

CHSP Unrestrained Vehicle Occupant Emphasis Area Meeting

Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 9-10 a.m.



Attendees:

Alyssa Johnson, Trauma Systems Manager, EMS & Trauma Systems Section, Department of Public Health & Human Services (DPHHS)

Don Smies, Richland County Health department

Janet Kenny, Emphasis Area Chair & State Highway Traffic Safety Section (SHTSS) Supervisor, Planning Division, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Jennifer Wilson, Occupant Protection Program, SHTSS, Planning Division, MDT

Kelly Little, EMS for Children (EMSC), EMS & Trauma Systems, DPHHS

Megan Brunelle, Cascade County Buckle Up MT Coordinator

Maureen Ward, Injury Prevention Coordinator, Chronic Prevention & Health Promotion Bureau, DPHHS

Pam Langve-Davis, Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan Manager, MDT

Sheila Cozzie, Cultural Liaison/SOAR Program/Teen Program, SHTSS, Planning Division, MDT

Sgt. Pat Erbacher, Traffic Division, Missoula Police Department

Spencer Harris, LE Liaison & EMS Grants, SHTSS, Planning Division, MDT

Steve Schmidt, Drive Safe Missoula, Ci-Co Health Department

Terry Mullins, MES & Trauma Systems Section Supervisor, DPHHS

Meeting Purpose –Peer share of conference and training attended & potential opportunities to promote seat belt awareness & child passenger safety seats.

Progress/Quarterly Updates

Strategy 1: Laws & Enforcement

- **STEP Overview regarding Seatbelt Citations** – Following the meeting Janet Kenny provided the FFY 2022 seatbelt citations conducted through national mobilizations.

MHP Safety Enforcement Traffic Team (SETT), three national mobilization campaigns in FFY 2022: 209 seat belt & 5 child restraint citations included in total citations & 1,658 patrol hours. Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) occupant protection related citations. FFY 2022: 1,387 seat belt & 13 Child restraint citations included in total citation & 7,351 hours.

- *Measurable for FFY 2022: Combined total of 1,614 UVO citations & 9,009 hours*

FFY 2023 First quarter seat belt and child seat citation report is unavailable.

Strategy 2: UVO Communication, Education & Injury Prevention

- **Battle of the Belts-Richland County Health Department-**

Don Smies provided a brief update on the Battle of The Belts. The school competition is designed to increase teen seatbelt use. Savage schools took first place with a 25% increase and Brorsten school was runner up. Overall average usage rate was 85.2 percent.

- **Child Passenger Safety Tech Training**

Jennifer Wilson reported May's annual tech training resulted in 42 tech trainees.

- **Transportation Safety Forums**

Maureen Ward, Injury Prevention Coordinator with Department of Health & Human Services (DPHHS) is currently conducting transportation safety forums across the state. Forums have been scheduled for Dillon, Missoula, Billings, & Poplar. The purpose is to develop a resource clearinghouse of traffic safety and injury prevention education and awareness programs to reduce the risk of /& associated with injuries resulting from motor vehicle crashes.

Missoula Police Department Traffic Division Sgt. Patrick Erbacher shared that he has been working to raise safety awareness with traffic tips. School students seem to be using belts more.

Drive Safe Missoula- Steve Schmidt continues to work on Drive Safe Missoula efforts including young driver education modules and educational outreach to other high schools.

EMS for Children-DPHHS

Kelly Little recently filled the vacant position. She will be working on EMSC project funded by NHTSA and with Jason Mahoney on 5-point harnesses. She will be attending a SAMSA conference in June to learn about related efforts.

SOAR

Driving Skills for Life will be coordinated over the summer and set to expire in October. In coordination with impaired driving safety efforts and campaigns to include podcasts. Sheila Cozzie will provide an update as available.

Teen Peer-to-Peer

GM grant is wrapping up Reports are due. FY 2024 kickoff in September. Sheila Cozzie will provide an update as available.

CPS Training-

Jennifer Wilson stated that Child Passenger Safety training is scheduled in Billing in June.

Strategy 3: Data

Terry Mullins reported that EMS is working on developing a Q&I elements to include stroke and cardiac arrest and additional factors like location in vehicle, occupant, location scene, GPS scene which has been a software challenge due to Wi-Fi Connectivity. Emergency personnel need data laptops to collect information. EMS is in the process to update MT Incident Report.

2023 Lifesavers Peer Share on UVO- Ah Ha moments

Terry Mullin: Intriguing ideas from opening speaker.

Janet Kenny: North Dakota passed a primary passenger law. She and Jennifer will be reaching out to state NHTSA representative to see what was done and how it was accomplished.

- Janet will provide an update at the September meeting.

Maureen Ward: NJ data network has multiple links to a variety of databases related to state health outcomes.

Jennifer Wilson: Very interested in the National Digital Check Form and getting it implemented across the state.

Save the Date-2023 Annual Transportation Safety Meeting- October 4 & 5, 2023 in Helena

Next Meeting - second Tuesday of month @ 9 a.m., September 12

Adjournment