

Impaired Driving Crashes

CHSP Emphasis Area Meeting Agenda

MDT Planning Division, Conference Room A

2960 Prospect Avenue Helena, MT 59601

Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Chair, Kevin Dusko, Transportation Planner-SHTSS (MDT)

Capt. Art Collins, (MHP)

Thomas Danenhower, MMIA

Alyssa Johnson, EMS Trauma Systems (DPHHS)

Mark Keeffe, Data Analyst-SHTSS (MDT)

Pam Langve-Davis, Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan Program Manager (MDT)

Chad Newman, Law Enforcement Liaison (SHTSS-MDT)

Barb Reiter, Jefferson County DUITF

Lisa Scates, Liquor Control Division (DOR)

Via conference phone:

Gina Beretta, NHTSA Region 10

Curt Weiler, Chemical Dependency, AMDD, (DPHHS)

Approval of Minutes – December 6, 2017

No comments or revisions were received. The minutes were approved as written by consensus.

Data Update

As of February 5, 2018, there have been 14 fatalities which is 5 more than last year during the same time.

DUI Data Workgroup

- Work continues between Board of Crime Control and Montana Highway Patrol (MHP) to cross reference 2011-2016 DUI citations using MHP data base and Montana Incident-Based Reporting System (MTIBRS) to identify DUI citation trends. It was asked if there was a way to measure crashes by comparing those with citation data to see if there has been a reduction in citations that might also reflect a reduction in DUI crashes to determine if efforts are making an impact. And can it be done by MHP districts? Kevin & Mark will consider this in updates of the citation/ DUI data comparison. This may or may not help explain why DUI reinstatement fees are the lowest in ten years.

Liquor Control-

Lisa Scates of Liquor Control (DOR) reported that she has provided a program challenges list to the Attorney General. Among challenges faced liquor control are: unknown how liquor license tax is spent, lack of regulatory authority because servers are not permitted, too many training providers, not mandatory to report violations to DOR, server citations are not reported.

- 52 MLEA cadets have been provided over service training, this includes Motor Carrier Services and Fish, Wildlife & Parks.
- Lisa will be working on a research project examining over service. Updates will be provided as they occur.

DUI Enforcement –

- Capt. Art Collins reported on the 24/7 program, traffic safety resource officer and safety enforcement traffic team (SETT) activities.
- 24/7 program agreements are being considered with the Blackfeet, Fort Peck, Rocky Boy's, and Fort Belknap. Fort Peck has signed an agreement with Intox-Trac.

Sgt. Sager and Trooper Samuelson continue to conduct law enforcement training.

- 6 ARIDE classes in Missoula, Libby, Billings, MSU, Yellowstone National Park and Browning.
- 1 standard field sobriety testing (SFST) instructor course and
- 5 SFST training courses, with four (4) at Montana Law Enforcement Academy (MLEA) and 1 at Malmstrom Air Force Base.
- Certified 17 DRE officers during November – December.
- Certified 12 DRE officers in January.
- 5 DRE Instructors trained.
- Review of MCA DUI laws is being compiled in advance of the next Legislative session.
- Sager and Samuelson researching options of becoming certified phlebotomists.
- The need for traffic safety prosecutor training is still a topic of concern to properly adjudicate DUI citations.
- SETT continues to work highways to address impaired driving, speeding, unrestrained occupants and other traffic offenses.

Drugged Driving Workgroup

- Website development continues. ISD has provided Kevin Dusko recommendations. A test pilot is anticipated by the end of June 2018.
- Workgroup will be meeting with Medical Marijuana Program-DPHHS to discuss the safety issues and traffic laws related to impaired driving and opportunities to provide educational materials to card holders. Card holders have increased from 8,215 in December 2016 to 21,881 by November 2017. <http://dphhs.mt.gov/Portals/85/marijuana/MMPReportsJan-Sept2017.pdf>
<http://dphhs.mt.gov/Portals/85/marijuana/MMPRegistryNovember2017.pdf>

Community Outreach

- Barb Reiter with Jefferson County DUI TF reported that the TF worked with community members to host two Super Bowl events in Boulder and Whitehall. Whitehall's event was at the local movie theatre with a diverse group of 52 high school students attending. Factual information on the dangers of impaired driving was provided to teens. Support for the event includes prizes and local certificates provided by the 12 different community partners. Travel of teens from Montana City and Jefferson City to the Boulder event was impacted by weather. Based on the successful effort and community support the event will likely become an annual event. Other communities that do a similar event include Livingston, Conrad, and Townsend.

Survey on Impaired Driving Laws Cascade County DUI TF

- Ronald Yates with the Cascade County DUI TF has sent a DUI Law Survey to elected officials, law enforcement, prosecuting attorneys, probation and compliance officers, addiction counselors, prevention specialist, citizens, and a sample of judges with misdemeanor DUI cases in Montana. Survey response is to determine what challenges exist among those professionals dealing with impaired driving in Montana

Impaired Driving Assessment & Workplan

- The Executive Leadership Team (ELT) meeting comprised of state agency Directors and state organizations are scheduled to meet on March 13. The ELT serves as the state's Impaired Driving Task Force. The Task Force approves the State's response to the Montana Impaired Driving Assessment and the Impaired Driving Emphasis area workplan.

Highway Safety Funding

- Application period for Highway Safety Funding for FY 2019 is open. Funding for traffic safety project information including the solicitation for new project proposals, application and timelines can be found at <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/grants/>. The application **deadline is March 1, 2018**.
- Helena's Youth Connections has received small project funding for impairment awareness with Helena youth.

Next Meeting

The Impaired Driving Emphasis Area Team is scheduled to meet again on April 11, 2018 from 10 a.m. to noon in MDT Planning Conference Room A. A work group meeting will be scheduled in the interim.

- Agenda item: Discuss report recommendations, *Getting to Zero Alcohol Impaired Driving Fatalities*, National Academy of Sciences
<http://www.nationalacademies.org/hmd/reports/2018/getting-to-zero-alcohol-impaired-driving-fatalities.aspx>

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