VENDOR SPOTLIGHT: LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAFFIC SYSTEM (LETS)

TRAFFIC CRASH REPORTS MADE EASY

Program can help avoid problems down the road.

The Law Enforcement Traffic System (LETS) was developed by the Regional Justice Information System (REJIS) in conjunction with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) Division of Highway Safety to support law enforcement in the documentation and management of traffic crash reports. From the deputy on the initial scene to the submission of the report to Statewide Traffic Accident Records System (STARS), LETS will make each phase of crash reporting easier, more accurate, and faster. LETS is fully compliant with the Missouri STARS system and has built in edit checks that ensure your department's crash reports are correct and accepted by STARS. The best news? The use of LETS is free, courtesy of MoDOT.

OVERVIEW OF HOW LETS WORKS

LETS is accessed through a secure internet connection, either from the deputy's car or at the office, and will run on a Windows laptop, tablet, or desk computer. Deputies with LETS access are often able to complete the crash report on scene. They enter the operator's license and license plate numbers, and the Department of Revenue (DOR) returns the driver and vehicle information, which is automatically imported into the crash report. This reduces errors that could occur when copying information from a printout or the computer screen and is faster than copying all the information onto a piece of paper. The deputy can then electronically complete the remainder of the report, including the diagram and narrative. Once a deputy completes the report, LETS performs an edit check to confirm the information has been entered correctly. Once corrections are made, the report is ready for supervisory approval and electronic submission to STARS. No more sending reports back to the deputy for corrections or mailing hard copies to STARS only to have them returned due to errors. Sound good so far?

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT LETS

With LETS there is no need to keep hard copies and paper files of your crash reports. You can feel comfortable knowing your reports are safely stored at REJIS in a Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) compliant, Tier 2 Data Center, along with data from over 300 law enforcement and public agencies, again at no charge. Upon approval of the reports, the crash data is electronically submitted to STARS, which reduces clerical hours and costs for copying and mailing reports to STARS. The electronic storage and submission of crash reports to STARS eliminates the need for paper storage and alleviates concerns about losing reports due to water damage, fire, or other unforeseen incidents.

When you need a copy of a report, it is available 24/7. You simply view it on the computer or print a copy. A LETS data portal can support the download of information to an agency's records management system or provide secure public access to crash reports for the sale of reports online. LETS produces a printed copy of the report that can always be read — no more unreadable handwriting, messy diagrams for clerks, supervisors, or citizens. This reflects a professional and positive image of your agency to the public.

Crash data is owned by the reporting agency, and you retain control of the use of and access to the data. LETS has built-in statistical report generating capabilities that will allow you to easily generate a report for just about type of statistical information required regarding an agency's crash data. LETS can also help an agency identify problem road conditions and traffic concerns.

WHO/WHAT IS REJIS:

The REJIS Commission is a government entity formed by St. Louis City and County in the mid-1970s. It provides a wide range of Information Technology (IT) solutions and services to law enforcement and other public agencies, primarily in Missouri, Illinois, and Kansas. REJIS maintains a 24/7/365 help desk that can answer questions regarding LETS or assist you with problems you may encounter.

SUMMARY OF LETS BENEFITS:

- Funded by MoDOT, the software and updates are provided at no cost to agencies.
- Agency controls program access, authorization, and user rights/permissions.
- Agency maintains information that is specific to the agency's jurisdiction, such as commonly used insurance and towing companies.
- Agency can set report number formats and report approval protocols.
- Department of Revenue information for drivers, passengers and license plates is available through LETS, and can be auto populated into the crash report.
- LETS users can access the integrated Global Positioning System (GPS) mapping system to pinpoint crashes and seamlessly populate location data into their reports.
- Users can utilize the integrated crash diagramming to draw crash scenes and electronically attach these to their reports.
- LETS completes an "error check" for each crash report, identifying incomplete information prior to the report being finalized.
- LETS can be used to generate reports that will help the agency identify problem areas, determine the effectiveness of enforcement activities, support budget requests, and respond to citizen complaints.
- Internet connection speed is recommended to be at least 300k or greater, and Adobe Acrobat Reader 5.0 is required to view reports.

HOW TO SIGN UP:

If LETS sounds like a solution for your agency, contact the REJIS Help Desk at 314-535-9497, and they will put you in touch with one of their client services representatives who can answer questions, schedule a demo, or get you enrolled. The LETS Agency Enrollment Form is located on the REJIS website at https://www.rejis.org. Just click on the Law Enforcement button under the Our Services heading.