

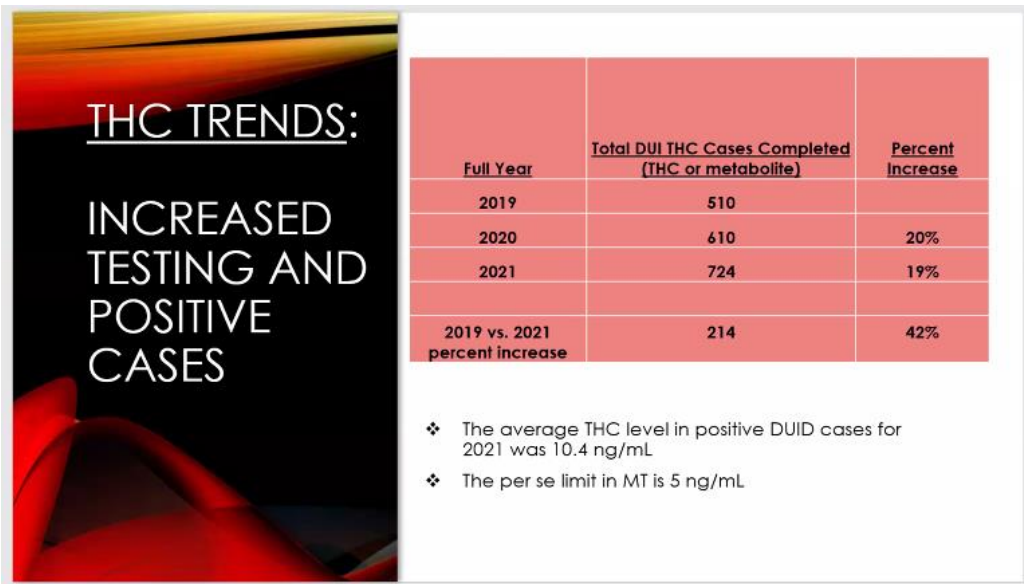
**CHSP Impaired Driving
Emphasis Area Virtual Meeting**
Wednesday, April 6, 2022



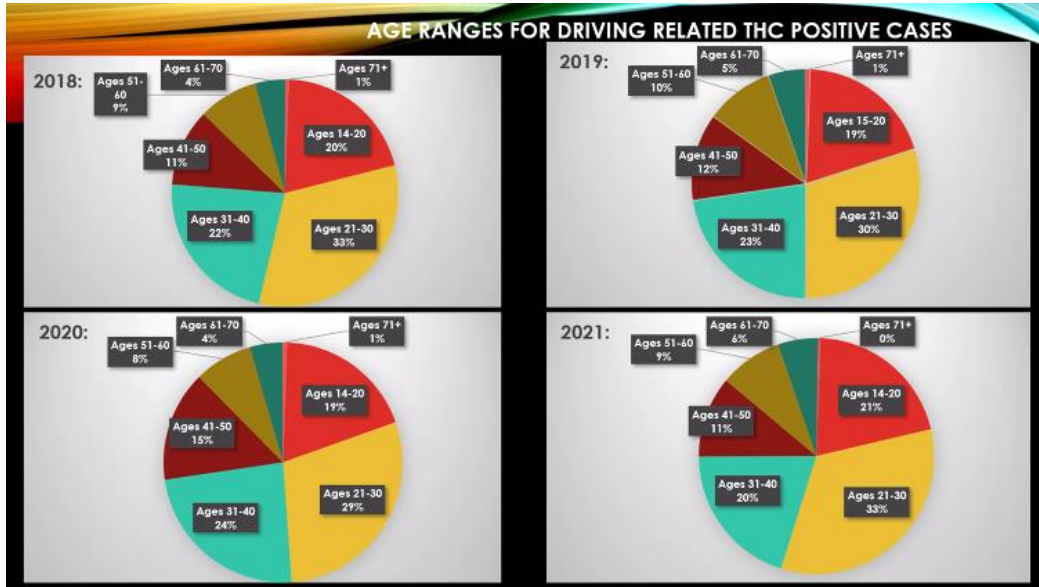
Attendees:

Alyssa Johnson, Trauma Systems Manager, EMS & Trauma Systems, Department of Public Health & Human Services (DPHHS)
Barb Reiter, Jefferson County DUI Task Force Coordinator
Beth Smalley, Forensic Toxicologist- Department of Justice (DOJ)
David Jacobs, Grants Bureau Chief, Rail, Transit & Planning Division, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)
Eric Belford, Operations Bureau Chief, Motor Carrier Services
Janet Kenny, State Highway Traffic Safety Section (SHTSS Supervisor), MDT
John Westerhold, NHTSA Region 10 Program Manager
Kent Haab, Alcohol Beverage Control Division, DOR
Kevin Dusko, Impaired Driving Program Coordinator, SHTSS, MDT
Leah Mobley, Gallatin County DUI Task Force Coordinator
Mark Keeffe, Data Analyst, MDT
Maureen Ward, Injury Prevention, Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities Division, DPHHS
Michelle Evans, Toxicology – Crime Lab, DOJ
Sheila Cozzie, Cultural Liaison, Teen Programs, MDT
Pam Langve-Davis, Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan (CHSP) Manager, MDT
Sgt Doug Samuelson, Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Trainer / Traffic Safety Resource Officer, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)
Steve Schmidt, Drive Safe Missoula, Missoula Ci-County Health Department
Trooper Ryan Janes, MHP

Crime Lab Toxicology Report- Beth Smalley



20 percent of cases involve the age groups not legal for recreational marijuana and represents DUI stops and involved in crashes and fatalities (2018-2021)



Represents combination of alcohol and THC. Other counties have combined per se laws.

