

# Damage to State Property (DSP) - INDOT

*Transforming a Process: From  
"Among the Worst" to "Among the Best"*

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# Improving INDOT's DSP Recovery of Costs

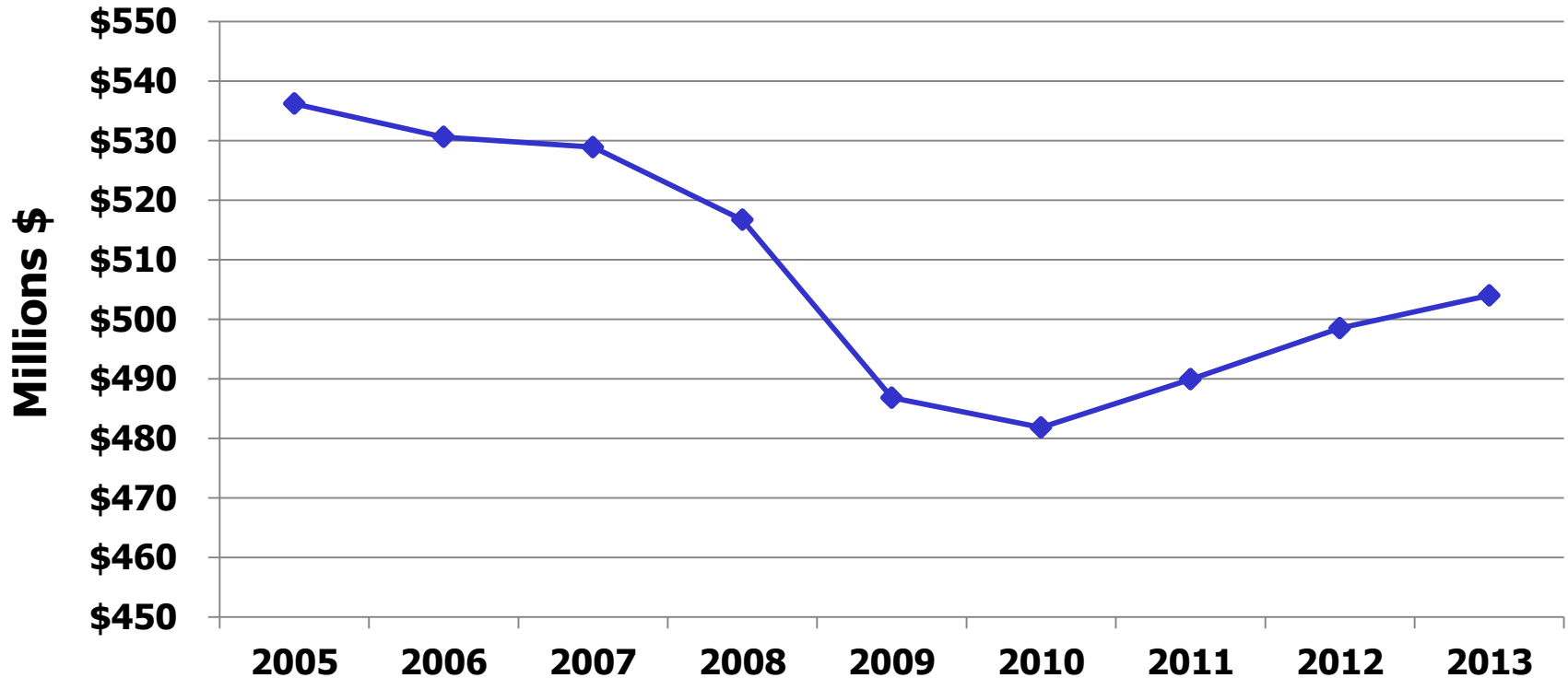
## Awards & Recognition

- ❑ *Governor's Leadership Award*
- ❑ *AASHTO President's Award*
- ❑ *USA Today*
- ❑ *Chicago Tribune*
- ❑ *Indianapolis Business Journal*



# State Highway Fund Revenue

Revenue Since FY 2005



**The Precipitous Decline in State Revenue Drove the Urgency for INDOT to Improve its DSP Process**



# DSP : Creating Awareness

- Early Summer 2010
- Research Study Conducted by Purdue University
- Delivered a Well-Researched and Defined Problem Statement
- INDOT's DSP Performance was Horrible
- No Champion, No Process Owner Existed
- Early Estimates Pegged Opportunity at \$1-2 MM Annually



