

Impaired Driving Crashes
CHSP Emphasis Area Meeting Agenda
MDT Planning Division, Conference Room A
2960 Prospect Avenue Helena, MT 59601
Wednesday, December 7, 2016, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Chair Audrey Allums, Grants Bureau Chief (MDT)
Sgt. Greg Amundsen, Missoula Police Department
Mackenzie Antila, PRC fellow (DPHHS)
Capt. Art Collins (MHP)
Sheila Cozzie, Cultural Liaison/ SOAR Program Manager (MDT)
Thomas Danenhowe, MMIA Insurance
Kevin Dusko, Impaired Driving Program, Highway Traffic Safety Section (MDT)
Gary Macdonald, DUI Task Force & County Commissioner (Roosevelt County)
Pam Langve-Davis, CHSP Program Manager (MDT)
Chad Newman, LE Liaison (MDT)
Roy Peterson, Traffic & Safety Engineering (MDT)
Sgt. Kurt Sager, DRE (MHP)
Lisa Scates, Liquor Control (DOR)
Adrienne Slaughter, (DOC)
Sgt. Jayson Zander, Helena Police Dept.

Via conference phone:

Gina Beretta, NHTSA
Lonie Hutchison, DUI Task Force Coordinator (Missoula/ Granite Co)
Vicki Turner, PRC (DPHHS)

Approval of Minutes – August 3, 2016

The chair, Audrey Allums, opened the meeting with a request for the approval of the August 3, 2016. Hearing no change requests the chair stated the meeting minutes be approved by consensus. Beginning in January 2017, Kevin Dusko will be transitioning to the Impaired Driving Emphasis Area chair.

Traffic Crash Data Update-

As of December 5, 2016 Montana has 8% fewer fatalities in 2016 than the current 5-year average. Total fatalities to date are 184 down from 211 from last at this time. Montana Highway Patrol's website features an up to date weekly fatality report <https://dojmt.gov/highwaypatrol/>

Impaired Driving Data Update-

Efforts will continue to document trending data for DUI arrests. Collaboration will continue with the Montana Highway Patrol, Montana Board of Crime Control and MDT. Impaired Driving Data will continue to be a standing agenda item at every meeting.

Strategy Updates-

1. Reducing impaired driving through improved processes

- *Support stronger impaired driving laws that increase penalties and/or arrest rates, including those focusing on repeat offenders.*

Team members will be reviewing upcoming proposed Legislation. Kevin Dusko is tracking proposals that could potentially impact the programs and policies regarding impaired driving. Team members were asked to share any proposed legislation that may impact their efforts to reduce impaired driving with Dusko which will be shared at next meeting.

➤ Task Item : Update on proposed legislation- Dusko

- *Support efforts to reduce the over-service of alcohol by expanding the awareness and 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.*

Liquor Control- DOR is finding that 3- year recertification of alcohol servers and sellers training is not occurring. Outreached is planned in the coming year to increase recertification. L&C Co DUI TF provides incentives to those that do recertify.

- *Support efforts to develop local and a statewide social host law. -- No updates to report.*

2. Reduce impaired driving through enforcement

- *Sustain Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) and related training, and increase collaboration between DREs and law enforcement agencies.*

DRE numbers are steady with 60-70 officers trained. 2017 will focus on recertification of DRE officers. ARIDE training across the state begins February 2017.

- *Support targeted enforcement based on demonstrated crash patterns and/or high-risk drivers (i.e., Selective Traffic Enforcement Program). -- Ongoing.*
- *Support local and state law enforcement efforts that include, but are not limited to, High-Visibility Enforcement. MHP District Commanders all support and plan to participate. Holiday media campaign will communicate increased patrols beginning December 16- January 1.*

Mini grants are available throughout the year with an open application period. Mini grants are available for local high risk events that occur throughout the year. For additional information regarding mini-grants, contact Chad Newman. Topsy Tow is being shared with communities with AAA offices, including Helena, Bozeman, Missoula, and Billings. AAA flyer featuring the local safety partner sponsors. Helena area flyer will be shared with state agency representatives.

➤ Task Item: AAA poster requested and shared with Helena area safety partners- Langve-Davis

- *Sustain Law Enforcement Liaison program. --Nothing to report.*

- *Support and encourage law enforcement agencies to enforce the criminal violation of the seller or server of over-service of alcohol, and report the violation of alcohol over service to the Department of Revenue (DOR) for administrative action on the liquor license holder.*

Lisa Scates reporting: Liquor Control –DOR has developed an over service card to be included in law enforcement (LE) ticket books. To date 165 LE officers have taken liquor law training provided by the Liquor Control Division-DOR. Currently there is no MLEA training regarding retail over service.

Next Steps:

- Liquor Control to develop a distribution plan for over service cards to law enforcement.
- Lisa Scates a & Capt. Art Collins to contact MPEA regarding liquor law training
- *Identify and support implementation of existing or new alcohol and drug detection technologies.*

Kevin Dusko reported: Intoxilizers around the state, managed by the State Crime lab Breath Test Program are outdated. An upgrade is necessary as effectiveness and reliability may come into question in the future. The Crime Lab has put in a funding request for over 1 million dollars the past 2-3 years. Unfortunately, the amounts of federal funds available are limited and are not able to support the intoxilizer statewide update. The crime lab will continue to explore options.

