

TRAIN-VEHICLE FATALITY INITIAL STATUTORY REVIEW

State law mandates that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) conduct a Diagnostic Study Team Review (DSTR) whenever a train-vehicle crash at a public grade crossing results in a fatality, unless specific exclusions are met:

257.667a(6) If there is a fatality resulting from a train-vehicle crash at a public railroad grade crossing, the state transportation department shall undertake a diagnostic study team review, if there has not been a diagnostic study team review at the crossing in the last 2 years. However, a diagnostic study team review is not required if the initial law enforcement investigation of the fatality indicates that the motorist's consumption of alcohol or a controlled substance or his or her disregard of an existing traffic control device conveying a "stop" message contributed to the fatality, or that the fatality was a suicide. The diagnostic review shall be conducted within 120 days after the state transportation department is made aware of the fatality. If the diagnostic study team review reaches consensus that warning device enhancements are needed, the state transportation department shall order those improvements. The cost for the improvements shall be financed consistent with the financing of similar projects by the state transportation department according to its annual prioritization of grade crossing safety improvements.

We have become aware of a fatal crash at the following crossing and believe that your agency conducted the initial investigation.

ROAD NAME	DATE OF CRASH (Possibly approximate)
RAILROAD	RAILROAD NATIONAL INVENTORY NUMBER
CITY OR VILLAGE	COUNTY

To assist in MDOT's determination of whether a DSTR is necessary, please answer the following questions based upon the initial investigation.

Yes No N/A

Did the motorist's consumption of alcohol or a controlled substance contribute to the fatality?

Did the motorist's disregard of any of the following contribute to the fatality?

- Stop sign
- Flashing-light signals
- Gates

Was the fatality a suicide?

COMMENTS

NAME/TITLE (Printed)	AGENCY
SIGNATURE	DATE

Please return the completed form and a copy of the crash report (if available) to MDOT-RailSafety@Michigan.gov or mail to MDOT Rail Safety, PO Box 30050, Lansing, Michigan 48909. Please call the office with any questions at (517) 342-4021.