

Roadway Departure & Intersection Crashes CHSP Emphasis Area Meeting

MDT Planning Conference Room A
Les Schwab Building- 2960 Prospect Avenue – Helena, MT
Wednesday, September 18, 2019 from 10:00 – noon



Attendees:
Patricia Burke, Safety Engineer (MDT)
Shari Graham, EMS & Trauma Systems (DPHHS)
Pam Langve-Davis, CHSP Program Coordinator,
(MDT)

Gabe Priebe, Traffic & Safety Engineering, (MDT)
Chad Newman, Law Enforcement Liaison, (MDT)
Via Skype
David Gray, Missoula MPO Transportation
Bill Squires, Highways Design Engineer (MDT)

Approval of July updates by consensus.

Crash Data

Year to Date 2019 Crash Data, as of Sept. 16, 2019, there have been 139 fatalities compared to 121 last year at this time.

Updates-

Strategy 1: Reduce & Mitigate roadway departure crashes through data-driven problem identification and the use of best practices-

- Cable median barrier warrant guidelines are being developed. Four project locations are under consideration.
- Centerline rumble strip to be placed is the last district. Anticipated to be completed Fall 2020.
- Shari Graham reported that EMS and Trauma Systems-DPHHS will be conducting assessment of EMT volunteer services from the responder, ambulances, and equipment to determine needs for potential funding opportunities

Strategy 3: Reduce roadway departure and intersection crashes through education.

- **Research Project: MVD Safety Content Project** -RFP process is underway. Anticipated completion in 2020.
- **TIMS-** As of Aug, 26, 2019 in Montanan 3,923 responders have attended in person training and 103 have attended web based training; Training will be added to MLEA curriculum. The TIMS website is <http://www.montana.edu/ltap/resources/tim/index.html> TIMS is also working to promote awareness of the Move Over Law (MCA 61-8-346) that also aligns with Work Zone Safety. Move Over Montana Face Book page is <https://www.facebook.com/moveovermontana>
- **OPI** – 2019 Youth Risk Behavior Survey
http://opi.mt.gov/Portals/182/Page%20Files/YRBS/2019YRBS/2019_MT_YRBS_FullReport.pdf?ver=2019-08-08-134717-593
- **OPI MT DRIVE** 2019 1-day Summer workshops participants: 512
- **OPI 2019 Drivers Education participants: not yet available**
- **Operation Lifesaver- no report**
- **AARP- final training numbers not available.**
- **MMRS- final numbers not available.**
- **MCSAP – no report**

Strategy 4: Reduce & mitigate intersection crashes through data-driven problem identification & use of best practices.

- **ICE:** Stan Brelin will be heading up an Intersection Evaluation Control (ICE) Process. It is anticipated to be wrapped up by 2021.

Strategy 5: Support & increase enforcement of proper road use behaviors by all users in high-crash corridors and high-crash locations.

- Chad Newman is processing SETT, STEP and law enforcement liaison contracts for the next fiscal year. These contractees fulfill the role of awareness and enforcement of high-visibility enforcement during mobilization campaigns and annual community events where risky driving behaviors may be exhibited.

Strategy 6: Explore and implement best practices for reducing road departure, ...

- **Research Project: Developing a Methodology for Implementing Safety Improvements on Low-Volume Roads in Montana.** Phase I & Phase II have wrapped up. This research is to look at another mechanism to look at risk factors on low volume roads to determine potential improvement projects. The project is anticipated to be completed by Fall 2020.

Upcoming Meetings Scheduled & Adjournment

- Annual Transportation Safety Meeting, October 30 & 31
- Emphasis Area Meeting, Wednesday, November 27, 2019, 10 am-noon, Conference Room A