Serious Injury Reporting by your State

The following set of questions pertains to the reporting of serious injuries by law enforcement agencies that investigate motor vehicle crashes within your State. States are required to report serious injuries per the Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria (MMUCC) 4th Edition *"Suspected Serious Injury (A)"* attribute found in the *"*Injury Status" data element (P5) of the MMUCC. States must comply with the new definition by April 15, 2019.

Definition of "Suspected Serious Injury (A)"

- Severe laceration resulting in exposure of underlying tissues/muscle/organs or resulting in significant loss of blood
- Broken or distorted extremity (arm or leg)
- Crush injuries
- Suspected skull, chest, or abdominal injury other than bruises or minor lacerations
- Significant burns (second and third degree burns over 10% or more of the body)
- Unconsciousness when taken from the crash scene
- Paralysis

Criteria for compliance with the "Suspected Serious Injury (A)" Definition:

- (a) Maintains a statewide crash database capable of accurately aggregating the MMUCC 4th Edition injury status attribute for "Suspected Serious Injury (A)";
- (b) Ensures the State crash database, data dictionary and crash report user manual employs the verbatim terminology and definitions for the MMUCC 4th Edition injury status attribute "Suspected Serious Injury (A)";
- (c) Ensures the police crash form employs the verbatim MMUCC 4th Edition injury status attribute for "Suspected Serious Injury (A)"; and
- (d) Ensures that the seven serious injury types specified in the "Suspected Serious Injury (A)" attribute are not included in any of the other attributes listed in the States' injury status data elements.

Questions

- Which agency in your state manages and maintains the state's crash database (e.g. DOT, Department of Public Safety, State Police/Patrol, etc.)? Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety.
- 2. Are they aware of the requirement to update the crash database with the MMUCC 4th Edition attribute for "Suspected Serious Injury (A)"? Yes.

- 3. If your state is compliant with the MMUCC 4th Edition criteria for "*Suspected Serious Injury (A*)" (see compliance criteria listed above), skip to question 6.
- 4. If your state is not already compliant with regulation for *"Suspected Serious Injury (A)"*, what steps or actions is your State planning to take to become compliant by April 15, 2019?
- 5. On your state crash report form, under injury status for person(s) involved in a crash, what is the exact wording for "serious injuries" that appears on the form? (e.g., it should be "Suspected Serious Injury (A)")
- 6. Does the state crash report form instruction manual, that identifies how officers are expected to complete the crash form for crashes they investigate, employ the verbatim terminology and definitions for the MMUCC 4th Edition attribute for "Suspected Serious Injury (A)"? Although the State maintains an instruction manual, the User Interface for entering crashes is where officers find answers to these types of questions. The injury level definitions are found there, see attached.
- Does the state crash database dictionary, that provides the names and definitions for data elements in the state crash database, employ the verbatim terminology and definitions for the MMUCC 4th edition attribute for "Suspected Serious Injury (A)"? Yes.
- Please provide us a copy (or scanned image) of your State's crash report form? Minnesota is 100% electronic for crash reporting. The drop down menus and contextual help embedded in the software contain the MMUCC 4th edition definitions, see attached.
- 9. Is there any type of assistance your state might need/want from FHWA, NHTSA or FMCSA? If 'Yes', what type of assistance would that be (e.g. training, technical advisement, assistance developing a plan to ensure compliance, etc.

If you have difficulties understanding what is meant by any of these questions, please feel free to contact Bob Pollack at (<u>Robert.pollack@dot.gov</u>) for further clarification.

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