# DSP: What's the Fix?

- Assigning Resources – District and Central Office
- Naming a Functional Owner – Statewide
  - Adding FTE's Administrators at Each District
- Developing Software – “Damage-Wise”
- Partnering/Training with Law Enforcement
- Understanding “IT's OUR (INDOT) MONEY”!
- Focus on Speed – From Crash to Billing (DAYS)
- Measure Results
- Collect from Insurers



# Steps to a Successful Damage Recovery Process

1. Crash
2. Field Observation
3. Crash Report Query (Identify “Bill To” )
4. Prepare M54 (Documenting ALL Costs)
5. Send to Central Office
6. Invoice
7. Collection

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# Law Enforcement Participation Starts the Process

**Time to Crash Assessment can be Infinite if DSP  
Checkbox on Crash Report is Left Blank**

**INDIANA OFFICER'S STANDARD CRASH REPORT**  
Electronic Version

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**Area Information**

**DSP Indicator** ☐

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**DSP Indicator  
Left "Blank"**

**Total Estimate of all damage in the Crash:**  
\$5001 TO \$10000

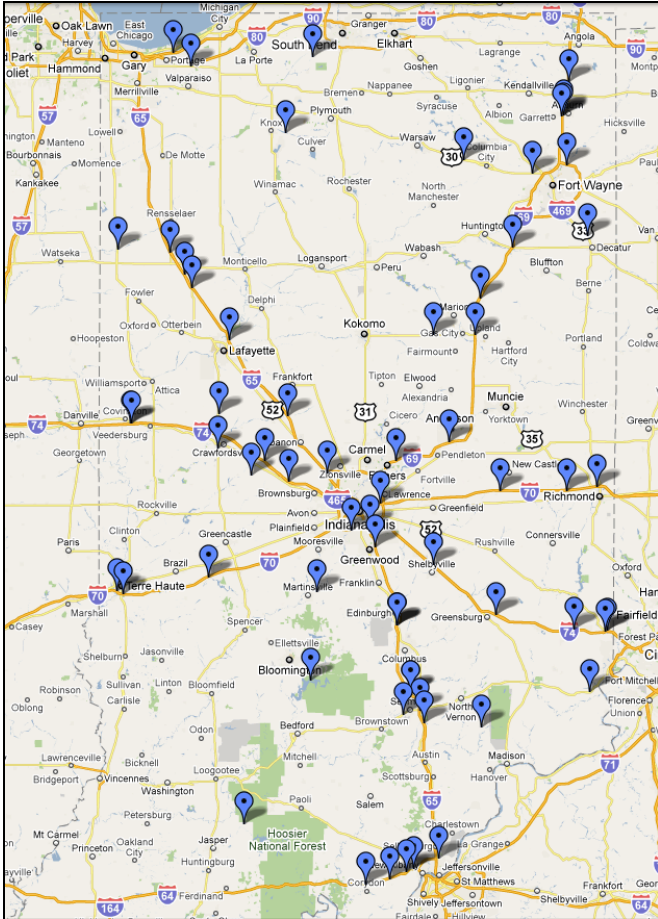
Other Property Damage (1)	State Property
Other Property Damage (2)	State Property

**Checkbox Represents the Primary Trigger for a Crash Assessment**



# Law Enforcement and the Crash Report

Blank DSP is Consequential:  
(None of these had DSP box checked)



INDOT District	Crash Sites	Repair Estimate
Crawfordsville	14	\$23,946
LaPorte	5	\$6,092
Fort Wayne	11	\$13,532
Greenfield	8	\$12,114
Seymour	21	\$23,770
Vincennes	0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>\$79,454</b>

Law Enforcement Support is Crucial!





