



## Announcement

The Association of Transportation Safety Information Professionals (ATSIP) has embarked upon the effort of updating the development of consensus-based standards (ANSI D16.1-Manual on Classification of Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents, last reviewed in 2007 (7th Edition)). This standard strives to promote uniformity amongst all crash data collectors and agencies, and thereby, promote and improve traffic safety nationwide. The effort to promulgate standards that may be used by agencies and their employees throughout the country will be the result of the collaboration of a national forum, which signifies to all parties who are materially impacted by the standard that it is the desire and intent of ATSIP to produce standards that promote enhanced traffic safety for all roadway users.

The Association of Transportation Safety Information Professionals (ATSIP) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide a forum for communicating traffic records improvement strategies among all interested disciplines, organizations, and governments and to use its combined expertise to recommend strategies, standards, policies and programs. ATSIP's goal is to improve the quality of traffic records – to make them timely, accurate, consistent, complete, accessible and integrated – and to encourage their use to select, implement and evaluate safety programs and policies through the United States and the world.

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Law enforcement, vital statistics, and other government agencies, vehicle manufacturers, medical personnel, and legislative bodies have vested interests and legal responsibility related to the incidence and reporting of motor vehicle crashes and the resulting damage, injuries, fatalities, and personal and societal costs. As a result, for decades, data regarding motor vehicle crashes has been shared among these various agencies and entities, in an effort to determine means by which to mitigate and eventually eliminate crashes nationwide.

Crash data has been analyzed in order to identify driver demographics and risky behavior, types of roadway configurations where crashes are most likely to occur, emergency medical intervention most successful in saving lives, and vehicle types which may be over-represented in crashes. These analyses have provided data used successfully in education, engineering, EMS, and enforcement efforts to reduce both the number and severity of crashes that occur.

Data about crashes originates in all 50 states plus the District of Columbia and the U.S. Territories, and is captured by thousands of law enforcement agencies, and their officers and employees. The analytical potential of these crash reports lies in their ability to be aggregated for research and reporting, which is dependent upon standardization and uniformity of reporting and data-capture across states and agencies.

The effectiveness of crash countermeasures is directly dependent upon reliable and accurate traffic records data.

ATSIP's organization consists of an executive Board and professional members. Its activities are supported by governments, academic and professional associations, and private sector partners. Membership is open to any person with an interest in traffic safety who has experience with data, or is actively involved in the design, development, maintenance and/or operation of transportation safety

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information systems or in their administration and use. This includes traffic safety data collectors, users, and managers.

Complete records of all discussion board interactions will be kept, including names of those who participated and any voting conducted through this board, including an affirmative statement that notice was given as to the dates of votes to be taken on the discussion board, including that a quorum participated; and a record of each participant's vote.

We invite you to participate in the ANSI D16 Public Discussion Board. If you are an ATSIP member, you have already been assigned a user id – the first letter of your first name and your last name (i.e., Jane Doe would be jdoe).

If you are not an ATSIP member, and you wish to participate, you will need to register an account on the ATSIP Discussion Board at <http://www.atsip.org/forum/default.asp>. There will be no costs associated with general public discussion board participation. If you having an issues with registration, please email [manager@atsip.org](mailto:manager@atsip.org).

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