# TRANSPORTATION INCIDENT VISUALIZATION COMPANION GUIDE

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## Introduction

EMS responds to more than 1.5M motor vehicle crash-related injuries annually. Federal and state entities rely on motor vehicle crash incident data to identify problem areas for improvement within their communities and along the roadway systems, which they use to request funding to impact overall transportation safety. Often crash data reporting is delayed, making it challenging to analyze and garner timely insights. The Transportation Incident Visualization will offer a systemic approach with near real-time data, giving users the ability to swiftly identify areas of safety vulnerabilities. Analyzing motor vehicle crashes, understanding why they happen, and what can be done to prevent them from happening is the intelligence gained. Working together, we will help all parties involved use the dashboards to look at transportation insights from a historic and predictive perspective.

## **Inclusion Criteria**

This data set represents patients who were suspected of being involved in a motor vehicle or transportation emergency event attended by an EMS clinician. This dataset includes the following inclusion and exclusion criteria. For details on each data element, its code, and range of values, please see the NEMSIS Version 3.4 and 3.5 Data Dictionary found at: <a href="DEM/EMS Data Dictionary">DEM/EMS Data Dictionary</a>. Additional descriptions of these values are available in this NEMSIS v3 <a href="Extended Data Definitions">Extended Data Definitions</a> document. Please see ICD-10 Data for more information on diagnosis and procedure codes.

The primary criteria below will be used to capture suspected EMS incidents related to transportation and traffic incidents, and motor vehicle crashes involving vehicle occupants, motorcyclists, pedal cyclists, pedestrians, and other road users. Further refined criteria are used to build specific dashboards, topics, and charts.

# **Patient Care Reports WHERE:**

(1 item from blue box) OR (1 item from a green box AND 1 item from any of the grey boxes)

elnjury.01 (Cause of injury) is at least one V00-V89

#### OR

eDispatch.01(Dispatch Reason) = 2301069(Traffic/Transportation Incident)

eScene.09(Incident Location Type) = Y92.4(street, highway and other paved roadways)

eDispatch.03(EMD Card number) starts with "29 (Traffic/Transportation Accident



#### AND

Primary Provider Impression or Secondary Provider Impression is at least one T79 T07-T32, S00-S99

#### OR

eSituation.02 (Possible Injury) = "Yes"

#### OR

eProtocols.01(Protocols used) is at least one

9914077(Injury-Amputation)

9914083(Injury-Bleeding/Hemorrhage)

9914085(Injury-Burns-Thermal)

9914087(Injury-Cardiac Arrest)

9914089(Injury-Crush Syndrome)

9914093(Injury- Drowning/Near Drowning)

9914095(Injury-Electrical Injuries), 9914097(Injury-Extremity)

9914099(Injury-Eye)

9914101(Injury-Head), 9914103(Injury-Impaled Object)

9914105(Injury-Multisystem),9914107(Injury-Spinal Cord)

9914205(Injury-Facial Trauma)

9914207(Injury-General Trauma Management)

9914213(Injury-Topical Chemical Burn)

#### OR

eArrest.02 (Cardiac Etiology = "3002015")

#### OR

eOther.02 (Potential System of Care/Specialty/Registry Patient) **is at least one** 4501017(Trauma) 4502019(Traumatic Brain Injury)

#### OR

eVitals.33 (Revised Trauma Score) is not NULL

## OR

eInjury.04(Trauma Triage Criteria) **is at least one** 2904001(Auto v. Pedestrian/Bicyclist Thrown, Run Over, or > 20 MPH Impact)

2904007(Crash Death in Same Passenger Compartment)

2904009(Crash Ejection (partial or complete) from automobile)

2904011(Crash Intrusion, including roof: > 12 in. occupant site; > 18 in. any site)

2904013(Crash Vehicle Telemetry Data (AACN) Consistent with High Risk of Injury)

2904015(Motorcycle Crash > 20 MPH)

2904029(Auto Crash: Child (age 0-9 years) unrestrained or in unsecured child safety seat

2904035(Rider separated from transport vehicle with significant impact (e.g., motorcycle, ATV, horse, etc.)

## OR

eInjury.05(Main Area of the Vehicle Impacted by the Collision) is not Null

#### OR

eInjury.06(Location of Patient in Vehicle) is not Null



#### OR

eInjury.07(Use of Occupant Safety Equipment) is at least one 2907001(Child booster seat)
2907007(Infant Car Seat Forward Facing)
2907009(Infant Car Seat Rear Facing)
2907027(Shoulder and Lap Belt Used)
2907029(Lap Belt Only Used)

## OR

eInjury.08(Airbag Deployment) is not Null

## **Dashboard Views**

• **EMS Activations:** These data represent all EMS activations that may have responded to an motor vehicle incident.

**Example:** A unit responded and began treating a patient, a second unit responded and took over care of patient. Both ePCR records will be accounted for in this section of the dashboard.

• **Patient Incidents:** These events are based on a deduplication process that will only show one ePCR per patient (see below for deduplication process).

**Example:** One unit responded and began treating a patient, a second unit responded and took over care of patient. Only one complete ePCR record for that patient will be accounted for in this section of the dashboard.

# **Deduplication Process**

Duplicate records have been removed when possible. The rates represented include individual and unique incidents. Duplicate ePCRs are excluded by including only reports for the following element values. These values were selected to limit motor-vehicle emergency events as closely as possible to "patient events". This is done by identifying elements that allow for the removal of duplicate records where multiple EMS units attended the same patient.

(eResponse.07 (Primary Role of the Unit) = 2207003 (Ground Transport))

#### AND

((eDisposition.12 (Incident/Patient Disposition) = 4212027 (Patient Treated, Released (AMA) **OR** 4212029 (Patient Treated, Released (per protocol) **OR** 4212035 (Patient Treated, Transported by Law Enforcement) **OR** 4212037 (Patient Treated, Transported by Private Vehicle))

## **AND**

((eScene.01 (First EMS Unit on Scene) = 9923003 (Yes) **OR** (eScene.01 (First EMS Unit on Scene) = 7701003 (Not Recorded) **AND** eDisposition.12 (Incident/Patient Disposition)= 4212031 (Patient Treated, Transferred Care to Another EMS Unit))

# **OR**

(eDisposition.27 (Unit Disposition)= 4227001 (Patient Contact Made)

# AND

(eDisposition.29 (Crew Disposition)= 4229001 (Initiated and Continued Primary Care) **OR** (eDisposition.29 (Crew Disposition)= 4229003 (Initiated Primary Care and Transferred to Another EMS Crew))



## **Data Collection and Distribution**

Data included in the MVC Transportation Incident Visualization dashboard are collected from the ImageTrend System, which is supported by the National Emergency Medical Services Information System (NEMSIS) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS). States across the nation submit EMS data to ImageTrend and is then stored in a repository. More Information about ImageTrend can be found at: <a href="https://www.imagetrend.com/">https://www.imagetrend.com/</a>

State/Territory Offices of EMS electronically submit to ImageTrend de-identified limited data from patient care reports (PCRs) that have been generated by local EMS agencies. The data visualizations do not contain protected health information (PHI) or personally identifiable information (PII).

## **Contact Info**

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