Position/Policy Statement

Citation Tracking System

Traffic citation information, including all dispositions, is important in measuring highway safety problems and in evaluating countermeasures. Traffic citation information is distinct from and complementary to traffic crash information. Traffic citation files have not been commonly listed and displayed as significant modules within complete traffic records systems.

The National Safety Council recommends and encourages that traffic citation files be listed and displayed with traffic accident files to provide a more comprehensive computerized safety record-keeping system.

This position statement reflects the opinions of the National Safety Council but not necessarily those of each member organization.

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