

**CHSP Impaired Driving
Emphasis Area
Virtual Meeting**
Thursday, January 7, 2021



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**MONTANA DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION**

Attendees:

Patti Borneman, Traffic Education Specialist, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
Sheila Cozzie, SOAR/Native American/Teens/ Motorcycle Traffic Safety Coordinator, State Highway Traffic Safety Section (SHTSS), MDT
Thomas Danenhower, Risk Management Specialist, Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority (MMIA)
Kevin Dusko, Impaired Driving Program Coordinator, SHTSS, MDT
Kent Haab, Alcohol Beverage Control Division (ABCD), Department of Revenue (DOR)
Mark Keeffe, Data Analyst, SHTSS- MDT
Janet Kenny, SHTSS Supervisor, MDT
Pam Langve-Davis, Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan (CHSP) manager, MDT
Leah Mobley, Gallatin Co DUI Task Force Coordinator
Chad Newman, Law Enforcement Liaison, SHTSS, MDT
Beth Price Morrison, Prevention Program Manager, Alliance for Youth
Barb Reiter, Jefferson Co DUI Task Force Coordinator
Sgt Doug Samuelson, Drug Recognition expert (DRE)/ Traffic Safety Resource Officer, MHP
Steve Schmidt, Drive Safe Missoula, Missoula Ci-County Health Department
Beth Smalley, Forensic Science Division (FSD), Department of Justice (DOJ)
Maureen Ward, Injury Prevention, DPHHS

Meeting Purpose: Report and Track Progress

Kevin Dusko, chair of the Impaired Driving Emphasis Area team opened the virtual meeting with a welcome and self-introduction of participants. Participants provided individual updates as appropriate.

Announcements – As of December 31, 2020 there were 209 fatalities on Montana's roadways. As of January 4, 2021, there have been 4 fatalities compared to 2 on the same date in 2020, and 1 fatality in 2019.

Old Business

Reviewed the Impaired Driving Emphasis Area Work plan and Kevin provide a brief update on some follow-up items stemming from the December meeting.

Progress Updates

Strategy 1: Deterrence and Enforcement

Chad Newman provided updates on the STEP and SETT Programs. He also provided information related to the LEL Program and Helena's DUI Police Traffic Safety Pilot Program.

Sergeant Doug Samuelson provided a law enforcement training update to include SFST, ARIDE and DRE.

Strategy 2: Prevention and Education

Beth Price Morrison and Barb Reiter provided brief updates on prevention activities in Jefferson and Cascade County. Steve Schmidt provided an update and discussed Drive Safe Missoula and the Tic Tok Challenge, which is in collaboration with Leah Mobley from Gallatin County.

Kent Haab provided an update on Alcohol Server Training.

Sheila Cozzie provided an update on tribal activities and the impact of COVID on reservations.

Strategy 3: Criminal Justice System

A brief discussion took place regarding 2021 Legislative Session. Suggestion to all is they go to the Montana State Legislature Website and check out DUI related bills. Kevin is willing to help anyone individually in navigating the website. Chad Parker worked on a major DUI bill in 2019. The bill did not pass. The concept of the bill in structuring DUI Code is was passed onto the Montana County Attorney Association.

Kevin will connect with the 24/7 Program Coordinator for an update on that program.

Kevin will communicate with Judge Knisely (Regional JOL and Justice McKinnon (State JOL) about planned activities in calendar year 2021.

The Forensic Crime Lab provides quarterly statistics as well as an annual report.

Strategy 4: Communication Program

Regarding media messaging - new concepts for safety messaging are being reviewed with potential to move away from punishments with consideration of the negative impacts of psychological reactance to identify positive changes.

Traffic Safety Pool- Funded Studies - <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/research/projects/trafficsafety.shtml>

Strategy 5 - Alcohol and Other Drug Misuse: Screening, Assessment, Treatment and Rehabilitation

No one from AMDD was at the meeting to discuss ACT. Maureen Ward did provide additional detail about Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) in healthcare and into other settings throughout Montana.

Strategy 6- Program Evaluation and Data

Epidemiologist Hannah Yang is still on the ID EA, she just had conflicts. There will be some discussions soon with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission related to Highway Safety and recreational Cannabis. Some preliminary work has begun to establish a baseline for Highway Fatalities that have THC in the blood.

Legislative Session 2021

This discussion was covered under Strategy 3.

Agenda Items –Topics

Looking for a presentation on a topic. Will reach out to team members for potential topics.

Next Meeting

First Thursday of the month @ 10 a.m. – **March 4**

Meeting Adjourned

Reference: Impaired Driving Emphasis Area Workplan

https://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/docs/chsp/2020_SEP_ID_EA_Workplan_Final.pdf