# Benchmarking Other State DOT's was Critical

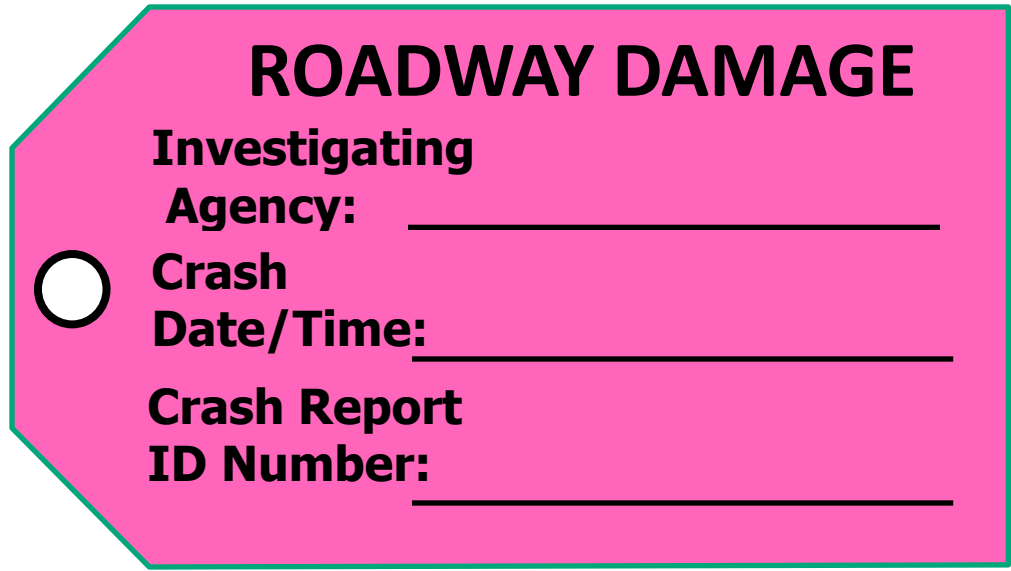
- Purdue's Research Conducted (2) Surveys in 2010
  - Participation was Surprisingly Good
- Key Takeaways:
  - Tagging System
  - Application of "Fully – Loaded" Costs
  - Process-Driven Results



# Implement a Law Enforcement Tagging System



North Carolina's Tag

A pink, rectangular tag with a hole at the top. The word "ROADWAY DAMAGE" is printed in large, bold, black letters. Below it, the following fields are listed: "Investigating Agency:", "Crash Date/Time:", "Crash Report ID Number:", and "Crash Report ID Number:". Each field has a line for handwritten entry.

INDOT Tag

**BENEFIT:** Attributes a greater number of crash reports to DSP; less debate by insurers



# DamageWise – Damage Bags



Roadway Damage Tags

\$10.12

# Overhead & Admin Fees

<u>STATE</u>	<u>OH%</u>
Nebraska	72%
Hawaii	65%
Indiana	38%
Kansas	30%
Michigan	29%
Ohio	15%
Louisiana	10%
South Dakota	9%
Texas	3 to 6%
Wisconsin	4%

*Source: Webinar / State Survey*





# Claims Must Reflect All Costs





# DamageWise – Custom Written Application

## What did we do?

- ☐ Systemized the Process with DamageWise
  - Written Internally by INDOT
- ☐ Worked with Law Enforcement to Deploy the Roadway Damage Tags and Educate on the Importance of the “Damaged State Property” checkbox on the Crash Report
- ☐ Organizational Shifts to Create Ownership of the Process
- ☐ Cost Enhancements – Updated Standards and Established an Overhead Rate
- ☐ New Metrics to Measure Progress and Encourage Process Improvements
- ☐ Re-focused Efforts on Collections – Much More Aggressive



