

**Emphasis Area: Impaired Driving**

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- Goals: - Reduction of Impaired Driving related Fatalities  
- Reduction of Impaired Driving related Suspected Serious Injuries**

<b>Strategy 1 - Deterrence and Enforcement</b>	<b>Objective:</b> Safe road users focus on an individual's safe driving behavior to not drive impaired; and enforcement to change risky and unlawful behavior of driving impaired. General deterrence influences motor vehicle operators behavior changes regarding the consequences of driving while impaired. Specific deterrence includes efforts to influence impaired driver offenders so they will not continue to drive impaired and works by changing driver's behavior in understanding the law enforcement, prosecution and adjudication penalties and the impact on victims and survivors' families and friends.
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Continue to support Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) and Strategic Enforcement Traffic Team (SETT) High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) efforts.	Annual. Mobilization Period. Ongoing	State Highway Traffic Safety Section(SHTSS) provides funding for HVE campaigns implemented by law enforcement (LE.) Participating agencies provide national mobilization & HVE at local at-risk events. Funding is a competitive grant process requiring a work plan and regular reporting.	SHTSS-MDT, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP) & Local Law Enforcement (LE)	HSP FFY 2021	NHTSA Countermeasures That Work (CMW)	LE hours supported by grant dollars:
Continue to support Tribal law enforcement Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) efforts	Annual. Mobilization Periods/Ongoing.	State Highway Traffic Safety Section(SHTSS) provides funding for HVE efforts implemented by law enforcement (LE.) Participating agencies provide national mobilization & HVE at local at-risk events. Funding is a competitive grant process requiring a work plan and regular reporting.	Tribal LE agencies, SHTSS-MDT	HSP FFY 2021	CMW	LE hours supported by grant dollars:
Continue to support the Law Enforcement Liaison program	Annual. Ongoing	SHTSS-MDT has divided the state into four regions to include state, county, tribal and city LE agencies. The liaisons are responsible for increasing productivity of the STEP program and work towards a collaborative "One Team" approach to eliminate impaired driving. Focus of liaisons is to involve LE agencies - both STEP and non-STEP agencies to participate in local high visibility at-risk events.	SHTSS-MDT	HSP FFY 2021		Number of LEL's Recruitment of rural LE agencies & increased coordinated events.
Continue to support and promote Law Enforcement Mini-Grant Program	Annual. Ongoing.	Projects funded by NHTSA, managed by SHTSS. Grant funding specific to MT safety funding. Funding for non STEP- participating agencies for local high visibility enforcement at specific events. Agencies can apply for overtime grants. Applications are accepted throughout the year.	State & Local Law Enforcement (LE)- Department of Justice (DOJ), SHTSS-MDT	HSP FFY2021		Number of funded mini-grants:
Continue to support and maintain the Traffic Safety Resource Officer (TSRO)	Annual. Ongoing	TRSO coordinates & manages the Standard Field Sobriety Test (SFST), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training programs for Montana. Training enhances the skills & expertise of LEOs when conducting traffic stops and HVE enforcement. TSRO serves as a liaison between MHP and local and tribal LE agencies, prosecutors, judges and the public.	MHP-DOJ, SHTSS-MDT	HSP FFY 2021		SFST certified training / LEOs trained or recertified: ARIDE certified trainings/ LEOs trained or recertified: DRE training/ DRE instructor certification:
Sustain and support DUI Police Traffic Safety Pilot Program	Annual. Ongoing	This NHTSA funded project managed by SHTSS-MDT funds activities focused specifically on DUI enforcement. There is a secondary focus on occupant protection, speeding and enforcement of the city's distracted driving (cell phone) ordinance.	City of Helena, SHTSS-MDT	HSP FFY 2021		Reduction of incidents of impaired drivers:

