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**Safety Service Patrol Idea Sharing Network – Session V:** TMC Dispatch and SSP Communications







### **Autobase**

- Third-party operator of Safety Service Patrols since 2003
- Currently in six states:
  - New York
  - Maryland
  - Pennsylvania
  - Ohio
  - Florida
  - Kentucky
- Assisted in the creation of a smartphone app to report and record highway incidents to improve efficiencies
  - In use since January 2016







## **App Core Functions**

#### Data collection

- Real-time data entry system
  - Compatible with tablets and smartphones
  - Web-based admin users view current and past incidents
- Heat maps easily identify problem areas in need of coverage

#### Quality control

Records smartphones' lat/long coordinates via GPS

#### Performance metrics

- Data may be exported to Excel
- Tailoring performance metrics to operations



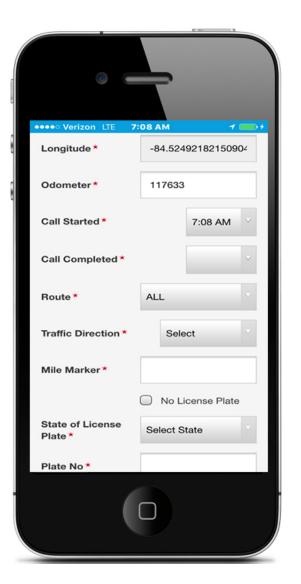




# **App Interface**

- Built-in drop down categories
  - Vehicle type and color
  - Stop type
  - Mile marker
  - License plate
  - And more...
- Comment section allows drivers to note non-routine occurrences
- Take and upload videos and photos

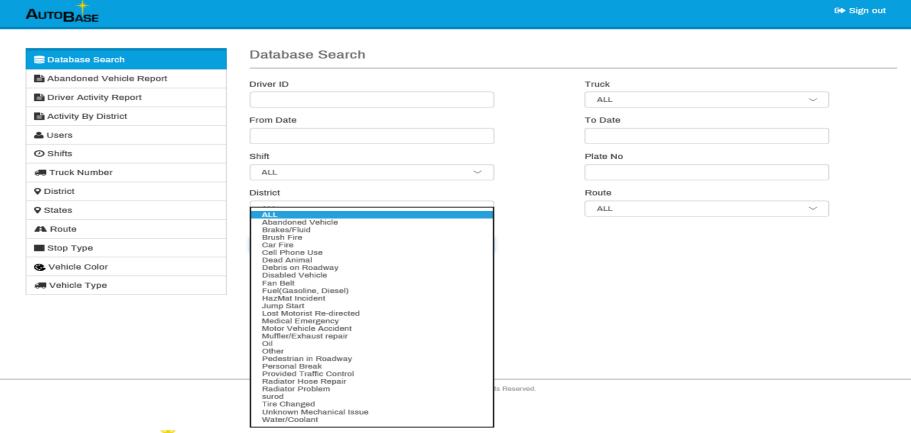








### **Admin Platform**





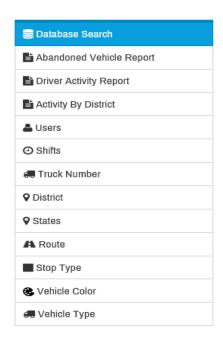




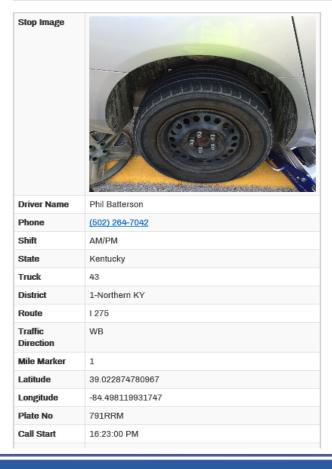
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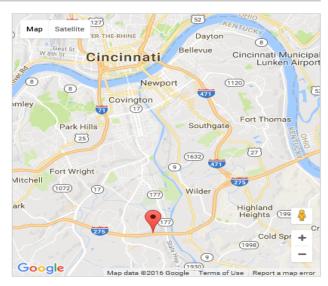




