

Impaired Driving Crashes  
CHSP Emphasis Area Meeting  
MDT Planning Division, Conference Room A  
2960 Prospect Avenue Helena, MT 59601  
Wednesday, June 1, 2016, 1:00-3:00 p.m.



zero deaths | zero serious injuries

**Attendees:**

*Chair Audrey Allums, Grants Bureau Chief (MDT)*  
*Mackenzie Antila, Prevention Resource Center (DPHHS)*  
*Capt. Art Collins (MHP)*  
*Sheila Cozzie, Cultural Liaison/ SOAR Program Manager (MDT)*  
*Kevin Dusko, Impaired Driving Program, Highway Traffic Safety Section (MDT)*  
*Pam Langve-Davis, CHSP Program Manager (MDT)*  
*Gary Macdonald, DUI Task Force & County Commissioner (Roosevelt County)*  
*Anna O'Donnell, AAA Mountain West*  
*Roy Peterson, Traffic & Safety Engineering (MDT)*  
*Barb Reiter, DUI Task Force Coordinator (Jefferson County)*  
*Sgt. Kurt Sager, DRE (MHP)*  
*Sgt. Doug Samuelson, SFST Coordinator (MHP)*  
*Lisa Sates, Liquor Control Division (DOR)*  
*Vicki Turner, Prevention Resource Center (DPHHS)*  
*Lorraine Wodnik, Deputy Director (DOC)*

The chair, Audrey Allums, opened the meeting with a request for the approval of the April 6, 2016. Receiving no change requests the chair stated the summary be approved as written.

Allums provided an update of fatalities through May 31, 2016 as 67 fatalities on Montana's roadways compared to 50 for the same time period in 2015.

**Toxicology Report Presentation**, Scott Larson, Toxicology Supervisor DOJ-Forensic Science Division, [slarson@mt.gov](mailto:slarson@mt.gov)

Presentation provided an overview of the toxicology testing conducted. Currently there are two toxicologists and four more are in training. Last legislation provide for one FTE. 6000 cases were processed in 2015. Of those cases 47 of 58 were positive for alcohol & drug , 30 of 30 were positive for DUI, and 30 of 40 postmortem involved alcohol impairment. Testing methodology will be updated in 2016. DUIs are decreasing for toxicology. Toxicology tests are seeing a large concentration of illegal drugs. Meth leads amphetamine and cocaine. Central Nervous System (CNS) depressants are increasing especially in combination with alcohol and other drugs.

Emerging drug trends based on toxicology testing in 2011 and 2015:

Methamphetamine cases: 2011 = 73, 2015 =294

Synthetics: in 2015 there were 25 toxicology tests with 9 testing positive

Difluorothane (compressed air): 12 in 2015

Buprenorphine (used to treat opiate addiction): confirmed in 10 DUI cased in 2015

The increase in methamphetamine is not only a result of the dispersal of users and dealers from the Bakken Oil fields, but the easy access and inexpensive, high concentrated product that is manufactured in mass quantities in Mexico.

### **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.
- Outreach is still being done to help identify a possible lead for a statewide stakeholder safety group. Several stakeholders have expressed interest and support of a primary seatbelt law but unsure how to gather grass root support to move forward.
- State motor pool trip ticket has been updated to reflect the Administrative rules on Montana (AM) that references the seat belt use requirements, no alcohol or drugs, minimize distractions. OPI has updated their travel policy that prohibits the use of handheld electronic devices when driving. Additionally, the state employee MINE site reservation link also features cell phone ordinance warning. <http://mine.mt.gov/services/motorpool/default.mcp>
- Subcommittee 2 team developed an enforcement briefing inconsideration of May mobilization for distribution and use by all law agencies.
- Northern Cheyenne has received a training grant to develop and conduct traffic education.