# DamageWise – Numerous Handoffs



Police  
Officer



District Administration



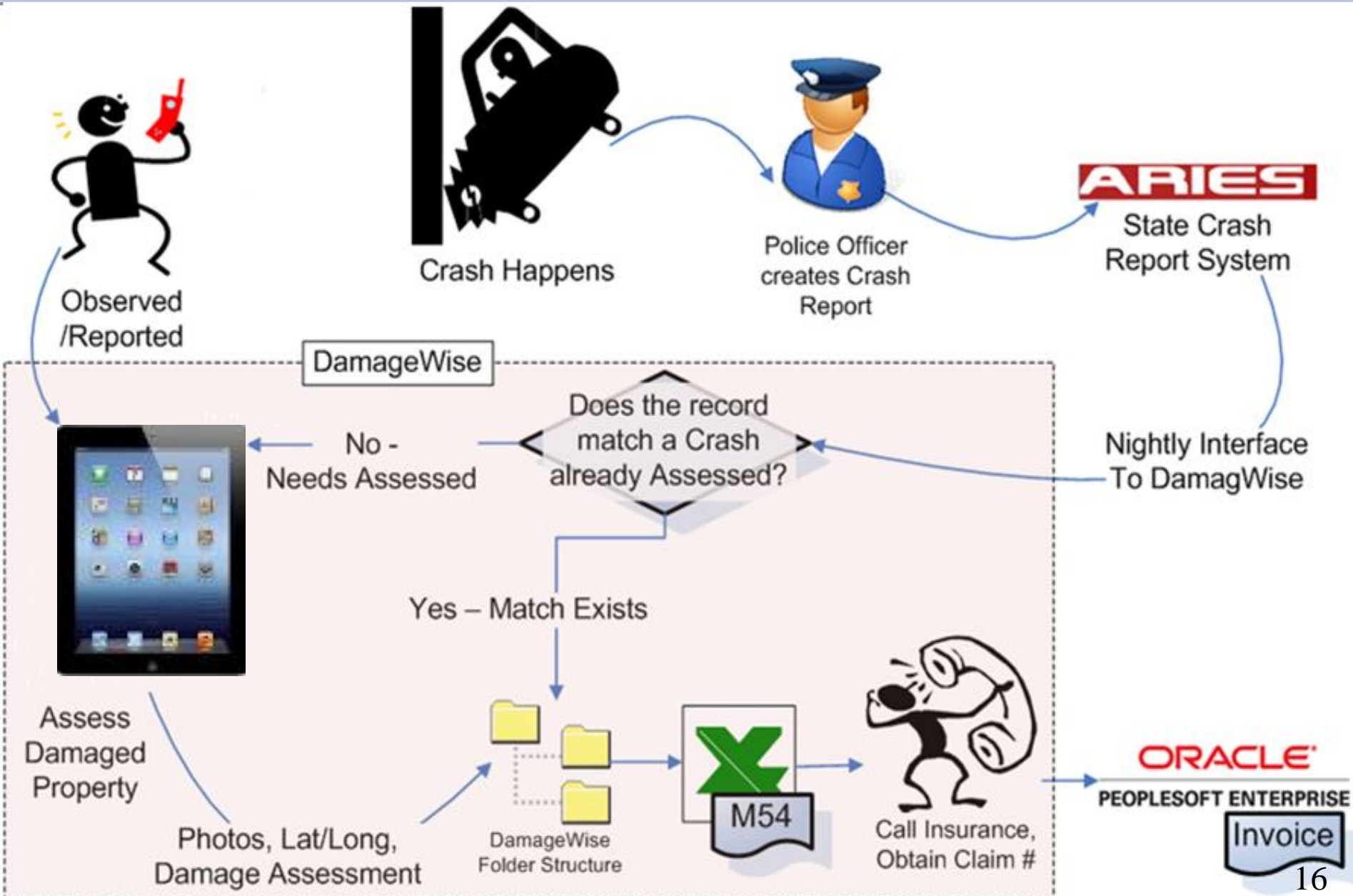
Crash Assessor



Accounts Receivables/Collections



# DamageWise - Workflow



# DamageWise - Notification

How does INDOT become aware of damaged property?

## Intelligence Gathering Means

- 1) Police Reports (Aries)
- 2) Employee Drive-by or Crash Site Assistance
- 3) Citizen Notification
- 4) Insurance Companies





