



**Washington State Strategic Highway Safety Plan 2019: Traffic Data Systems**  
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**Challenge: In order to help us save lives and prevent injuries, Traffic Record Systems (TRS) must be able to provide uniform, timely, complete, accurate, integrated, and accessible data.**

The TRS is a collection of information about crashes, vehicles, drivers, citations, legal outcomes, and injuries in Washington. Collectively, these systems help partners determine how to reduce injuries and fatalities on our roadways.

The TRS provides Target Zero the quality data needed to:

- Diagnose the contributing factors to crashes
- Analyze the roadway system to identify locations or corridors with higher numbers of fatal and serious injury crashes compared to similar locations on the system
- Assess the effectiveness of implemented countermeasures
- Identify innovative and targeted strategies that will have the greatest effect on achieving the goal of zero fatalities and serious injuries

**Strategies and Objectives for Positive Change:**

The statewide Traffic Records Committee (TRC) was created to foster collaboration and develop projects to improve the state's traffic records system. They work to achieve this through four goals:

- Remove barriers to data sharing and integration
- Provide quality data, analysis, and tools to customers
- Sustain high levels of collaboration and acquired knowledge within the TRC
- Identify and secure targeted investments to sustain TRC initiatives

**What You Can Do:**

- Support the increase of electronic reporting of violations – see page 171
- Support training opportunities to enhance traffic safety data analysis and research skills
- Identify and secure targeted investments to sustain TRC initiatives