

Impaired Driving Crashes
CHSP Emphasis Area Meeting
MDT Planning Division Conference Room A
Les Schwab Building, 2960 Prospect
Helena, MT 59601
Wednesday, February 3, 2016, from 1:00-2:30 p.m.



Vision Zero- Zero fatalities, zero serious injuries

Attendees:

Chair Audrey Allums, Grants Bureau Chief (MDT)
Sgt. Greg Amundsen, City of Missoula Police Department
Mackenzie Antila, Prevention Resource Center (DPHHS)
Chief EJ Clark, City of Belgrade Police Dept. & past president MT Association of Chiefs & Police
Capt. Art Collins (MHP)
Kevin Dusko, Impaired Driving Program, Highway Traffic Safety Section (MDT)
Pam Langve-Davis, CHSP Program Manager (MDT)
Gary Macdonald, Co. Commissioner & DUI Task Force (Roosevelt County)
Patrick McJannet, (DOJ/MVD)
Chad Newman, Law Enforcement Liaison (MDT)
Anna O'Donnell, AAA Mountain West
Wendy Olson Hansen, DUI Task Force Coordinator (Flathead Co.)
Roy Peterson, Traffic & Safety Engineering (MDT)
Lisa Scates, Liquor Control Division (DOR)
Patricia Spencer, Common Sense Coalition
Adrianna Slaughter, Department of Corrections (DOC)

The chair, Audrey Allums, opened the meeting with a request for the approval of the December 10, 2014 meeting summary noting the comments already provided prior to the meeting. Captain Clark noted a correction. Allums polled participants and all were in favor to approve the meeting summary with the spelling correction. Allums provided an update on the fatalities to date. As of February 1, 2016, there have been 6 fatalities compared to 5 during the same time period in 2015.

Old Business

Safety Publications-Kevin Dusko provided follow-up on the *What Will It Cost You?* brochure and the *Driving in Montana* poster that is currently under development. Both publications are being vetted by agency partners. Publications have been developed for specific target audiences and will be distributed as appropriate. Anna O'Donnell of AAA asked about social media use. Allums confirmed that the Vision Zero Communications Team will be using social media. Team members were requested to review content of materials and provide comment back to Dusko by February 10.

Discussion of HB 195 was led by Chief Clark. The issue of the change is twofold, 1) it allows prosecutors to bypasses the authority of judges in matters of deferrals. HB 195 states that prosecutors only need to notify judges- not seek approval on deferrals. While DUI charges cannot be deferred they are often amended to minor charges and then deferred. 2) This provides a loop hole in getting around stacking the number of DUIs and avoiding penalties by repeat offenders. There is raising concerns among judges that these violators are not being penalized and are still out on the road. Clark and Dusko will continue to research origin and purpose of the bill and check in with the Attorney General's Office. Clark is looking at local data to evaluate the difference between annual number of city and county citations and deferrals and citation and adjudication before and after change in law.

New Business

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

The purpose of the discussion was to determine if the correct agency partners where involved with the Team to help implement strategies. The implementation steps focus on collaboration to increase and in support of judicial, law enforcement, and medical staff training and programs. Priorities of implementation steps will be made as safety partners are identified. Co-leaders for this strategy have been identified as Kevin Dusko and Gary Macdonald.

Strategy 1: Reducing impaired driving through improved processes.

Leader(s): Kevin Dusko and Chief EJ Clark.

Priority 2: Support efforts to reduce the over-service of alcohol ... and reporting of offenders.

Status: Lisa Scates reported that the 2016 Department of Revenue (DOR) Liquor Law Class schedule has been sent out to law enforcement. The Train the Trainer course has also been advertised. Successful applicants will complete training to teach the course to servers and sellers across the state. Classes run from April-September. Additional liquor Law training/presentations include April's Eastern Montana Alcohol Conference. DOR is currently in planning stages for summit in 2017.

Scates shared hurdles of enforcing server and owner's liquor violations by not receiving reports. Scates is working with law enforcement to send violation reports to the Liquor Control Division, DOR. Strategy Team members of Scates, Collins, Dusko and Amundsen will begin discussions of issues surrounding over-service.

➤ *Dusko will set up a meeting for discussion.*

Strategy 2: Reduce impaired driving through enforcement.

Leader: Chad Newman

Newman reported that he and Sgt. Kurt Sager, MHP have submitted a grant to conduct a first-time drugged driving conference and are awaiting notification of award. The purpose of this meeting will be to train and sustain Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) officers with the target audience being eastern Montana and tribal agencies law enforcement officers.

Newman will be attending a Law Enforcement Liaison program training conference in late February to gather information to implement Montana's program consistent with national program. *(Newman will report on program at the next Emphasis Area meeting.)*

Strategy 3: Reduce impaired road users through prevention education.

Leader: Audrey Allums

Allums reported on a Cultural Behavioral Research Study that is being conducted by WTI. This is a pool-funded study among 10 states. The study focuses on marijuana use and personal beliefs and thoughts on the use of cannabis use and impact on safety. A survey will be used and responses will be used to develop implementation strategies in an effort to change personal beliefs and shift thoughts on safety culture. The study also includes including texting while driving and wearing seatbelts topics.

Allums referenced a report that Bobbi Perkins, AMDD- DPHHS sent. *Driver Toxicology Testing and the Involvement of Marijuana in Fatal Crashes, 2010-2014* http://wtsc.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/dlm_uploads/2015/10/Driver-Toxicology-Testing-and-the-Involvement-of-Marijuana-in-Fatal-Crashes_REVFeb2016-1.pdf reports that following the state of Washington's legalization of marijuana that it now outpaced alcohol related crashes. Allums will update Team on research progress.

Announcements

-Executive Leadership Team

Currently there are 10 of 15 Agency Directors that have returned their commitment letters, including Governor Bullock. The first Executive Leadership Team (ELT) is scheduled for March 15. The purpose of the meeting will to provide an overview of the Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan (CHSP) and Vision Zero for Montana; and the role the Directors have in coordinated efforts to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes on Montana's roadways. A charter has been developed and includes the role in serving as the Impaired Driving Task Force per the requirements of 23 CFR 1200.23. A press release will be developed and distributed by the Communications Team

-2016 Impaired Driving Assessment

Assessment is planned for April 11-15, 2016. Some of the Team members will be asked to participate and provide input. Agendas will be sent out in advance to participants. Any forthcoming recommendations will be included with the current strategies.

-Web based Grants

Web-based grant application can be found at <https://fundingmt.org/index.do> . The deadline is **March 1**. The recorded January 14 webinar is posted online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rYMonQwtlil&feature=youtu.be>

-Statewide DUI Task Force meeting

Meeting planned for April 26 & 27, 2016. Dusko will provide future information.

Action Items/ Next Steps

- Dusko to set up a meeting to discuss over service.
- Newman to provide an overview and take away of the law enforcement liaison program conference

Next meeting-

The next meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2016, from 1-2:30 p.m. at MDT Planning Division Conference Room A, located in the Les Schwab Building at 2960 Prospect Avenue. The conference call will be provided in advance.