# DamageWise – Apple iPads





# DamageWise – Pictures



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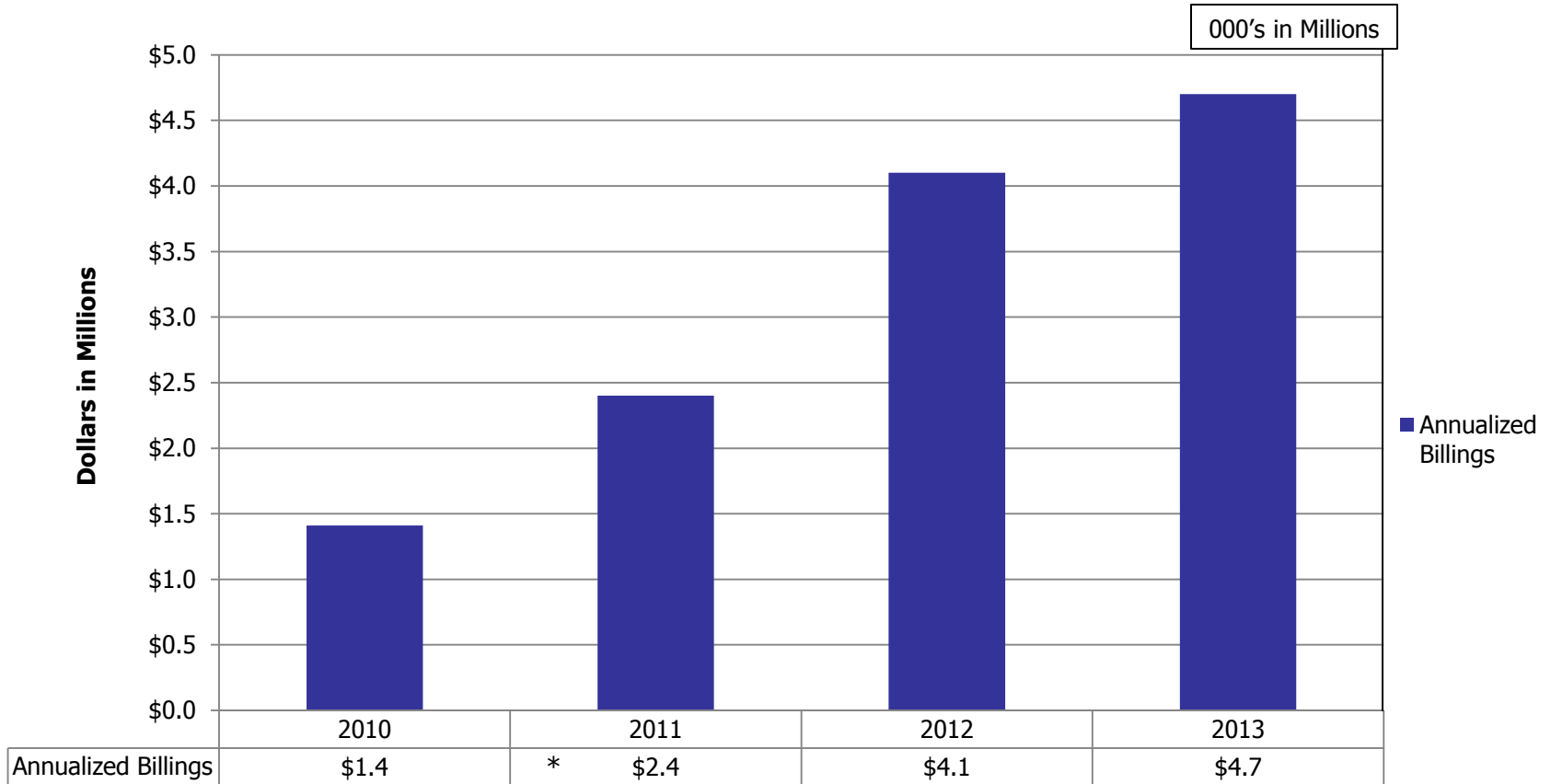
# DamageWise – General Stats

	2013	2010
How many Roadway Damage bags have been distributed to law enforcement?	2,141	0
How many crashes have been reported on INDOT Roads during the year?	59,288	59,456
How many crashes have been billed?	3,421	1,357
How many iPads are in action?	96	0