Chad Newman reported: LE Summit is scheduled for August 16, 17, & 18. Agenda has yet to be developed. Topics will include ways to reduce pressure on city and county jails through possible diversion programs.

- Next Step: Chad Newman to provide Summit updates to EA Team

3. Reduce impaired road users through prevention education

- *Monitor the impact of marijuana legalization on roadway crashes and countermeasures in peer states.*

Team members shared what was heard at the *Impacts of Marijuana Legislation on Roadway Crashes* annual safety meeting presentation given by Darin Grondel http://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/docs/chsp/2016-2-4_Impacts_of_Marijuana_Legislation_Grondel.pdf The Team was in agreement that a lot of work needs to be done and echoed Director Tooley's response that Montana needs to be proactive instead of reactive to marijuana legislation-The Group discussed a need for a Marijuana Work Group be developed to begin monitoring the impact of the marijuana legalization trends and the impact that will have on highway safety. Status updates would be provided to the EA Team.

- *Develop public education campaigns on a range of impaired driving topics.*

Audrey Allums reported: RFPs have been sent out media consultant. RFPs are required every 3- 5 years. Consultant will be announced at next meeting. Previous media work including videos and posters and plan2live materials will still be available.

- *Research underlying beliefs and behaviors of high-risk groups to better understand them; develop and implement strategies by using the appropriate proven and innovative educational materials and outreach communication channels.*

MacKenzie Attila reported that 2015 Alcohol Perception Survey has been posted on line. The survey presentation, findings, and potential new steps are included in report.

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/Portals/85/amdd/documents/Substance%20Abuse/Training%20Documents/AlcPercepSurRptMTFinalNOV16.pdf>

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

- *Increase the number of drug and alcohol courts and provide training to judges and court personnel.*

Four specific DUI Courts are supported with NHTSA funds. Providing general fund support for treatment courts will be discussed during the session and will be monitored closely.

- *Increase proven effective training for law enforcement, judges and prosecutors to ensure consistent adjudication of all traffic offenses, including impaired driving violations.*

Sgt Kurt Sager reported that he has provided training to the Courts of Limited Jurisdiction, including impaired, sentencing and prosecutor impaired driving training.

- *Support development of a statewide DUI Task Force. -- ELT and EA fulfills this strategy*
- *Increase usage of the 24/7 DUI monitoring program and other programs to prevent repeat offenses (i.e., ignition interlock).*

The focus is how to relieve pressure on county and city jails. Sgt. Wickam, MHP coordinated the 24/7 program and currently has 51 counties participating.

- *Support increase of crime lab resources to improve crime lab capacity and speed, including the number of toxicologists and equipment to process DUI test samples and measure other drugs. –*

No updates to report.

- *Support increased compliance with mandatory alcohol/drug treatment, and an increase in alcohol and drug abuse treatment options, to prevent repeat DUI offenses.*

Dusko reported that PRIME for LIFE and treatment requirements are currently being reviewed in the legislative session.

- *Support and promote training for criminal justice professionals and medical staff regarding best practices and legal requirements on topics such as BAC draws.*

Sgt Sager and other law enforcement on the team stated there are opportunities to educate for support of blood draws, including the issues of liability of private entities. Some of the questions to be researched include whether EMTs can be a viable resource to facilitate

blood draws? 1) They are often the first medical responder on the scene, especially in rural areas, and 2) many rural communities have EMTs which may help address the issues of blood draws. Some detention facilities have nurses on staff to conduct blood draws. This implementation step was recommended to be prioritized in continued discussion.

- *Improve MIP (minor-in-possession) processes in Montana (i.e., consistent management of cases in Youth Court and Criminal Justice Court) based on best practices. Improve data reporting to court partner agencies, such as alcohol education and intervention.*

Vicki Turner reported that work is being done to clean up legislative language to remove the requirement that courts need to submit MIPs to DPHHS. Records are already available through the Full Court System.

Legislative Updates-

This will be standing agenda item through the session. Kevin Dusko is tracking legislation. Team members are reminded to send Kevin Dusko any draft bills that affect laws or impact programs that involved impaired driving.

Announcements-

- 2016 Annual Transportation Safety Meeting presentations have been posted to the CHSP website <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/plans/chsp-meetings.shtml>
- Impaired Driving Emphasis Area Team Meeting Minutes and Strategy Handout <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/plans/impaired-ea.shtml>
- Occupant Protection Emphasis Area Team Meeting Minutes <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/plans/occupant-ea.shtml>
- Roadway Departure & Intersection Crashes Emphasis Area Team Meeting Minutes <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/plans/roadway-ea.shtml>

2017 Meeting Schedule-

Calendar meeting notices will be sent out in advance. Subcommittee work group meetings will be sent out in advance by subcommittee lead. Please send agenda topics to Kevin Dusko.