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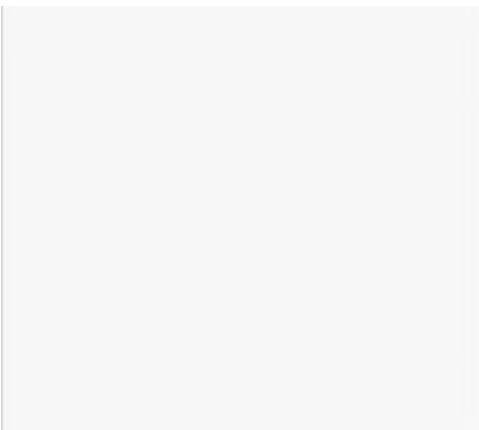
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SHARON, Mass. -- The Massachusetts State Police are using new

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technology to get traffic moving sooner after a crash.

NewsCenter 5's Pam Cross reported that the technology is called photogrammetry, where computer software uses aerial pictures of crashes to calculate how the crash occurred. The software reduces the amount of time accident reconstruction crews need to keep the roadway closed for investigations.

"We can take our measurements, create the diagram of the roadway, put the vehicles on the diagram -- all for the photographs," said Massachusetts State Police Sgt. Andrew Klane.

Photo reconstruction has been around for decades, but Klane has taken it to the skies. MassHighway funded the project because they want to keep traffic moving.

"One of our goals is to have quick clearance of traffic crashes, but not to jeopardize the quality and the accuracy of the investigations. We can fly over, take our pictures. The evidence -- the tire marks, the resting point of the vehicle, stuff like that, we mark on the ground with paint. We take four or five photographs and open the road," Klane said.

The software's animation of the crash can be used in court.

"It's very accurate and an accepted technology in court," Klane said.

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