e. alcohol and drug levels found in patient), use of key safety equipment (i.e. helmet usage), or deaths following long term hospitalization from motor vehicle crash injury. We will determine what data elements from these additional health data sources would be appropriate to include, the process by which they might be included, and the legal agreements necessary for their inclusion.

**Status:** In progress.

**Sponsoring Agency:** NC GHSP (\$273,327)

**Total budget:** \$273,327

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## **5. NC Vision Zero Technical and Program Support 2018-2019**

**Number(s):** SA-19-09-12/M3DA-19-14-02 (20.216)

**Agency(ies):** ITRE

**Project Leader(s):** Greg Ferrara

**Performance Period:** 10/01/2018 – 09/30/2019

**Description:** For FY2018-2019, ITRE proposes to continue its program and technical support for the NC Vision Zero program in the areas of Public Stakeholder Outreach, Safety Stakeholder Coordination, and Technology Services.

1. Public Stakeholder Outreach – ITRE will continue to develop and implement a NCVZ public outreach program that promotes a unified “traffic safety culture” message delivered to the public that is focused on preventing roadway injuries and fatalities. Activities include NCVZ events, campaign development, public messaging coordination with GHSP staff, and publishing content on the NC Vision Zero website ([ncvisionzero.org](http://ncvisionzero.org)), as well as the NC Vision Zero social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram).
2. Safety Stakeholder Coordination – ITRE will continue to facilitate collaboration and coordination with internal safety stakeholders (NC Vision Zero Task Force, Local LE organizations, ECHS, NCSHP, NCDOT, LEL’s, etc.) for the development of North Carolina’s Vision Zero program. ITRE will also provide digital resources and materials for NCVZ safety partners for enabling them to educate constituent audiences with uniform NCVZ messaging. Activities will also include hosting meetings, presentations, event assistance, and event coordination.
3. Technology Services – ITRE will continue to develop, host, and maintain data-driven data visualization tools including NC Vision Zero Analytics, NC Vision Zero Safety Dashboard, NC Vision Zero Maps, and the NC Vision Zero Crash Query Tool for visualizing crash causation factors, geographic patterns, crash trends, and performance measure goal tracking, for driving solutions that work. ITRE will also continue to develop, host, and maintain the NCVZ website ([ncvisionzero.org](http://ncvisionzero.org)) for enabling public and stakeholder audiences access to NCVZ content, resources, and the data visualization tools.

#### PUBLIC STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH

ITRE will spread awareness of North Carolina’s Vision Zero program, provide additional support to current NCDOT and NHTSA campaigns, and distribute traffic safety resources and information to stakeholders through the following tasks:

- NC Vision Zero Communities – Provide support, resources, and information for North Carolina Vision Zero Community programs across the state.
- Visionaries Program – Develop and launch a pilot of a young driver safety program in at least one local high school. Participating group(s) will receive public recognition for completing traffic safety activities aimed at changing the traffic safety culture in the participating high school(s).
- Support student activities, approve and award points.
- Host a memorial display at participating school(s) to represent the number of young drivers killed in NC last year.

- Present at least once per semester to the participating school(s), including students, staff, and/or parents.
- Resource Development and Distribution – Develop and distribute traffic safety materials for education and awareness, including graphics, messaging, and social media content. Distribute the outreach materials to a minimum of ten organizations in the state, including traffic safety groups, educators, and law enforcement.
- Public Outreach Activities – Continue public outreach activities that support the mission of the NCVZ program. Activities may include the following:
  - Safety City Traffic Safety Culture Survey – conduct third annual Traffic Safety Culture Survey to measure beliefs, attitudes, and values related to roadway safety. Information gained from the survey will be used to build campaigns, which emphasize a positive social norm of safety.
  - Assist and support GHSP NCVZ activities and events as needed.
  - Promote highway safety in North Carolina through social media campaigns and other marketing activities.
  - Post regular social media updates and road safety promotions supporting NCDOT and NHTSA safety and enforcement campaigns to the NCVZ website. ITRE will post traffic safety promotions via social media at least once a week.
  - Radio PSAs highlighting existing safety campaigns in collaboration with Vision Zero. ITRE will distribute PSAs to a minimum of five local radio stations in North Carolina.
  - Coordinate and host a World Day of Remembrance recognition exhibit.
  - Blog posts featuring updates on safety and enforcement campaigns, updated crash data, relevant news, and recognition of key stakeholders. ITRE will publish a minimum of five blog posts in FY 2018-2019.

#### SAFETY STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

ITRE will continue to organize and engage internal safety stakeholders for delivering NCVZ program content, driving initiatives, and conducting activities with the following tasks:

- NC Vision Zero Task Force – ITRE will continue to coordinate and host quarterly NC Vision Zero Task Force meetings. The purpose of these meetings is to provide a consistent communication stream from NC Vision Zero activities to the Executive Committee on Highway Safety, provide project updates and status reports, collect feedback and use this feedback to drive activities.
- Stakeholder Coordination - Collaborate with North Carolina's Executive Committee for Highway Safety (ECHS) members to increase visibility of the NCVZ program in current safety campaigns across the state. Present NCVZ initiatives and updates at quarterly ECHS meetings to facilitate coordinated activities. A member of the ITRE project team will plan to work at the GHSP office location one or two days per week, depending on project tasks and the mutual availability of the team member and relevant GHSP staff.
- Feedback Collection/Dissemination – Collect and disseminate feedback to stakeholders for future improvements on NC Vision Zero Analytics, public-facing visualization tools, the NC Vision Zero website, and other emerging issues. Feedback will be gathered quarterly at NC Vision Zero task force meetings.

- Presentations. Present at stakeholder conferences and meetings across the state. ITRE will present about NC Vision Zero at a minimum of five conferences in FY 2018-2019. Attendance / presentation at NCVZ-related conferences include the Bike Walk Summit, NCDDTSEA Conference, NCAMPO conference, Safe Routes to School Conference, and the Safe Kids Conference.

As part of its NCVZ outreach and support role, ITRE will purchase a laptop computer to provide support staff with the capability to access NCVZ resources, content, and deliver presentations for NCVZ events, conferences, support requests, and planning activities in the field.

#### TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

ITRE will continue to host, maintain, and develop the NC Vision Zero website ([ncvisionzero.org](http://ncvisionzero.org)), as well as its constituent NCVZ data visualization / analytic applications listed below. All of these applications will be accessible via the NC Vision Zero website. Combined, these technology services provide the foundation for exposing the NCVZ program content to the general public, as well as safety partner stakeholders.

