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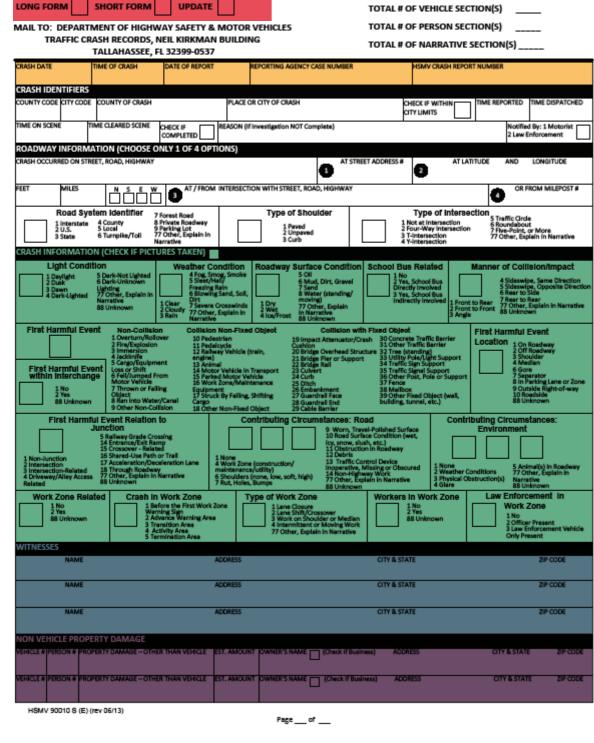
YOUR FLORIDA ACCIDENT REPORT

If you've been injured in a car accident, one of the most critical pieces of evidence for your claim will be the report prepared by the investigating police officer. Although the report itself, known as a Florida Traffic Crash Report, is not admissible in a civil trial, it still plays an important role. The insurance company will review the crash report when it evaluates your claim. If the investigating police officer is later called to testify at a deposition or trial – which may be years after the accident – he or she will likely present the information in the report. That's why it's critical that you and your attorney understand the content of the report

as well. As a free service to our users, The Law Firm of Pajcic & Pajcic has prepared this guide to reading and understanding your accident report. If you have questions about your report or notice any inaccuracies or discrepancies,

you need to discuss it with an experienced car accident lawyer. Contact us right away and bring a copy of your report to your free consultation. We'd be happy to take your call today at 888-972-5242.

EVENT SECTION



FLORIDA TRAFFIC CRASH REPORT

be used for any crash causing injury or death. Date, time and location of the crash, plus the time the investigating officer arrived.

Checkbox at top indicates

report. The long form should

long form or short form

Crash information section

lists contributing factors to

information especially if fault for the accident is disputed.

the crash – critical

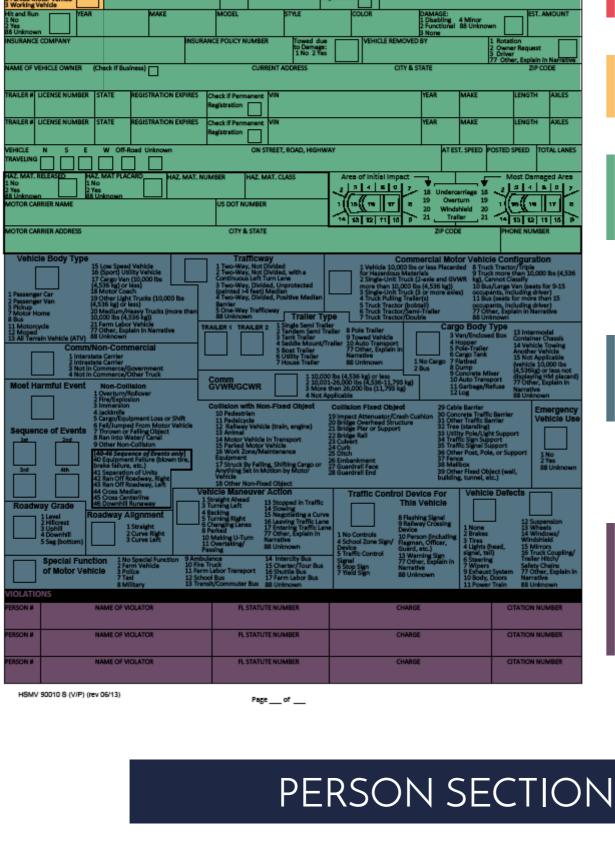
Contact information for witnesses is included here.

Any non-vehicle property damage, such as a building or guardrail, is listed here.

Each vehicle involved in the accident will have its own

section.

VEHICLE SECTION



at the time of the crash. Identifying information for the vehicle itself as well as

The top left box indicates what the vehicle was doing

contact information for the owner.

The middle section describes the vehicle itself and explains how it was involved in the accident.

The violation section

indicates whether the driver,

cyclist or pedestrian was given a citation - not a

passenger or other non-operator.

