

Attached is a survey that has been requested by a member newspaper. We hope the results will be of use to you.

Let us know if there is a topic at your newspaper that you would like to have discussed via a TDNA survey.

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TDNA SURVEY:

HANDLING DIGITAL ACCIDENT PHOTOS

Has your newsroom changed its practices for destroying, or giving access to, accident photos since switching from film to electronic images?

This is an information-sharing survey for Texas daily newspapers. The results will be sent to all who participate and will be available to anyone else who wants this information.

Please check all answers that apply, and add any pertinent comments

YESTERDAY – film and prints:

What did you do with prints and film of photos taken at the scene of an accident after they were published (or not) in your newspaper?

- automatically destroyed _____
- archived for _____ (period of time)
- no consistent policy, depended on _____
- other: _____

What was the reason(s) for your policy?

- insufficient storage space _____
- to avoid nuisance subpoenas from insurance companies, lawyers and others
- to comply with subpoenas from insurance companies, lawyers, and others
- for resale income _____

Did you often, or ever, experience problems related to your newspaper's handling of accident photos? (Such as subpoenas for photos as evidence in court cases stemming from an accident, claims of invasion of privacy, or other complaints.) Explain.

TODAY - digital photography:

What do you do with digital accident photos now?

- automatically destroyed _____
- archived for _____ (period of time)
- no consistent policy, depends on _____
- other: _____

What is the reason(s) for your current policy?

- insufficient storage space _____
- to avoid nuisance subpoenas from insurance companies, lawyers and others
- to comply with subpoenas from insurance companies, lawyers, and others
- for resale income _____

Did you often, or ever, experience problems related to your newspaper's handling of accident photos? (Such as subpoenas for photos as evidence in court cases stemming from an accident, claims of invasion of privacy, or other complaints.) Explain.

Your data:

newspaper name: _____

circulation size: _____

person providing data: _____

title: _____

email address: _____

(or) if you prefer to receive survey results by fax,

fax number: _____

Additional comments or clarification: