

Executive Leadership Team

April 27, 2017

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

MDT Commission Room, 2701 Prospect Avenue

Helena, Montana



zero deaths | zero serious injuries

Attended by:

Governor Bullock, State of Montana

Captain Bob Armstrong, Montana Highway Patrol -proxy for Colonel Tom Butler

Loraine Wodnik, Interim Director, Montana Department of Corrections

Donell Rosenthal, Pupil Transportation, Office of Public Instruction-proxy for Superintendent Elsie Arntzen

Sheila Hogan, Director, Montana Department of Health and Human Services

Jason Smith, Director, Office of Indian Affairs Governor's Office

Erin McGowan, Montana County Attorney's Association

Shauna Helfert, Administrator, Liquor Control, Montana Department of Revenue -proxy for Mike Kadas

Pat Roos, Undersheriff Custer County, Montana Sheriff's and Peace Officers Association

Mike Tooley, Director, Montana Department of Transportation & Governors Representative on Highway Safety

Pam Langve-Davis, Safety Planner, CHSP Program, Montana Department of Transportation

Kevin Dusko, Safety Planner, Impaired Driving Program, Montana Department of Transportation

Not In attendance:

Tim Fox, Montana Attorney General, Montana Department of Justice

Beth McLaughlin, Administrator, Court Administrator's Office

Judge Mary Jane Knisely, 13th Judicial District Court Judge - Judicial Outreach Liaison

Tim Burton, Executive Director, Montana League of Cities and Towns

Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties

William Hooks, Chief Public Defender, Office of the State Public Defender

John Iverson, Government Affairs Director, Montana Tavern's Association

Montana State Legislative Representative

Governor Bullock opened the meeting thanking everyone for their personal commitment to safety and the important role that agency directors have involving Vision Zero. The Governor noted that if Montana was really going to get serious about reducing fatalities and serious injuries that it involved more than building and maintaining solid highways. The Governor encouraged the committee about not being frustrated about not getting a primary seat belt law. He reminded the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) of the good work that has been done including the 24/7 sobriety program, Graduated Driver's Licensing, and work on aggravated DUIs. Continued support of Vision Zero initiatives – especially a primary seat belt law, are not solely a law enforcement, education or emergency services issue but everyone's issue as it is a public safety issue.

Old Business

July 12, 2016 Minutes Approval

The chair, Mike Tooley, asked for a motion on the July 12, 2016 meeting minutes. Jason Smith motioned that the minutes be approved; the motion was seconded. All agreed. The minutes were approved.

Director Tooley provided a brief overview of the CHSP, safety partners, the implementation plan that includes emphasis areas to focus efforts, safety strategies, performance measures and targets and the overarching goal of Vision Zero.

NHTSA Impaired Driving Assessment

Kevin Dusko presented for approval the collaborative response to the 2016 NHTSA Impaired Driving Assessment Recommendation. The ELT is formally recognized by the federal NHTSA program as the Statewide DUI Task Force.

Federal Assessments are required every three years due to Montana's impaired driving highway fatality rate. Assessment of Montana's Impaired Driving Program was conducted April 11-15, 2016. Assessment included interviews with various agency program staff. The assessment agenda, recommendations and the state's response was provided to the ELT to review.

In response to recommendation there were 16 priority recommendations and 80 lower tier recommendations. The state is not required to comply with the recommendations but is required to respond to them as a state and provide an updated response annually. Impaired Driving Emphasis Area team members, made up of state agency staff worked in coordination to provide the appropriate state responses.

After a brief overview of the document, that was provided in advance for review, the chair hearing no opposition called for a general consent to approve the State response to the 2016 Impaired Driving Assessment Recommendations. All were in favor. Approval by General Consent was passed.

New Business

The chair spoke briefly of the non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries safety target the Advisory Committee would be setting to meet the required federal rule. The current four performance targets will remain the same and only the fifth target will be set.

He also reported on recent Montana Legislative activities, successes and challenges. Bills that became law that have a direct tie to the CHSP safety activities include:

- HB133: Generally revise sentencing laws, e.g. Modify alcohol education class requirements for DUIs;
- HB 144: Generally revise motor vehicles, e.g. Aligns DUI code with federal regulations;
- HB 146: Revising Temporary Roadblocks, e.g. Providing clarification on when/how temporary roadblocks may be used and authorizing rule making;
- HB 562: Exempt certain cell uses of mobile communications devices; e.g. penalty limitations for local ordinances;
- HB 95: Increasing access to behavioral health care; e.g. Removing limitations on the establishment of chemical dependency treatment fatalities and programs;
- HB 283: Require agencies to report grant information. e.g. Request state agencies to provide grant information to the legislative finance committee, specifying reporting requirements, committee to post an internet link to the grant information.
- SB 196: Revise transportation laws to traffic violations in work zones; e.g. clarifying work zone traffic violations penalties
- HJ 6: Interim study on the effects of methamphetamine use on state and local services

Emerging Safety Issues/Collaborative Opportunities

Tooley shared the emerging issues noted at the 2016 Annual Transportation Safety Meeting in October and opened the meeting for recommendations.

- **Educate families to improve safety culture** - Education of the whole family on the importance of safety moving towards a cultural shift of what is acceptable or unacceptable and expected driving behavior.
- A **Recreational Marijuana Task Force** is needed to review impacts of recreational marijuana. In states with both, medical marijuana is the precursor. Montana needs to be proactive and not reactive. It was apparent to participants attending October's Annual Meeting that Darrin Grondel with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission presentation titled the Impacts of Marijuana Legislation on Roadway Crashes that we have a lot of work ahead of us. We need to consider addressing impaired driving beyond alcohol.
- **Support primary role of emergency medical services (EMS) & providers** and educate stakeholders about the essential role of Emergency Medical Service providers. Montana's Trauma System faces challenges in providing and maintaining critical care in rural services. The Trauma System requires many resources, including equipment, staff, and ongoing education. EMS volunteers are an aging population and volunteers are becoming scarce. Issues faced in recruiting volunteers are the cost of training and recertification, work outside residential boundaries, and calls for response occurring during work hours.
- **Continue to support and work towards a primary seatbelt efforts** - A lot of coordination among agencies and safety partners and community stakeholders has been done in the past ten months.

Recommendations

Thoughts and ideas offered by the ELT members-

- ELT members can include Vision Zero message and crash data with committees and groups when speaking opportunities arise.
- Start work earlier on primary seat belt law. Update, broaden distribution, share and post fact sheets and speaking points to state agencies and local communities.
- Send out newspaper fatality articles to community safety partners of those who oppose primary seat belt laws.
- Send out success stories as well, e.g. Saved by the Belt award
 - Revise and streamline the Saved by the Belt award/nomination process and share with EMS.

Next Steps

- Provide recommendations to the Advisory Committee.

Meeting Dates/ Adjournment

- Annual Transportation Safety Meeting- October 11 & 12, 2017
- ELT meeting - October 26, 2017

Hearing no further comments or announcements the meeting was adjourned.