#### **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. Statewide centerline rumble strip project is being implemented by MDT districts. <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/roads/roadway-departure.shtml>
- An intersection safety plan has been developed to identify potential safety projects. Plan includes level of safety service (LOSS) and safety functions for on-system intersections.
- Safety Impact of Differential Speed Limits on rural two-lane highways in Montana research study scheduled to be completed by July. The seven study areas should be concluded by the end of summer.
- 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>

### **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.

Kevin Dusko also shared the Executive Leadership Team research request to gather data of traffic records and history of impaired driver fatalities. The data that is available specific to a person is a 5 year lookback data of drivers involved in a fatality show that 6% had a DUI, 15 % were cited for speeding, 16% were cited for a moving violation, 9 % previous suspension/ revocation, 68% have no prior traffic records. There is no mechanism in place to look at the traumatic history of a person and correlation with traffic records possible correctional records.

Impaired Driving Assessment, April 11-15, provided several recommendations. The recommendations are currently being reviewed and will be addressed. Many of the recommendations are being done already or out of the control due to State Legislation. The CHSP Advisory Committee will be provided both an electronic and hard copy on June 2, 2016 to review.

Kevin Dusko reported that a statewide DUI Task Force meeting was conducted in April, which included many of the Impaired Driving emphasis team members, local county and tribal law enforcement and other county task force members.

### **Strategy Updates**

#### **Strategy 1: Reducing impaired driving through improved processes**

##### **HB 195**

HB 195 work group members were not able to attend and provide an update and recommendations on DUIs deferrals that have been made by prosecutors across the state.

##### **Judge's Manual-**

**Kevin Dusko reported that the Judges' Manual has** been updated by Judge Barger, Judge Knisely and Erin Inman and is currently under review.

- Next steps are for continued review of the manual by stakeholders and to send it to the Court of Limited Jurisdiction for approval in fall 2016.

##### **Over service -**

Lisa Scates, Liquor Control-Department of Revenue (DOR) and Capt. Art Collins continue to work on an over services reporting process and procedures for law enforcement to notify DOR of alcohol over service and sales to include feedback to reporting officers.

A POST certified course is being developed. Training 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. Collins reported that the command staff has been approached to include training in fall or spring management staff meeting.

Scates is also looking at software out of Massachusetts that can be used by Liquor Control Division (LCD) to be notified of last drink of an impaired driver. Currently the LCD is notified of last drink served in fatal DUIs. Updates will be reported as they develop.

### **Strategy 2: Reduce Impaired Driving Through Enforcement**

Targeted enforcement is ongoing and focuses on impaired driving and occupant protection use within the MHP Districts, counties and local law enforcement. Grant funding application closed March 1. Successful applicants will receive notice of award in August

Sgt. Sager spoke of a potential new technology being developed for oral fluids to detect impairment. Early review is testing is inconclusive. Updates will be provided as available.

### **Strategy 3: Reduce impaired road users through prevention education**

#### **Traffic Safety Culture**

Audrey Allums noted that potential speakers are being sought for the Annual Transportation Safety meeting in October. In consider of the upcoming legislative session with incomplete marijuana legalization being a concern Allums asked the group if Washington's subject matter expert would be someone to consider speaking at the annual meeting.

Vicki Turner with Prevention Resources (DPHHS) reported that public education planned on a range of impaired driving topics for the next year. A media campaign is included in efforts. ICC efforts will be shared with group.

### **Strategy 4: Continue to support and build collaborative partnerships to reduce impaired driving**

Drugged Driving Conference is planned for Oct/ Nov. It will have three tracks and the target audience is judges, law enforcement, and non-law enforcement/judicial

Improve MIP Processes – Vicki Turner reported that DPHHS is looking at sponsoring clean up language with regard to MIPs. In the past, there was incomplete data due to the way MIP data was collected and reported to the state (by hand count) but now the data systems have evolved to the point where some of the language in the statute no longer applies because the data is already collected electronically and is much more efficient and comprehensive. For information contact Vicki Turner

#### **Announcements**

- DUI Task Force and Prevention Specialist Conference, Sept. 20-21 with Speaker David Hawkins. Registration and media plan is forthcoming.

#### **Action Items-**

- For the September DUITF and Prevention Specialist September training, Vicki Turner to share conference media plan with Dusko (MDT) and Lisa Scates (DOR) to have a coordinated conference media plan.

#### **Next Meeting-**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 3, 2016, from 1:00-3:00. An agenda will be sent out in advance.