

Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan
 Roadway Departure & Intersection Crashes
 Emphasis Area Meeting
 MDT Planning Conference Room A
 Thursday, October 1, 2015

Attendees:

Marcee Allen, Safety Engineer- FHWA	Patrick McJannet, Audit & CDL Section- MVD-DOJ
Audrey Allums, Grants Bureau -MDT	Kraig McLeod, Traffic & Safety Engineer- MDT
Melinda Barnes – BikeWalk MT	Roy Peterson, Traffic & Safety Bureau – MDT
Sheila Cozzie, Cultural Liaison- SHTSS- MDT	Chad Newman, LE Liaison-SHTSS-MDT
Ed Ereth, Data & Statistics Bureau- MDT	Lesly Tribelhorn , Highways Engineer- MDT
Sgt Brett Friede, Lewis & Clark Co Sheriff Office	Lynn Zanto, Planning Administrator -MDT
Shari Graham, EMS & Trauma Systems - DPHHS	Via conference call:
Dennis Hult, Motor Carriers Operations- MDT	Lora Mattox, Transportation Planner, City of Billings
Pam Langve-Davis, CHSP Program Coord.-MDT	

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and identify missing strategy leaders and team members and to prioritize implementation steps if time allowed.

The Emphasis Area chair, Roy Peterson, provided an overview of the safety targets, overarching strategies, and the three tiered implementation structure of the Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan (CHSP). The three tiers are comprised of the Executive Leadership Team, Advisory Committee, and Emphasis Area Teams. The role and the responsibilities of the three tiers were provided to the meeting attendees.

Development of the CHSP Executive Leadership Team is currently underway. This Leadership team will be comprised of agency department heads that can commit staff, technical resources and revenue to help implement statewide safety strategies. Because there is overlap among the three emphasis areas, agency leader’s involvement is essential. An outcome of the August Alcohol Leadership Summit was that Director Tooley stated that this group should be a small number of possibly 7-9 members and identified key Executive Committee members and asked for possibly 2-3 more people for the team. Those identified were: Montana Department of Transportation; Department of Justice- Attorney General and Colonel Butler with Montana Highway Patrol; Department of Health & Human Services; Department of Corrections; Courts & Judiciary- Judge Knisely; and Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs- Jason Smith. Others mentioned included a city or county representation possibly from MACo or/ MT League of Cities and Towns, Department of Labor, and OPI.

Implementation Structure



Executive Leadership team will:

- Prioritize & institutionalize safety, Vision Zero, across agencies;
- Commit revenue, personal, and technical resources to implement safety initiatives;
- Identify and remove barriers within and between agencies to achieve vision Zero;
- Incorporate common safety strategies and initiatives into agency plans and policies; and
- Provide leadership and collaboration addressing statewide safety needs.

The Advisory Committee helped develop the CHSP Update and identified a need to have a Leadership Committee of agency department heads that can commit staff and program resources to help prioritize, incorporate, and implement safety strategies. As the middle tier of the implementation structure the Advisory Team will:

- Discuss implement progress & coordinate next steps;
- Provide guidance and direction to teams;
- Provide oversight to ensure teams evaluate the effectiveness of strategies and the contribution to decreasing fatalities and serious injuries;
- Report as appropriate to the executive Leadership Team

The Emphasis Area Team is comprised of program managers and staff that have a direct tie, knowledge of subject matter, and program management authority to safety implement strategies. Team members will:

- Commit time to attend and participate in meetings and work groups;
- Identify strategy leads
- Prioritize strategies for implementation;
- Discuss strategies from statewide perspective;
- Identify current resources, i.e. safety partners, staff, funding;
- Evaluate strategy implementation; and
- Share hurdles with the Advisory Committee team.

Identify Leaders for strategies 3, 5, and 7

Strategy 3 - Reduce roadway departure and intersection crashes through education

In discussing the strategy many potential safety partners were identified, but there were no volunteers to engage with safety partners to discuss possible program coordination and collaboration. Roy will discuss missing partners in the Annual Meeting presentation.

This strategy is in need of a lead. There are various safety education programs that are outside MDT. Outreach will be conducted to invite potential partners to future meetings, (i.e. MHP, AAA, AARP, OPI, Motor Carriers of Montana-Share the Road, Montana Motorcycle Rider Safety, Bike Walk MT-Share the Road, TIMS, Alive @ 25, etc.)

There is an opportunity to consider a cross- over lead of the education implementation steps within the three emphasis areas.

***Following the meeting Sheila Cozzie volunteered to be the lead of strategy 3.*

- Task: Roy to discuss missing strategy partners in coordination and collaboration efforts
- Task: CHSP Program Manager November meeting invitation

Strategy 5 – Support and increase enforcement of proper road use behaviors by all users in high-crash corridors and high-crash locations

Discussion included various increased enforcement including the ongoing Operation Safe Driver program that Motor Carriers- MDT partners with the Montana Highway Patrol to identify and cite improper driving behaviors. As law enforcement liaison, Chad Newman was identified as the strategy lead to compile and gather data on implementation activities that support and increase enforcement in high crash locations that focus on improper driving behavior. The implementation steps listed ties to the technologies and equipment specific to law enforcement and the STEP program which Chad manages.

Strategy 7 – Improve the prosecution and adjudication of all roadway user violations

This strategy focuses on prosecution and adjudication of all roadway violations in an effort to reduce roadway departures and intersection crashes. Without a representative it was suggested that an invitation to the November meeting should include someone from the Clerk of Courts, Judges, and /or MT County Attorneys Association. A strategy leader will be noted at the Annual meeting.

- Next step: Identify lead.

Next Steps: Discuss Annual Meeting outcomes and prioritize implement strategies.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 19. An agenda will be sent out in advance.

-Agenda: 1) Annual Meeting recap and 2) prioritize strategies.