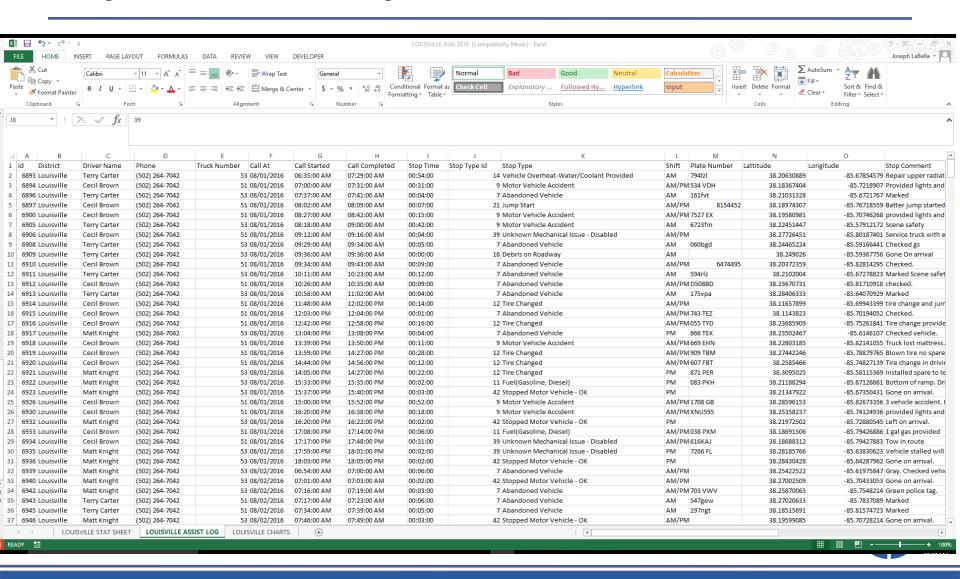


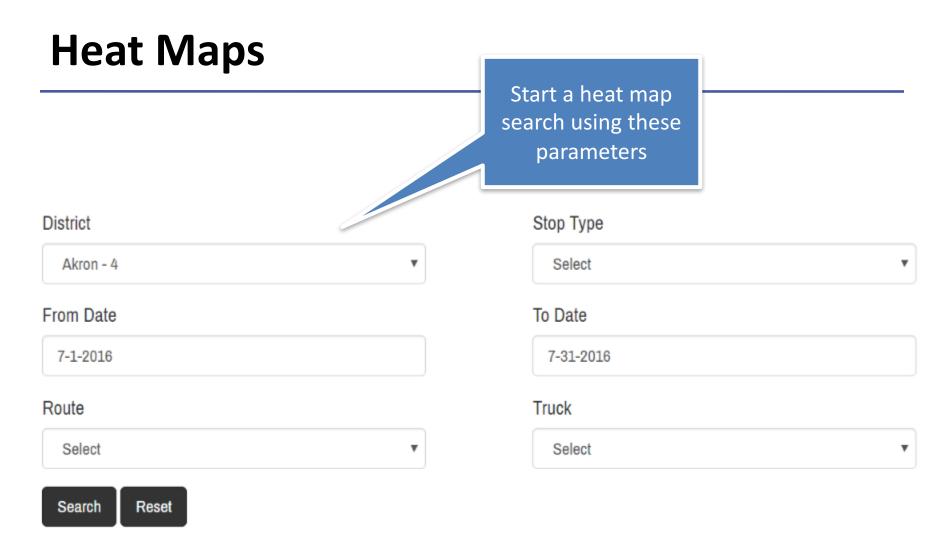
#### AutoBase Help Track





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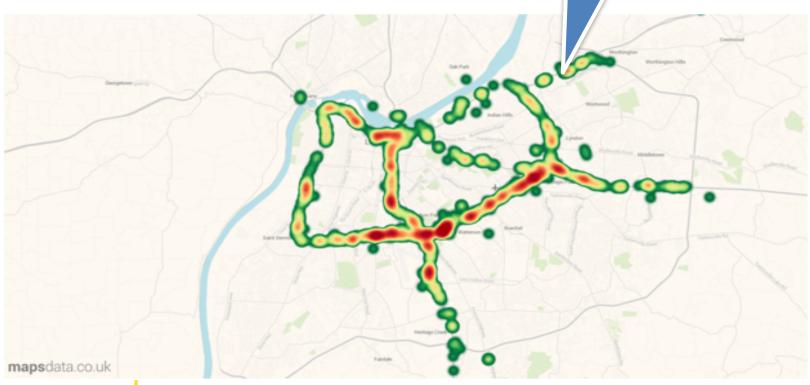




