

TITLE: Accident Reporting: Is There a Problem?

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PROJECT OBJECTIVE:

To evaluate the effect of nonreporting of accidents on the utility of California Department of Motor Vehicles' driver record database.

SUMMARY:

This paper reviews evidence on the magnitude of nonreporting of accidents in California. The study assesses alternatives for increasing reporting levels and also reviews historical variations in various traffic conviction and accident parameters reported in statistical studies published between 1954-1990. It is concluded that most studies have not been invalidated by nonreporting and that historical changes have been relatively negligible.

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Not applicable.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

None.