# Damage to State Property

## Annualized Billings



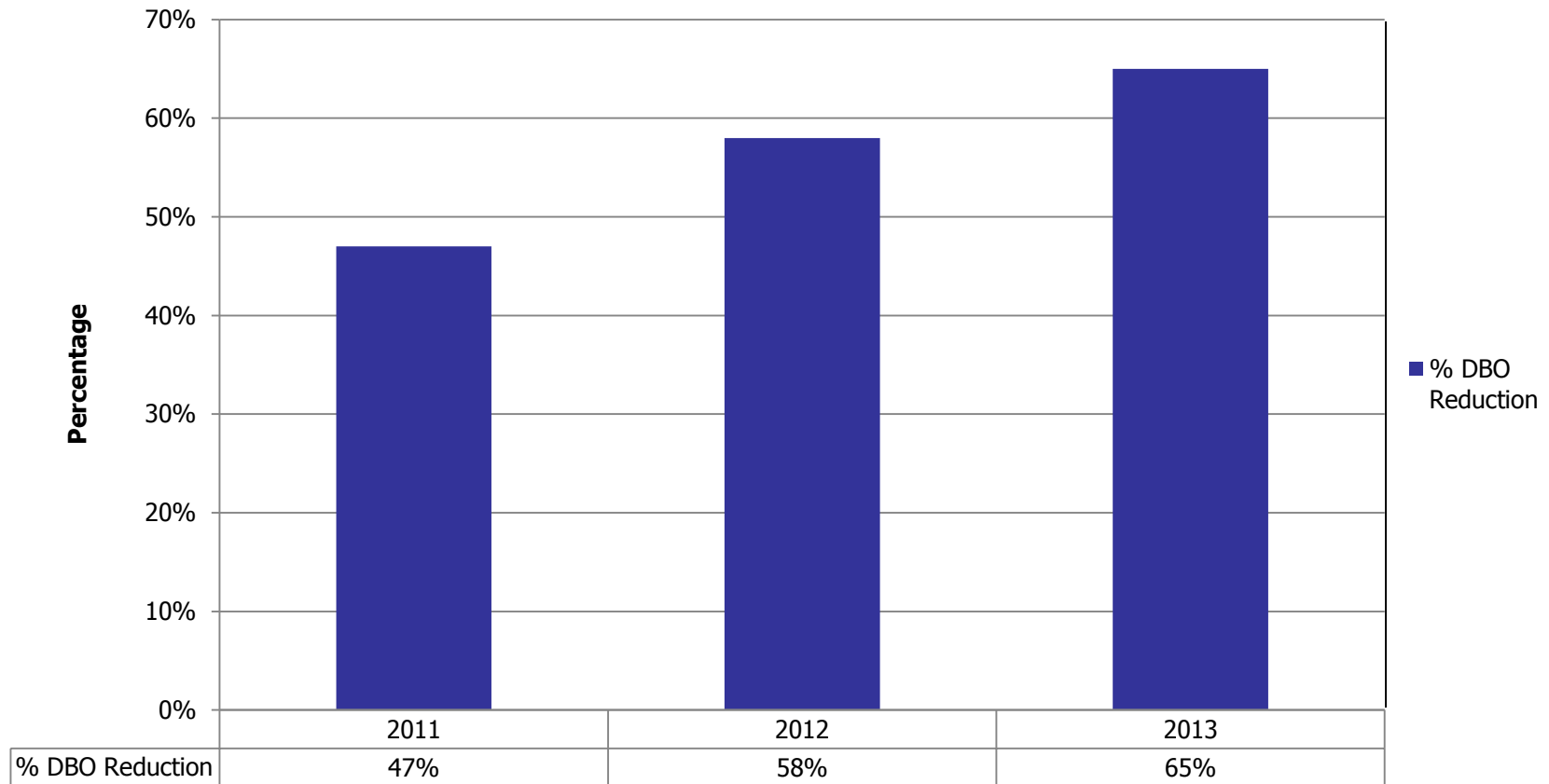
**In FY13, INDOT Projects Annualized Billings to Exceed FY10 by 290%, and FY11 by 170%  
Thereby Improving Resources Returned to the State by Over \$2.3 Million Annually.**

\* Does not include extraordinary \$1.3mm in DSP coming from INDOT's Traffic Management Center.