### **Heat Maps**

Heat map search result displayed

FSP Heat Map – August 2016

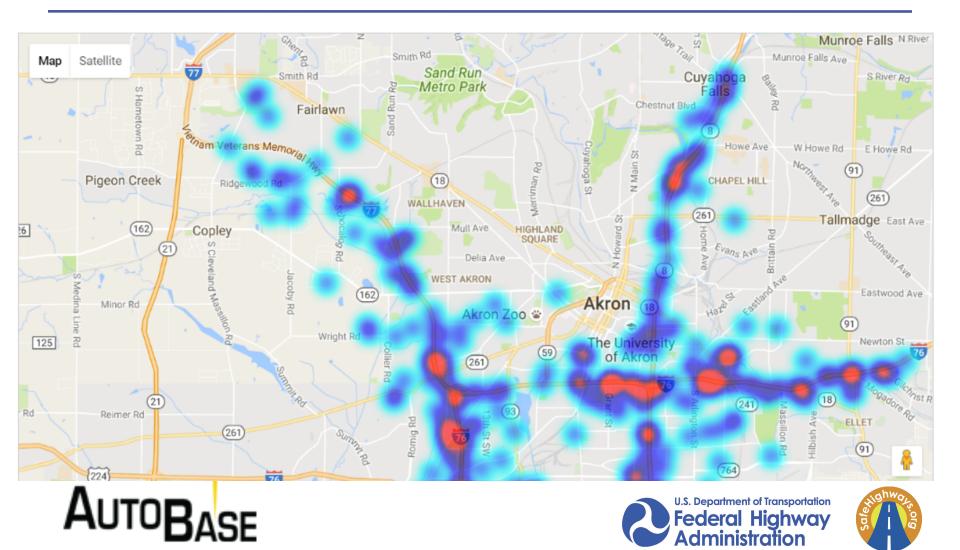




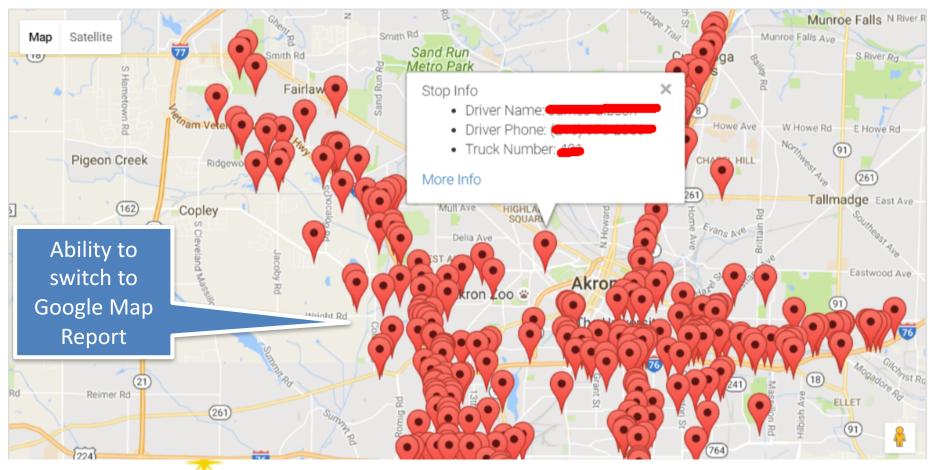




### **Heat Maps**



## **Google Maps**

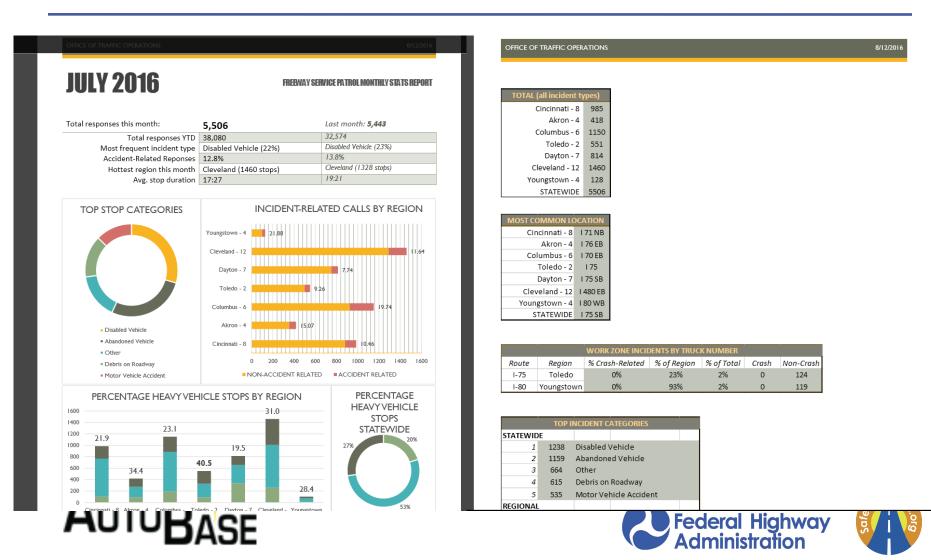




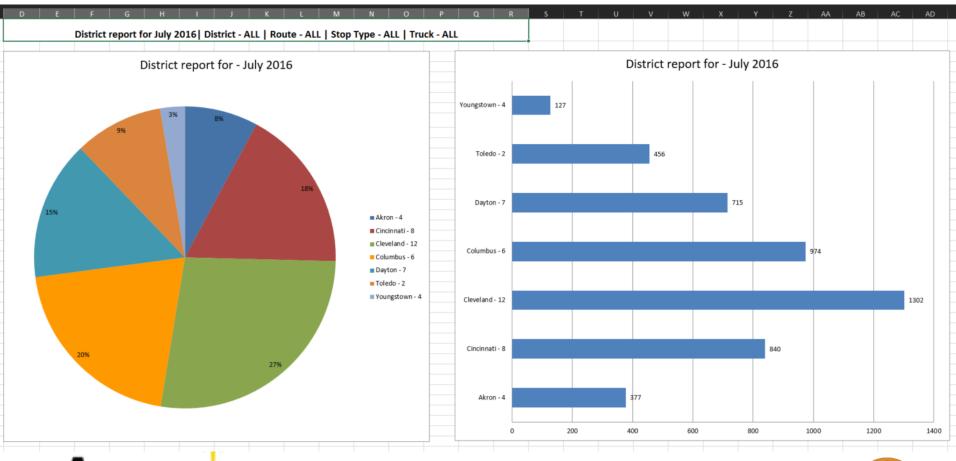




# **Sample Reports**



# Sample Reports – District Stats





### **Benefits**

- User friendly
- Reduces paperwork
- Detailed, customizable incident reports (including photos/video)
- Review recorded data in real time
- Location data keeping

- Accessible through webbased admin accounts
- Wide range of performance metrics (i.e. incident duration, total assists, assist types, etc.)
- Exportable and customizable reports







# **Challenges**

- Adverse weather causes delay in real-time data entry
- Effective use requires retraining of staff







# **Areas for Improvement**

- Different levels of administrative users
  - Currently: Single admin level allows access to reporting <u>AND</u> manipulation of app categories
  - Improvement: Limit edits to app categories to upper level admin
- Improved functionality even in rural areas
  - **Currently:** App saves information locally on device and uploads to server once a signal is obtained again
  - Improvement: Add antenna boosters to smartphones and tablets to improve cellular signal







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