



Impaired Driving Crashes
CHSP Emphasis Area Meeting
MDT Planning Division, Conference Room A
2960 Prospect Avenue Helena, MT 59601
Wednesday, April 6, 2016, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

zero deaths | zero serious injuries

Attendees:

Chair Audrey Allums, Grants Bureau Chief (MDT)
Sgt. Greg Amundsen, City of Missoula Police Department
Mackenzie Antila, Prevention Resource Center (DPHHS)
Chief EJ Clark, City of Belgrade Police Dept. & past president MT Association of Chiefs & Police
Capt. Art Collins (MHP)
Sheila Cozzie, Cultural Liaison/ SOAR Program Manager (MDT)
Kevin Dusko, Impaired Driving Program, Highway Traffic Safety Section (MDT)
Lonie Hutchison, DUI Task Force Coordinator (Missoula County)
Mark Keeffe, Data Analyst, Highway Traffic Safety Section (MDT)
Judge Mary Jane Knisely, 13th Judicial District Court
Pam Langve-Davis, CHSP Program Manager (MDT)
Chad Newman, Law Enforcement Liaison (MDT)
Anna O'Donnell, AAA Mountain West
Wendy Olson Hansen, DUI Task Force Coordinator (Flathead Co.)
Bobbi Perkins, Addictive & Mental Disorders (DPHHS)
Roy Peterson, Traffic & Safety Engineering (MDT)
Barb Reiter, DUI Task Force Coordinator (Jefferson County)
Mike Tooley, Director (MDT)
Vicki Turner, Prevention Resource Center (DPHHS)
Lorraine Wodnik, Deputy Director (DOC)
Sgt. Jayson Zander, (MHP/DPD)

The chair, Audrey Allums, opened the meeting with a request for the approval of the February 3, 2016. Receiving no change requests the chair stated the summary approved as written. Allums provided an update of fatalities to date of 45 fatalities on Montana's roadways compared to 26 for the same time period in 2015. Allums and Mark Keeffe looked at the first quarter data of the past 12 years and found that the past three months have been among the worst. If the rate of crash fatalities continues the projection for 2016 is 244 fatalities. Montana is moving in the wrong direction and we need to push hard on efforts to turn numbers around.

Emphasis Area Strategy Updates

Team members reported on the strategies progress. Sheila Cozzie of the Occupant Protection Emphasis Area and Roy Peterson of the Roadway Departure & Intersection Crashes Emphasis Area Team reported on recent progress. The approved emphasis area meeting summaries to date can be found at <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/plans/chsp.shtml>

Occupant Protection-

- Subcommittee 1 team is working to develop a toolkit of safety resource information containing employee policies, seatbelt facts and economic cost fact sheets, and information on other driving behavior issues for employers and other stakeholders.
- Working to update state agency trip ticket requests that includes the requirement of wearing a seat belt when signing off for use of a state vehicle.
- Subcommittee 2 team is developing law enforcement training presentations focusing on child occupant protection.
- Alive @25 programs has been approved for expansion for the general public.
- Subcommittee 3 team has explored and submitted an application for a Vista volunteer to assist with research, surveys, analysis of underlying beliefs and safety behaviors of low income and at risk groups to better understand best practices of prevention and identifying appropriate ways to change safety culture in reducing roadway fatalities and serious injuries. Focus will include all emphasis areas in addition to distracted driving.
- Subcommittee 4 team shared upcoming efforts for May mobilization that will feature Lives Shattered, Lives Saved and include new radio voice overs and extra patrols.

Roadway Departures and Intersection Crashes-

- Roadway Departure Study has been developed for rural, on-system route to identify location for potential engineering improvements to address crash trends.
<http://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/roads/roadway-departure.shtml>
- Potential roadway safety audits are being considered for 2016.
- Safety Impact of Differential Speed Limits on rural two-lane highways in Montana research study recommendations are being reviewed for consideration.
- Data Maps have been developed based on crash factor to support targeted enforcement. This is coordinated effort of the all the emphasis area groups. Maps developed by Keeffe and Road Inventory and Mapping staff (MDT) for MHP and county sheriffs to show the number of fatalities and serious injuries by MHP District. Data Maps are listed on the bottom of the page at <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/publications/datastats/crashdata.shtml>
- Developing an intersection safety plan to identify potential safety projects. Plan includes level of safety service (LOSS) and safety functions for on-system intersections.