<b>Strategy 2- Prevention and Education</b>	<b>Objective:</b> Support policies, education, training, programs, and activities that promote positive driving behavior and reduce impaired driving through public health approaches, including related deaths and serious injuries, altering social norms, and changing risky or dangerous driving behaviors. Prevention programs promote communication strategies that educate the public on the effects of alcohol and other drugs, limit the availability of alcohol and other drugs, and discourage those impaired by alcohol and other drugs from driving.
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Support activities that include Prevention Specialist focus areas	Ongoing	Focus areas include school-based programs, traffic education programs and other community-based prevention/ intervention programs.	Addictive and Mental Disorders Division (AMDD), Office of Public Instruction (OPI)			Number and Types of educational programs provided.
Support Injury Prevention Specialist across the state	TBD					
Sustain and expand local DUI Task Forces	Annual. Ongoing	SHTSS-MDT facilitates statewide training for task forces (TF) and serves as a conduit for TF. The MDT Director and Governor's representative for highway traffic safety reviews and approves county annual TF plans. Training provides traffic safety information and promotes networking and opportunities for collaboration.	Counties & SHTSS-MDT	HSP FFY 2021	2018 NHTSA Alcohol Assessment, CMW	Number of County-DUITF's

Sustain and support Northern Tribes Tribal DUI Task Force	Annual. Ongoing	The Northern Tribes DUI TF was formed by tribal reservation communities with membership consisting of a wide variety of traffic safety partners including Tribal Council members, judges, prosecutors, law enforcement, transportation, health, injury prevention agencies, and tribal community colleges. The TF includes established by-laws, elected officers, and a strategic plan. NHTSA funding assists in conducting quarterly work meetings. MDT Director and Governor's representative for highway traffic safety reviews and approves TF plan.	MT Tribal agencies and schools, SHTSS-MDT	HSP FFY 2021	2018 NHTSA Alcohol Assessment, CMW	Continued education of tribal reservation communities of the risks associated with impaired driving.
Sustain and grow the Teen Traffic Safety Program focusing on impaired driving	Annual. Ongoing.	Continue to partner with Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) on teen peer-to-peer traffic safety program and other teen traffic safety opportunities to develop campaigns and conduct educational outreach focusing on dangers of underage drinking and impaired driving for teens and young adults, including various outreach and media outlets.	FCCLA, SHTSS-MDT, and other traffic safety partners	HSP FFY 2021	CMW	Program Implementation
Sustain and grow the Safe On All Roads - SOAR - Tribal community traffic safety program	Annual. Ongoing.	A focus of the SOAR program is to promote safe driving practices including the educational outreach on the dangers of impaired driving and underage drinking within tribal reservation communities. SHTSS-MDT manages the NHTSA funding and partners with tribal agency SOAR coordinators to provide tribal specific and relevant safety messaging.	SOAR Coordinators, tribal agencies, SHTSS-MDT	HSP FFY 2021		Program implementation
Sustain and support efforts to reduce the over-service of alcohol and preventing underage drinking and driving by supporting mandatory alcohol sales and service training.	Ongoing	Program purpose is to expand the awareness & support of continued mandatory alcohol sales and service training, including special events training and state permitting of alcohol servers and sellers. Research and implement methods for tracking participation and compliance.	Alcohol Beverage Control Division (ABCD)- Department of Revenue (DOR)	DOR		Number of servers trained/recertified:
<b>Strategy 3- Criminal Justice System</b>		<b>Objective:</b> Montana uses various components of its criminal justice system to mitigate impaired driving laws, enforcement, prosecution, adjudication, criminal and administrative sanctions, and communications to achieve both specific and general deterrence.				
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Support stronger impaired driving laws.	Full Legislative Sessions and Interim Committees	SHTSS - MDT and partners will be monitoring 2021 Legislative Proposals that may impact impaired driving laws.	Various -Traffic safety partners and public safety advocates		2018 NHTSA Alcohol Assessment	Introduced and Passed Impaired Driving Legislation
Continue to support implementation and expansion of the Statewide 24/7 Monitoring Program and other DUI Offender monitoring programs.	Annual. Ongoing.	SHTSS - MDT provides NHTSA funds to the Montana Highway Patrol to support a full Time 24/7 Coordinator. The 24/7 sobriety monitoring program focus is to prevent repeat offenses and uses primary testing methodologies for the presence of alcohol and dangerous drugs.MCA 61.8.401	Attorney General (AG)- DOJ, SHTSS-MDT	HSP FFY 2021	CMW, 2018 NHTSA Alcohol Assessment	Number of Counties participating: Offenders enrolled in the program: Number of reoffenders:
Sustain and support the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP)	Annual. Ongoing.	SHTSS-MDT contracts with the AG office for the TSRP to conduct training on DUI adjudication. Training enhances consistent identification, arrest, prosecution and sentencing of DUI offenses.	AG-DOJ, SHTSS-MDT	HSP FFY 2021	2018 NHTSA Alcohol Assessment	Training completed and number of people trained
Sustain and support the Judicial Outreach Liaison (JOL)	Annual. Ongoing.	MDT-SHTSS has partnered with the American Bar Association and selected a State Judicial Outreach Liaison (SJOL). SJOL will be working with partners across the state in provide state highway safety education.	Court Administration, American Bar Association (ABA), SHTSS-MDT	HSP FFY 2021	2018 NHTSA Alcohol Assessment	Training completed and number of people trained
Support increase of crime lab resources to improve-process of DUI test samples.	As needed.	Up-to-date, technical crime lab resources are needed to keep abreast of ever changing chemical composition of alcohol and drugs both over the counter and illicit. Successful program implementation is dependent on continued education and training of lab technicians and improved crime lab capacity and speed, including the number of toxicologists and equipment (such as intoxilizers for Breath Test program) to process DUI test samples and to measure other drugs.	Forensic Science Division (FSD)-DOJ, SHTSS-MDT, and other traffic safety partners	HSP FFY 2021	2018 NHTSA Alcohol Assessment	Type of equipment purchased or sustained
Continue to sustain and expand DUI Courts and Treatment Court Training for DUI Offenders	Annual. Ongoing.	Montana has 41 Treatment Courts in Montana. Seven of those are DUI Courts. MDT-SHTSS provides direct support for 5 of the 7 DUI Courts. Support of training opportunities are offered to Treatment Courts for DUI Offenders. A Foundational DWI Court Training will be provided in the spring of 2021.	Judicial Courts, SHTSS-MDT	HSP FFY 2021	2018 NHTSA Alcohol Assessment	Number of DUI Courts: Number of Treatment Courts: and training provided

