

Roadway Departure & Intersection Crashes CHSP Emphasis Area Meeting

MDT Planning Conference Room A – Helena, MT
Wednesday, March 22, 2017 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Attendees:

Marcee Allen, Safety Engineer (FHWA)
Audrey Allums, Grants Bureau (MDT)
Melinda Barnes, Executive Director, BikeWalkMT
Gina Beretta, NHTSA
Patricia Burke, Safety Engineer (MDT)
James Combs, Preconstruction (MDT)
Ed Ereth, Data & Statistics (MDT)
Shari Graham, EMS Trauma Systems (DPHHS)
Dennis Hult, Motor Carriers-Operations (MDT)
Pam Langve-Davis, CHSP Program Coordinator, (MDT)
Patrick McJannet, Audit & CDLS Section (DOJ-MVD)
Chad Newman, Law Enforcement Liaison, (MDT)



zero deaths | zero serious injuries

Approval of minutes

Approval of the January 25, 2017 meeting minutes was called. Marcee Allen provided revised text prior to meeting to include. Two legislative bills were requested to be updated. The meeting minutes were revised and sent out to attendees for approval via email.

Data- The 2017 preliminary roadway fatalities as of March 20, 2017 is 29. This is 7 fewer fatalities than this date in 2016.

Old Business-

Legislative Updates- Members reported on legislation that relates to EA.

- **HB 41 - Revise laws related to oversized loads to comply with federal law;** Signed by Governor, Chapter Number Assigned 3/2/2017
- **HB 94 - General revise public safety officer standards/training council laws;** Hearing 3/14/2017. Currently in 2nd House Committee.
- **HB 180 – Restrict cell phone use in work and school zones;** 2nd reading passed as Amended, 3rd reading failed, missed general bill submittal deadline 3/2/2017.
- **HB 144 - Generally revise motor vehicle laws; a general cleanup bill of MVD laws.** Taken from 2nd reading; rereferred to Committee (Highways & Transportation) 3/20/2017.
- **HB 194 - Prohibit local restrictions on electronic devices while driving;** Missed transmittal deadline- 03/01/2017
- **HB 196 - Institute vehicle registration fee for volunteer EMS;** Tabled in Committee 2/13/2017.
- **HB 206 - Revise laws regarding crimes/ open container law;** Tabled in Committee 1/20/17. Missed deadline 3/1/2017.
- **HB 225 - Funding of maintenance for paved paths;** Tabled in Committee 3/21/2017.
- **HB 471 – Exceed speed limit when in passing zone;** Passed by Legislature- enrolling & final preparation process, 3/21/2017.
- **HB 473 – Revise highway revenue laws-** regarding increase of motor vehicle taxes to 35 cents per gallon; Revised Fiscal Note requested 3/21/2017
- **HB 580 – Provide for primary seat belt law for minors,** Hearing 3/27/2017
- **SB 134 - Revise laws related to motorcycle operation;** To allow motorcyclists to pass between adjacent lanes of traffic when stopped or traveling less than the posted speed limit under certain roadway conditions. Tabled in Committee 1/31/2017; missed general bill transmittal 3/1/2017.

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

Progress Updates-

- Patricia Burke reported that road safety audits that have been completed in the past are being reviewed to see recommendations have been applied and determine the impacts that safety improvements have made. (S-1)
- Chad Newman reported fewer DUIs over St Patrick weekend (S-2)
- Melinda Barnes reported that BikeWalk MT will be conducting bicycle safety classes in Bozeman and Helena as well as an instructor class in Bozeman in May. (S-3)
- Patricia Burke provided review of the roundabout map featured at <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/roads/roundabouts/>
- 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. (S-3)
- Patricia Burke reported that the Matt Ulberg is the new coordinator for the MSU-LTAP and will be involved in trainings and website development. (S-3)
- NHTSA recently sent out *Stop! Trains Can't!* campaign aimed at young male motorists to make the right choice at railroad crossings. <https://www.transportation.gov/stop-trains-cant> This campaign was sent out to EA team, CTSPs, and tribal planners. (S-3)
- Marcee Allen & Ed Ereth reported on the Model Inventory of Roadway Elements (MIRE) fundamental data element requirements under 23 CFR 924. The only element missing from Montana's data is Intersection/Junction Control of non-local paved roads. A notation will be added to the Traffic Records Strategic Plan (TRSP) to include the need to incorporate specific and measurable data elements to improve MIRE collection. (S-4)
- Marcee Allen reported that Traffic Incident Management System (TIMS) will be conducting train-the-trainer training April 5 & 6. 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 will be kicked off in April to provide education and awareness of centerline rumble strips. (S-3&6)
- SIMS Access Agreements with Billings, Kalispell, Great Falls, and Lewis & Clark, and Missoula Counties for SIMS access have been signed by all parties.

