

# HOW TO READ YOUR ILLINOIS TRAFFIC CRASH REPORT

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### UPPER SECTION

CONTAINS GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE ACCIDENT, INCLUDING THE TIME, LOCATION AND WHETHER ANYONE WAS INJURED.

### UNITS 1 AND 2

THESE TWO BOXES CONTAIN INFORMATION ON THE DRIVERS AND VEHICLES INVOLVED IN THE ACCIDENT. THIS SECTION PROVIDES INSURANCE INFORMATION, THE LICENSE NUMBER FOR EACH DRIVER AND ANY REPORTED INJURIES. IT ALSO DESCRIBES PROPERTY DAMAGE TO EACH VEHICLE.

### LOWER SECTION

THE INVESTIGATING OFFICER WRITES IN CONTACT INFORMATION FOR UP TO FIVE PASSENGERS OR WITNESSES TO THE ACCIDENT, WHO CAN BE CRITICAL SOURCES OF EVIDENCE IN A PERSONAL INJURY CLAIM. THE SECOND HALF OF THIS SECTION INCLUDES INFORMATION THAT MAY HELP ESTABLISH FAULT, SUCH AS SUSPECTED CAUSES, ANY ARREST OR CITATION INFORMATION (IF, FOR INSTANCE, SOMEONE WAS DRIVING DRUNK) AND THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT (WHICH MIGHT HELP PROVE SOMEONE WAS SPEEDING).

### PICTORIAL NARRATIVE

THE OFFICER'S VISUAL NARRATIVE OF THE ACCIDENT INCLUDES EACH VEHICLE'S DIRECTION OF TRAVEL AS WELL AS TRAFFIC SIGNALS, INTERSECTIONS, SIGNS AND SKID MARKS. THESE PICTORIAL DETAILS CAN HELP PROVE FAULT FOR AN ACCIDENT.

### WRITTEN NARRATIVE

IN THIS SECTION, THE INVESTIGATING OFFICER WRITES OUT A DESCRIPTION OF HOW HE OR SHE BELIEVES THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED. IF THE OFFICER HAS REASON TO BELIEVE A DRIVER WAS ENGAGING IN RECKLESS BEHAVIOR OR THAT A VEHICLE HAD A MECHANICAL ISSUE THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE ACCIDENT, THAT INFORMATION SHOULD ALSO BE RECORDED IN THIS SPACE.

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DIAGRAM

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE UNIT NO.

TRAILER WIDTH(S) TRAILER LENGTH(S) - ft VEHICLE LENGTH (TOTAL) - ft

TRAILER 1 0-88" 97-132" Over 102" TRAILER 1 NO. OF AXLES

TRAILER 2 TRAILER 2

IN CITY OF / NEAREST CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ Miles N E S W of: \_\_\_\_\_

INSERT APPLICABLE NUMBERS FROM CHOICES ON BACK OF TEMPLATE TWO

VEHICLE CONFIGURATION CARGO BODY TYPE LOAD TYPE

LOCAL USE ONLY

U1 Color U2 Color

U1 Towed by / to U2 Towed by / to

CONTRIBUTORY CAUSE(S)

PRIMARY

SECONDARY

TIME NOTIFIED: \_\_\_\_\_ AM / PM

COURT DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ COURT TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ AM / PM

AREA ON BACK OF FORM

\*P1201\*

IN CITY OF / NEAREST CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ Miles N E S W of: \_\_\_\_\_

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