



## Governor's Office of Highway Safety

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To our highway safety partners in law enforcement,

Since 2005, the State of Georgia's crash reporting records repository has been managed by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Under the preexisting system inherited by GDOT, law enforcement agencies (LEAs) have submitted to GDOT paper crash reports which are then manually converted into electronic crash reports. In order to improve timeliness, accuracy and efficiency, GDOT has been working diligently over the past several years to allow LEAs to submit crash reports electronically.

In conjunction with our role in developing Georgia's fully integrated traffic records system, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) is pleased to announce GDOT is poised to receive electronic crash reports. This means LEAs producing electronic crash reports will be able to electronically submit them to GDOT.

To facilitate the management of the crash report repository and electronic submission of crash reports, GDOT has contracted with Open Portal Solutions, Inc. (OPS). OPS has a history of success in the states of Kentucky, Indiana, Washington, and Tennessee. Under this partnership, OPS will be in contact with every LEA. Prior to then, here are some highlights of this new partnership, and the benefits it can offer LEAs in the ways they generate, submit, and use crash data:

1) LEAs that do not have an electronic crash reporting can receive free software, implementation, training, and on-going technical support that will allow them to electronically capture and submit crash reports to the state. This field crash reporting application is called NE Crash. NE Crash is configured to meet all of the State of Georgia requirements for data collection and data validation.

NE Crash software will include the capabilities for bar code scanning, mapping crash locations, and an integrated drawing package (Easy Street Draw) that will allow law enforcement officials to complete reports more accurately and in a third less time than it takes to complete hand-written reports.

2) LEAs that already have electronic crash reporting systems will now have the ability to transmit crash reports to the State electronically, thereby reducing the time and resources currently involved in submitting the reports.

3) All LEAs will have free access to their own online Records Management System (RMS) via a web portal, [www.gearsportal.com](http://www.gearsportal.com), which provides them with the ability to retrieve crash reports, run queries, map crashes, and generate many different reports and extracts that are useful to them. This RMS portal is maintained by OPS.



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4) While LEAs will continue to be able to produce and submit manual crash reports, it is anticipated the benefits of migrating to NE Crash or an electronic RMS will result in all LEAs submitting crash reports electronically.

OPS is currently in the implementation and testing phase for this new system, and more information will become available in the near future. It is expected LEAs will be able to utilize NE Crash beginning March 1, 2010. This will include the ability to utilize [www.gearsportal.com](http://www.gearsportal.com) with all historical crash information available to the LEA.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please visit

[www.openportalsolutions.com](http://www.openportalsolutions.com) and the related blog at [www.noexcusesblog.com](http://www.noexcusesblog.com)

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We at GOHS hope you are excited about the progress GDOT has made to benefit LEAs and their crash reporting responsibilities. We appreciate your service to the citizens of Georgia and look forward to working with all LEAs on this project.

Sincerely,



Robert F. Dallas, Director

