COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DRIVER'S ACCIDENT REPORT



This Form is to be completed only in the event that the accident was not investigated by a policy agency.

The Driver's Accident Report Form is required to be completed by <u>ALL</u> drivers involved in motor vehicle traffic accidents occurring within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and involves:

- (1) injury to or death of any person; or
- (2) damage to any vehicle involved to the extent that it cannot be driven under its own power in its customary manner without further damage or hazard to the vehicle, other traffic elements, or the roadway, and therefore requires **towing**.

Section 3747(a) of <u>Title 75</u>, <u>Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes</u> of the Vehicle Code requires that if a police officer does not investigate an accident required to be investigated by section 3746 (relating to immediate notice of accident to police department), the driver of a vehicle which is in any manner involved in the accident shall, within five days of the accident, forward a written report of the accident to the department.

A Form, supplied by the Department of Transportation, has been designed for this purpose. That Form is the attached AA-600, **Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Driver's Accident Report.**

The primary objective of this Form is to obtain information which can be used to develop accident prevention and reduction programs aimed at reducing accidents and accident losses. In order for these programs to succeed, every attempt must be made to obtain the information for all items listed on the Report Form. Compliance with the following instructions will help to assure that the Report is filled out completely and accurately.

A copy of the completed Accident Report should be retained for your records. If copies are requested from the Department of Transportation, a fee of \$5.00 per copy will be required to cover our processing costs.

Please send completed Forms to the following address:

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
Bureau of Highway Safety and Traffic Engineering
P.O. Box 2047
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2047

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING DRIVER'S ACCIDENT REPORT

Use a ballpoint pen and print all required information. Fill in every block applicable. The Form is self-explanatory. However, the following guidelines should be utilized:

- 1. For the Accident Location - Be sure to indicate the name of the City, Borough, or Township where the accident occurred as well as the Street name or Highway Route Number. If the accident occurred at an intersection, identify the name of the Street or Highway Route Number of the intersecting Roadway.
 - If the accident did not occur at an Intersection, please use the nearest Cross Street, Mile Posts, or Segment Markers. Segment Markers are signs erected along the roadside. Where possible, the signs are placed at physical features such as bridges, pipes, or intersections. Mile Posts are generally erected along the roadside of Interstates. Do not use House Numbers, Utility Poles, etc. as reference points.
- 2. For the Vehicles, Drivers and Pedestrians - Copy information about drivers and vehicles directly from the official Driver's License, Vehicle Registration Card, and Proof of Financial Responsibility Card.
- 3. **Persons Involved** - Record the names and addresses of all occupants (including Drivers) in the vehicles involved and **ALL INVOLVED PEDESTRIANS** regardless of injury severity. Begin with the Driver of Unit 1, then list the other occupants of Unit 1, if any. Repeat the procedure with any other units.
- 4. Injury, Seating Position, Safety Restraints - If applicable, select the appropriate codes for all occupants and pedestrians for the type of injury incurred, seating positions of all occupants, and the type of safety device used.
- 5. Damage Area of Vehicle - Select the appropriate code for the Initial Impact Point for each vehicle involved. To indicate the impact area, use clock points as shown at the vehicle representation on the back of the report.
- 6. **Speed Limit and Travel Speed - -** Enter the speed limit of the roadway at the accident site. If the speed limit is not posted, write NP. Enter your <u>estimate</u> of the travel speed of each vehicle immediately before the accident.
- 7. For the Accident Diagram - The diagram is a visual representation of the accident location and the events that occurred. Show the movement of the vehicles, identify the roadways and be sure to include the North Arrow displayed on the back of the Report Form.
- 8. For the Narrative - Describe the actions of all involved persons and vehicles before, during and after the collision. Be as factual as possible and use the same Unit Numbers as those on the front of the Report to identify the vehicles and pedestrians. Avoid such brief narratives as "Unit 1 hit Unit 2".

IF MORE THAN TWO (2) VEHICLES ARE INVOLVED, OR ADDITIONAL SPACE IS NEEDED FOR OCCUPANTS, PLEASE USE ANOTHER FORM TO CAPTURE THE REQUIRED INFORMATION. IN THESE CASES, STAPLE REPORTS TOGETHER BEFORE SUBMISSION.

AA-600 (5-97)

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FORWARD THIS REPORT WITHIN 5 DAYS TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, BUREAU OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND TRAFFIC ENGINEERING, P.O. Box 2047, HARRISBURG, PA 17105-2047 Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, Section 3747 states: All reports are confidential, not available as trial evidence

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