
History of TraCS

TraCS (Traffic and Criminal Software) is used by 14 other states and 1 Canadian province. TraCS was started as a computer based crash reporting system in 1994. In 1996, Iowa partnered with the Federal Highway Administration and became part of the National Model for the Statewide Application of Data Collection and management Technology to Improved Highway Safety Project. TraCS has become known as the National Model making the program what it is today.



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 **National Model**



What is TraCS?

TraCS (Traffic and Criminal Software) is the electronic reporting program that will be provided by IDOT to police agencies throughout Illinois for FREE. Acting as the official replacement for MCR, TraCS will allow for the electronic creation and submission of crash reports. This will be done using various integrated tools from the Illinois TraCS Packet.

Additionally, TraCS has the capability to integrate other standard Illinois forms such as citation, warning, tow, etc. The TraCS Illinois team will be creating a citation form for use in TraCS with the possibility of other forms to be released in the future.



National Model Steering Committee

The National Model Steering Committee is made up of individuals from 14 other states with TraCS users as well as the vendors who support and maintain the TraCS program. This group meets twice a year to discuss improvements and changes to TraCS. This allows for a larger pool of resources to contribute in making positive changes to TraCS. Illinois will be represented by our TraCS team at this meeting.



TraCS Packet

The Illinois TraCS Packet will be completely free of charge to Illinois agencies and will include:

- **TraCS Client**—The actual program that will be installed on computers. The TraCS Client will be compatible with Windows XP, Vista, and 7. It will also work with any version of Internet Explorer.
- **TraCS Web**—A web-based version of the TraCS Client that will be accessible from any internet-capable device. It will not require any installation and will work on non-Windows computers.
- **MACH**—The Mobile Architecture for Communications Handling is an application that works in conjunction with the TraCS client. It offers chatting between agency users, sending of mass alerts, and interactive mapping capabilities.
- **ILT**—The Incident Location Tool pinpoints crash locations and provides GPS coordinates using NAVTEQ maps.
- **IMAT**—The Incident Mapping Tool will take existing reports and integrate them into MAVTEQ maps. This will allow for better analysis of geographical areas that need attention.



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