# Utah Transportation and Public Safety (UTAPS) Crash Data Initiative (CDI)

Unify Crash Records and Improve Integration and Sharing



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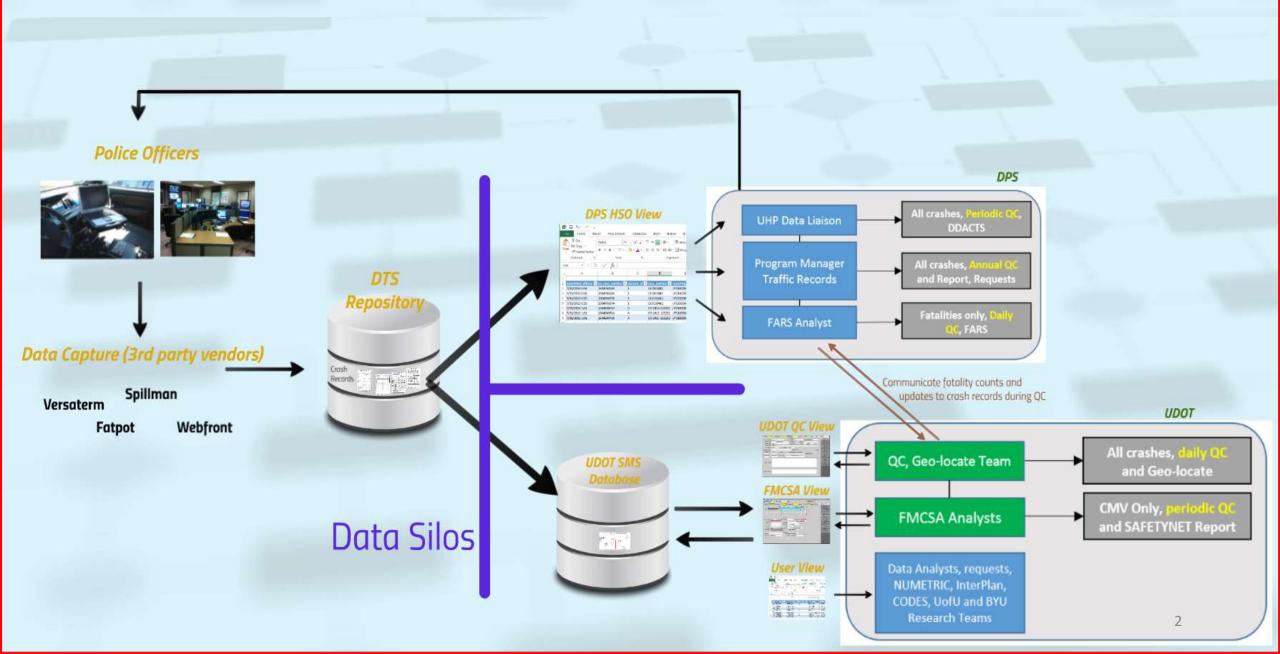
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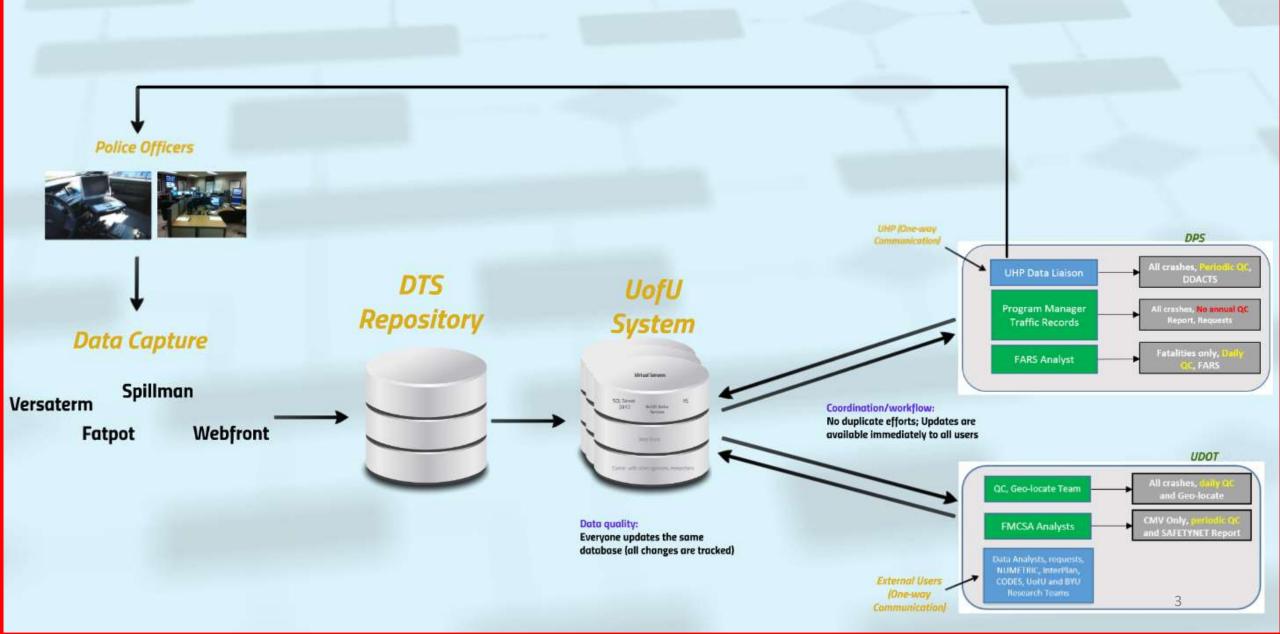