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## % DBO Reduction

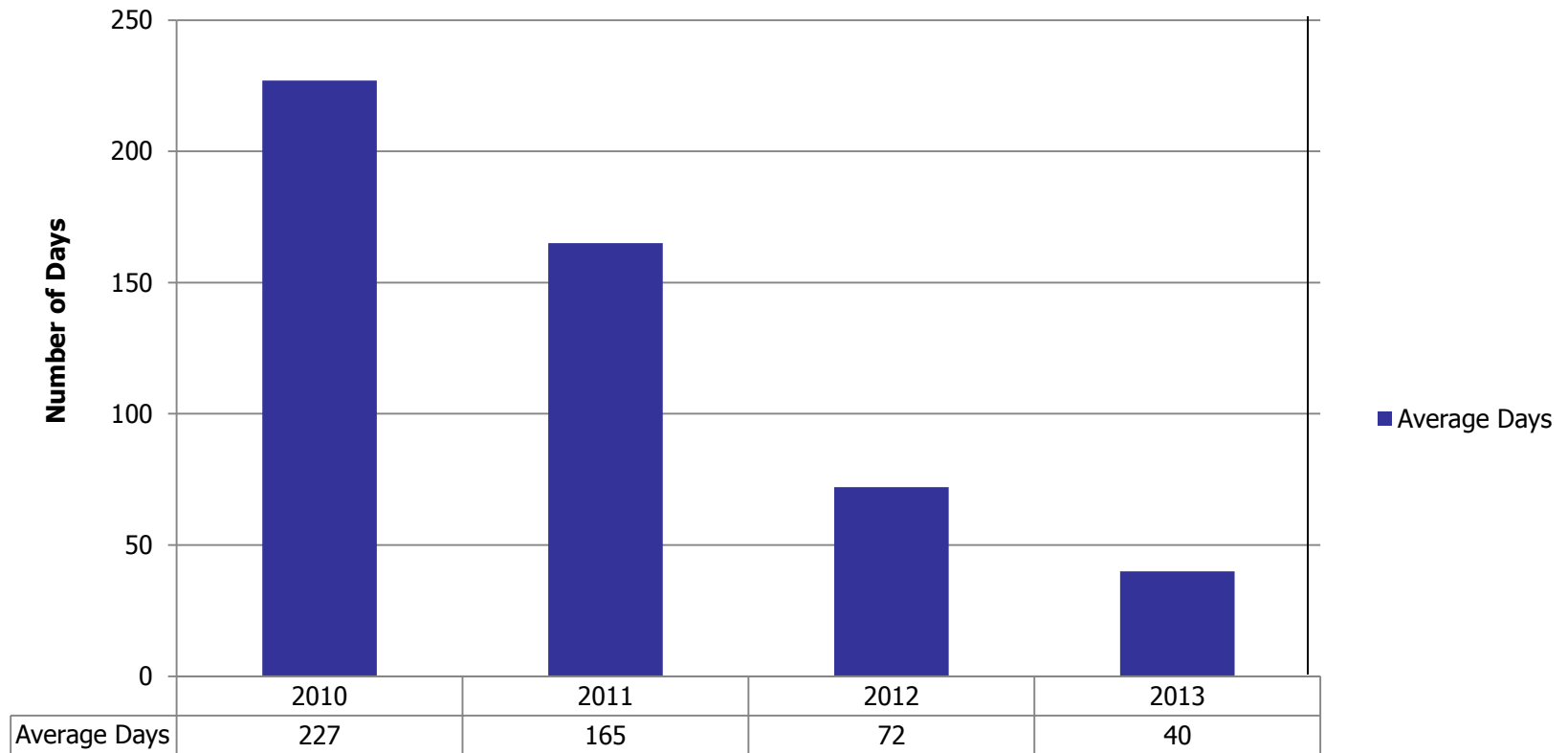


**Using 2010 as the Baseline, INDOT Reduced DBO by 47% in FY11, 58% in FY12 and 65% in FY13.**



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## Crash to Billing - Days to Execute



**Using DamageWise, INDOT Effectively Reduced the Number of Days From a Crash Event to Billing by 82% Compared to FY10, 76% Compared to FY11, and 44% compared to FY12.**