Continue to support and expand Tribal DUI Courts	Annual. Ongoing.	NHTSA funding is managed by SHTSS-MDT and covers travel costs for participants (judges, DUI coordinator, prosecutor, defense council, etc.) to attend DUI court training. The training covers the 10 Guiding Principles of the DUI Court Model, and includes an on-site visit to a DUI Court Academy. Applications are required and is a competitive process. Currently: Fort Peck DUI Court, not funded by SHTSS-MDT.	Tribal Courts, SHTSS-MDT	HSP FFY 2021	2018 NHTSA Alcohol Assessment	Sustain & expand DUI Courts.
Support license sanctions for DUI Offenders following MCA 61-5-205, 61-5-208	Ongoing	When a Montana driver is convicted of a DUI, the driver license or privilege to drive is suspended or revoked for a statutorily mandated duration. A commercial driver faces additional penalties. MVD continues to administer/track driver's licenses that are sanctioned.	DOJ	MVD	CMW	Number of licenses with administrative action
Continue to support alcohol breath testing by Motor Carrier Services (MCS) officers with reasonable suspicion or other competent evidence that a CDL operator may be driving impaired.	Annual. Ongoing.	Montana's commercial motor vehicle (CMV) enforcement is funded by the MCSAP grant. MCS officers conduct inspections utilizing NETS to verify driver Credentials, CDL classification, for vehicle driven, alcohol usage, and driver and vehicle out-of-service status among other responsibilities. MCS officers actively participate in continuing impaired driving education and testing and are recertified on an annual basis on alcohol detection and testing.	Eric Belford, Motor Carrier Services (MCS) MDT, MVD-DOJ	CVSP FY 2018-2020	MCSAP, FMCSA	Number of driver and vehicle inspections: Number of DUI offenders: MCS officers recertified:

**Strategy 4 - Communication Program**

**Objective:** To inform the public of dangers of driving while impaired and to promote a positive social norm of not driving while impaired. Montana will continue implementing a comprehensive communication program that is cultural and socially relevant and focuses on reaching high risk groups based on traffic-related data and market research to identify specific audience to maximize resources and effectiveness.

