WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST LACRASH USERS!
Waterproof PD
Simsboro PD
Dubach PD
Ringgold PD

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT:
Prepare your plate for tasty barbeque and Smoking Hot Data at the 2019 Traffic Records Forum in Austin, Texas.

2019 TRAFFIC RECORDS FORUM
AUG 4-7 | AUSTIN, TX

The conference, hosted by the Association of Transportation Safety Information Professionals (ATSIP), focuses on traffic records topics such as areas of operation, motor vehicle crashes, roadways, injury systems, GIS, traffic enforcement, citation/adjudication, drivers licensing, vehicle registration, Strategic Highway Safety Plans, workforce development, training, technology, data visualization, and policy development. Attendees come from diverse backgrounds including law enforcement, government offices, the private sector, and universities—anyone that works with traffic records is encouraged to attend! Registration is now open on the Traffic Records Forum website.

HSRG HIRES NEW RESEARCH ASSOCIATE
Please join us in welcoming our newest research associate, Erin Hufft. Erin began working for the HSRG in January as a member of the Data Quality department. There she examines and cleans crash data; she’s also the person you’ll speak with if you call into our office! Erin has a background in operation management, customer service and communications, and data quality. She graduated from LSU in 2018 with degrees in Psychology and Sociology.
The LATRCC is a group of safety organizations that coordinates the advancement of Traffic Records data systems to support decision making, improve traffic safety, and save lives. Through its efforts, the TRCC provides a forum for the creation, implementation, and management of a traffic safety information system that provides timely, accurate, complete, uniform, integrated, and accessible traffic safety data to the State of Louisiana.

Training Opportunities
The Louisiana Highway Safety Commission and the Traffic Records Coordinating Committee are now funding more training opportunities for law enforcement officers this year. Classes will be held between June and November; they will consist of the full Reconstruction Series and will again be hosted at the Louisiana State Police Training Academy in Baton Rouge. The Reconstruction Series, Crash Investigation I&II, Vehicle Dynamics, and Traffic Crash Reconstruction I&II, will be taught by instructors from Northwestern University’s Center for Public Safety. The application period for these trainings are due by April 30th and can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

Call for Proposals
The Louisiana Highway Safety Commission (LHSC) 2020 application period is now open and this includes funding for traffic records projects through the LATRCC. The LHSY FFY 2020 Application Instructions and Problem Identification and the Proposal Application are live on the LHSC website at: LHSC FFY 2020 Application Instructions and Problem ID and LHSC FFY 2020 Proposal Application. Applications will be accepted starting March 1, 2019 until March 29, 2019 at midnight CST. Additional guidance for requesting traffic records requests for funding can be found in the linked document from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration under the section “Program Purpose and Eligible Use of Funds.” For questions specific to traffic records proposals, please contact the TRCC coordinator, Karla Houston, at karlahouston@lsu.edu or 225-578-7507.
HSRG IN THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMUNITY

ESRI User Conference
HSRG’s GIS specialists Jeff Dickey and Bethany Campbell will once again be traveling to San Diego, CA to present their paper and map entitled “Spatial Analysis of Rural Crashes and Their Effect on Crash Severity.” They will be presenting in the “ArcGIS for Traffic Safety Analysis” session.

UMassSAFE Webinar
In February, HSRG staff members Jeff Dickey and Sara Graham presented a session at a webinar entitled “Contributing to Louisiana’s Green Reporting.” In this webinar, Sara and Jeff contributed to an ongoing series from UMassSAFE entitled “Innovative Initiatives: CDL Compliance and Safety.” The two spoke about the HSRG and how they have contributed to better commercial motor vehicle data in Louisiana. They discussed how the HSRG implemented LACRASH to assist law enforcement agencies to move from a paper crash report to electronic reporting, which dramatically improved crash report timeliness, completeness, and accuracy. They also discuss police training and technical assistance efforts to improve completeness, as well as crash location validation methods to improve crash location accuracy. The presentation is now available for viewing in its entirety on UMassSAFE’s YouTube channel.

Transportation Research Board
HSRG staff members Helmut Schneider, Cory Hutchinson, Jeff Dickey, Emily Pfetzer, David Whitchurch, and Karla Houston attended the annual Transportation Research Board meeting in January. In over 800 sessions, presentations involved highway safety, transportation design, geotechnology, security and emergencies, and international activities.

HSRG IN THE NEWS
- “Drunken driving spikes during holidays,” American Press
- “Commission: most holiday vehicle fatalities in Louisiana involve a drunk driver,” The Advocate, Baton Rouge
- “Authorities encourage residents to stay safe during New Year’s celebrations,” WBRZ.com
- “Louisiana Highway Safety Commission provides tips for motorcycle safety,” KATC.com

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Riddle Me This...

1. If you replace one letter of a famous sportswear brand, you’ll have a means of transportation. What is that vehicle?
2. What method of transportation is spelled the same way both forwards and backwards?
3. You can find roads without cars, and forests without trees. Cities exist without houses, whatever can I be?
4. Four cars come to a four way stop, and they’re all coming from different directions. They aren’t able to decide who got there first, so they all move forward at the same time. They do not crash into each other, but all four of them went. How is this possible?

Answer Key

1. bike 2. racecar 3. a map 4. they all make right hand turns

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Your Quarterly Traffic Joke

Q: What means of transportation gives you a cold?
A: A choo-choo train!

Got a good traffic safety joke? Send it to hsrg@lsu.edu and you could see your submission next time!
## TRCC TRAINING REQUEST

### TRAINING SCHEDULE

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### REGISTRATION DETAILS

First Name: 
Last Name: 
Agency: 
Position:  
Division: 
Address: 
City:  
State:  
Zip Code:  
Work Phone:  
Cell Phone:  
Fax:  
Email:  

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Signature  
Date

### SUPERVISOR APPROVAL

To be completed by the supervisor of the participant.

First Name:  
Last Name:  
Organization/Company:  
Position:  
Division:  
Work Phone:  
Cell Phone:  
Fax:  
Email:  

I hereby give my approval for the above mentioned participant to attend this training.

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Signature  
Date

*Please send completed registration forms to Karla Houston, TRCC Coordinator, via email at karlahouston@lsu.edu, by Friday, April 30, 2019.*