A GUIDE TO READING YOUR KANSAS POLICE ACCIDENT REPORT

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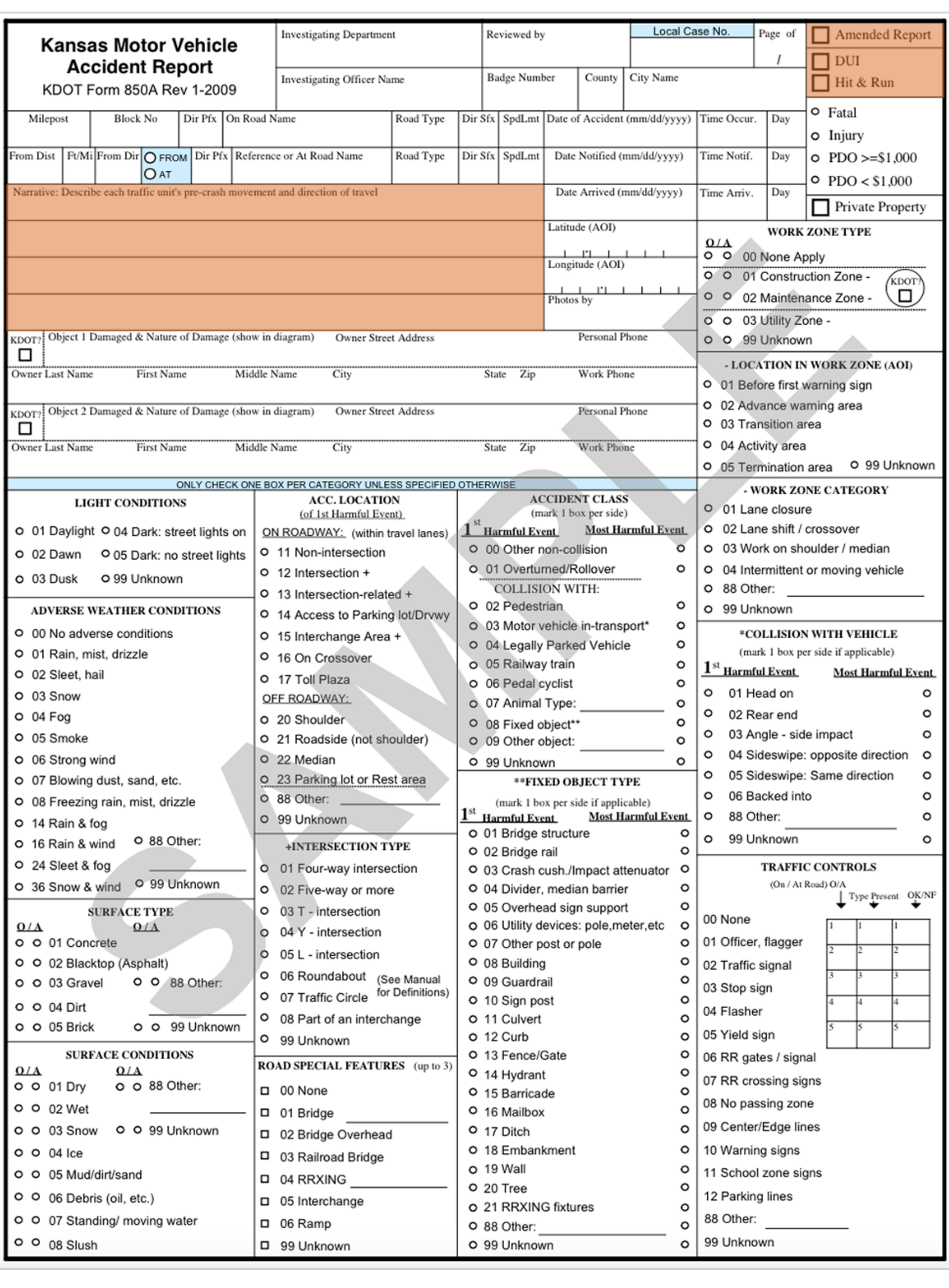

Accident Information

Page 1 contains a wealth of information about the circumstances surrounding your car accident, including weather conditions, road conditions and the location of the vehicles before the crash. In addition, officers record a **brief narrative** describing each driver's **pre-crash movement and direction of travel.** Note the check boxes in the upper right corner which **indicate whether the accident was a DUI or Hit & Run.**

