

## CHSP Impaired Driving Emphasis Area Meeting

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

10am-noon



### Attendees:

Beth Morrison, Prevention Specialist, Alliance for Youth, Great Falls

Beth Smalley, Forensic Toxicologist- Department of Justice (DOJ)

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

John Westerhold, NHTSA Region 10 Program Manager

Kevin Dusko, Impaired Driving Program Coordinator, SHTSS, MDT

Mark Keeffe, Data Analyst-SHTSS, MDT

Pam Langve-Davis, Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan (CHP) Manager, MDT

Sheila Cozzie, Cultural Liaison, Teen Traffic Safety/ Motorcycle Safety Program Manager, MDT

Sgt Derek Stoner, STEP/SETT Coordinator, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)

Sgt Doug Samuelson, Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Trainer / Traffic Safety Resource Officer, MHP

Steve Schmidt, Drive Safe Missoula, Missoula County Health Department

Spencer Harris, Law Enforcement Liaison/EMS Grant Programs Manager, SHTSS, MDT

### New Business-

- October 11-12 Annual Transportation Safety Meeting Registration needed by September 30. Link <https://www.eventsquid.com/event/17800> Agenda [2022 Annual Transportation Safety Meeting Agenda \(mt.gov\)](#)
- Impaired Driving presentation include Poly-Substance Data: Impacts of Recreational Marijuana Use When Driving” and “ Montana’s Motor Vehicle Impaired Driving Crashes” will be presented by team members Beth Smalley & Sgt Doug Samuelson and Maureen Ward & Anna Bradley
- October 12, 1-3 pm NHTSA Grant Management Workshop, is scheduled immediately after the annual meeting. The workshop is intended for grantees and attendance is strongly encouraged by past, present, and future grantees.
- November 14-18, NHTSA Impaired Driving Assessment: Because Montana is projected to be a high-range state in Federal Fiscal 2024. An assessment is required. Many safety partners will more than likely will be contacted to speak on their programs, coordination, and collaboration of safety efforts. The meeting preference is in-person participation.

### Old Business -

**Key Element 1/ Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC) related:** Improve the accuracy, completeness, integration, timeliness, uniformity, collection, and accessibility of data used in traffic safety analysis.

- MVD Data Clean Up Project - MVD cleanup of multiple duplications that are updated in one system but not in other systems.
- NEMSIS Update by DPHHS to upgrade and onboard local EMS records across the board.

**Key Element 2/ New Partners:** Collaborate across agencies, organizations and with the public to improve traffic safety, driver behavior and promote the Vision Zero.

- New Media consultant- Duft-Watterson

### Strategy 1: Deterrence and Enforcement

**51.1 & 1.2 Continue to support STEP & SETT HVE efforts. Continue to support Tribal law enforcement STEP.**

Efforts and activities are ongoing. Final numbers for FFY 2022 will not be available until after the first of the year and will be reported at that time.

- FFY 2023 contracts : ~21 STEP contracts for funding are being executed for MDT to provide funding to State and Local STEP programs.

### ***S1.3: Continue to support the Law Enforcement Liaison program***

- Outreach continues, additional law enforcement agencies are looking to submit requests for mini/STEP grant.

### ***S1.4 Continue to support & promote LE mini-grant program***

- FFY 2023 applications: Law Enforcement mini grants will be accepted throughout FFY23 for high visibility enforcement for special events.

### ***S1.5 Continue to support & Maintain the Traffic Safety Resource Officer***

- Classes are ongoing and include THC variance, legal challenges in other states, partnering w/ Ed Hirsch for Courtroom Testimony training

### ***S1.6: Sustain and support DUI Traffic Safety Pilot Program***

- The Helena project continues. Opportunities are available for similar projects in other communities. Discussion with Missoula, Great Falls, and others that are interested are ongoing.

## **Strategy 2: Prevention and Education**

### ***S2.1 Support activities that include Prevention Specialist community outreach and education events and evidenced-based programs***

- Prevention Specialists in all 56 counties  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/19aqP8hABOLpE90qmpqvAJ\\_qNE62DJXSdaVhYMF\\_Tu7M/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/19aqP8hABOLpE90qmpqvAJ_qNE62DJXSdaVhYMF_Tu7M/edit)

### ***S2.2. Support Injury Prevention and Trauma Coordinators in local-area hospitals with community outreach and education events and programs***

- The Rocky Mountain Symposium is being held September 15-16. The annual Rocky Mountain Rural Trauma Symposium is Montana's leading trauma education symposium for physicians, advanced practitioners, nurses, and emergency medical service personnel working in the RURAL environment. [Rocky Mountain Rural Trauma Symposium \(umt.edu\)](https://www.umt.edu/rocky-mountain-rural-trauma-symposium)

### ***S2.3 Sustain and expand local DUI Task Forces***

- There are currently 36 County Approved DUI Task forces representing 39 Counties for State Fiscal Year 2023.

### ***S2.4 Sustain and support Northern Tribes Tribal DUI Task Force***

- Educational outreach and media continue with recent impaired driving prevention messaging which includes posters depicts a CSKT family on the importance of child safety seats and seat belt use.

