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**From:** Major Tawn Gregory -State Police- <tawn.gregory@maryland.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2019 8:39 PM  
**To:** Lewis, Robbyn Delegate  
**Cc:** Feliciani, Gabrielle  
**Subject:** Re: Follow up on race/crash data

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Ma'am,

Please find my edits inline with your information.

Thanks very much for talking with me just now, I really appreciate you taking time to do so. As best I understand it, race is currently not tracked in Maryland State Police crash database. If I captured your explanation correctly, the indicators that are captured in that database are in the process of being reviewed. For my own memory, I captured the following notes:

Every five years or so, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and others jointly and voluntarily produce the Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria guidelines (MMUCC). These guidelines were recently revised and are currently in their 5<sup>th</sup> edition. - **Correct**

At this time, the MMUCC guidelines do not include race as an indicator in crash data reporting. - **Correct**

The state of Maryland has the opportunity to review the MMUCC guidelines. This review is conducted by a partnership called the Automated Crash Reporting System (ACRES) Task Force. This partnership includes representatives from the Maryland State Police, the Maryland State Highway Administration's Highway Safety Office and the National Study Center.

**The Automated Crash Reporting System (ACRS) uses guidelines referred to as Minimum Model Uniform Crash Criteria (MMUCC) provided by National Highway Traffic Safety Association (NHTSA) and the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA). The MMUCC guideline identifies a minimum set of motor vehicle crash data elements and their attributes that States should consider collecting and including in their State crash data system, encouraging uniformity. The 5<sup>th</sup> edition of MMUCC is currently under review by the ACRS Task Force which is comprised of the Maryland Department of State Police, Highway Safety Office, State Highway Administration and the National Study Center. Upon completion of the MMUCC review, the Task Force will make a final recommendation to the Director of CRD for approval.**

The Director of the Maryland State Police's Central Record Division, Ms. Ida Williams, oversees the Task Force. She leads the decision-making process, including whether or not to add new indicators that were not recommended by the MMUCC.

You mentioned that Ms. Williams is able to accept requests for inclusion of indicators that are not included in the MMUCC, and the Task Force then decides whether or not to add those new indicators to Maryland's database.

**Director Williams does not oversee the ACRS Task Force, the request would be sent to members of the ACRS Task Force. The Task Force sends her their recommendation after review, she then reviews and makes the final determination.**

You confirmed that my original letter (attached here for reference) will be taken as a request to add race as an indicator in Maryland's crash reporting data – thanks for that! I certainly urge the Task Force to add race, as other states are doing. -- **Correct**

This Task Force, which is under your command, is expected to complete its review of the national MMUCC data guidelines in July, or thereabouts. You mentioned that you/your office will let me know around the end of August whether or not race will be included as an indicator.

**The ACRS Task Force is not under my command but personnel in my command sit on the Task Force. Sometime around the end of August I will let you know the status. Hopefully by then they will have been able to make a recommendation on the request.**

If there are any errors or omissions in my summary above, please let me know.

I look forward to hearing from you/your office around the end of August or so. Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Please let me know if you need anything further.

Thanks.

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On Mon, Jan 28, 2019 at 3:32 PM Lewis, Robbyn Delegate <[Robbyn.Lewis@house.state.md.us](mailto:Robbyn.Lewis@house.state.md.us)> wrote:

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Best,

Robbyn

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December 20, 2018

Colonel William M. Pallozzi  
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Dear Colonel Pallozzi,

It has recently come to my attention that Maryland vehicle crash reports do not include race or ethnicity data.

This matters to me because I'm very interested in understanding health disparities related to transportation.

Without this information it's more difficult to identify how crashes impact people of different races. It's also more difficult to develop specific strategies to improve their traffic safety outcomes.

I've looked at the Transportation Article 20-107 and 20-113, to understand what is required in accident reports. There's no mention of requiring race or ethnicity in the personal data collected by police.

Please write back and let me know, in your view, whether these variables could be collected with a simple directive of some kind, or whether a legislative fix might be needed.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robbyn Lewis".

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