

Improving Data Accuracy for Traffic Crashes

Meeting date: January 13, 2025

Meeting time: 2-3 pm

Agenda:

- Brief introduction
- Defined problem statement- Matt Duncan
 - Working on the statement of the problem
 - Paul confirmed Lakewood's data does match FARS data.
 - Paul- Alyssa, and Reegan are working to match CDOT crash data with the coroner's office (alcohol and delta 9 THC levels are identified in the coroner's office).
 - Some Coroners provide a list of drugs and how much, and some answer the question yes or no.
 - Matt- Lakewood gets all drugs on their panels, and they receive actual levels.
 - Paul and Matt noticed that they had equal challenges when someone did not die immediately. Less than half die later at the hospital.
 - Colorado Hospital Association provides CDPHE billing information with codes that could indicate if there is a substance use disorder. Can identify peds and bicyclists.
 - Connie Crouse, with the Colorado Coroner's Association, said that some coroners provide more detailed reports, and some only answer yes or no. The pathologist will enter their information.
 - Problem- could be jurisdictional problems. The death took place at a hospital in one county, but the crash took place in another county.
 - Paul- FARS only considers the county where they died, not where the crash took place in another county. In the metro area, this is very common just because of the trauma 1 hospitals.
 - Ako with Contexture: All hospitals send them their data. They provide information from the hospital to the doctor's office. They are more on the HIPPA side. He would like the Colorado Coroner's Association to share the secure website with the coroners so they can access hospital reports. QHN -Quality Health Network—serves the western slope. It is within the coroner's authority to access this portal for the patient's records.

- Smaller counties' coroners can't access Contexture's portal due to licensing and costs.
- Allison- we are siloed in each other's data systems.
- Sgt. John Ziadeh- investigated SBIs and Fataals for CSP for a number of years.
- Paul- Lake County refused to give any data/information to CDOT
- NHTSA decided a few years ago not to provide impaired driving data on the public-facing website.

Review of Lakewood's 2024 Traffic Safety Report- Matt Duncan

- Chain of events - everyone
 - Each agency that holds various information/data relevant to impaired driving crashes will outline what information it holds and where it has limitations. What is publicly available, and what is redacted.
 - CDPHE
 - DPS
 - DOR
 - CDOT
 - Judicial/Allison/ Rita
 - NHTSA- Kara
 - Flow Chart/Mapping - Alyssa Herrin, John Ziadeh, Paul Clayton
- Update on requested partners- Tuesday Black
 - Ako with Contexture
 - Connie with Colorado Coroner's Association
- Next steps- list of data, how it is obtained and limitations from each agency, editing or creating a map from the time of the crash until a final report is received with conclusive toxicology information.
- Next Meeting - February 10 2-3 pm