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**Impaired Driving
Emphasis Area
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- 67% of fatalities involved an impaired driver
- 4,536 impaired driving convictions reported to Motor Vehicles
- .20 BAC – average for an arrest, when blood is submitted to the crime lab
- PNA and YRBS indicate declines youth driving impaired and riding with an impaired driver



Emphasis Area

- 1** *Reduce impaired driving through improved processes and regulations*
- 2** *Reduce impaired driving through enforcement*
- 3** *Reduce impaired road users through prevention education*
- 4** *Continue to support and build collaborative partnerships to reduce impaired driving*



Strategy Highlights

Support stronger impaired driving laws

House Bill 133 – Commission of Sentencing Proposed/Passed Legislation

- Modified requirements of the Assessment Course Treatment (ACT)
- Provides treatment court as an option for 4th DUI Offenders (Felony)
- High Blood Alcohol Content alone is not sufficient to charge Criminal Endangerment
- Persistent felony law provisions were modified



Strategy Highlights

Support stronger impaired driving laws

Road Beer Legislation ..

HB 206 – Providing that a passenger may have an open alcoholic beverage container. – Tabled

Strategy Highlights

Support stronger impaired driving laws

Working Group on Impaired Driving Related Data
Arrest – Prosecution/Conviction

State Substance Abuse Epidemiological Group



Strategy Highlights

Reduce Impaired Driving Through Enforcement

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

- Governor's Highway Association and Responsibility.org grant

Support High Visibility Enforcement**

- Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)
- Safety Enforcement Traffic Team (SETT)
- Mini-Grants for High Visibility Enforcement for Special Events
- Law Enforcement Liaisons (LEL)
- Traffic Safety Resource Officer (TSRO)

** Close to 20,000 law enforcement contacts with 35,000 citations annually



Strategy Highlights

Monitor the impacts of Marijuana legalization on roadway crashes and countermeasures in peer states

- Drugged Driving workgroup
- Presentation on Drugged Driving tomorrow....



Strategy Highlights

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

Sobriety, Treatment, Excellence, Rehabilitation (STEER Court)

- 2017 - Received Academy Court Designation by Nation Center for DWI Courts (NCDC)
- Serves as a National Model DUI Court

DUI Court Operational Tune-up Trainings and Foundational Trainings from NCDC

- May 2017 – Five Montana DUI Courts received an Operational Tune-up training
- August 2017 – Billings hosted a national Foundational Training



Strategy Highlights

Continue to support and build collaborative partnerships



Strategy Highlights

Public Education Campaign



Strategy Highlights

Increase usage of the 24/7 DUI Monitoring Program

- 54 out of 56 counties
- Current number of active participants are 786 individuals are currently in 2x daily breath testing and many more on SCRAM monitoring
- Two reservations have taken the necessary steps
- Two additional reservations are considering implementing the program



Strategy Highlights

Support increased compliance with mandatory alcohol/drug treatment, and an increase in treatment options, to prevent DUI Offenses.

- HB 95 Passed – This will increase access to behavioral health, increase local treatment options.
- Impaired Driving Assessment Implementation – Montana Department of Corrections. 85 correctional professionals trained.

Local Resources

- Impaired Driving Traffic Safety Program <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/plans/impaired.shtml>
- Vision Zero “Don’t Drive Impaired” <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/people/impairment.shtml>
- Convictions report to Motor Vehicles: https://dojmt.gov/wp-content/uploads/Alcohol-Related-Violations_2016.pdf
- 2016 Annual Toxicology Report: <https://media.dojmt.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016-Annual-Toxicology-Report.pdf>
- Prevention Needs Assessment: <http://dphhs.mt.gov/amdd/substanceabuse/cddata/pnadata>
- Youth Risk Behavior Survey: <http://opi.mt.gov/Leadership/Data-Reporting/Youth-Risk-Behavior-Survey>
- Montana Treatment Courts <http://courts.mt.gov/drugcourt>
- 24/7 Program Website: <https://dojmt.gov/247-sobriety-program/>
- Prevention Resource Center: <http://prevention.mt.gov/>
- Addictive & Mental Disorders Division: <http://dphhs.mt.gov/amdd/index>
- What a DUI Will Cost You <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/docs/What-A-DUI-Will-Cost-You-Brochure.pdf>



National Resources

- Stop Impaired Driving <http://www.onthewagon.org/stopimpaireddriving/>
- Stop Underage Drinking <https://www.stopalcoholabuse.gov/default.aspx>
- Driving After Cannabis Use
http://www.mdt.mt.gov/other/webdata/external/research/docs/research_proj/tsc/DUIC_FINAL_REPORT.pdf
- GHSA – Drugged Driving: <http://www.ghsa.org/issues/drug-impaired-driving>
- NHTSA's Impaired Driving Website: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/drunken-driving>
- Responsibility.org <https://responsibility.org/>
- Countermeasures That Work: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.dot.gov/files/812202-countermeasures-that-work-8th.pdf>
- CDC - Impaired Driving: https://www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/impaired_driving/index.html
- Prevent Impaired Driving: <http://www.preventimpaireddriving.org/>
- MADD: <https://www.madd.org/>





One life lost is one too many.

"The Department of Transportation and our partners are united in our mission to save lives on Montana roads."

—Mike Tooley, MDT Director

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DUI Courts

Where Community Safety and Rehabilitation Converge

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