ITRE proposes to attend the annual Tableau Conference, ATSIP Traffic Records Forum, NC GHSP Traffic Safety Conference and Expo, GHSA, LifeSavers Conference, Vision Zero Cities Conference, TRB Annual Meeting, TRB Vision Zero Symposiums, the NHTSA Communication Conference, and technical training classes. Attendance and participation in national conferences, symposiums, and technical training is critical for effective implementation of technologies that provide core NCVZ decision support tools. These events are critical for keeping up with rapidly changing technologies, software, Vision Zero best practices, and industry trends. Specific knowledge gained from these events are transferred directly to development, maintenance, and dissemination of analytics, mapping, and business intelligence services.

#### NC Vision Zero Website (Public)

ITRE will continue to host, maintain, and develop the NC Vision Zero website ([ncvisionzero.org](http://ncvisionzero.org)).

- Website Hosting - ITRE will continue to host and maintain North Carolina's Vision Zero website. This includes services for website availability, analytics, search engine optimization, and domain registry.
- Architecture Maintenance - Maintain existing architecture, software, security, and updates necessary to support Vision Zero website.
- Content Development – Content will be developed and updated at least once per month. These updates include social media postings, blog posts, event announcements, press releases, and changes to individual pages. Content updates will highlight emphasis areas that GHSP and the NCVZ Task Force deem relevant, and reflect the changing requirements as the NCVZ program evolves.

#### NC Vision Zero Analytics (Internal)

ITRE will continue to maintain and develop the existing NC Vision Zero Analytics (NCVZA) scorecard and dashboard, as well as maintain data updates, and architecture. Functional improvements will be based on user feedback, interactive user sessions, and surveys. These maintenance and improvements tasks are listed below:

- Provision Accessibility and Availability – Continue to provision NC Vision Zero Analytics to be continuously available and accessible via the NC Vision Zero website.
- Scorecard Services – ITRE will continue to provide data visualization tools for tracking statewide, troop, troop district, Rural Planning Organization districts (RPO), and county-level online performance measures of Highway Safety Plan (HSP) goals on a monthly basis.
- Dashboard Services - ITRE will continue to provide interactive dashboard visualization tools for each geography level and user type mentioned above. These dashboards provide crash trend visualizations and maps for identifying gaps in enforcement specific to HSP focus areas, and provide visual tools for identifying countermeasure strategies specific to HSP emphasis areas.
- Performance Measure Updates - Update scorecard performance measures annually to align with the GHSP Highway Safety Plan (HSP) for the said performance period.
- Data Updates – Update scorecard and dashboard data monthly with crash data obtained from NCDOT.
- Architecture Maintenance - Maintain existing architecture, security, and updates necessary to support NC Vision Zero Analytics.
- Adjust Content - Adapt dashboard reports to meet the needs of both NCSHP and GHSP audiences. Needs will be filled based on user feedback.
- User Training – Continue to provide training to end-users as necessary. Continue to adapt NCSHP “train the trainer” program to changing conditions.
- Geo-Locate CMV Crashes - ITRE will continue to geo-locate approximately 67% of all vehicle crashes statewide and provide these crash locations for use in data visualization applications (NCVZA, NCVZ Maps, NCVZ Safety Dashboard). This task will be coordinated with ITRE’s parallel project with NCDOT for infilling and increasing the percent of geolocated fatal and serious injury crashes to approximately 98%.
- GHSP Dashboard Services – ITRE will provide a minimum of 10 custom dashboard requests to GHSP staff for purposes of identifying specific NC Vision Zero gaps.
- Technology Improvements – ITRE will continue to develop and improve NC Vision Zero Analytics by providing a minimum of 10 custom dashboard requests to GHSP staff for purposes of identifying specific NC Vision Zero needs.

#### NC Vision Zero Maps (Public)

ITRE will continue to maintain and improve the public-facing map analytic application referred to as “NC Vision Zero Maps”, a web-based crash map for seeing geographic patterns of fatal and serious injury crash points, filterable by geographic location and HSP crash factors. The tool also provides the capability to view crash reports of mapped crashes, view filtered crash data tables, and share filtered results via social media or email. ITRE will provision data updates, hosting capabilities, and technology updates as necessary. NCVZ Maps capabilities include:

- Display locations of fatalities and serious injury crashes in North Carolina
- See groupings of fatal and serious injury crashes as clusters
- Filter Location: Troop/Troop District/LEL Region/County/Municipality (intersection, railroad)
- Filter Driver Factors: Alcohol, Unbelted, Speed, Distracted Driving / Lane Departure

- Filter Driver Age: Older and Younger Driver
- Filter Vehicle Type: Bike, Pedestrian, Motorcycle, CMV
- Print and share maps via social media / email
- View detailed crash reports

#### NC Vision Zero Safety Dashboard (Public)

ITRE will continue to maintain and develop the NC Vision Zero Safety Dashboard, a public-facing data visualization tool for interactively exploring fatal and serious injury fatal and serious injury crash trends by Highway Safety Plan (HSP) focus areas. ITRE will continue to:

- Provision Accessibility and Availability – Continue to provision NC Vision Zero Safety Dashboard to be continuously available and accessible via the NC Vision Zero website.
- Data Updates – Continue to update and publish dashboard data monthly with crash data obtained from NCDOT.
- Architecture Maintenance - Maintain existing architecture, security, and updates necessary to support NC Vision Zero Safety Dashboard.
- Adjust Content – Develop improvements, and adapt dashboard to meet the needs of stakeholder audiences. Improvements will reflect program initiatives, emphasis areas, and feedback from constituent stakeholders.

#### NC Vision Zero Crash Query Tool (Public)

ITRE will continue to maintain and develop the NC Vision Zero Crash Query Tool, a public-facing data visualization tool that provides detailed crash query capabilities for answering specific questions about crashes in North Carolina. Data will be available from 2012 thru the latest available month from NCDOT. Capabilities include filtering by contributing circumstances, vehicle types, crash severity, location, time and others. The tool also includes time-of-day/day-of-week heat grid, mapping, and data download capability. ITRE will continue to:

- Provision Accessibility and Availability – Continue to provision NC Vision Zero Crash Query Tool for continuous availability and accessibility via the NC Vision Zero website.
- Data Updates – Continue to update and publish data monthly with crash data obtained from NCDOT.
- Architecture Maintenance - Maintain existing architecture, security, and updates necessary to support the Crash Query Tool.
- Adjust Content - Develop improvements, and adapt dashboard to meet the needs of stakeholder audiences. Improvements will reflect program initiatives, emphasis areas, and feedback from constituent stakeholders.

#### Performance Areas:

**Performance Measures:** Provide Data Driven Traffic Safety Planning Tools – Provide online scorecards, dashboards, and maps (NC Vision Zero Analytics) for tracking Highway Safety Plan performance measures and identifying gaps in safety focus areas.

