

## FOREWORD

Started in 2002, a comprehensive, multi-year project using federal grant funds to improve the quality, timeliness, and accuracy of traffic crash data collection and processing continues into 2006. This includes encouraging and accepting the electronic collection of data, additional error checking and quality assurance, improved crash location and a modern computer infrastructure system.

The 2004 crash data collected and processed is in the second year of production using this new system. The overall quality of the data has been improved with reduced missing data rates and an increase in the frequency of known values. Analysis of yearly trends may be affected by this improvement.

The property damage reporting threshold for crashes in Michigan increased from \$400.00 to \$1000.00 on January 1, 2004. In the analysis of the data we do not have conclusive evidence that this caused a decrease in crash reporting.

In order to provide familiar data with the highest level of accuracy, the book retains the format used in the past, and we ask the reader to be attentive to all special notes.

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