Old Business

The Executive Leadership Team met on March 15. Director Tooley said it went well and received a lot of input on safety issues and how to address issues. Next meeting is scheduled for July 12.

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Sheriff EJ Clark provide an overview of the concerns brought to his attention that “a deferral of prosecution may be entered into only after the prosecutor provides notice to the court.” meaning that a prosecutor can make a change and does not require approval from the presiding judge. DUIs are being plead down and therefore not being prosecuted as intended by the law. Judge Mary Jane Knisely would be interested in the data of those cases that have been plead down and if law enforcement is seeing this being done across the state. The Judge also noted that there is an opportunity for training at the upcoming judges conference.

- Kevin Dusko will set up a meeting with Sheriff Clark and Judge Knisely to discuss data necessary for collection and report back at the next meeting.

Strategy Updates

Strategy 1: Reducing impaired driving through improved processes

Over service discussion-

Capt. Art Collins reported that he and Lisa Scates, Liquor Control-Department of Revenue (DOR) are working on an over services reporting process and procedures for law enforcement to notify DOR of alcohol over service and sales of over service and sales to include feedback to reporting officers. Process will include alcohol and liquor law training of trooper and traffic investigators that are involved with crash investigations. Training is anticipated to be conducted this summer.

Group discussion revolved around how over service data on sales establishments and servers could potentially be cross referenced to provide notice of lack of or need for additional training. Coordination with local DUI Task Forces may be best to work with local establishments. Roy Peterson noted that it could also be cross referenced with the Safety Information Management System (SIMS) crash data system <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/roads/roadway-departure.shtml> Sgt. Greg Amundsen stated there may be an opportunity to pull traffic crash records and identify establishments that last served/sold alcohol. Sgt. Jason Zander agreed there was potential for a pilot project.

- Collins and Scates to provide a status update at the June 1 meeting.

Strategy 2: Reduce Impaired Driving Through Enforcement

Law Enforcement Liaison Conference-

Chad Newman attended conference and will be sending liaisons to three separate upcoming trainings held during summer 2016.

Drugged Driving Conference application status-

Governor's Highway Safety Administration (GHSA) funding has been limited and application was declined. Map-21 HSIP funds will be used to assist in the alcohol training portion. A training conference is needed and it has been determined that Highway Traffic Safety will provide training on alcohol and drugged driving for statewide law enforcement, probation and parole officers, prosecutors, and judges. The 2 ½ day training will be held in November. Training topics are being solicited and should be submitted to Chad Newman. Judge Knisely suggested courtroom training for law enforcement and prosecutors.

- Newman will provide an update on conference and training topics at June meeting.

Strategy 3: Reduce impaired road users through prevention education

Traffic Safety Culture

Bobbie Perkins, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division (DPHHS) provide data results of self-reporting survey conducted of 8, 10, and 12 graders regarding use and safety behaviors to determine best strategies to address changing behaviors to target and impact changing safety culture.

DUI Brochures and rack cards have been printed and are available for distribution from either Dusko or DUI Task Force members. The resource material can be found at

<http://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/plans/impaired.shtml>

Announcements

- Solicitation for grant funding closed March 1. Successful applicants will receive notice of award in August
- Impaired Driving Assessment, April 11th – 15th
- DUI Task Force Meeting, April 26th and 27th
- Billings Community Transportation Safety Plan (CTSP) Summit, May 25
- DUI Task Force and Prevention Specialist Conference, Sept. 20-21

Action Items-

- Kevin will get with Sheriff Clark and Judge Knisely to continue the discussion on arrest and conviction data for the purpose of tracking trends.
- Capt. Collins and Scates to provide a status update at the June 1 meeting.
- Newman will provide an update on conference and training topics at June meeting.
- Allums to report out on Impaired Driving Assessment
- Dusko to report out on DUI Task Force meeting

Next Meeting-

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 1, 2016, from 1:00-3:00. Meeting has been extended to a full 2 hours at the request of the chair. An agenda will be sent out in advance.