- Continue to provide accessibility to 100% of all SHP supervisors
- Continue to provide accessibility to 100% of all Law Enforcement Liason's (LELs)
- Provide accessibility to 100% of all MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) representatives



- Continue to provide accessibility to performance-based tools for GHSP staff to prioritize safety activities
- Provision and maintain Vision Zero website and data visualization tools for public consumption.
- Continue to provide continuous public accessibility (99.9% uptime) to the NCVZ website and data visualization tools
- Continue to provide access to NCVZ data visualization tools for 100% of county coordinators
- Continue to provide access to NCVZ data visualization tools for 100% of LEL's
- Increase total number of website page views by 15% over the performance period from 30,442 to 35,008.

Actively Engage Public and Internal Safety Stakeholders.

- Distribute outreach materials to a minimum of 10 organizations in the state, including traffic safety groups, educators, and law enforcement
- Distribute PSAs to a minimum of 5 local radio stations in North Carolina
- Host a minimum of 4 NC Vision Zero Task Force meetings
- Provide the ECHS with NCVZ program updates a minimum of once per ECHS meeting.

**Status:** In progress.

**Sponsoring Agency:** NC GHSP (\$526,164)

**Total budget:** \$526,164

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## **6. eCitation Printers Distribution**

**Number(s):** M3DA-19-14-01

**Agency(ies):** NCAOC

**Project Leader(s):** Jennifer Barbour

**Performance Period:** 10/01/2018 – 09/30/2019

**Description:** The eCitation program is available to all law enforcement agencies (LEAs) statewide. The NCAOC provides the software and support, while SHP provides the law enforcement training, all free of charge. The LEAs are responsible for providing the necessary computer equipment. In many instances, LEAs are unable to participate in the eCitation program due to a lack of available resources for the purchase of compatible printers. Grant proceeds will be utilized to purchase and distribute mobile printers compatible for use with the eCitation system to LEAs statewide. The goal of the project will be to further expand the adoption and utilization of the eCitation system, thereby increasing the percentage of eCitations issued versus paper citations statewide. This grant will provide printers to agencies specifically identified by GHSP to be recipients, as well as providing other agencies the opportunity to obtain printers earned through participation in the Statewide Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). This project will also allow for attendance of the 2019 ATSIP Forum and 2019 Lifesavers Conference for the benefit of staying abreast of national trends in traffic records data collection and utilization to improve citizen and law enforcement traffic safety.



**Performance Areas:** Accuracy, Completeness, Timeliness, Accessibility

**Performance Measures:** Increase the percentage of eCitations issued versus paper citations from 87.3% to 87.5% during October 2018 to September 2019. Increase the number of law enforcement agencies participating in eCitation from 470 to 485 for the period beginning October 2018 through September 2019.

**Status:** In progress.

**Sponsoring Agency:** NC GHSP (\$300,000)

**Total budget:** \$300,000

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## **7. Electronic Crash (eCrash) Replacement Program**

**Number(s):** M3DA-19-14-04

**Agency(ies):** NCDMV – Traffic Records

**Project Leader(s):** Jonathan Puryear

**Performance Period:** 10/01/2018 – 09/30/2019

**Description:** The Governor's Highway Safety Program funding will provide a portion of the funds necessary to facilitate the efforts of the University of North Carolina's Highway Safety Research Center (collectively referred to as HSRC) to modernize North Carolina's Division of Motor Vehicles' crash reporting program.

Based on preliminary estimates by HSRC, the total project length is expected to last approximately 5 years. HSRC expects the following time table:

Phase I: Planning: 4 months

Phase II: Refining: 8 months

Phase III: Development and Testing: 2 Years

Phase IV: Deployment 2 years

Furthermore, HSRC estimates the total project cost of the above phases to range from \$5 to \$8 million over 5 years. This amount will be further refined through Phase I. Phase I will include the development of a Draft Work Plan for Phases II through IV that will define scope and monetary obligations. Phase I will take place during Fiscal Year 2019.

### **General Background**

The North Carolina Legislature and federal laws have delegated the collection, storage, and distribution of crash records to the Division of Motor Vehicles ("DMV"). See generally N.C. Gen. § 20-166.1, N.C. Gen. § 20-43.1, 18 U.S.C. § 2721.

In 2003, DMV committed to the development of TraCS (Traffic and Criminal Software), which went into production and began accepting electronic crash data in 2006. Since its implementation, minimal substantial updates and features have been implemented, adoption has slowed, and its security now threatens personally identifiable information (PII).

In 2011, the Electronic Crash Reporting System (ECRS) began supplementing electronic crash submissions through third party vendors. However, ECRS is not a complete solution that will allow North Carolina to move towards its goal of 100% electronic submissions due to third-party pricing models.

In 2016, with the impetus from the legislature through House Bill 1030, DMV now seeks funding for replacement of DMV's dated crash reporting systems. Specifically, DMV seeks assistance from HSRC to fulfill the intentions and spirit of the North Carolina legislature to include HSRC providing:

1. A comprehensive data repository for collision data;
2. A document repository for all collision reports in the State;
3. A system or series of systems that provide DMV the capability to process and submit crash reports, electronically, reports, including that includes validation of data against business edits, a quality control application for reviewing reports, the ability to return or reject reports, and the ability to reprocess corrected reports;
4. The creation of an electronic submission application that incorporates all State validation rules to ensure that submitted reports are complete, accurate and error free.
4. A database capable of sharing statewide collision data with State and federal traffic safety partners, State law enforcement agencies, and the public;
5. Compatibility with all data file formats and submission requirements for State and federal entities that require access to State collision data.
6. Interface and system to manage the delivery of crash reports with the ability for redaction for protection of PII

#### DMV's Current Systems

##### TraCS and Its Limited Future

TraCS has proven to be a buggy, labor-intensive, and resource heavy commitment. It is a client-based application that requires installation on every computer used to collect crash data. Law enforcement agencies' (LEAs) administrators are required to touch every computer whenever there are major updates to the application. The most recent update to TraCS (TRCS Version 7.1.0) led to several LEAs losing valuable crash data after updating. DOT-IT was unable to reproduce the errors experienced by the LEAs and NCDMV had to roll back the changes to an older version of TraCS. In addition to crash data submission and installation issues, Traffic Records Help Desk routinely receives complaints from LEAs using new or current versions of Windows OS. DMV's lag in the use of technology hinders the support it can offer agencies that are utilizing computers with newer operating systems (e.g. Windows 10). Although TraCS has minimal requirements for hardware, it remains a limitation or ultimately prevents LEAs from using the application due to LEA's financial constraints.

The version of TraCS that DMV is using (10.04.52) is no longer supported by the developer. The developer is now supporting TraCS 17, and based on prior experiences with updates, DMV is in a challenging position whether it can efficiently move to TraCS 17. Specifically, when DMV

upgraded from TraCS 7.3 to TraCS 10 in 2013, it went through a period of several years where the current version of TraCS that was being used was not supported. The same situation presents itself again. In addition, DOT-IT recently notified DMV that the TraCS 10 application does not meet North Carolina's security requirements.