### ***S2.5 Sustain and grow the Teen Traffic Safety Program focusing on impaired driving***

- FCCLA – GHSA grant opportunity w/ General Motors to promote traffic safety focusing on Distracted Driving
- OPI developed the 4D's and presented to Jefferson County High School
- Montana Commissioner of Securities and Insurance presentation for all Traffic Education instructors  
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### ***S2.6 Sustain and grow the Safe On All Roads - SOAR - Tribal community traffic safety program***

- Cultural relevant traffic safety campaigns continue to be developed with most recent campaign focusing on Back-to-School.

### ***S2.7 Sustain and support efforts to reduce the over-service of alcohol and preventing underage drinking and driving by supporting mandatory alcohol sales and service training.***

- Drive Safe Missoula is working on videos for Kent Haab, Alcohol Beverage Control Division (ABCD), focusing on MIP- alcohol beverages sales at the self-check at grocery stores.

## ***2.8 Promote the expansion of Alternative Transportation to Reduce Impaired Driving***

- Nothing reported.

### **Strategy 3: Criminal Justice System**

#### ***S3.1 Support stronger impaired driving laws.***

- After the November election there will be a standing agenda item to discuss bill drafts related to Impaired Driving Laws.

#### ***S3.2 Continue to support implementation and expansion of the Statewide 24/7 Sobriety and Drug Monitoring Program and other DUI Offender monitoring programs.***

- Sgt Lacie Wickham continues to coordinate the 24/7 program. FFY 2022 numbers will be reported after the first of the year.

#### ***S3.3 Sustain and support the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP)***

- The TSRP position has been filled by Ed Hirsch who has been actively providing training.

#### ***S3.4 Sustain and support the Judicial Outreach Liaison (JOL)***

- Judge Mary Jane Knisely continues with DUI Court/ STEER & CAMO courts in Yellowstone County.

#### ***S3.5 Support increase of crime lab resources to improve process of DUI test samples.***

- The crime lab continues to evaluate current crime lab resources.

#### ***S3.6 Continue to sustain and expand DUI Courts and Treatment Court Training for DUI Offenders***

- A statewide Treatment Court Conference is being held in Bozeman on September 21-23. The conference will share best practice information and resources to treatment courts throughout Montana.

#### ***S3.7 Continue to support and expand Tribal DUI Courts***

- Members of the Fort Peck DUI Court attended a DWI Foundational training in Billings on August 15-18.

#### ***S3.8 Support license sanctions for DUI Offenders following (MCA 61.8.10 Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs)***

- No updates from MVD.

#### ***S3.9 Continue to support alcohol breath testing by Motor Carrier Services (MCS) officers with reasonable suspicion or other competent evidence that a CDL operator may be driving impaired.***

- July 2022: MCS inspection teams completed 62 level I inspection noting 31-vehicles out of service violation and 21-driver out of service violation on commercial motor vehicle.
  - In addition to normal commercial motor vehicle inspections MCS inspection team also completed 24 passenger vehicle inspections. The passenger vehicle inspection resulted in 2 vehicles being placed out of service. The traffic enforcement resulted 20 vehicle stops, with a total of 42 warnings written and 12 Notices to appear also written. During our traffic work a DUI was processed, and a 1 warrant arrest was also completed.
- August 2022: MCS inspection completed 15 level I, 15 level II and 3 level III inspections noting 5-vehicle out of service violations and 2-driver out of service violations while operating commercial motor vehicles.
  - In addition to our commercial motor vehicle inspections MCS and MHP completed traffic enforcement utilizing a CMV operating in the corridor with an MHP officer in the CMV calling out

traffic violations. This 2-day event resulted in 11 vehicle stops, with a total of 11 warnings and 5 notices to appear written. In addition to the traffic stops MCS and MHP assisted with 1 stranded vehicle, and a crash event that happened while patrolling.

#### **Strategy 4: Communication Program**

##### ***2.8 Promote the expansion of Alternative Transportation to Reduce Impaired Driving***

- No report

##### ***S4.2 Participate and support of National Mobilization Media Campaigns aimed at preventing impaired driving.***

- State and local law enforcement participated in May Mobilization, May 23 - June 5, 2023.
- State and local law enforcement participated in Labor Day Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, August 19-September 5, 2022.

##### ***S4.3 Monitor the impact of marijuana legalization on roadway crashes and countermeasures in Montana and peer states.***

- Forensic Science Division gathers information and provides an annual report, which is expected after the first of the year (2023).

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

##### ***S5.1 Support ACT (Assessment, Course and Treatment) for DUI Offenders***

- No report

##### ***S5.2 Expand Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) in healthcare and into other settings throughout Montana.***

- No report

#### **Strategy 6: Program Evaluation and Data**

- Kevin Dusko, Mark Keeffe have been involved in on-going discussions with the Forensic Science Division related to toxicology data and the Board of Crime Control related to impaired driving citation data.
- NHTSA Impaired Driving Assessment, November 14-18, 2022. Recommendations will be reviewed and included as feasible and an MDT response will be considered, if needed.

#### **Meeting Schedule**

- Next meeting- December 7, 2022
- Schedule for 2023 -(first Wednesday of month @ 10 a.m.)  
>>Pam will schedule

#### **Adjournment**