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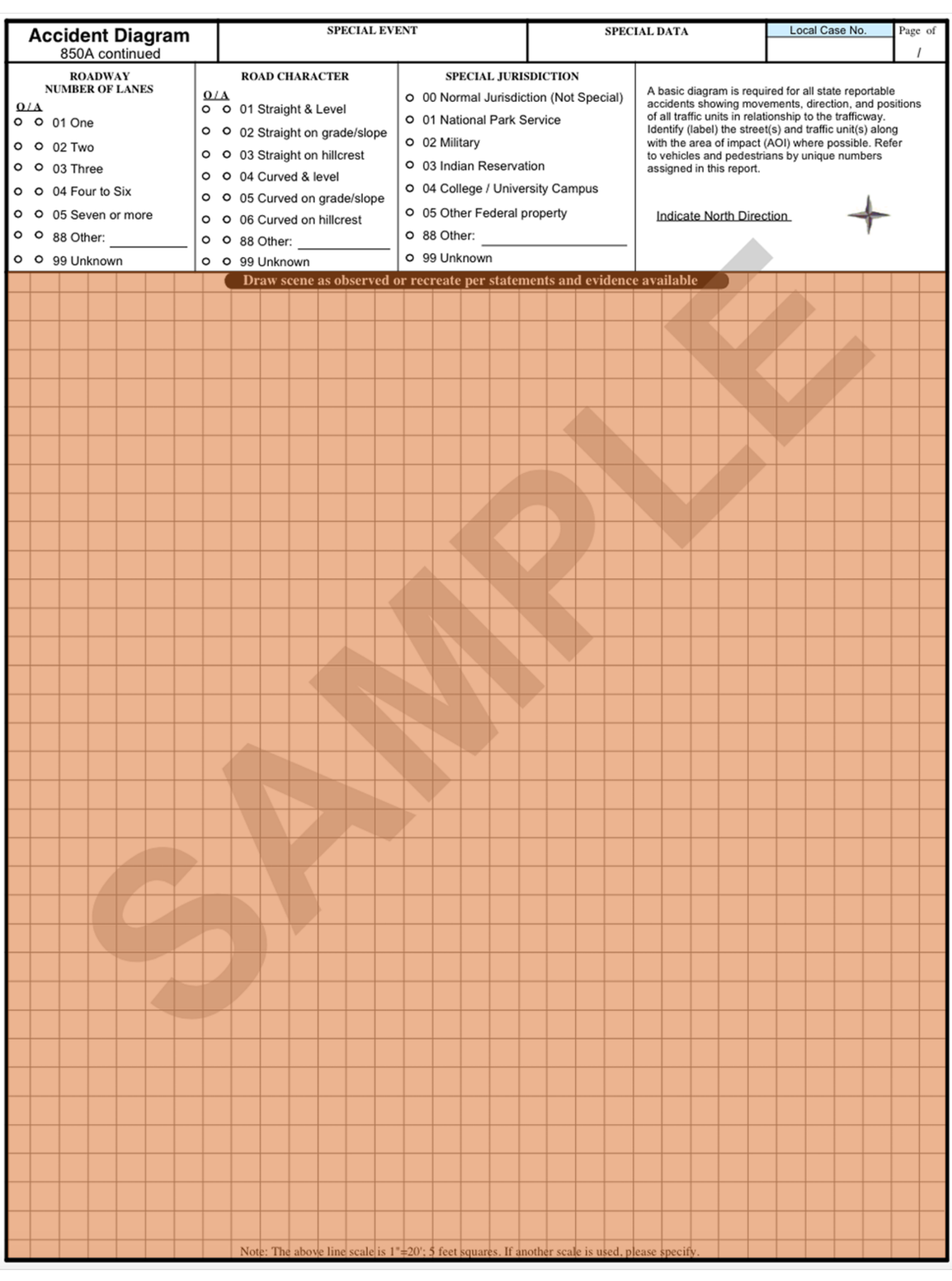

Crash Diagram

Page 2 is solely devoted to a **larger diagram** of your car accident. Carefully review the angles of the vehicles and the distances between them and other objects drawn on the page. Also pay attention to the presence or absence of skid marks shown on the diagram. If the diagram appears different from your memories of your accident or if the skid marks are not accurate, contact our law firm. We will work with you and the police to address your concerns and make sure the diagram accurately reflects what actually happened in your accident. If you are able to do so safely, consider taking pictures of the accident site or your vehicle to support your claim that something in the report is not right.