Due to these reasons, DMV management believes that TraCS is not the ideal solution to help North Carolina reach its goal of 100% electronic crash submissions.

#### ECRS – The Incomplete Alternative

As an alternative to TraCS, in 2011, DMV implemented ECRS to accept electronic crash submissions from LEAs utilizing third-party vendors for crash data collection.

Since inception, ECRS has proven to be more attractive to LEAs. Many agencies (including North Carolina State Highway Patrol) have stopped using TraCS and have implemented the ECRS process regardless of the costs associated with submitting electronically through ECRS. For smaller agencies, a lack of financial resources prevent them from utilizing the ECRS process. Therefore, full reliance on ECRS to meet 100% electronic submission goal is not feasible. Ultimately, 38% of crash reports submitted are through non-ECRS means.

#### Five Years of Stagnation and Falling Behind by National Standards and Other States

From 2006 until appropriately 2013, North Carolina experienced significant increase in electronic crash submissions. However, during the last five years, the electronic submission rate has stagnated at the low 70th percentile.

Furthermore, assessments by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and NHTSA's Crash Data Improvement Program (CDIP) have noted deficiencies within our program. Specifically, NHTSA noted that our system currently fails to meet in the following areas:

- (1) procedures and process flow;
- (2) interfaces;
- (3) data quality control programs

Both NHTSA and CDIP have recommended North Carolina develop a time line with a goal for 100 percent electronic submissions of crash data to DMV. This is in part to improve the timeliness, accuracy, completeness, uniformity, and accessibility of North Carolina crash data, all of which are Traffic Records performance metrics.

Simply stated: our current means and systems do not allow us to meet or address any of these recommendations. Without a comprehensive overhaul by HSRC, DMV will continue to fail to meet these objectives and will be unable to reach 100 percent electronic crash submissions as recommended by NHTSA and CDIP. **When needed, this may require a new CDIP.**

Notably, other states are making progress in the areas recommended by NHTSA and CDIP. In a 2017 AAMVA survey, seven out of twenty states reported that they successfully mandated electronic crash submissions. Without redesigning and re-visioning how DMV processes crash reports, North Carolina will continue to fall behind a growing list of states that have dedicated the resources to achieve these objectives.

**Performance Areas:** Accuracy, Uniformity, Completeness, Timeliness, Accessibility

**Performance Measures:** Produce a written multi-year plan and estimated budget to replace North Carolina's crash data systems in an effort to improve the timeliness, accuracy, completeness, uniformity, and accessibility of the state's crash data. Facilitate at least four (4) peer exchange meetings with other states, key project members, and the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles/Department of Transportation.

**Status:** No progress to date. MOA between NCDMV and HSRC has yet to be finalized. Project is in danger of not meeting objectives in FY19.

**Sponsoring Agency:** NC GHSP (\$85,779)

**Total budget:** \$85,779

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### **8. Mobile Data Terminal GHSP Grant Request**

**Number(s):** M3DA-19-14-05

**Agency(ies):** Town of Belhaven P.D.

**Project Leader(s):** Fred Clingenpeel

**Performance Period:** 10/01/2018 – 09/30/2019

**Description:** The acquisition of the Mobile Data Terminals by the Belhaven Police Department will allow its officers to issue a greater percentage of its traffic citations through the E-Citation program and a means to report traffic crash data to the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles through the E-Crash program. The use of the E-Citation program ensures accurate and timely dissemination of information to the court system to facilitate adjudication. In 2016, the Belhaven Police Department issues 65 citations. In 2017, the Belhaven Police Department issued 77 citations. The use of a traffic crash reporting system ensures accurate and timely reporting of traffic records, supports data driven decision making necessary to identify problems, the increased ability to develop, implement, and evaluation solutions, and the ability to efficiently allocate resources. In 2016, the Belhaven Police Department filed 45 crash reports with the NCDMV. In 2017, the Belhaven Police Department filed crash reports with the NCDMV. A uniformed reporting system and accurate traffic records will enable the Belhaven Police Department the ability to be better prepared in identifying, prioritizing, and addressing traffic safety issues.

**Performance Areas:** Accuracy, Uniformity, Completeness, Timeliness, Accessibility

**Performance Measures:** Utilize electronic crash reporting software to submit at least 50% of the agency's crash reports to the NCDMV from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019. Improve the department's ability to accurately and efficiently enforce the traffic laws of North Carolina within the jurisdiction of the Belhaven Police Department. Increase utilization of the E-Citation software by submitting at least 95% citations electronically from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

**Status:** In progress.

**Sponsoring Agency:** NC GHSP (\$9,000), Town of Belhaven (\$9,000)

**Total budget:** \$18,000

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### **9. Town of Haw River Safe Speeds Initiative**

**Number(s):** M3DA-19-14-06

**Agency(ies):** Town of Haw River P.D.

**Project Leader(s):** Ben Morgan

**Performance Period:** 10/01/2018 – 09/30/2019

**Description:** The Town of Haw River is situated at the intersection of NC Highway 49 and US Highway 70 and just one mile north of Interstate 40/85 exit 150 in Alamance County. The Town of Haw River has a population of approximately 2450 people and is the smallest of the municipalities in Alamance County. The confluence of these major thoroughfares in our small town presents significant speed control problems and a disproportionate number of automobile crashes.

Despite being a town of only three-square miles, the Town of Haw River has averaged 175 automobile crashes per year over the last three years or one wreck every two days. Fortunately, the Town of Haw River hasn't had a fatal crash in the past three years, but several crash victims have had to be airlifted from crash scenes and flown to trauma centers to save their lives.

The acquisition of the Mobile Data Terminals by the Haw River Police Department will allow its officers to issue a greater percentage of its traffic citations through the E-Citation program and a means to report traffic crash data to the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles through the E-Crash program. The use of a traffic crash reporting system ensures accurate and timely reporting of traffic records, supports data driven decision making necessary to identify problems, the increased ability to develop, implement, and evaluation solutions, and the ability to efficiently allocate resources. In 2016, the Haw River Police Department filed 157 crash reports with the NCDMV. In 2017, the Haw River Police Department filed 169 crash reports with the NCDMV. A uniformed reporting system and accurate traffic records will enable the Haw River Police Department the ability to be better prepared in identifying, prioritizing, and addressing traffic safety issues.

The addition of two mobile data terminals will allow officers to more quickly and efficiently verify driver's licenses and vehicle registrations while conducting checkpoints and daily traffic enforcement. Additional mobile data terminals will also allow officers to quickly review NCAWARE to check for outstanding warrants during traffic stops.

