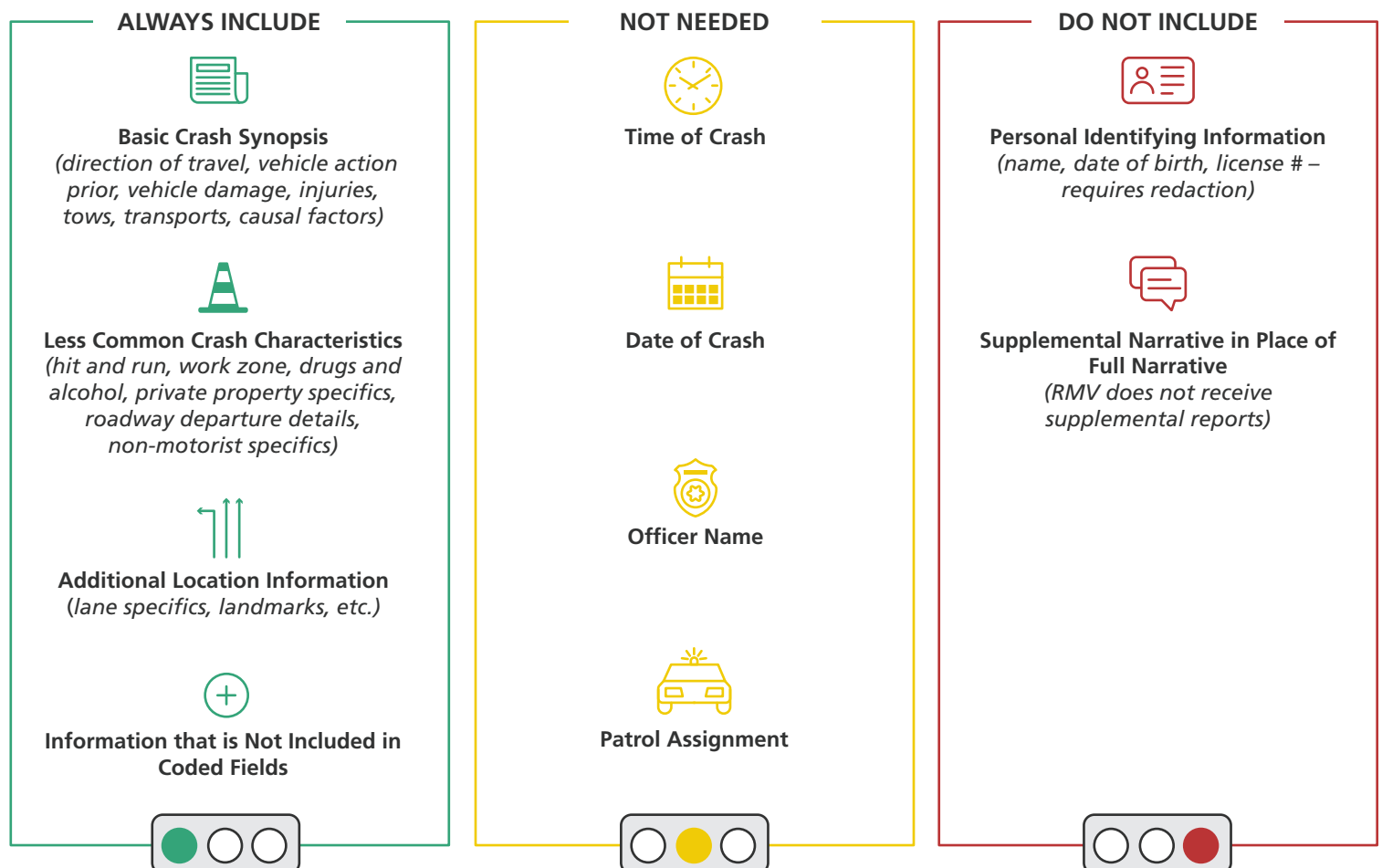


# MASSACHUSETTS CRASH REPORT NARRATIVE GUIDELINES

The crash narrative is used to describe what happened prior to, during, and after the crash. It should contain pertinent facts and information as shown in the diagram below, in order to completely describe the crash event. As nearly every crash scene is unique, the officer's description of events provides crucial information that cannot be captured in the coded fields.

These guidelines should be used for the first paragraph of the crash report narrative. However, if departmental guidelines require additional information, please include in a following paragraph.



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## SAMPLE CRASH NARRATIVE

V1 and V2 were traveling east on Bridge St in the right lane before the Jackson St intersection. Approaching the midblock crosswalk, V2 collided into the rear of V1, pushing V1 into a roadside sign. D2 said V1 stopped abruptly, and when he applied the brakes he slid on the road. Roadway conditions were icy. D1 reported a neck injury and transported by regional EMS to Mercy Hospital. V1 towed by Regency Towing. D2 reported no injuries and drove V2 away with minor front end damage.