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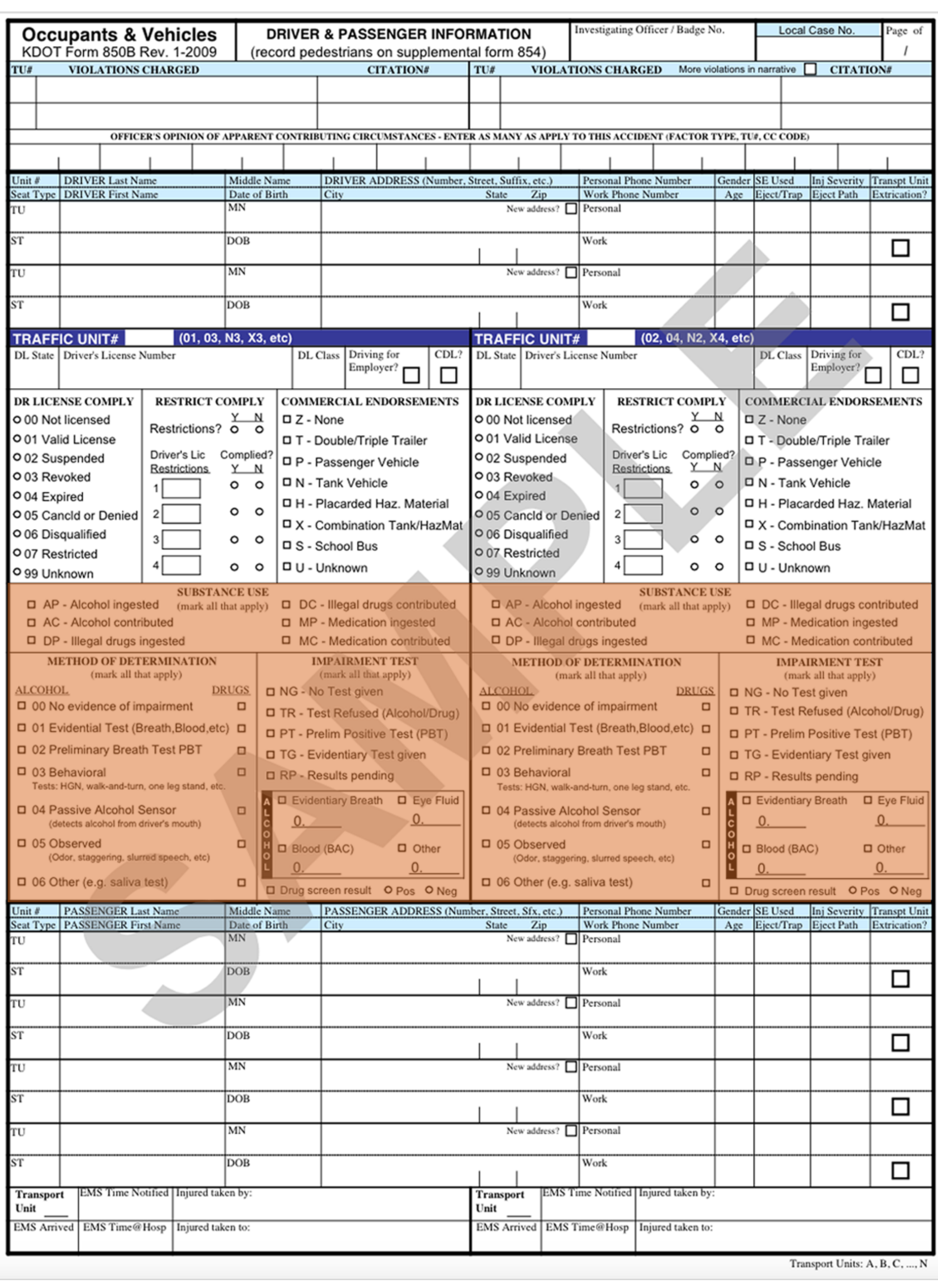

Driver & Passenger Information

Page 3 contains information about the occupants of the involved vehicles, as well as any violations or citations issued, and potential substance abuse issues. Pay particular attention to the middle of page three. There, you'll find **two sections marked "Substance Use" and "Driver/Ped Impairment Test."** Make note if the investigating officer filled out either one of these sections for the other driver involved in your accident. If so, you could be a victim of a drunk driving accident.