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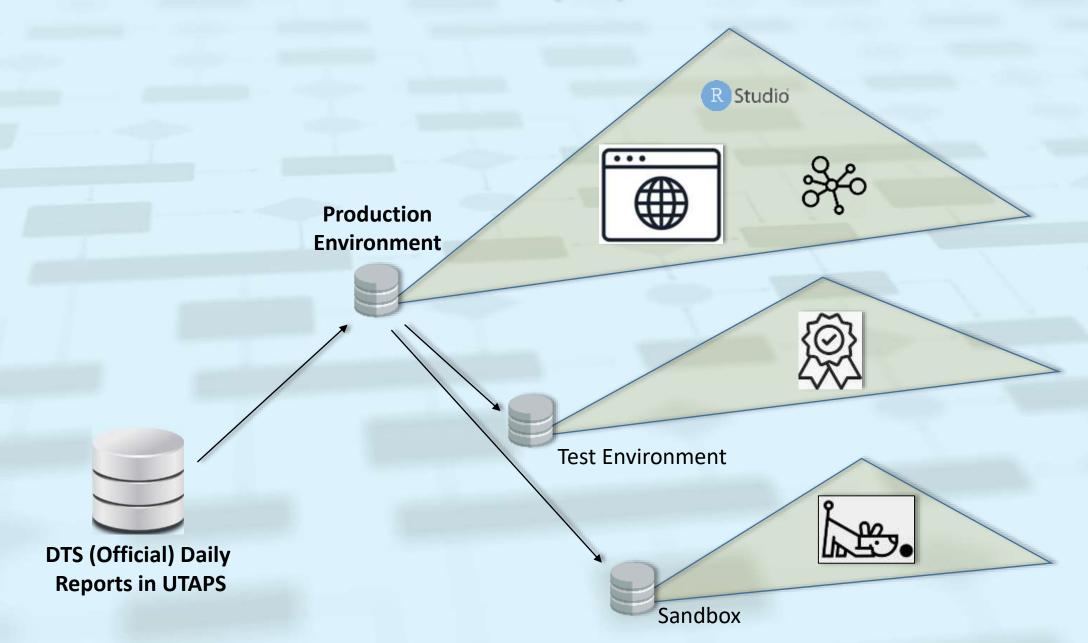
## **Pre-UTAPS Workflow**



## **Current UTAPS Workflow**



# **UTAPS Daily Operations**



# Same Sets of Outputs... Serving Many, in Many Groups

**UTAPS-CDI** 

Utah DPS Highway Safety Utah DOT Traffic and Safety

**Traffic Safety Program Management** (motorized AND non-motorized users)

**Consultants and Researchers** 

**Motor Carrier Division** 

**Utah Highway Patrol** 

**Fatal Crash Reviews** 

**Local Enforcement Agencies** 

**Public Reports and Statistics** 

CODES Research
(behavioral and demographic
Safety trends)

Roadway Safety Performance (Assets, Operations, Insurance Claims)







# Challenges

#### **Cultural Differences Between Agencies**

- What we think we need (within each agency)
- We all are (actually) trying to achieve same goal!

#### How Does Data Affect Each Agency?

- Definitions of data elements
- Implications within each agency (crash data affects many groups)

#### Perfection is not the First Step:

- Recognize initial status. Why something new?
- What is right for tomorrow? (not just today!)

# **Opportunities**

### Together we Truly are Stronger

- Influence/support each other in the future
- Resource consolidation / support each other
- UTRCC, other agencies (e.g. task force)

#### **Consistency:**

- Uniformity within and across agencies
- Opportunities to develop mutually-agreed concepts and applications

### Think Differently (and broader):

- Identify elements to help all partners
- New capabilities, flexibility for common goals







## **Lessons Learned**

## **Initial Impressions:**

If we have a system together... then we don't have to argue about it.

We need to guard our definitions and protect our versions of the data.

The new system has to have all these features...

## **Later Realizations:**

We actually work together more. Our teams are more familiar with each other.

Single data source for all stats and reporting make everyone's job easier. Coordination is simpler.

Identification of actual priorities and system features takes time and needs consistent and long efforts.







# **Moving Forward...**

UTAPS-CDI has Opened New Opportunities for **Communication** and **Research**:

### Communication using new resources:

- Internal and external dashboards
- Database connections to other systems
- Linkages from other systems into UTAPS-CDI
- Web tools to create reports and exports

## Impacts to a large set of groups:

- Utah Highway Patrol DDACTS
- Motor Carrier Division Federal Reporting
- Highway Safety programs
- Roadway Safety Programs







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## UTAPS-CDI has Opened New Opportunities for **Communication** and **Research**:

## Coordination of New Research:

- Speed management
- Impairment
- Distracted driving issues and demographics
- Enforcement resource allocation
- Close tracking of fatal and severe crashes
- Improvement in reporting

Many of these opportunities may not have happened if our teams did not understand each other...







# **Moving Forward...**

Continued coordination among agencies related to crash records and traffic/user safety.

Services continue evolving and the system is still growing... new system is ready for new technologies/applications (virtualization/web-based applications).

Long road to reach to this point... expecting a longer road exploring and exploiting benefits. Work continues with a ZERO FATALITY goal in mind.







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# Questions?

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