

Roadway Departure & Intersection Crashes CHSP Emphasis Area Meeting

MDT Planning Conference Room A – Helena, MT
Tuesday, November 15, 2016, from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Attendees:

Marcee Allen, Safety Engineer (FHWA)
John Althof, Rail Safety, (MDT)
Melinda Barnes, Executive Director, BikeWalkMT
Art Collins, (MHP)
Jim Combs, Preconstruction (MDT)
Ed Ereth, Data & Statistics (MDT)
Shari Graham, EMS Trauma Systems (DPHHS)
Pam Langve-Davis, CHSP Program Coordinator, (MDT)
Patrick McJannet, Audit & CDLS Section (DOJ-MVD)
Chad Newman, Law Enforcement Liaison, (MDT)
Roy Peterson, Traffic & Safety, (MDT)



zero deaths | zero serious injuries

Approval of minutes

Approval of the September 20, 2016 meeting minutes was by consensus of those in attendance.

Annual Meeting Discussion- A survey was sent out to those to attend. Overall the meeting was well received. Presentations by Dr. McKenzie and Darrin Grondel proved to be very informative and useful to safety stakeholders. Emphasis Area team members shared comments of Grondel's presentation and the impressive amount of work that has been done in Washington State. Montana needs to be proactive in developing should recreational use of marijuana ever come before the legislature. Updates from the Impaired Driving Emphasis Area group will be shared with Team.

Patrick McJannet asked if consideration has been given by the Emphasis Area Team to develop a Legislative Tracking Sheet of concerns by team members. It was noted that other emphasis area teams are providing updates on potential legislative bills that may have an impact on reducing fatalities and serious injuries. Members were encouraged to provide any potential bills that the team should be aware of.

- **Action Item: McJannet will share a bill tracking list at the next meeting, others were asked to also share**

Progress Update

Strategy 1- Reduce & mitigate roadway departures through data-driven problem identification and the use of best practices - Roy Peterson

- *The road departure study has been completed and projects are being developed based on study. The tentative construction program (TCP) project funding is primary for infrastructure projects. Some funding (164 Penalty Funds) will be directed to education in regards to alcohol impaired driving. The 2017-21 TCP is completed and ready for approval by the Transportation Commission.*

Strategy 2 – Reduce and mitigate speed-related roadway departure/intersection crashes. - Roy Peterson

- *Safety Impacts of Differential Speed Limits on Rural Two-Lane Highways in Montana has been completed.*
- *Maps have been developed to Support Targeted Enforcement based on demonstrated crash patterns and high risk drivers. Roy Peterson will discuss with staff to determine a data timeframe and if a scheduled update is needed.*
- *Pavement nomination guidelines are looking at modifying roadway widths with consideration of road use.*

Strategy 3- Reduce roadway departure and intersection crashes through education.

- Dept. of Motor Vehicles is including drowsy driving in DMV operations manual.
- Inventory of safety programs addressing roadway departures and intersection crashes has been developed.
Next Step: Determine how best to list resources on website for public use.
- Traffic Incident Management–Using Data to Improve Traffic Incident Management System (TIMS). Marcee Allen reported on TIMS as a systematic, planned, and coordinated use of state and local agency staff and resources to shorten the duration and impact of roadway, and improve the safety of motorists, crash victims, and incident responders. This effort brings together law enforcement, firefighters, tow truck operators, medical personnel, MDT maintenance staff, and other incident responders together in interactive, hands-on incident resolution exercises. First TIMS training workshop was held in 2012. Responders training initiated in 2012, resulting in 35 certified individuals as train-the-trainers in Montana. A steering committee has been formed comprised of MHP, FHWA, DPHHS, Towing, and MDT maintenance staff. Jim DeTienne with DPHHS will represent Montana at the November 2016 Every day Counts 4 initiative: “Using Data to Improve Traffic Incident Management” Symposium in Oregon.
 - Montana TIM webpage is being developed; will be a page on MT LTAP website
 - Another TIM Train-the-Trainer Workshop is scheduled for April 5-6, 2017. Looking for individuals who want to become active trainers.

Strategy 4- Reduce & mitigate intersection crashes through data-driven problem identification and the use of best practices

- *Intersection safety training is scheduled for MDT engineering staff November 16 & 17. Tricia Burke to provide an update at next meeting.*
 - **Action Item: Burke/ Peterson to provide an update/ presentation on intersection crashes training**

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

- *Chad Newman reported that an Impaired Driving conference is scheduled for March 14, 15, 16 this is an effort focused on law enforcement training. 2 of 3 law enforcement liaisons have attended national training with the third scheduled to attend in 2017. 23 SETT/STEP applications have been received. There will be no funding for equipment for law enforcement this fiscal year.*

Upcoming Meetings

Emphasis Area Meeting, Wednesday, January 25, 10:30 am - noon

Advisory Committee Discussion of Safety Targets, May 9, 2016

Annual Safety Meeting, October 11-12, 2017