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Research underlying beliefs and behaviors of high-risk groups to better understand their traffic safety behaviors regarding impaired driving.	Ongoing	The task of improving the culture of safety begins with understanding the behaviors and beliefs of specific high risk groups regarding impaired driving. Developing relevant, impactful safety messaging is the first step in changing the behavior and beliefs of these specific high risk groups. Implementation of research findings and best practices, as appropriate to Montana should include a measure to evaluate success.	SHTSS- MDT, DPHHS, OPI, AARP, NHTSA and other traffic safety partners		Research- MDT, NHTSA, GHSA, Insurance Institute of Highway Safety (IIHS), National Safety Council (NSC)	Implement research findings and best practices and evaluation, as appropriate.
Participate and support of National Mobilization Media Campaigns aimed at preventing impaired driving.	Annual. Ongoing	SHTSS-MDT continues to partner with NHTSA and local media in promoting State Highway Traffic Safety messaging statewide during mobilization periods.	MHP, local LE , MSPOA, SHTSS-MDT			Implement annual mobilizations media campaigns.
Monitor the impact of marijuana legalization on roadway crashes and countermeasures in Montana and peer states.	Ongoing	Research and report the presence of THC increase of drivers on the road, arrests of , and crash-involved drivers; THC-positive drivers not necessarily impaired; and fatal crashes involving marijuana as guidance for issues for Montana to consider addressing and developing legislation.	FSD-DOJ, Research-MDT, Governors Highway Safety Administration (GHSA), SHTSS-MDT		NHTSA, GHSA, Insurance Institute of Highway Safety (IIHS), National Safety Council (NSC), other State Highway Traffic Safety Offices	Develop Montana Fact Sheet

**Strategy 5 - Alcohol and Other Drug Misuse: Screening, Assessment, Treatment and Rehabilitation**

**Objective:** Impaired driving frequently is a symptom of a larger alcohol or other drug problem. Many first-time impaired driving offenders and most repeat offenders have alcohol or other drug abuse or dependency problems. Without appropriate assessment and treatment, these offenders are more likely to repeat their crimes. Alcohol and/or drug use leads to other injuries and health care problems. Frequent visits to emergency departments present an opportunity for intervention, which might prevent future arrests or motor vehicle

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Support ACT (Assessment, Course and Treatment) for DUI Offenders	Ongoing	Support ACT - August 2020 Status: Continued expansion of ACT Providers throughout the state that provides easier access and competition on cost of ACT. To better focus on number of DUI Offenders served AMDD would like to work with Office of Court Administrator (OCA) and the State Highway Traffic Safety Section.	AMDD, OCA, SHTSS-MDT		2018 NHTSA Alcohol Assessment	Accurate Number of DUI Offenders served
Expand Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) in healthcare and into other settings throughout Montana.	Ongoing.	As part of Medicaid Expansion, alcohol screening questions have been added to a Health Risk Assessment (HRA), which is given to all Medicaid members during an outpatient visit to their healthcare provider. The assessment is of primary chronic diseases & offers healthcare providers an opportunity to follow-up with a brief intervention using motivational interviewing to promote behavior change with risky drinking behaviors.	AAMD-DPHHS	2018 NHTSA Alcohol Assessment		Annual report

**Strategy 6- Program Evaluation and Data**

**Objective:** It is important to have access to and analyze reliable data sources related to impaired driving for problem identification and program planning. Various evaluation criteria will effectively measure progress and determine program effectiveness for planning and implementation of new programs and ensure that resources are allocated appropriately.

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Support a comprehensive picture of impaired driving data, which may include, but is not limited to: Crash, Citation, Toxicology, Conviction, Motor Vehicle and DUI Offender monitoring data.	Ongoing	Develop a resource material(s) to align data sets to inform traffic safety partners, advocates, CHSP Advisory Committee and Executive Leadership Team, and the general public of the impaired driving safety issues, economic threats, and changes needed to reduce impaired driving fatalities and suspected serious injuries.	Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)-DOJ, MT Board of Crime Control (BoCC), FSD-DOJ, MHP-DOJ, OCA, SHTSS-MDT, and other traffic safety partners	2018 NHTSA Alcohol Assessment		Enhance data sets to inform the approach to stronger laws and penalties, arrest rates and repeat offenders.
2018 Impaired Driving Assessment <a href="https://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/docs/chsp/2020-Response-2018-Impaired-Driving-Assessment-Recommendations.PDF">https://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/docs/chsp/2020-Response-2018-Impaired-Driving-Assessment-Recommendations.PDF</a>						