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Impaired Driving Emphasis Area

Impaired Driving & Criminal Justice System Panel

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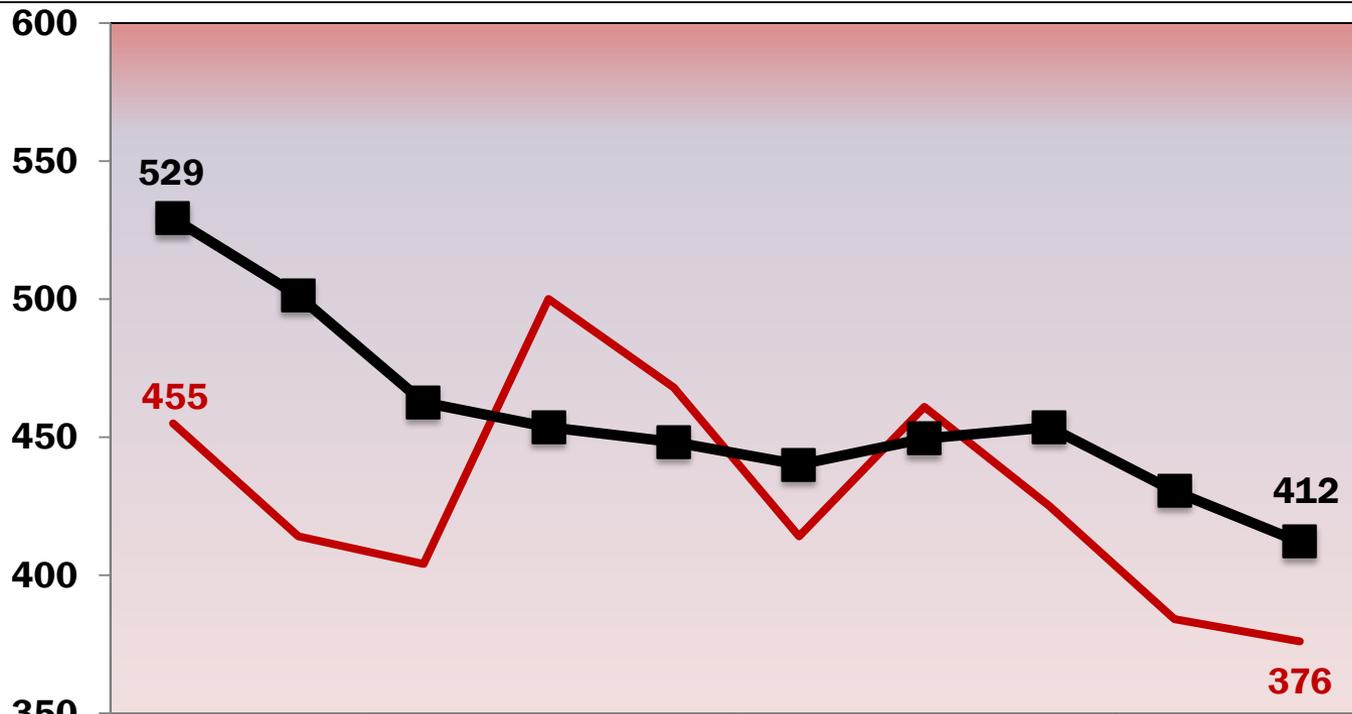
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✓ **Data**

✓ **Quick Overview of Strategies**

✓ **Panel**

Impaired Driver Involved Fatalities & Suspected Serious Injuries



	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Impaired Driver Involved - Fatalities & SSI	455	414	404	500	468	414	461	425	384	376
5 Year Average	529	501	463	454	448	440	449	454	430	412
Fatalities	133	107	113	127	136	117	129	128	114	117
Suspected Serious Injuries	322	307	291	373	332	297	332	297	270	259

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Impaired Driver (ID) Involved

Severe Injury(SI) = Fatality or Suspected Serious Injury

YEAR	TOTAL ID FATALITIES	TOTAL ID SEVERE INJURIES
2016	128	425
2017	114	384
2018	117	376



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2016 - 2018

64%

of all Fatalities involved an Impaired Driver

41%

of all Severe Injury Crashes involved an Impaired Driver



Severe Injury = Fatality or Suspected Serious Injury

3-Year

Impaired Driver Involved

Severe Injury Trend by
Crash Factor

2016- 2018 Average

88% Rural

72% Male Driver Involved

57% Speed Limit > 55 mph

54% Friday – Sunday

44% June – September



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3-Year

Impaired Driver Involved

Severe Injury Trend by
Crash Factor

2016- 2018 Average

71%
Roadway
Departure



70%
Single
Vehicle



54%
Unrestrained
Occupant



14%
Intersection
Crash



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DUI Citations

Average = 7,500
2016 - 2018

71% Male

24% 21 – 30 of age

.19 Average BAC (blood draws)

[Montana DUI Citation Summary](#)

[Annual Forensic Science Division Report](#)



Data illustrates citations only.

Does not reflect petition or adjudication information.

Emphasis Area Strategies

Reduce impaired driving through improved processes & regulations

Comprehensive data leads to effective processes

- Crash Data – MHP/MDT
- Citation Data – MHP/Board of Crime Control - Corrections
- Crime Lab Data - MDOJ
- Petition – Adjudication data - OCA
- Youth Risk Behavior Survey - OPI
- Treatment Data –DPHHS
- Prevention Needs Assessment - DPHHS
- Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System - DPHHS
- Hospital/EMS Data - DPHHS

Emphasis Area Strategies

Reduce impaired driving through enforcement

High Visibility Enforcement

- Strategic Enforcement Traffic Team (SETT)
- Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)
- High Visibility/Special Event Mini-Grants
- Law Enforcement Liaison
- Safe on All Roads (SOAR)

Emphasis Area Strategies

Reduce impaired road users through prevention education

Statewide Media

- Coordination with NHTSA and State/Local Partners
- Mobilization Periods

(Memorial/Labor Day, New Years, St. Patrick's Day, 4th of July)

- Sustained media: Deadliest Days of Summer (May – September)
- Safe on All Roads (SOAR) Program
- TV, Radio, Social Media, Printed Material

Emphasis Area Strategies

Continue to support and build collaborative partnerships to reduce impaired driving.

Montana's Breath Test Program – Forensic Science Division

- Replacement of outdated to the Intoxilizer 9000 across Montana
- Leveraging State/Federal Resources
- Replacing over 100 instruments
- 12,000 Breath Tests a Year

24/7 Sobriety Program – Either 2xdaily breath testing and/or SCRAM is implemented in all counties across the state.

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Impaired Driving Mini-Grants

- Arrive Alive – Missoula Collaboration – Community Events and Griz Tail Gate
- Statewide Drug Court Conference – Court Administrator’s Office
- Youth Connections: Marijuana Impaired Community Education



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Get a DUI**

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Impaired Driving in the Criminal Justice System

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Judge Greg Mohr

Over 30 Years on the Bench in Richland County



<https://www.montanapbs.org/programs/veterans-coming-home/>