

## Roadway Departure & Intersection Crashes CHSP Emphasis Area Meeting

MDT Planning Conference Room A  
Les Schwab Building- 2960 Prospect Avenue – Helena, MT  
Wednesday, July 25, 2018 from 10:00 – noon



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MONTANA DEPARTMENT  
OF TRANSPORTATION

### Attendees:

Marcee Allen, Safety Engineer (FHWA)  
Melinda Barnes, Executive Director, Bike Walk MT  
Patricia Burke, Safety Engineer (MDT)  
Capt. Art Collins (MHP)  
Jim Combs, Highways Design Engineer (MDT)  
Ed Ereth, Data & Statistics Bureau (MDT)  
Shari Graham, EMS & Trauma Systems (DPHHS)  
Pam Langve-Davis, CHSP Program Coordinator, (MDT)  
Patrick McJannet, Audit & CDL Section (MVD-DOJ)  
Chad Newman, Law Enforcement Liaison, (MDT)  
Carl Peil, Driving Instructor, (AARP)  
Jeff Steeger, Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MDT)  
Via conference call:  
Anne Svendsen, Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration (FMCSA)  
Clark Wheeler, Operation Lifesaver

### **Crash Data**

Year to Date 2018 Crash Data, July 23, to date there have been 84 fatalities compared to 101 at the same time in 2017.

**Strategy 5.2: Implement & support targeted enforcement efforts to prevent intersection and roadway departure crashes**, with consideration of seatbelt use & impaired driving. Progress Update- Chad Newman shared preliminary special traffic enforcement May mobilization of 3,043 stops resulting in 100 DUIs. Based on the data received to date this reflects a considerable decrease from the previous year. →Chad will provide a final report when all the data has been submitted.

**Strategy 7: Improve prosecution and adjudication by law enforcement** - Law Enforcement training- June 17 & 18 – Marcee Allen reported that the FHWA law enforcement fundamental training was attended by state and city law enforcement and state engineering and planning staff. Training was well received and conversation about reporting unsafe site locations and roadway conditions was discussed. Law enforcement represented Montana’s Highway Patrol and the Missoula, Great Falls, Helena and Belgrade Police Departments.

**FHWA HSIP Requirements: Safety Targets: Performance Measures** – Patricia Burke reported that the 2019 safety measures targets were shared with the Advisory Committee in May. Federal regulations set requirements for the targets. These safety performance targets are required to be used in the submittal of the Highway Safety Improvement Plan (HSIP) and the Highway Safety Plan (HSP). Montana’s annual safety targets are determined based on the methodology set by the Advisory Committee (AC) in the development of the 2015 CHSP. The safety 2019 safety targets can be found at [https://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/docs/chsp/PerformanceMeasuresTargets\\_2019.pdf](https://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/docs/chsp/PerformanceMeasuresTargets_2019.pdf)

**Program Updates- Strategy 3.1: Enhance awareness of and encourage increased participation of evidence-based roadway user skills training.**

**Office of Public Instruction**, Fran Penner-Ray the director of the state’s traffic education in schools reported that in FY 2017 there were 9,271 students representing 137 high schools took drivers education. The Cooperative Driver Testing Program (CDTP) allowed driver instructors to administer the learners license written test and driver skills test for 8,689 licensees of the 128 participating high schools.

Montana D.R.I.V.E. program overseen by OPI is a drive in-vehicle training available to the public and recommended for city, county and state agencies whose staff drives as needed in their job duties. In 2018, 500 participants have registered for this one-day summer workshop in Lewistown.

**Montana Motorcycle Riders Safety (MMRS)** - MSU-Northern, Jim Morrow reports the motorcycle driver skills training conducted from April 1- June 30, 2018 has been conducted in Billings, Bozeman, Great Falls, Havre, Helena, Kalispell, Stevensville and at Malmstrom Air Force Base.

MMRS uses the Motorcycle Safety Foundations (MSF) internationally recognized and research-based rider education and training curriculum. Those who successfully pass the Basic Rider skills training can forego the rider course portion of the DMV endorsement test. As of June 30, 347 of the 404 Basic Riders Courses class participants passed the course.

The Basic Riders 2 and Advanced Rider Course are a more in-depth class for the specific targeted group of users and tend to have fewer participants. This rider safety class is designed for experienced riders with recent street and highway riding experience in a variety of traffic situations. As of June 30, there have been a combined 16 class participants who all successfully completing the course.

**Alive at 25, Montana Highway Patrol** Captain Art Collins reported that the Department of Justice has 26 MHP troopers certified in the National Safety Council's Alive at 25 program. In 2018 to date there have been 1,500 students that have participated in over 60 classes statewide. The purpose of the program to educate drivers to improve their driving skills and attitudes and ultimately reduce.

**Teens and Trucks** - Jeff Steeger, Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program manager with the Montana Department of Transportation reports that Motor Carriers Safety has conducted safety training regarding driving safely around large trucks and buses at two different high schools. Teens and Trucks training has also been conducted in both Billings and Missoula.

Jeff reported that an Operation Safe Driver event was done on the route from West Yellowstone to Idaho focusing on vehicle compliance checks.

**Montana's Operation Lifesaver (OLI)**-state director Clark Wheeler submitted a report following the meeting. Montana Operation Lifesaver is part of the national program focusing on ending collisions, deaths and injuries at places where roadways intersect with train tracks and on rail road rights-of-way. In calendar year 2018 to date, OLI has conducted driver safety and railroad awareness presentations making contact with over 5,000 residents, including: 57 Drivers ed presentations / 2000 students, 6 school bus driver presentations/ 386 drivers, and local city and county agency safety events and conference contacts/ 2445 people.

**Legislative Issues/Concerns**- Melinda Barnes reported that Bike Walk MT will be working on legislation for a safe passing bill for a 3-foot passing distance between bicyclist on roadways by other vehicles within a 35 or less mph speed zone; and a 5-foot passing distance on roads ways with speed limits of 35 mph and above

#### **Announcements**

- ~~ELT Meeting - September 18 - Canceled~~
- Annual Meeting - October 10-11, 2018

**Next Meeting**- Wednesday, September 26

**Meeting Adjourned**