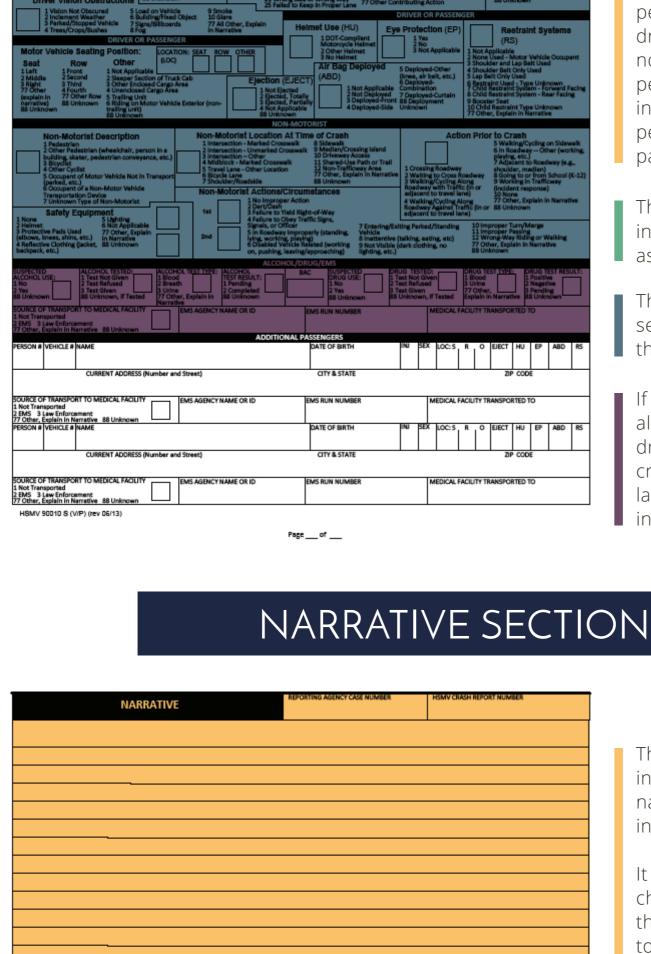
Each person involved in the crash will have his or her own section. Note that the

person number may not correspond to the vehicle number – for instance, the driver of vehicle 2 may not

Top left indicates the

person's role in the crash:

be person 2.



driver, passenger or non-motorist (e.g. pedestrian). Vehicle # indicates what vehicle the person was in (if a driver or passenger). The top section has contact information for the person as well as severity of injuries.

The officer fills out middle sections as appropriate for

the type of person.

If the officer suspects

driving, it's listed here -

critical information if you later need to make an insurance claim.

alcohol use, including drunk

This section is the investigating officer's narrative of what happened in the accident. It should be written chronologically, describing the sequence of events prior to, at, and post collision for

each involved vehicle or

The narrative should correctly use section

numbers (from the Vehicle

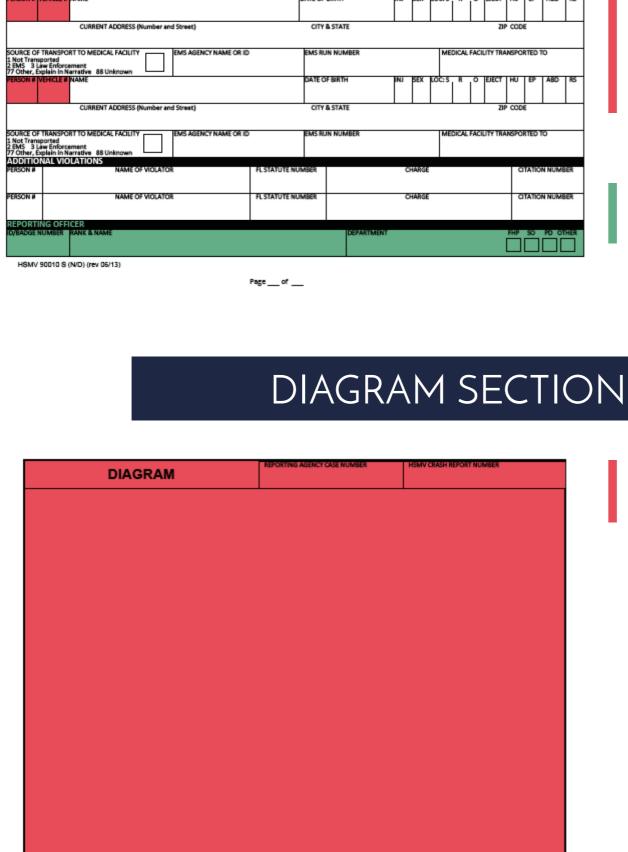
refer to specific vehicles or

and Person sections) to

non-motorist.

people.

The reporting officer's name, rank, ID and agency are listed at the bottom.



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It must include the location of the crash with road names, the width and markings on each lane and a north directional arrow. Physical evidence such as

skid marks, rust, holes or

Each vehicle's position prior

This is the investigating

officer's diagram of the

crash.

to, at and post-collision is included, up to the officer's arrival on the scene including any change if the vehicle was moved after the accident.

standing water is documented here.

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