

FIRES: Florida's Official State Crash Repository

FIRES (Florida's Integrated Report Exchange System) serves as Florida's central repository for traffic records information, the main purpose of which is to provide law enforcement and traffic safety planners a single source for all Florida roadway crash information. Efficient, timely and aggregate information allows for the implementation of cost effective, informed, collaborative, and optimal traffic safety policies. Why is timely and accurate data important?

- Florida DOT uses the crash data to identify high crash intersections or road segments and develop multi-million dollar safety projects
- Law enforcement officials use the crash data to deploy enforcement personnel
- Vehicle design engineers use the crash data to study crash dynamics from the information gleaned from the reports
- The US Congress uses crash data to appropriate billions of dollars in highway safety and construction funding



To help meet this goal, all law enforcement agencies are offered free crash reporting software (FIRES Client) that enables them to create, review and submit electronic crash reports to DHSMV. We are also working with agencies across the state, like yours, that have already implemented an electronic crash reporting solution. We have already established integration with RMS vendors to help facilitate crash data submission and maintenance. We have a very unique model in that FIRES customized software, services, and support is provided to the state and all local agencies at zero cost to either. Revenue is generated and shared solely from offering a completely voluntary online convenience option to obtaining crash reports by authorized parties who would prefer that option over the manual effort of obtaining it. We have agreements with many insurance companies who prefer a single centralized location for obtaining all report copies across the entire state.

DHSMV Launches FIRES Dispatch!

Welcome to the first edition of FIRES Dispatch, a monthly newsletter designed to keep our state law enforcement partners up to date on the Florida Integrated Report Exchange System. The goal of FIRES is to improve the efficiency and accuracy of crash report data collection and dissemination. All services offered by our partner, Appriss, are provided at no cost and are designed to assist your agency with the collection of crash data, the timely submission of reports, and to provide tools to help with the analysis of data collected. FIRES also provides opportunity for each local law enforcement agency to share in the revenues generated by the sale of accident reports through our e-commerce site, www.buycrash.com. Future editions of the FIRES Dispatch will focus on providing our partners with information on the project including tools available, statistics, and tips on making FIRES the most efficient, effective, and profitable state crash repository in the country!

FIRES MONTHLY STATISTICS

	<u>Total Reports</u>	<u>Total Timely</u>	<u>Timeliness %</u>
MAY 2013	51,215	30,355	59%
JUNE 2013	48,498	29,084	60%

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June Top Ten Agencies

Each month we list the top ten agencies based on timeliness and report sales. These agencies have set up internal processes that ensure that reports are electronically submitted and procedures are in place that promote the use of the buycrash.com convenience option to obtain reports. This quarter's leaders are:

Palm Bay PD	Key West PD
Coral Springs PD	Lake County Sheriff
Hillsborough County Sheriff	Mount Dora PD
Leesburg PD	Winter Gardens PD
Lauderhill PD	FHP Troop G

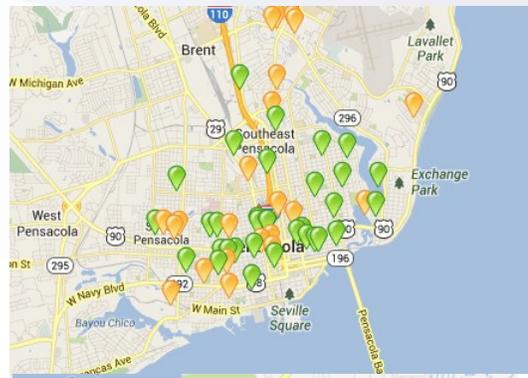
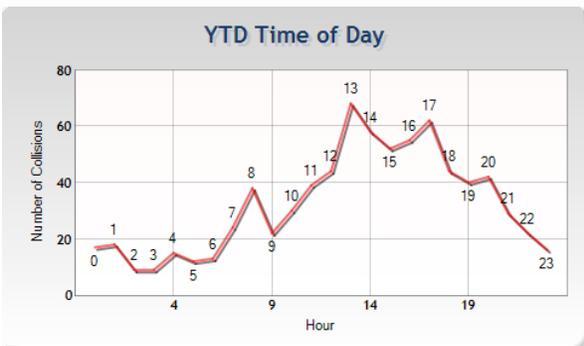
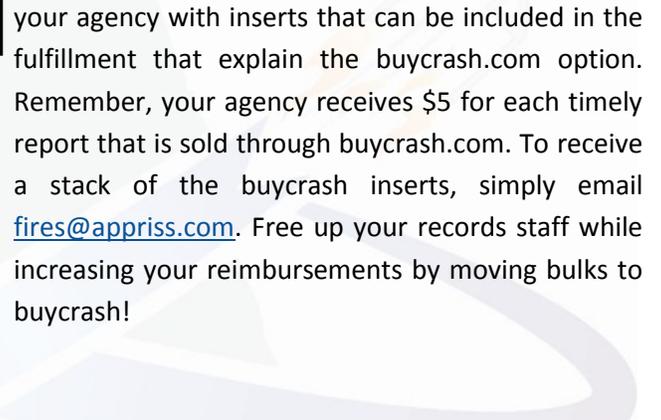
Bulk Report Requests Strain Resources

Nearly all agencies have to deal with bulk requests for crash reports, and most of these requests are either from insurance companies or commercial entities who resell the reports for profit. Some agencies are suggesting that these entities use buycrash.com to get reports, which is an easier, more convenient method. In fact, Appriss has agreements with nearly 40 insurance companies whereby they can make bulk purchases online. Appriss can provide your agency with inserts that can be included in the fulfillment that explain the buycrash.com option. Remember, your agency receives \$5 for each timely report that is sold through buycrash.com. To receive a stack of the buycrash inserts, simply email fires@appriss.com. Free up your records staff while increasing your reimbursements by moving bulks to buycrash!



Your Agency's Crash Data at your Fingertips with the FIRES Portal

Nearly 1,000 law enforcement personnel in the state are active users of the FIRES portal (firesportal.com), a secure website that provides instant access to their agency's accident reports that have been submitted to DHSMV. In addition, users can run ad-hoc queries on their data or select from a list of established reports with the click of a button. Want a list of accidents that occurred involving teenagers between 7Pm and 9Pm? The FIRES portal can provide that data instantly and can also map the locations of the crashes. If you would like to have access to the FIRES Portal, simply email fires@appriss.com and they will get you set up quickly.



Collisions Totals: Property 42, Injury 34, Fatality 0



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