

BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE****MCLEAN COUNTY AREA RECONSTRUCTION TEAM (MCART)**

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PURPOSE

The mission of the MCART is to respond, when requested by a member agency, to fatal or serious personal injury traffic crashes or crashes involving entity vehicles. When a member agency experiences a traffic crash which the agency feels they need assistance with, they may request MCART assistance. The requesting agency will remain in control of the investigation and will direct the investigation as needed.

MEMBER AGENCIES

Bloomington Police Department (BPD)
McLean County Sheriff's Department (MCSD)
Normal Police Department (NPD)

TYPES OF CRASHES

The following types of crashes may be investigated by the MCART or with MCART personnel or assets. The requesting agency is responsible to ensure the investigation complies with the requesting agency's SOP.

1. Crashes with a fatality.
2. Crashes with serious personal injury which may result in death.
3. Crashes involving agency vehicles including City, Town, and County vehicles.
4. Crashes resulting from a pursuit.
5. Crashes which result in significant damage to City, Town, or County property.
6. Commercial Motor Vehicle crashes. On Commercial Motor Vehicle crashes, there may be a need to contact an ISP truck inspector.
7. Crashes where felony charges may result.
8. Other types of crashes will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the MCART coordinator.

Absent extenuating circumstances the MCART will not normally respond to train versus pedestrian events.

ACTIVATION

1. Member agencies may contact the MCART coordinator directly when assistance from the MCART is being requested.
2. Member agencies may contact METCOM (309-888-5030) to activate the MCART. The agency requesting MCART activation will provide the following:
 - a. Location of the crash

- b. Phone number contact for an on-duty super who is familiar with the crash.
 - c. A brief description of the crash and what assets they are requesting.
3. METCOM will contact the MCART coordinator or their designee to request MCART activation. The MCART coordinator will call the on duty supervisor and gather any additional information. The coordinator will contact MCART members and direct them to the scene.

The MCART members responding to the scene will be responsible to bring with them any requested equipment.

A State of Illinois certified Accident Reconstructionist will supervise the investigative activities of the MCART. If the requesting agency does not have a certified Accident Reconstructionist available to lead the investigation, the MCART coordinator will assign an Illinois State Certified Accident Reconstructionist to supervise the investigation.

REPORTS

The agency requesting MCART assistance will generally be responsible to create the initial report including the SR 1050. An agency requesting MCART assistance with an officer involved crash may request an Accident Reconstructionist from another MCART agency to write the report and oversee the investigation.

MCART personnel will document their activity while assisting at a crash scene via their agency EJS reports. The reports will then be copied into the originating agency's EJS report. This will allow for individual agency tracking of involvement.

In the event MCART is requested to initiate and complete the investigation, the Accident Reconstructionist in charge will initiate an EJS report and investigative personnel will submit their reports via EJS.

Requests to restrict access to reports will be forwarded to the initiating agency. It will be the responsibility of the supervising Accident Reconstructionist to coordinate with MCART team members to ensure clear, accurate and well written reports are submitted in a timely manner.

The agency requesting MCART assistance may request a presentation (formal or informal) regarding the status and conclusions of the MCART. Presentation requests will be forwarded to the Supervising Accident Reconstructionist who will coordinate and schedule the presentation. Agencies are encouraged to remember presentations will be limited by the status of the investigation and the sensitive nature of the information.

MEDIA

MCART personnel will not respond to media inquiries without first conferring and coordinating with the requesting agency.