

## Roadway Departure & Intersection Crashes CHSP Emphasis Area Meeting

MDT Planning Conference Room A – Helena, MT  
Wednesday, April 26, 2017 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

### Attendees:

Marcee Allen, Safety Engineer (FHWA)  
Melinda Barnes, Executive Director, BikeWalkMT  
Gina Beretta, NHTSA (via phone)  
Patricia Burke, Safety Engineer (MDT)  
James Combs, Preconstruction (MDT)  
Sheila Cozzie, Cultural Liaison/SOAR Program (MDT)  
Ed Ereth, Data & Statistics (MDT)  
Dennis Hult, Motor Carriers-Operations (MDT)  
Pam Langve-Davis, CHSP Program Coordinator, (MDT)  
Chad Newman, Law Enforcement Liaison, (MDT)  
Jim Morrow, Executive Director (MMRS)  
Bob Walker, Chair, Last Chance Motorcycle Riders



zero deaths | zero serious injuries

### Approval of minutes

Hearing no changes approval of the March 22, 2017 meeting minutes was unanimous and the minutes were approved as written.

**Data-** The 2017 preliminary roadway fatalities as of April 24, 2017 is 36. This is 16 fewer fatalities than this date in 2016.

### Old Business-

#### Legislative Updates-

- **SB 196 – Revise transportation laws related to traffic violations in work zones;** Hearing 3/20/2017. Currently in 2<sup>nd</sup> House committee.
- **SB 212- Revise mature defensive driving laws;** Tabled in committee 3/22/2017

#### Progress Updates-

- Marcee Allen reported that Traffic Incident Management System (TIMS) training was conducted on April 5 & 6. Training was well attended. Emergency response at motor vehicle crash sites is critical and involves the multidiscipline of law enforcement, fire crews, emergency medical services, rescue and vehicle extrication, roadway maintenance and tow operators. An organized approach between agencies is necessary for site and responder safety, to preserve the crash site for crash investigation, and communication among agencies. The participants are those of the various disciplines that respond to these traffic incidents. Roughly 1,000 responders are anticipated to take part in trainings. Currently more than ¼ (28%) have been trained. (S-6)
- Multi-media centerline media campaign to provide education and awareness of centerline rumble strips. <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/rumblestrips/> (S-3&6)
- Melinda Barnes reported that BikeWalk MT will be conducting bicycle safety classes in communities throughout the state to educate bicyclist on safe riding practices. (S-3)
- Dennis Hult reported that the CMVSP FAST Act grant funding has been cut and Montana should expect to see a decrease of ~ \$1 million from previous years.
- Hult also reported on the Operation Safe Driver program that MCSAP in coordination with MHP conducts to address unsafe driving practices of motor vehicle operators and truck drivers. Offenders are stopped and educated &/or ticketed. Two events are planned for 2017. (S-2)
- Hult also shared the Teen Drivers- Share the Road with trucks education program conducted in coordination with Montana Motor Carriers that provides training upon request to high schools of driving environment with large trucks and education on properly driving practices. <http://www.mttrucking.org/safety/share-the-road/> (S-3)

## **Program Overview-**

Montana Motorcycle Riders Safety – Jim Morrow, Executive Director

The mission to provide motorcycle skills training to improve riding ability and enhance self-awareness strategies to minimize motorcycle crashes.

During the 2016 training season

- ~ 1,000 participants signed up for MMRS trainings, of which 75% successfully passed.
- More females are taking classes and account for 34 % of participants.
- 40 % of the participants are between the age of 21- 30.
  - 21-25 age group represents 16.42% and 26-30 year olds represent the and 12.89 % of participants

Work being done

- Basic Riding Course for novice riders that includes classroom training to ride safely and course riding to apply new skills to practical motorcycle riding.
- Basic Rider Course 2 (BRC2) is designed for experienced riders that currently ride in traffic environments. This course provides a refresher and safe riding tips to enhance riding experience.
- Advanced Rider Course (ARC) Course emphasizes self-assessment, risk management, rider behavior, riding strategies and overall skill development to improve safety awareness of those riders who choose motorcycling as a serious form of motorcycling.

Hurdles/ Challenges

- Need coaches
- Need sites for training
- Equipment funding

Next step

- Work with rider groups in Montana to promote May is Motorcycle Awareness month in 2018.

## **Announcements-**

- Emergency Medical Services Grant Program grants application period opens May 1 and are due June 30. [http://www.mdt.mt.gov/business/grants\\_ems.shtml](http://www.mdt.mt.gov/business/grants_ems.shtml)
- May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness, Share the Road with Motorcycles.
  - MDT Media campaign will roll out Beginning May 12.
  - MDT Motorcycle Safety site <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/people/motorcycles.shtml>

## **Upcoming Meetings**

- Next Meeting, Wednesday, ~~May 17~~, July 19
- Annual Safety Meeting, October 11-12, 2017