The Haw River Police Department is an eight-officer department and has had a 16% increase in police events in the past three years with no increase in staffing. There are four dedicated patrol officers, one for each shift. Each day patrol officers dedicate at least two hours to focused traffic patrols unless there are calls for service which prevent those patrols. Patrol

officers are directed to perform these patrols during rush hours period of the day when the traffic volume is heaviest.

The materials requested will not only be used to assist the Haw River Police in our traffic control efforts but will also be used in joint operations throughout Alamance County.

**Performance Areas:** Accuracy, Uniformity, Completeness, Timeliness, Accessibility

**Performance Measures:** Utilize electronic crash reporting software to submit at least 50% of the agency's crash reports to the NCDMV from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019. Increase utilization of the E-Citation software by submitting at least 95% citations electronically from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019. Increase crash scene efficiency by utilizing E-Crash for exchange slips and to upload crash drawings with Easy Street Draw.

**Status:** In progress.

**Sponsoring Agency:** NC GHSP (\$6,000), Town of Haw River (\$6,000 – a match)

**Total budget:** \$12,000

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#### **10. Crash Location Geocoding Infill**

**Agency(ies):** ITRE/NCSU

**Project Leader(s):** Elizabeth Daniel

**Performance Period:** February 1, 2018 – May 31, 2019

**Description:** ITRE has a project funded from NCDOT to manually geo-locate (geocode) fatal (K) and serious injury (A) crashes from 2012-2018 that have not been automatically geo-located using the NCDOT-approved linear referencing system mile-posting method. ITRE will document the methods used for geo-locating these crashes for purposes of creating a standardized and uniform process for official adoption by NCDOT. ITRE will work closely with NCDOT Traffic Safety Unit personnel to ensure that the methods, deliverables, and documentation are compliant with NCDOT guidelines.

**Performance Areas:** Accuracy, Completeness

**Performance Measures:** The percent of fatal and serious injury (K+A) crashes geo-located. Currently the percent is approximately 67%. The goal of this project is to increase this percent for K and A crashes to 98% for data from 2012-2018.

**Status:** In progress. Scheduled to complete in April 2019.

ITRE has proposed to NCDOT to continue this project for one additional year to geolocate K&A crashes for CY2019.

**Sponsoring Agency:** NCDOT

**Total budget:** \$31,073

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#### **11. Truck Crash Geocoding**

**Agency(ies):** ITRC/NCSU

**Project Leader(s):** Greg Ferrara/Elizabeth Daniel

**Performance Period:** 2001-Present

**Description:** ITRE, in partnership with the Motor Carrier Enforcement (MCE) section of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, have been developing a geospatial database of truck



crashes in North Carolina since 2001. Approximately 98% of all commercial motor vehicle (CMV) crashes have been and continue to be geo-located. This project is part of an NCSHP-sponsored technical assistance program in support of FMCSA's Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP). The intent is to provide accessibility to truck crash locations for enforcement personnel to help increase enforcement effectiveness.

**Performance Areas:** Accessibility

**Performance Measures:** MCE planning staff are provided access to CMV crash locations through an online application called COVERLAB Analytics, as well as a public facing data visualization tool available at [coverlab.org](http://coverlab.org). Accessibility is measured with page hits and site login frequencies.

**Sponsoring Agency:** NCSHP

**Status:** This project is being continuously updated annually, and dependent on sponsorship funding. Currently, the holdings are from 2001-present, with 2019 in progress.

## **12. xPDF Electronic Crash Reporting Form**

**Agency(ies):** NCDMV

**Project Leader(s):** NCDMV – Traffic Records Leadership

**Performance Period:** November 2018 – October 2019

**Description:** The xPDF DMV-349 crash reporting form is a fillable PDF that can be utilized by law enforcement to electronically collect and send crash data in an XML format to NCDMV. NCDMV would like this to be our top priority; however, TraCS 10 is no longer supported by the developer (TEG) and is not security compliant. At this time, IT is pushing to update TraCS to the latest version (TraCS 17). IT does not have enough resources to implement the xPDF at the same time; therefore, Traffic Records plans on writing a grant request for one programmer to code and implement the xPDF. This effort is being introduced due to the recommendations to push for 100 percent electronic crash collection and submission included in the 2013 CDIP and 2017 Traffic Records Assessment.

**Performance Areas:** Accuracy, Accessibility, Completeness, timeliness, Uniformity

**Performance Measures:** Electronic submissions help with timeliness, accuracy, uniformity, and completeness. The Electronic Submission Success Rates Report is analyzed to foster a competition amongst the LEAs submitting crashes electronically. The report encourages the LEAs to correct rejections in a timely manner. This helps with timeliness, completeness, and accuracy. The LEA Monthly Report helps track electronic crash submission volumes and is analyzed to identify irregularities so that Traffic Records can notify the LEA of any issues. This helps with timeliness and completeness.

**Sponsoring Agency:** GHSP

**Status:** The project is in the beginning/planning stages. Traffic Records management has requested a meeting with executive leadership but has not heard back from them regarding our plan. The project stems from recommendations of the 2017 NC Traffic Records Assessment, the 2013 CDIP, and the 2018 MMUCC 5 Mapping of North Carolina's Crash Data. NCDMV-Traffic Records Management met with the State of Connecticut to discuss how they were able to reach 100 percent eSubmission through the use of an XML-based pdf (xPDF) crash reporting form. At the conclusion of the meeting, the State of Connecticut offered to share their source code for the XML-based PDF (xPDF) Crash Reporting Form. NCDMV's plan for this project is to work with

Law Enforcement Agency stakeholders, NCDOT (IT Support), and NCDMV executive leadership to create a similar crash reporting form for North Carolina.



**Traffic Records Coordinating Committee Certification**

The following NC TRCC members have electronically certified this document:

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## Appendix E – MMUCC, NEMIS, MIRE

### **Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria**

The TRCC recognizes the Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria (MMUCC) and recommends continuing adherence and implementation of standardized data elements to promote comparability of data within the highway safety community. The use of standardized data elements provides the necessary foundation for North Carolina's crash data system.

The crash report form (DMV-349) was last revised in the year 2000 and has been in use since January 1, 2000. The form was revised in a collaborative effort involving numerous agencies, law enforcement, research interests, medical outcome interests, as well as outside input from MMUCC expert panel members, and others. In 2010, the form was reviewed and decisions were made regarding updating form elements and attributes. However, due to the State fiscal crisis, the effort to implement these changes was postponed.

Plans are to update and modify the North Carolina crash report form in the future when funding is available to revise the form and associated databases and IT systems. When this is initiated, effort will be made to increase compliance on the crash report form and in the data dictionaries. The goal would be to adopt the MMUCC elements and attribute recommendations as much as possible and document the reasoning for any deviations from MMUCC. The current 67% compliance on the crash report form demonstrates this intent.

A summary of NC's MMUCC compliance can be found in the table below.

