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2024 STATEWIDE CRASH DATA & AVAILABLITY

INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE:

The safety of the motoring public remains a priority for the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT or Department). "Roadway safety is not a game" is a message IDOT is conveying to all motorists regarding Impaired Driving, Distracted Driving, Work Zone Safety, Vulnerable Road User Safety, Motorcycle Awareness, and Occupant Safety. As we strive to communicate these safety messages to the public, data is key in planning and targeting ways to improve the safety of our roads in Illinois.

The Office of Planning & Programming's Bureau of Data Collection has finalized the 2024 crash data, which is now available as described below. This critical information provides important crash data required for the identification of areas requiring improvement, work on safety studies, and the analysis on the location and number of crashes, as well as many other facets.

SAFETY PORTAL AND OBTAINING DATA & OTHER SAFETY INFORMATION:

The Department has assembled a wealth of information available to Local Public Agencies (LPA), and those professions and organizations that have use of this data via many resources, as follows:

Safety Portal:

The Department has established, maintains, updates, and provides access to a large amount of crash data and crash reports. This information can be accessed by logging into "IDOT's Safety Portal" via the following link:

https://webapps1.dot.illinois.gov/SafetyPortal/

If you are a first-time user, please select "Create a New Account" and enter the required information. *Prior to establishing a new account and being granted access, please work with your specific County Engineer to be vetted by them, and if approved IDOT can approve your account and grant access.*

The IDOT Safety Portal offers valuable functionality, including the ability to:

- Search and retrieve individual crash reports as soon as IDOT receives and posts that information;
- View the location of a crash on a map, and view a GPS link to review the crash report image(s);
- Access the full 10-year retention period for historical and trend analysis purposes of sites and crashes; and
- Generate standardized summary reports of crash data based on various input parameters.

Additional Crash Data:

If additional crash data is required, IDOT can provide the data upon request by contacting the Bureau of Data Collection at the following email address: DOT.DTS.DataRequests@illinois.gov.

Illinois Crash Facts & Statistics Publication ():

As another resource, the 2023 Crash Facts publication can be viewed on the IDOT website at the following link:

https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/safety/Illinois-Roadway-Crash-Data

Currently, the 2024 Crash Facts publication is being developed and will be posted in the same link as the 2023 publication.

If you have any questions regarding this information, future updates, and/or access to the system, please contact Mark Blankenship at (217) 785-3056

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