

Impaired Driving Crashes

CHSP Emphasis Area Meeting Agenda

MDT Planning Division, Conference Room A

2960 Prospect Avenue Helena, MT 59601

Wednesday, June, 7th, 2017, 10:00a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Chair, Kevin Dusko, Transportation Planner-SHTSS (MDT)

Thomas Danenhowar, MMIA Insurance

Chad Newman, LE Liaison-SHTSS (MDT)

Lisa Scates, Liquor Control (DOR)

Mark Keeffe, Data Analyst-SHTSS (MDT)

Michelle Snowberger, Motor Vehicle Division, (MVD-DOJ)

Vicki Turner, Prevention Resource Center (DPHHS)

Annette Carter (DOC)

Barb Reiter, Jefferson County DUITF

Alyssa Johnson, DPHHS

Janet Kenny, SHTSS (MDT)

Greg Amundsen, Missoula PD

Roy Peterson, MDT

Via conference phone:

Gina Beretta, NHTSA

Lonie Hutchison, Missoula DUITF

Becky Sturdevant, Common Sense Coalition

Scott Larson, Forensic Science Division, DOJ

Curt Weiler, Chemical Dependency, AMDD, DPHHS

Introductions

Approval of Minutes – From April 6, 2017

Kevin Dusko asked for any changes and approval of the minutes. None offered. Minutes approved.

Traffic Crash/DUI Data Update

As of this date there have been 62 fatalities compared to 67 in 2016.

2016 Crash data has been finalized. Discussion on 2016 data. Mark provided details and answered data questions. Overall, fatalities were down in 2016, but the impaired driving involved percentage was higher than normal.

A working group is in place focusing on data collection and tracking of DUI. Data elements will include: arrest, prosecution, adjudication and administrative sanctions. These current systems do not connect to track DUI arrest all the way through convictions.

Scott Larson provided an in-depth presentation on crime lab results for 2016 and provided trending information on Driving under the Influence cases. A copy of the 2016 Annual Toxicology Report is provided as an attachment to these minutes.

Report out from the Executive Leadership Team and Advisory Committee

Kevin provided an update on recent meeting with the ELT and the TAC. The ELT met on April 27th, just as the legislation was coming to a close. The Governor was there to provide a welcome and encouraged continued high traffic safety efforts. The ELT approved by consensus the Impaired Driving Assessment State's responses. Main discussion was around ELT's strategy with primary seatbelt bill. The TAC met on May 9th and discussed CHSP implementation and strategy highlights. Performance measure target setting was discussed and non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries was set.

High Visibility Enforcement

Chad discussed High Visibility efforts through MDT. MDT typically contracts between 20-30 agencies for the Strategic Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). This includes local law enforcement and MHP. These are overtime patrols designed to prevent impaired driving and increase seatbelt use. Program requirements of STEP include participation in national mobilization efforts. STEP is typically used in more of the urban areas. MDT also provides smaller agencies the opportunities to apply for mini-grants for specific local events that typically have an increase prevalence of impaired driving.

MDT also funds the SETT team, formally known as the Roving Patrol. This is a six-man team that travels throughout Montana during larger events such as St. Patrick's Day in Butte.

All agencies are encouraged to provide HVE using media in coordination with other agencies. These programs result in 15,000 – 20,000 extra hours of impaired driving enforcement annually.

Additionally, MDT funds the TSRO position, which provides ARIDE and DRE training. Lastly, MDT funds a LEL program located in Missoula, Helena, and Belgrade. The LEL's function is to provide outreach/education to other agencies to increase attention to impaired driving, seatbelts and participation in HVE.

Legislative Outcomes

Group discussed impaired driving related legislative outcomes from the 2017 Session. Specifically, group discussed HB 133, which had a couple provisions that will affect DUI laws. One provision, is the effect it will have on Prime For Life. Curt Weiler from AMDD provided a brief explanation on HB 133 impact to DUI offenders, specifically requiring alcohol education course to only first-time offenders and only if treatment is not required. Annette Carter from DOC discussed HB 133 implications on felony DUI's and the criminal endangerment statute.

Alcohol Policy Work Group of the ICC

In efforts for continued communication/collaboration with other state working groups to the ID EA, Vicki Turner provided a synopsis of discussion with a subgroup of the ICC, Alcohol Policy subgroup. Discussion points were provided to the attendees. Subgroup continues to look at the data, specifically related to underage access to alcohol. Group will be looking at what other states are doing, look at the prevalence of shoulder taps/second hand sales, and the ongoing compliance checks. Other things that were discussed within the work groups was, sobriety check points, interlocks, alcohol licensing, alcohol signage, etc.

The group will continue discussions in evaluating non-controversial policy changes. Vicki will continue to share information with the ID EA. Detailed information about the ICC can be found here.

<http://prevention.mt.gov/#11680136-icc>

Current Subgroups

Kevin discussed that there are many strategies and groups that work on impaired driving strategies. Some are directly part of a designed ID EA subgroup, others are groups that other agencies lead, such as AMDD, or the ICC as examples. The ID EA staying connected with these other groups is critical.

The current subgroups of the ID EA is a medical marijuana subgroup and a data subgroup. Both groups will be meeting sometime this summer, time permitting. As emerging issues come up, other subgroups can be discussed.

Announcements

Lisa provided an update on upcoming 2017 Alcohol Education Summit. Registration is currently open for the summit. All information can be found here. Lisa is finalizing the details of the event.

http://revenue.mt.gov/home/liquor/liquor_education#Alcohol%20Education%20Summit

Lisa also provided an overview of some liquor control organizational changes.

Team members were also reminded of the CHSP meeting date of October 11-12.

Next ID EA team meeting is set for Wednesday, August 2nd.

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