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The Honorable City Council
City of Los Angeles
200 North Spring Street, Room 465
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Honorable Councilmembers:

On November 8, 2023, the City Council adopted the Transportation Committee's report relative to the implementation of a policy to utilize the terms "crash," "collision," and "incident," in lieu of the term "accident" when discussing traffic crashes in any Los Angeles Police Department (Department) document or communication, except for instances where the Los Angeles City Attorney deems it necessary to use "accident" in litigation and related matters (Council File No. 23-1051). Traffic violence in Los Angeles is a serious problem. In 2022, 312 Angelenos lost their lives to traffic violence, the most in more than 20 years. As of September 2, 2023, there have been 206 deaths. It was requested that the Department report within 90 days regarding implementation of the new policy, as detailed in this Motion.

An Office of the Chief of Police (OCOP) Notice, titled *Traffic Collision Report – Revised*, dated September 3, 2021, directed Department personnel to utilize the terminology "crash" rather than "collision," to ensure consistency with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Previous to the aforementioned OCOP Notice, a Support Services Bureau Notice, titled *Change in Traffic Accident Terminology*, dated April 20, 1992, directed Department personnel to utilize the terminology "traffic collision" rather than "traffic accident." Therefore, the terminology "accident" has not been used within the Department since 1992.

The Department's current use of the terminology "crash," rather than "collision" or "accident," reinforces the acknowledgment for traffic crash crime victims, wherein motorists intentionally crash into other vehicles, bicyclists, or pedestrians, or when a collision results from reckless behavior, such as drunk driving or street racing. Furthermore, this Department change from 2021 has aligned the City with other state and federal entities, which had already adopted this change in support of greater accuracy and consistency.

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Should you or your staff have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Deputy Chief Donald R. Graham, Jr., Commanding Officer, Transit Services Bureau, at (213) 922-3614.

Respectfully,

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MICHEL R. MOORE
Chief of Police

Enclosures

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

NOTICE

September 3, 2021

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TO: All Department Personnel

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: TRAFFIC COLLISION REPORT – REVISED

BACKGROUND

In 1996, the Department adopted the California Highway Patrol (CHP) "Traffic Collision Report, CHP 555," to document and report traffic collisions. Since this time, law enforcement agencies throughout the State of California have adopted these forms to ensure consistent and accurate traffic collision reporting standards. Consequently, law enforcement agencies are guided by the reporting criteria established by the CHP and as delineated in the CHP's Collision Investigation Manual (CIM).

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Notice is to advise that the CHP has made several revisions to the CIM and the CHP "Traffic Collision Report, CHP Form Set" utilized by the Department. These revisions have resulted in significant changes to terminology such as changing "collision" to "crash." The changes were implemented to ensure consistency with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

A copy of the CHP Traffic Collision Report with the new revisions have been highlighted and are attached. The Multi-Disciplinary Collision Investigation Team (MCIT) has created a quick reference guide to assist with understanding the recent changes. The MCIT has prepared a power point presentation that has been uploaded on the Department's Local Area Network (LAN) to further outline the changes and provide guidance on the proper completion of the CHP Form Set. These changes have been incorporated into all in-service traffic collision investigation lesson plans presented by the MCIT.

The revised Forms are attached for immediate use and duplication and are also available in E-Forms on the Department's LAN. All other versions of these Forms shall be marked "Obsolete" and placed in the Divisional recycling bin. The revised Forms are available to order through Supply Division.

All Department Personnel

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If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Traffic Coordination Section, Traffic Group, at (213) 486-0690.

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Chief of Police

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Attachment



SPECIAL CONDITIONS		NUMBER INJURED	HIT & RUN FELONY	CITY	JUDICIAL DISTRICT	LOCAL REPORT NUMBER								
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LOCATION	CRASH OCCURRED ON				MO.	DAY	YEAR	TIME (2400)	NCIC #	OFFICER ID				
	MILEPOST INFORMATION				GPS COORDINATES				PHOTOGRAPHS BY: <input type="checkbox"/> NONE					
	FEET/MILES OF				LATITUDE				LONGITUDE					
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<input type="checkbox"/> OR: FEET/MILES OF														
PARTY	DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER				STATE	CLASS	AIR BAG	SAFETY EQUIP.	VEH. YEAR	MAKE/MODEL/COLOR	LICENSE NUMBER	STATE		
DRIVER	NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)								OWNER'S NAME <input type="checkbox"/> SAME AS DRIVER					
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				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A										



