

The DISPATCH

PennDOT Crash Newsletter - News you can use!

What's New?

Open-Book Knowledge Skills Quiz NOW LIVE

This quiz is now available on PennDOT's website under the Police Crash Reporting Tools tile. For questions, comments, or suggestions, contact us [here](#).

FastFARS Form

We have now added the FastFARS form to the Crash Reporting Tools tile on the website. The form was added to the Police Crash Reporting Tools due to two reasons. First, it makes sense there as it places this form at your fingertips along with the other tools. Second, we will be updating the Crash Reporting System security/log-in system in the Fall. Police users who are also Commonwealth employees (Capital Police, DEP, etc.) will experience the "single sign-in" feature which will bypass the log-in page getting them directly into the system.

As you are probably already aware, if you investigate a crash fatality, we would like to have this form completed and sent to us within 24 hours.

Be sure to save the link below to your favorites for easy access!

[Crash Reporting Tools Tile](#)

Working Together

Non-Motorist Types

According to the current national standards, a non-motorist is any person who is not an occupant of a motor vehicle. This includes pedestrians, bicyclists, other cyclists, and occupants of non-motor vehicle transport devices.

Bicycle: any person on a device composed of 2 wheels held in a frame one behind the other, propelled by foot pedals, and steered with handlebars attached to the front wheel.

Other Pedalcycle: any person using a device propelled by pedaling (by foot, hand, or other adaptive means) other than a bicycle.

Horse and Buggy: any device being drawn by a horse.

Horse and Rider: any person riding a horse.

Pedestrian (Walking, Running, Jogging, Hiking, Sitting, Lying): used for all pedestrians except for those in or on personal conveyances.

Wheelchair/Mobility Device: a device designed primarily for use by a person with a mobility disability for the main purpose of indoor and/or outdoor locomotion and includes both human and motor-powered devices.

Skates: wheeled devices for each foot, rather than a connected board. These can be human powered or motorized.

Skateboard: a wheeled device without handlebars or center column where the operator balances on a board. These devices have 2 trucks and at least 3 wheels and can be human powered or motorized.

Self Balancing Board: a wheeled device that may or may not have a center column with a handlebar where the operator can stand on a foot platform or foot pegs and manipulate the device with controls on the center column or by weight distribution. These devices enable the user to remain balanced when powered on, have 1 wheel or 2 wheels in parallel, and are motorized.

Scooter (Standing or Seated): a wheeled device with a center column and handlebar where the operator can stand on a foot platform. These devices may or may not have a permanent or removable posted seat. These devices have at least two wheels and can be human powered or motorized. These devices are not designed specifically for assisted mobility.

Other Conveyance: a device that is not a cycle or a specific personal conveyance attribute listed in this element.

Unknown Conveyance: used when it is known the device was a personal conveyance, but the specific type cannot be identified.

Some non-motorist types, such as bicycle or scooter may need to be further defined under the "Powered" field located at the lower end of the Unit Info page.

Understanding Crash Terms

*Driver Presence

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Driver Presence identifies whether a driver was present in the vehicle at the time of the crash.

- **Driver Operated Vehicle** - There was a person who was physically controlling the vehicle at the time of the crash.
- **No Driver** - There was no person controlling the vehicle at the time of the crash.
- **Driver Fled Scene** - Vehicle remained at scene, but the operator left the scene.
- **Hit and Run** - Driver and vehicle left the scene without notifying police or exchanging information.
- **Unknown** - Cannot be determined if there was a driver present in the vehicle at the time of the crash.

[QUIZ: Reporting Commercial Vehicles](#)

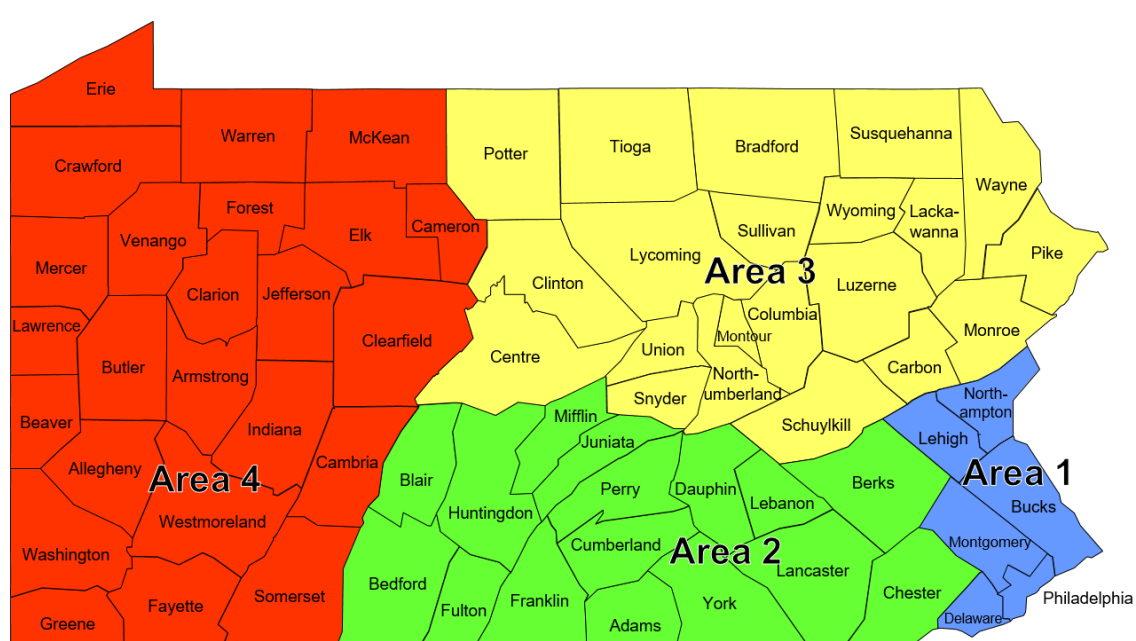
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Current AA-600 Driver Accident Report form can be found [here](#).

At this time, 30% of all completed AA-600 Driver Accident Report forms submitted are at least 13 years out of date and some are more than 30 years out of date. Please destroy all paper forms in your possession and only print and share the form found at the link above.

Traffic Records Program Administrator (TRPA) Map

The Regional TRPA Map indicates the Traffic Records Project Administrator who supports your area along with their contact information. The TRPAs serve as the liaison between PennDOT and the police agencies.



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Not helpful at all 0 1 2 3 4 Very helpful

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