#### **NC's MMUCC Compliance can be summarized as follows:**

The State of North Carolina certifies that it will undertake projects as part of the Traffic Safety Information System Improvement Program which will endeavor to collect the missing data elements and attributes as soon as practical. The North Carolina TRCC reviewed the 2017 MMUCC Guideline (5<sup>th</sup> Edition) which was recently released.

## Appendix E – MMUCC, NEMSIS, MIRE

### National EMS Information System NEMSIS

North Carolina's emergency medical data system is the PreHospital Medical Information System (PreMIS). PreMIS is technically located within the North Carolina Office of EMS, but it is administered through the University of North Carolina, Department of Emergency Medicine, EMS Performance Improvement Center in Chapel Hill. North Carolina has been one of the founding states involved with the NEMSIS and Greg Mears, MD was the principal investigator for NEMSIS for NHTSA's Office of Emergency Medical Services.

NC is one of the initial five states to begin submitting data into the National EMS Database. North Carolina collects all of the NEMSIS "national elements" with the exception of the two outcome data elements, Emergency Department Disposition and Hospital Disposition. The information required for these two data elements is not known at the time of an EMS event and therefore is not currently collected by EMS Systems across the state. Linkage has been done with hospital, trauma registry and plans for linking the medical examiner data sources to obtain the required information for these two elements. These two data elements would also be extremely valuable to highway safety as well as traffic records, which could be linked to EMS records containing this outcome information. It is a goal of the TRCC to obtain funding to work on this linkage.

A summary of NC's NEMSIS compliance can be found in the table below.

#### **NC's NEMSIS Compliance can be summarized as follows:**

- The State of North Carolina **does** maintain a state EMS pre-hospital database.
- The database currently collects all of the national data elements with the exception of the outcome data elements, E22\_01 (Emergency Department Disposition) and E22\_02 (Hospital Disposition) currently defined in NEMSIS.
- The system currently collects data per the NEMSIS standard from all 100 EMS Systems within NC.
- The state of North Carolina certifies that it currently **is** capable of exporting data to the NHTSA EMS data repository.
- The State of North Carolina certifies that it will undertake project as part of the State Traffic Safety Information System Improvement Program which will establish a NEMSIS compliant, state EMS pre-hospital database to collect the missing national data elements and attributes; and to be able to export data to the NHTSA EMS data repository as soon as practical.

### **Model Inventory of Roadway Elements Fundamental Data Elements (MIRE FDE) Data Collection Plan**

This section provides an overview of North Carolina's strategy for meeting the Model Inventory of Roadway Elements Fundamental Data Elements (MIRE FDE) data requirements in accordance with 23 CFR, Part 924.11.

#### **Current Status of the MIRE FDE Collection**

There are approximately 107,000 miles of public roads in the State of North Carolina. Of those, the NCDOT maintains approximately 80,000, which equates to approximately 75% of all public roadways in the State. It is important to note that for the purposes of this plan, when referencing State and Non-State in terms of what the State collects it refers to ownership/maintenance; when referencing Non-Local and Local in terms of the MIRE FDE, it refers to functional class.

The Operations Program Management Unit is responsible for collecting and maintaining the roadway inventory, and the GIS unit is responsible for the line work. ESRI Roads and Highways is used to maintain the LRS and many roadway inventory elements. A roadway characteristics file is published every quarter. Anyone can access the roadway inventory GIS files; they are available on the Connect NCDOT website, (<https://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/gis/Pages/GIS-Data-Layers.aspx>).

The Division of Highways has the authority/responsibility for determining the improvements needed to achieve compliance with the MIRE FDE requirements. These decisions are made jointly between Safety, GIS, and the Operations Program Management Unit, with safety driving the need for new elements.

NCDOT completed a gap assessment in January 2017 comparing their roadway inventory to the FDE listing. The gap assessment results are summarized in this section.

#### *Non-Local Paved Roads*

##### **Segments**

NCDOT collects and maintains all of the segment elements on all State-owned Non-Local Paved roads. NCDOT collects and maintains almost all of the segment elements on all Non-State owned, Non-Local Paved roads. The exceptions are Surface Type, Median Type, Access Control, One/Two Way Operations, and Type of Governmental Ownership.

##### **Intersections**

The largest gaps in the FDEs for NCDOT are for Intersection data elements. NCDOT does not currently have the majority of the intersection FDEs on Non-Local Paved roads.

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### Interchange/Ramp

Of the 11 Interchange/Ramp elements on non-local paved roads, NCDOT maintains 7 on both State and Non-State roads. The 4 missing elements are Interchange Identifier, Location Identifier for Beginning Ramp Terminal, Roadway Type at Beginning Ramp Terminal, and Interchange Type.

### Local Paved Roads

Of the nine (9) FDEs on Local Paved Roads, all but one (1) (AADT) are collected on all State Roads; and all but 4 (Surface Type, Number of Through Lanes, AADT, and Type of Governmental Ownership) are collected on all Non-State roads.

### Unpaved Roads

NCDOT intends to opt out of collecting FDEs on unpaved roads. NCDOT understands: no HSIP funds can be spent on these roadways; they must consult with affected Indian tribes; and they must notify their FHWA Division Office via letter to the Division Administrator.

## Appropriate Data Collection Methodology

For the MIRE FDE currently collected, the elements are updated as new roads are added. The GIS group updates the line work annually based on snapshots provided by the Counties.

There are business edits and data checks built into the system to help ensure the quality of the data, however there are no additional formal QA/QC processes. NCDOT is looking into developing performance measures to help formalize their quality practices.

There are two current pilot projects underway to help NCDOT fill the two biggest data gaps – Intersection elements and AADT. NCDOT conducted a pilot to collect data at 3,000 intersections, with the goal of developing a framework for a larger scale data collection effort. With regard to AADT, NCDOT has contracted with the University of North Carolina Charlotte on a research effort to develop a process for developing AADT on all public roads. The project is set to begin in August 2018 and be completed within two years.

## Coordination with Other Agencies

The largest data gaps exist on Non-State roads. NCDOT plans to analyze the mileage and ownership for the roadways with missing FDEs. Once that effort is complete, NCDOT can determine where there are the largest data gaps and what outreach mechanism might be most effective to working with those local agencies. This will help NCDOT determine if they can utilize information already being collected by local agencies, or if a State sponsored data collection effort is needed to obtain the data on these roadways.

**Prioritization Criteria for Collection MIRE FDE on All Public Roads**

The FDE collection priorities are as follows:

- Short-term: Non-Local Paved Roads Segment elements and Intersection elements, as well as AADT on all public roads.
- Mid-term: Non-Local Paved Road Interchange elements, and any other remaining Non-Local paved road elements.
- Long-term: Remaining needed Local Paved Roads elements.