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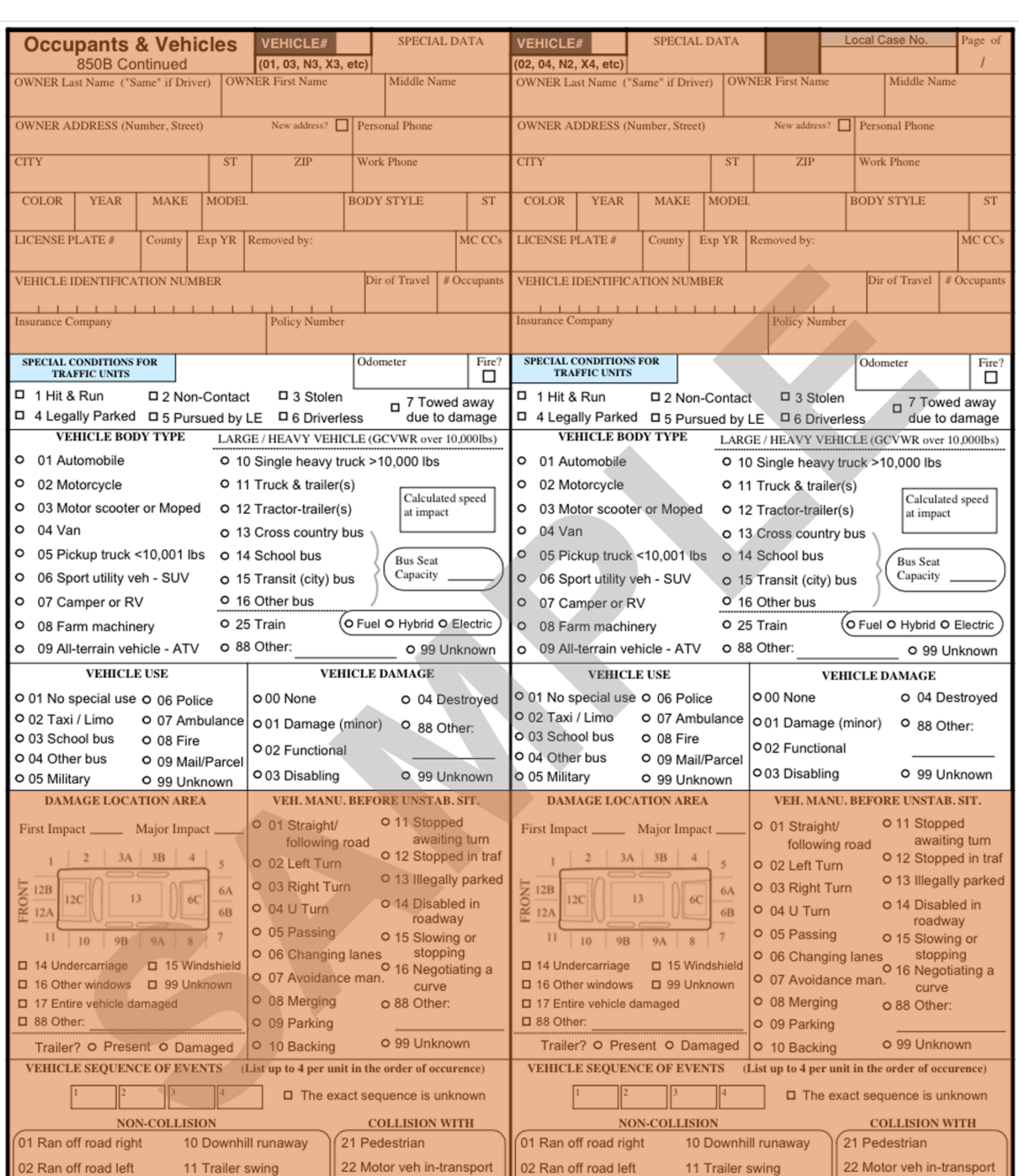

Additional Information

Page 4 contains additional information about occupants of vehicles, including **insurance information, make and model and body type.** It also has **diagrams for location of damage and impact on the vehicles.** The officer also record the sequence of events leading up to the crash.

