

BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATORS CALL OUT

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this SOP is to establish a call out procedure for members for the Department's Traffic Crash Reconstruction Team (TCRT).

PROCEDURE

The policy of the Bloomington Police Department is to investigate traffic crashes in the City of Bloomington. Upon arrival at the scene of a fatal or potentially fatal traffic crash, the initial responding officer will notify an on-duty supervisor as soon as practical. The on-duty shift supervisor will then determine if it is necessary to call out the Traffic Crash Reconstruction Team. The TCRT shall also be contacted for any crash involving a City of Bloomington Police vehicle that results in an injury.

If there is any member of the TCRT that is on-duty at the time when TCRT is needed the on-duty supervisor should contact that member and send them to the crash location. Once that team member arrives at the location they can assess if other team members should respond as well as if Crime Scene or CID is needed. If other team members are needed they will be contacted by the on-duty shift supervisor by using the list at the end of this SOP.

The list is comprised of State Certified crash reconstructionists by seniority within the unit at the top followed by additional TCRT members by seniority within the unit. When contacting members of the TCRT the on-duty supervisor should begin at the top of the list and continuing until a member has been contacted.

If there is no member of the TCRT on duty at the time when TCRT member is needed, then the on-duty supervisor should contact a member of the TCRT by using the list at the end of this SOP. Once a member has been contacted and provided with information about the incident it will be up to the member contacted as to any need for additional TCRT members, Crime Scene and/or CID. If other team members are needed they will be contacted by the on-duty shift supervisor.

Should the list be exhausted with no member being contacted, the on-duty supervisor should refer to SOP 6.23 to activate McLean County Area Reconstruction Team (MCART).

The initial responding officer should take care of preserve the scene and prevent any vehicle or items from being removed from the scene or being moved unnecessarily. Our first concern is for the treatment and safety of persons involved in the crash; therefore, the Fire Department may use

any means necessary to accomplish this goal. The initial responding officer should take note of vehicle damage that was caused by the extrication of persons involved and communicate that to responding investigators. Personal items should not be removed from vehicles unless absolutely necessary.

All persons involved in the crash and witnesses should remain at the scene, unless they are in need of medical treatment, so they can speak to investigators.

The initial responding officer is responsible for completing the Traffic Crash Report and also initiating a report in the EJS reporting system. The initial officer should not issue any citation to persons involved until directed to do so by a member of the TCRT.

All vehicles removed from the crash scene will be towed and impounded for investigation purposes and this will be noted on the tow form unless otherwise directed by a TCRT member.

The crash scene will only be released after the TCRT has collected the necessary information and has directed that the scene be released.

Traffic Crash Reconstruction Team Members

Bill Lynn	Reconstructionist
Tim Marvel	Reconstructionist
Ben Smith	Reconstructionist
Paul Swanlund	TCRT Member
Scott Karstens	TCRT Member
Steve Moreland	TCRT Member