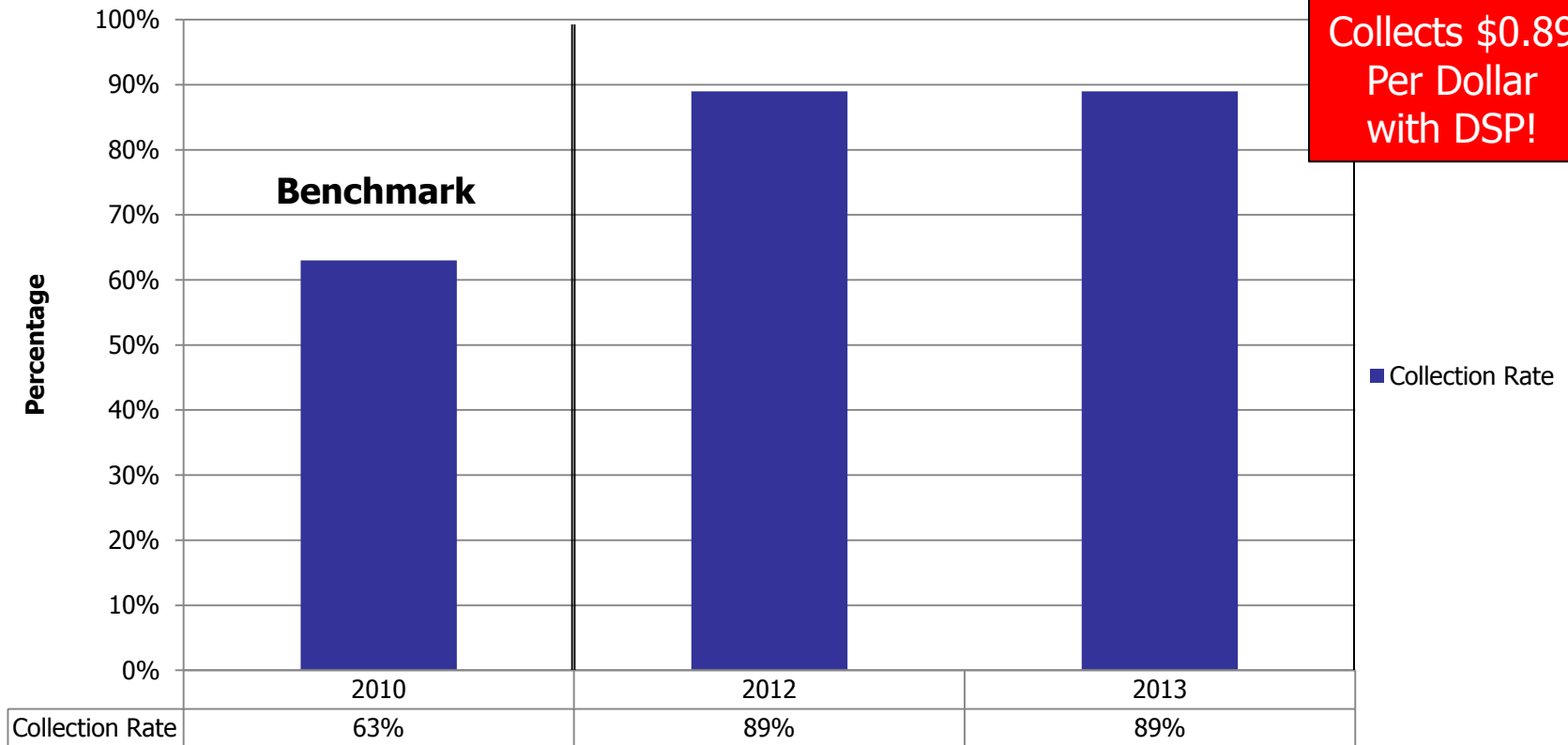




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## Collection Rate

**INDOT  
Collects \$0.89  
Per Dollar  
with DSP!**



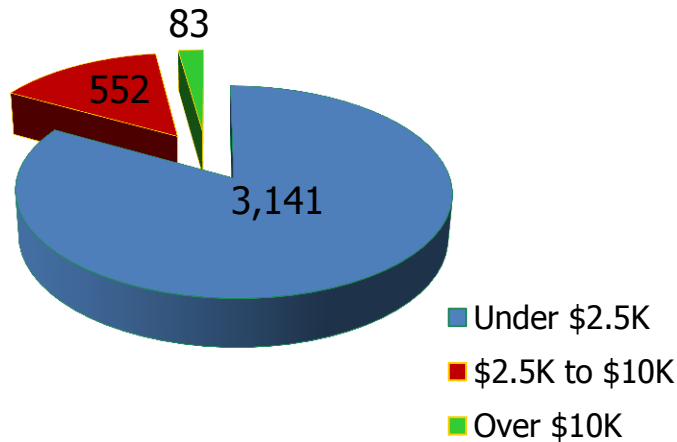
**In FY13 & FY12, INDOT Improved Their Collection Rate by 42% When Comparing the Collection Rate in FY10.**



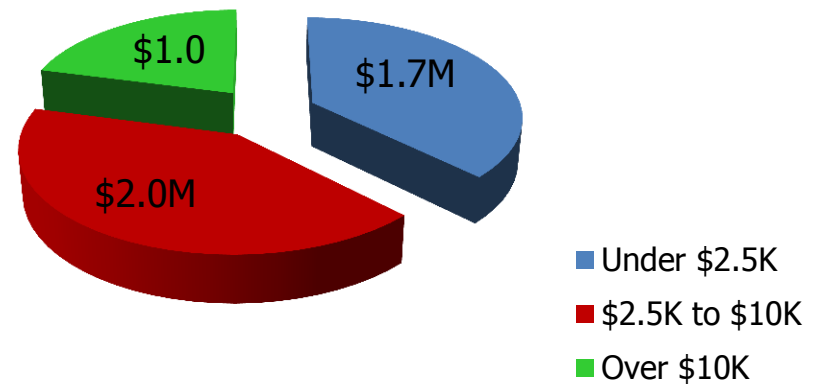
# Distribution of DSP Invoices

## FY 2013

**# of Invoices**



**\$ Amount**



**Chasing a Lot of Small Dollars Yields Large Dollar Results  
\$4.7M in FY 2013**





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# Questions & Answers

Thank You!