DATE OF CRASH (MO. DAY YEAR)		TIME (2400)	NCIC #	OFFICER ID	NUMBER
PROPERTY DAMAGE		OWNER'S NAME		OWNER'S ADDRESS	
PERSON NOTIFIED		<input type="checkbox"/> SAME AS OWNER	TELEPHONE NUMBER	METHOD OF NOTIFICATION (MARK ALL THAT APPLY) <input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON <input type="checkbox"/> PHONE <input type="checkbox"/> DISPATCH <input type="checkbox"/> CHP 422	
LOG / INCIDENT NUMBER					
DESCRIPTION OF DAMAGE					
SEATING POSITION		SAFETY EQUIPMENT		AIR BAG	
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ITEMS MARKED BELOW FOLLOWED BY AN ASTERISK (*) SHOULD BE EXPLAINED IN THE NARRATIVE.					
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B OTHER IMPROPER DRIVING*		B CONTROLS NOT FUNCTIONING*		B SAE LEVEL - 1	
C OTHER THAN DRIVER*		C CONTROLS OBSCURED		C SAE LEVEL - 2	
D UNKNOWN*		D NO CONTROLS PRESENT / FACTOR*		D SAE LEVEL - 3	
		TYPE OF CRASH		E SAE LEVEL - 4	
		A HEAD - ON		F SAE LEVEL - 5	
		B SIDE SWIPE		G UNKNOWN*	
		C REAR END		VEHICLE AUTOMATION ENGAGED	
WEATHER (MARK 1 TO 2 ITEMS)		D BROADSIDE		A NO AUTOMATION	
A CLEAR		E HIT OBJECT		B DRIVER ASSISTANCE	
B CLOUDY		F OVERTURNED		C PARTIAL AUTOMATION	
C RAINING		G VEHICLE / PEDESTRIAN		D CONDITIONAL AUTOMATION	
D SNOWING		H OTHER*		E HIGH AUTOMATION	
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F OTHER*		A NONCOLLISION		G UNKNOWN*	
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C DARK - STREET LIGHTS		F TRAIN		D	
D DARK - NO STREET LIGHTS		G BICYCLE		E VISION OBSCUREMENT:	
E DARK - STREET LIGHTS NOT FUNCTIONING*		H ANIMAL:		F INATTENTION*	
ROADWAY SURFACE		I FIXED OBJECT:		G STOP & GO TRAFFIC	
A DRY		J OTHER OBJECT:		H ENTERING / LEAVING RAMP	
B WET		K ADDITIONAL OBJECT(S) STRUCK		I PREVIOUS CRASH	
C SNOWY - ICY		PEDESTRIAN'S ACTIONS		J UNFAMILIAR WITH ROAD	
D SLIPPERY (MUDDY, OILY, ETC.)		A NO PEDESTRIANS INVOLVED		K DEFECTIVE VEH. EQUIP.: CITED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
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A HOLES, DEEP RUT*		C CROSSING IN CROSSWALK - NOT AT INTERSECTION		M OTHER*	
B LOOSE MATERIAL ON ROADWAY*		D CROSSING - NOT IN CROSSWALK		N NONE APPARENT	
C OBSTRUCTION ON ROADWAY*		E IN ROAD - INCLUDES SHOULDER		O RUNAWAY VEHICLE	
D CONSTRUCTION - REPAIR ZONE		F NOT IN ROAD			
E REDUCED ROADWAY WIDTH		G APPROACHING / LEAVING SCHOOL BUS			
F FLOODED*					
G OTHER*					
H NO UNUSUAL CONDITIONS					
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QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE
Traffic Investigation Revisions
Multi-Disciplinary Collision Investigation Team

New Terminology

Collision → Crash – All past references of “Collision” have changed to “Crash”

Severe (A) Injury shall now be referred to as **Suspected Serious Injury**

Other Visible (B) Injury shall now be referred to as **Suspected Minor Injury**

Complaint of Pain (C) Injury shall now be referred to as **Possible Injury**

CHP 555 - TRAFFIC COLLISION REPORT

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Special Conditions Box

- Enter “Autonomous Vehicle” if involved in reported crash

Party – “Operator” check box added

The Operator is the individual engaging autonomous mode either from driver seat (Level 3) or remotely (Level 4).

Lane/Thru Lanes/Total Lanes added

- Documenting lanes
 - **Lane:** Actual lane that the vehicle was in
 - **Thru Lanes:** Total number of lanes that traffic can go straight (same direction), excluding left turn only or right turn only lanes
 - **Total Lanes:** Total number of lanes including all lanes (Same direction)

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Property Damage Section – Notification Updated

- Line added to document the person that was notified of the property damage and method of notification

Seating Position

- Additional options added for 3rd row seat in SUVs and Minivans
- New information (not mentioned in 555 form set)
 - Motorcycle/Mopeds/Bicycle seating positions
 - Passenger position 2 is directly behind the driver
 - Passenger position 3 is the occupant of a side car
 - Passenger position 0 is to be any other location.

“Motor Vehicle Involved With”- New box added

- If multiple AOI, mark first AOI, plus “K – Additional object struck”
Example: Stop sign is struck after a sideswipe crash.

Vehicle Automation Level

The following was added to document the level of Automation the vehicle is equipped to operate.

- **Level 0: No Automation**

- No Automation; i.e. standard cruise control, blind spot monitoring,

- **Level 1: Driver Assistance**

- Only 1 system of automation can be engaged at a time
Example: Adaptive cruise control would not work simultaneously with lane keep assist.

- **Level 2: Partial Automation**

- Both adaptive cruise control and lane keep assist work simultaneously with driver intervention as needed. Example: Tesla’s Autopilot, Cadillac’s Super Cruise

- **Level 3: Conditional Automation**

- A company vehicle with testing permit, only in a specific designated location/area.
- Driver can engage Automated Driving System and driver becomes operator.
- Operator still seated in the driver’s seat

- **Level 4: High Automation**

- A company vehicle with testing permit, only in a specific designated location/area.
- Operator is not seated in the driver’s seat and remotely engage autonomous mode in the vehicle.

- **Level 5: Full Automation**

- Vision of Autonomous vehicle with no limitation – No human!

Vehicle Automation Engaged

- Document which level of Automation the driver/operator had engaged at the time of crash.

Example: A Tesla Model Y, which is a Standard Level 2 equipped vehicle, was being driven and it did not have autopilot engaged when it crashed into the rear of another vehicle.

- “Vehicle Automation Level” would be documented as *Level - 2*, because the vehicle is capable of Level – 2 driving.
- “Vehicle Automation Engaged” would be documented as *No Automation*, because the Tesla did not have autopilot engaged at the time of crash

“Lane Splitting” box added to/or/for movement preceding crash

- To be used if a motorcycle was riding between rows of vehicles.

Sobriety-Drug-Physical

- Document ALL that applies.

Example: Jake conducted a DUI Investigation and DRE responded for an evaluation. The DRE opinion was cannabis and stimulants. This field would be marked: “Under Drug Influence,” “DRE Exam Conducted,” “Stimulant,” and “Cannabis.”

Special Information

- “Cell Phone Use Unknown” box was added

Bikeway Facility

The following boxes were added:

- **Shared Roadway**
 - No bike lanes present, just vehicle traffic lanes/ lane lines
- **Class I – Bike Path**
 - Special path, separated from cars, and shared by bikes and pedestrians
- **Class II – Bike Lane**
 - Marked bike lane on roadway, with no physical barrier between cars and bikes.
- **Class III – Bike Route**
 - Posted street signs for directional route as preferred route for bicycles specifically
- **Class IV – Separated Bikeway**
 - Marked bike lane on roadway, with a physical barrier between cars and bikes, such as parked cars or separated by traffic dividers.

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“EMS Run Number” was added to document the number created by an EMS when a patient is transported to medical center.

SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU

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N O T I C E

April 20, 1992

TO: All Concerned Personnel

FROM: Commanding Officer, Support Services Bureau

SUBJECT: CHANGE IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENT TERMINOLOGY

The Commission On Peace Officer Standards And Training (POST) has informed the Department of terminology changes involving accident investigations. References to the term Traffic Accident should be replaced with the term Traffic Collision and the abbreviation TA should be replaced with TC.

"Accident Investigation Section" and "Accident Investigation Follow-up" (AIFU) shall be changed to "Collision Investigation Section" and "Collision Investigation Follow-up" (CIFU), respectively. The Department Manual, the Traffic Accident Reporting, Form 4.01, and related traffic reporting forms will be amended at the next printing to reflect the change in terminology. Emergency Command Control Communications System Division will update and modify the Computer Aided Dispatch system to conform to the change in term usage.

Department personnel shall use the new terminology in all applicable Department reports to bring the Department into conformance with the terminology standards established by POST.

Handwritten signature of James D. Jones
JAMES D. JONES, Commander
Commanding Officer
Support Services Bureau

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