Program Overview-

EMS & Trauma Systems – Shari Graham

The purpose of EMS & trauma Systems has a Legislative purpose as noted in MCA 50.6.101;

"The public welfare requires the providing of assistance and encouragement for the development of a comprehensive emergency medical services program for Montanans who each year are dying and suffering permanent disabilities needlessly because of inadequate emergency medical services. The repeated loss of persons who die unnecessarily because necessary life-support personnel and equipment are not available to victims of accidents and sudden illness is a tragedy that can and must be eliminated. The development of an emergency medical services program is in the interest of the social well-being and health and safety of the state and all its people."

The mission is to reduce death & disability by providing leadership and coordination to the emergency care community in assessing, planning and developing a comprehensive, evidence based emergency care system. Emergency Medical Services agencies in Montana are comprised of 45% community-non-profit (volunteers), 23% fire department , 8% government non-fire, 8% hospital based, 14% private not hospital, and 2% tribal.

Work is being done throughout the state to educate rural EMS providers;

- A new Electric Patient Care Records System (ePCR) and state data collection data system is scheduled to be up and running in April 2017. This state data collection is used for the national collection. Montana is one of 38 states to use system. There is a strong push to standardize terminology between MHP & DPHHS and this system may be helpful.
- Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support training is a 16-hour prehospital trauma course offered to rural EMS agencies. EMS providers learn through scenarios and lectures how to better care for our rural trauma patients. It is funded by a Traffic Records Safety grant.
- An EMS managers conference held in Billings was attended by 56 EMS managers. An annual preconference workshop at Big Sky EMS symposium is planned as is a resuscitation academy.
- Provides and Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) education for first responders. This training is conducted through an agreement with Seattle- King County Public Health to use their EMD program. The education and guidebooks are offered to publicly owned 911 Montana dispatcher centers. This training was recently added to the Montana Law Enforcement Academy (MLEA) Public Safety Communicators course.
- EMS agencies are inspected on site every two years and includes review of program OSHA, CMS, HIPPA and other compliance issues. Inspection also includes vehicles to ensure operation safety.
- Recently received Simulation in Motion-MT (SIM-MT) trucks trailer unit that has extends so that the trailer is built to feature the inside of an ambulance and an emergency room and uses response mannequins for mobile emergency care education. This was made possible through a \$5.2 m grant from the Helmsley Foundation. Program grant covers 3 years at which time the state becomes responsible for maintenance and education. An oversight committee has already been formed to develop program and sustainability plan.

Announcements-

- Audrey Allums reported that Chad Newman submitted an Impaired Driving grant to GHSA and has received notice that the grant was successful and will be awarded. More information to come.
- DOA -Risk Management & Tort Defense offers a Preventing Distracted Driving Course, for state agencies, college staff & faculty. Schedule Information
http://rmtdweb.doa.mt.gov/rmtd/RMTD_CTIS_TRAINING.training_list

Upcoming Meetings

- Next Meeting, Wednesday, April 26, **Program Overview: Montana Motorcycle Rider Safety (MMRS)**, presented by Executive Director, Jim Morrow who will touch on importance of training, endorsements, licensing, and hurdles in providing safety training.
- Executive Leadership Team, April 27
- Advisory Committee Meeting, May 9
- Annual Safety Meeting, October 11-12