The data will be collected using a variety of tools including deriving elements from existing data, collecting from video logs, utilizing current pavement collection efforts to determine what else might be able to be collected at the same time, and utilizing data already being collected from local agencies. This includes exploring what additional information might be collected when the annual linework is collected from the Counties and what additional mechanisms might need to be put in place to be able to obtain these data. NCDOT is also exploring if the E911 effort might be able to be utilized to obtain additional data. NCDOT will also explore utilizing the available FHWA technical assistance programs, primarily the Roadway Data Extraction Technical Assistance Program (RDETAP), to help fill in data gaps.

The Safety Group will be responsible for the data collection effort, with support from the Operations Program Management Unit. The data will be integrated into the existing GIS system and be made available through the same portal as other roadway inventory data. The update cycle will vary based on element.

**Costs and Resources for Data Collection**

NCDOT has not yet developed cost estimates, but recognize this is one of the next steps needed to be conducted. NCDOT will review the FHWA *MIRE Fundamental Data Elements Cost-Benefit Estimation* report as a starting point,

[https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/rsdp/downloads/fhwas16035\\_051916v10.pdf](https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/rsdp/downloads/fhwas16035_051916v10.pdf) .

As mentioned above, NCDOT will also explore utilizing the available FHWA technical assistance programs, namely the RDETAP, to help fill in data gaps, as well as utilizing available TRCC funds for data collection efforts.

### Responses to the 2017 NC TR Assessment Overall Recommendations:

As taken from the 2017 NC TR Assessment published on May 5, 2017 on pages 4-5, North Carolina should address the recommendations below by implementing changes to improve the ratings for the assessment questions in those section modules with lower than average scores. North Carolina can also apply for a NHTSA Traffic Records GO Team, for targeted technical assistance. Here are the 2018 responses to the current overall TR Assessment recommendations:

#### Crash Recommendations

Recommendation	Addressed	Not Addressed
Improve the procedures/process flows for the Crash data system to reflect best practices identified in the Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory	NC DMV and DOT have process flow checks in place for the Crash data being submitted by NC LE. Errors and consistency are monitored as noted in the Advisory.	NC DOT and NC DMV are both working on additional improvements to comply better with this recommendation.  See pages 27-32 of the 2018 Plan.
Improve the interfaces with the Crash data system to reflect best practices identified in the Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory.	NC DOT has met regularly with independent vendors helping submit NC Crash data with specific LE agencies to improve the interface procedure for NC Crash data as noted in the Advisory.	NC DOT and NC DMV are both working on additional improvements to comply better with this recommendation.  See pages 27-32 of the 2018 Plan.
Improve the data quality control program for the Crash data system to reflect best practices identified in the Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory.	Procedures are in place addressing the Crash data quality and error rates are monitored as noted in Advisory.	NC DOT and NC DMV are both working on additional improvements to comply better with this recommendation.  See pages 27-32 of the 2018 Plan.

#### Vehicle Recommendations

Recommendation	Addressed	Not Addressed
Improve the data quality control program for the Vehicle data system to reflect best practices identified in the Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory.	For now, this is a future effort.	Agency has data quality control procedures for the vehicle registration data but has not yet provided documentation consistent with the Advisory best practices. The TRCC has

		<p>only recently added vehicle registration agency representatives to assist with this recommendation.</p> <p>See pages 37-38 of the 2018 Plan.</p>
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### Driver Recommendations

Recommendation	Addressed	Not Addressed
Improve the data quality control program for the Driver data system to reflect best practices identified in the Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory.	For now, this is a future effort.	<p>Agency has data quality control procedures for the Driver License data but has not yet provided documentation consistent with the Advisory best practices. The TRCC has only recently added driver license agency representatives to assist with this recommendation.</p> <p>See page 37 of the 2018 Plan.</p>
Improve the data dictionary for the Driver data system to reflect best practices identified in the Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory.	For now, this is a future effort.	<p>Agency has an informal data dictionary but has not yet provided a formal data dictionary consistent with the Advisory best practices. The TRCC has only recently added Driver License agency representatives to assist with this recommendation.</p> <p>See page 37 of the 2018 Plan.</p>
Improve the data quality control program for the Driver data system to reflect best practices identified in the Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory.	For now, this is a future effort.	<p>Agency has data quality control system parts in place for the Driver License data but has not yet provided formal documentation consistent with the Advisory best practices. The TRCC has only recently added Driver License agency representatives to assist with this recommendation.</p>



		See page 37 of the 2018 Plan.
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### Roadway Recommendations

Recommendation	Addressed	Not Addressed
Improve the data quality control program for the Roadway data system to reflect best practices identified in the Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory.	For now, this is an ongoing effort.	<p>Agency has data quality control system parts in place for the Roadway System data but has not yet provided formal documentation consistent with the Advisory best practices. The agency has been working on improving the quality control procedures for their Roadway data.</p> <p>See pages 35-36 of the 2018 Plan.</p>

### Citation / Adjudication Recommendations

Recommendation	Addressed	Not Addressed
Improve the interfaces with the Citation and Adjudication systems to reflect best practices identified in the Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory.	For now, this is an ongoing effort.	<p>Agency has interfaces for the Citation and Adjudication systems but has not yet provided formal documentation consistent with the Advisory best practices. The agency has been working on improving the interfaces for the Citation and Adjudication systems.</p> <p>See pages 33-34 of the 2018 Plan.</p>
Improve the data quality control program for the Citation and Adjudication systems to reflect best practices identified in the Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory.	For now, this is an ongoing effort.	<p>Agency has data quality control system parts in place for the Citation and Adjudication systems but has not yet provided formal documentation consistent with the Advisory best practices. The agency has been working on improving the quality control procedures for</p>

		<p>their Citation and Adjudication systems.</p> <p>See pages 33-34 of the 2018 Plan.</p>
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### EMS / Injury Surveillance Recommendations

Recommendation	Addressed	Not Addressed
Improve the interfaces with the Injury Surveillance systems to reflect best practices identified in the Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory.	For now, this is an ongoing effort.	<p>Agency has interfaces for all the Injury Surveillance systems but has not yet provided formal documentation consistent with the Advisory best practices. The agency has been working on improving the interfaces for all the Injury Surveillance data systems.</p> <p>See pages 34-35 of the 2018 Plan.</p>
Improve the data quality control program for the Injury Surveillance systems to reflect best practices identified in the Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory.	For now, this is an ongoing effort.	<p>Agency has data quality control system parts in place for all the Injury Surveillance data systems but has not yet provided formal documentation consistent with the Advisory best practices. The agency has been working on improving the quality control procedures for all their Injury Surveillance data systems.</p> <p>See pages 34-35 of the 2018 Plan.</p>

The considerations for the NC agencies for the above areas not addressing the overall recommendations as noted in the most recent five-year 2017 NC TR Assessment Report can be summarized as being **not** addressed due to the following reasons:

- 1) The issue is currently not a priority to the NC agency at this time.
- 2) The NC agency presently does not have the necessary personnel and financial resources to address the issue. A NHTSA GoTeam or 405(c) grant has not yet been requested.