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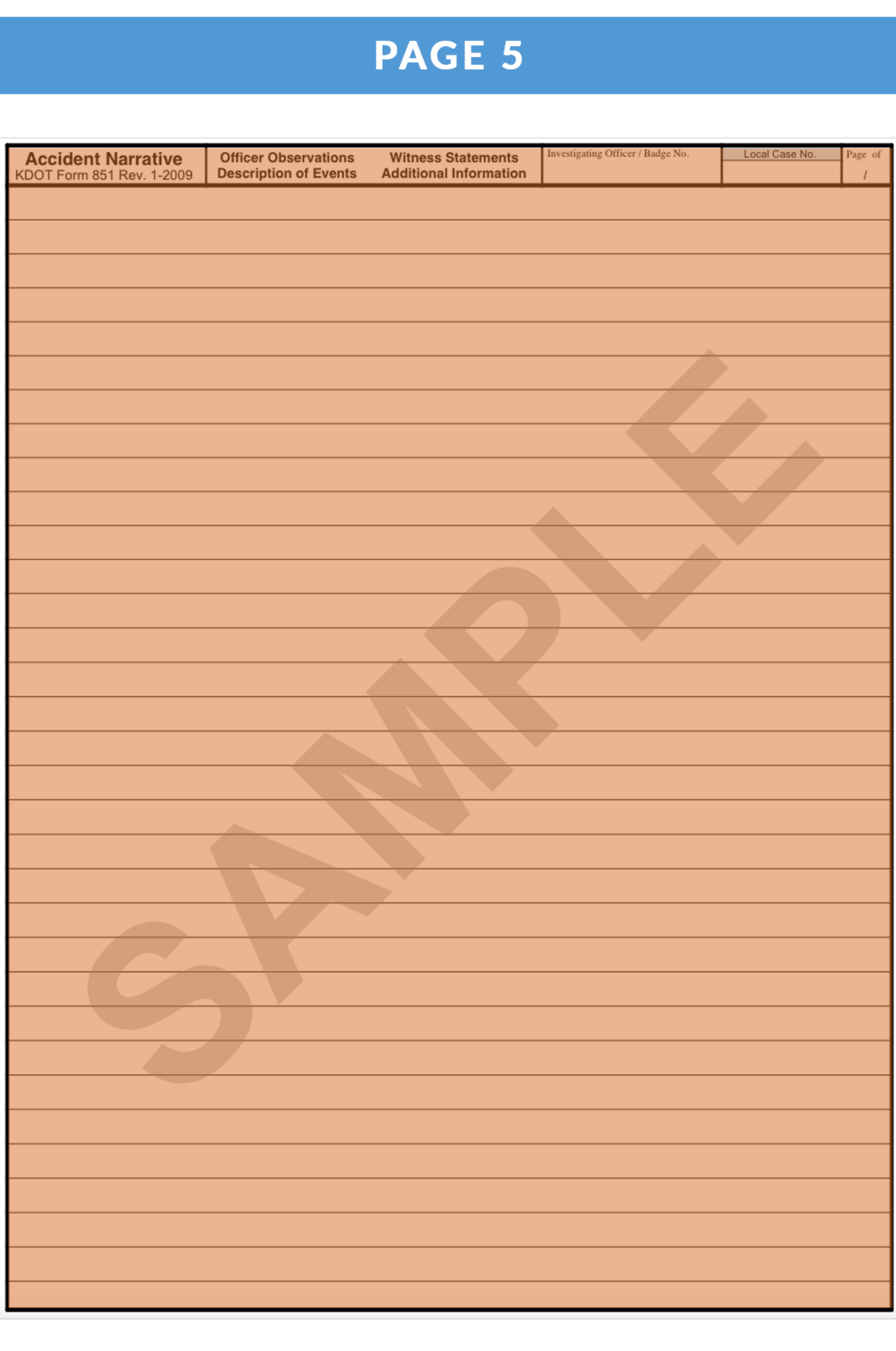

Narrative

Page 5 contains a more in-depth narrative (sometimes) written by the responding officer. Sometimes this section includes statements from drivers or occupants or statements from witnesses. Carefully review this information with your attorney.