THC AND ETHANOL:

Full Year	Ethanol and THC (not metabolite)	Percent Increase	Ethanol and THC (not metabolite) and other drugs	Percent Increase
2019	104		159	
2020	117	12%	188	18%
2021	127	8%	205	9%
2019 vs 2021 percent increase		20%		27%

- ❖ The combination of ethanol and THC has the potential for additive impairment
- ❖ Canada's per se laws:
 - ❖ 0.080 g/dL ethanol
 - ❖ 5 ng/mL THC
 - ❖ 2.5 ng/mL THC + 0.050 g/dL ethanol

Number of alcohol cases in 2019 in 67 percent and are going down as of 2021. Total Alcohol and THC combination has increased.

ETHANOL TRENDS:

DRUGS OTHER THAN ETHANOL INCREASED

Full Year	Ethanol Only	Drugs Only	Total DUI Ethanol Cases Completed	Percent Increase
2019	67%	19%	3389	
2020	66%	11%	3585	6%
2021	62%	24%	3844	8%
			2019 vs 2021 percent increase	14%

- ❖ The average ethanol level in positive DUID cases for 2021 was 0.182 gm/dL
- ❖ The per se limit in MT is 0.08 gm/dL
- ❖ 19% increase in postmortem submissions to the toxicology lab

EMERGING TRENDS

- ❖ Delta 8 THC: Almost made top 5 drugs in 2021 Q4
- ❖ Fentanyl: Persistent in all casework
- ❖ Gabapentin: New in-house method
- ❖ Alcohol and THC: Combination is prevalent

Impaired Driving Strategic Plan

Provided an update to the Impaired Driving EA work plan, which serves as Montana Impaired Driving Strategic Plan. New additions are landing sections that describes the Executive Leadership Team (ELT)'s authority, role of ELT, members, process of plan development and placeholder for ELT approval date.

Strategy 1: Deterrence and Enforcement

DRE class funded w/ NHTSA just wrapped up. Second DRE school planned . Basic SFST Training is under way. May ARIDE scheduled

Law Enforcement Liaison (LEL) and is active in recruiting and retaining STEP programs and law enforcement entities to participate in mini-grant programs.

Helena Police Department is still activity in employing a full time traffic officer and will be providing a 50 % match during the next federal fiscal year.

STEP and SETT Programs are continuing to participate in mobilization periods and operating well. Mini Grants are provided to smaller jurisdictions for high visibility during special events. Law Enforcement Planner position is closed, and applicants are being screened.

Strategy 2: Prevention and Education

Safe Driving Missoula- DUI Task Force, Drive Safe Missoula DUI Project

<https://www.drivesafemissoula.com/the-dui-project>

- Prerelease impact stories (Leah Joki- developed plays to share with other offenders & public)
- Young Driver in Control
- New Tik-Tok stories – Bad Ideas 6- 30 sec videos

Northern Tribes worked on impaired driving campaign

Northern Tribes DUI Task Force working on developing next campaign. Next Northern Tribes DUITF meeting is on April 14th in Billings, MT.

Injury Prevention will be having some planning meetings in the coming months and will have additional updates at the June meeting.

September 15-16, Rocky Mountain Rural Trauma Symposium. In Helena, MT.

RASS- Kent Haub released new version of curriculum with assistance of Steve Schmidt Partners include Wal-Mart, Town Pump, etc. Compliance checks are looking good. Under 6% fail rate. Focus on underage and overserved

Strategy 3: Criminal Justice System

S3.1 Support stronger impaired driving laws.

Link to the MCA for the reorganization of DUI Laws in Montana.

https://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title_0610/chapter_0080/part_0100/sections_index.html

Oral fluid testing for roadside testing approved by Legislature for new testing method but not included in reorganization and not tied to implied consent.

24/7 testing sites for either 2x daily testing and/or remote testing is active in 39 counties statewide.

<https://dojmt.gov/247-sobriety-program/>

There is a new Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP) that started recently. The position is housed within the Prosecution Services Bureau of the Attorney Generals Office.

Motor Carrier alcohol/ drug citations & out of service drivers

DUI Court Best Practices Training scheduled for Billings in the fall and will include Fort Peck and Gallatin County from Montana.

Strategy 4: Communication Program

National Mobilizations with the next one being the Memorial Day mobilization, which is a National Seatbelt Enforcement mobilization. SETT and STEP programs will be actively participating in with media firm.

Working on personal stories/ impact. What's your reason campaign.

S4.3 Monitor the impact of marijuana legalization on roadway crashes and countermeasures in Montana and peer states. Great presentation from the Forensic Science Laboratory. New Highway Bill includes language encouraging States that have legalized adult use marijuana to develop a public educational campaign.

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

A meeting with the Montana Health Care Foundation is scheduled to discuss Screening and Brief Intervention and referral to treatment.

Strategy 6: Program Evaluation and Data

S6.1 Support a comprehensive picture of impaired driving data, which may include, but is not limited to: Crash, Citation, Toxicology, Conviction, Motor Vehicle and DUI Offender monitoring data.

Discussion was held related to the latest impaired driving fatality trends from 2011-2020. MDT crash data can be accessed at this link.

<https://www.mdt.mt.gov/publications/datastats/crashdata.aspx>

Discussion about Montana projections to moving to high-range designation. An Assessment will likely occur in January or February of 2023.

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