- 3) The NC agency has prioritized other issues which must be addressed and/or completed as directed by the senior administration of the NC agency and/ or as mandated by the NC legislature.
- 4) NC agency changes in personnel have affected addressing some issues. The changes include retirements, new administrators or directors have been appointed, and changes in personnel within the NC TRCC.

## Appendix G – NC TRCC Project Rating Policy and Procedure Description

### North Carolina TRCC Project Prioritization Process

The North Carolina TRCC has developed a process to discuss, refine, and prioritize data improvement projects. Below is an overview of the prioritization process for NC TRCC projects:

- May: The last item on the agenda for the May Strategic Planning meeting will be a discussion of potential projects for the next fiscal year to help meet the goals of the Plan and address recommendations from the Traffic Records Assessment.
- July: TRCC Members use the “TRCC Project Selection Template” to submit a project application by July 30 and submit to the GHSP TRCC representative, currently Warren Smith ([wgsmith@ncdot.gov](mailto:wgsmith@ncdot.gov)).
- August: Warren compiles and provides all of the projects applications to TRCC co-chair Eric Rodgman. Eric shares the projects with the TRCC Members.
- September: Members use the scoring sheet to develop a score for each project. Using the score and their professional judgment, members prioritize the projects numbering them from 1-#, with 1 being the highest priority. (highest score does not necessitate the ranking, some criteria may be most important that others to each member). Members send their list prioritized 1-# to Eric by the end of September.
- October: Eric compiles the list with priority scores. During the October meeting, the TRCC will review the scores and discuss each project. Based on the scores and additional discussion the TRCC will decide what the prioritized projects should be.

January: The TRCC members will use the input from the prioritization meeting to revise their project applications if needed and submit the applications to GHSP.

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### North Carolina Traffic Records Coordinating Committee Fiscal Year 2020 Project Proposal Form

This form will be used by the TRCC to evaluate proposed projects for fiscal year 2020. Additional information may be requested. Please fill out this form completely and email to [Warren Smith](mailto:Warren.Smith@ncdot.gov) by August 30, 2019 at [wgsmith@ncdot.gov](mailto:wgsmith@ncdot.gov)

Questions? Please contact Warren Smith at [wgsmith@ncdot.gov](mailto:wgsmith@ncdot.gov) or 919-814-3656.

#### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:	
Agency:	
Address:	
City:	County:
Phone:	
E-mail:	

#### PROJECT OVERVIEW

**Title:** *Please include a short description for the title of the project.*

**Objective:** *Please include a brief 1-2 sentence statement of the purpose of the project.*

**Overview/Scope:** *Please include 1-2 paragraph description of the proposed effort.*

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Is this project a continuation of an existing project? ☐ Yes / ☐ No  
If Yes, which one:

**Safety Impact/Benefits:** Please provide a brief description of the safety impact/benefits of this project. If possible provide an estimate of the anticipated lives saved or percentage reduction in crashes that would be expected from this project.

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**Covered/Impacted:** Please select one category **and** insert specific location name.

<input type="checkbox"/> City	
<input type="checkbox"/> County	
<input type="checkbox"/> Region	
<input type="checkbox"/> Statewide	(Additional information N/A if project covers/impacts entire state of North Carolina.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

**Approximate Budget:** Please include an approximate budget, this can be a range, as well as any cost considerations that may be helpful for the reviewers to know. If it is anticipated that this is a multi-year project, include the budget estimate for each year.

<b>Budget: \$</b>
<b>Other Cost Considerations:</b>

### SELECTION CRITERIA

1. This project meets the following goal(s) of North Carolina Traffic Safety Information Systems:  
(Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Crash Information Systems</b> - Maintain the crash data system and expand the capabilities of the system to allow the state to use this data to track crash injury/fatality experience for use in court cases, safety improvement studies and evaluating State driving statutes.<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Citation/Adjudication Systems</b> - Maintain and update North Carolina AOC databases and oversee the proper movement of court information and data, while centralizing information and creating citation/sharing procedures for the citation and adjudication records.<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Injury Surveillance Systems</b> - Evaluate the need for and feasibility of a Statewide Surveillance Injury System. |
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- ☐ **Roadway Information Systems** - Continue to maintain and expand an up-to-date statewide inventory of all North Carolina roadways that allows the State to track roadway changes and improvements and permits enhanced safety analysis.
- ☐ **Driver Information Systems** - Continue to maintain and update the North Carolina driver license record data to be used in road safety studies and statistical analysis and to track all North Carolina drivers and their driving records according to North Carolina law.
- ☐ **Vehicle Information Systems** - Continue to maintain and update all North Carolina vehicle registration record data for the state to be used in road safety studies and statistical analysis and to insure all vehicles are properly licensed according to the laws of NC.
- ☐ **Data Use & Integration** - Provide direction and facilitate coordination among the safety data stewards to improve the integration of transportation safety information systems in North Carolina.
- ☐ **Traffic Records Coordinating Committee** - Provide direction and facilitate coordination among the safety data stewards and stakeholders to improve the transportation safety information systems in North Carolina.

**Addresses NHTSA data quality “6-pack” through numeric and measurable improvements** *(Select all that apply, and provide description of the measures for each applicable metric)*

<input type="checkbox"/> Timeliness	
<input type="checkbox"/> Completeness	
<input type="checkbox"/> Accuracy	
<input type="checkbox"/> Uniformity	
<input type="checkbox"/> Integration	
<input type="checkbox"/> Accessibility	

### 2. Address Recommendations/Considerations of Federal Assessments/Reviews *(Select one)*

- ☐ NHTSA Traffic Records Assessment
- ☐ FHWA Crash Data Improvement Program
- ☐ FHWA Roadway Data Improvement Program
- ☐ FHWA Roadway Safety Data Capabilities Assessment
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Fills Agency Need: *Please describe how this project fulfills an agency need.*

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### NC TRCC Project Scoring Sheet

**Project Title:**

The purpose of this sheet is to provide parameters to help you prioritize projects; it is for your internal use. Assign a score from 1-10, with 10 being the highest, based on how well the project meets the stated criteria. If you think some criteria are more important than others, you can use weights in calculating the total score.

Criteria	Score (1-10, 10 being highest)	Weight	Comments
Demonstrates positive impact on safety			
Meets the goal of the relevant North Carolina Traffic Safety Information System(s)			
Addresses NHTSA data quality “6-pack” through numeric and measurable improvements			
Addresses Recommendation(s) in NHTSA Traffic Records Assessment			
Addresses Recommendations/ Considerations from other Federal Assessments/Reviews			
Fills Agency Need(s)			

**Total Score:**