

Roadway Departure & Intersection Crashes CHSP Emphasis Area Meeting

MDT Planning Conference Room A
Les Schwab Building- 2960 Prospect Avenue – Helena, MT
Wednesday, September 20, 2017 from 10 am to 11:30am



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MONTANA DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION

Attendees:

Roy Peterson, Chair - Traffic & Safety Engineering Bureau (MDT)
Marcee Allen, Safety Engineer (FHWA)
Melinda Barnes, Executive Director, Bike Walk MT
Gina Beretta, NHTSA (via phone)
Patricia Burke, Safety Engineer (MDT)
James Combs, Preconstruction (MDT)
Ed Ereth, Data & Statistics (MDT)
Dennis Hult, Motor Carriers-Operations (MDT)
Pam Langve-Davis, CHSP Program Coordinator, (MDT)
Chad Newman, Law Enforcement Liaison, (MDT)
Carl Peil, Driving Instructor (AARP)
Fran Penner-Ray, Traffic Education (OPI)

Crash Data to Date-

As of September 18, 2017, there have been 138 fatalities compared to 150 at this time last year. Montana is trending 7% lower over the current 5-year average.

Strategy Updates/Highlights-

S1: Reduce and mitigate roadway departure crashes through data-driven problem identification and the use of best practice.

- MDT is currently installing centerline rumble strips a best practice in reducing fatalities and serious injuries. Installation began in the Butte district in 2015 and is anticipated to be completed in the Missoula district in 2019.
- Several Road Safety Audits (RSA) have been conducted in the past few years. RSA recommendations are being reviewed to evaluate effectiveness of those implemented and whether further recommendations should be pursued. Recommendations are being compiled and assessed. Report is planned for December 2017. Roy will provide a report out on next steps.

S2: Reduce and mitigate speed-related roadway departure/intersection crashes

- Operation Safe Driver program is an on-the-road and in-the-truck program that addresses unsafe driving practices of motor vehicle drivers and CDL operators. Offenders are stopped & ticketed &/or provided education & awareness. Program collaboration between MDT & MHP has conducted over 20 events over the past 10 years. To date: CMV Citations issued =3, Non-CMV Citations issued= 16
- Traffic and Safety will consider developing a targeted enforcement map based on demonstrated crash patterns using the new SIMS software. Further discussion needed.
- NHTSA STEP and SETT grantees will be announced after October 1.

S3: Reduce roadway departure and intersection crashes through education. (Round Table)

- AARP provided more than 100 safety driver classes in the first six months of the year.
- BikeWalk conducted fee based bicycle skills training in the communities of: Hamilton, Glasgow and Helena and the Helena Police Department
- MT DRIVE continues to be offered for 10 weeks during the summer workshops. This in-vehicle advanced training is designed to replicate situation driving risks. Attendance is encouraged for local government and state agency staff, bus and EMS drivers, private business drivers and the public. (Need to confirm numbers for 2017.)
- SOAR coordinators are developing new media /educational poster. Posters should be completed by end of October.
- Teen Peer-to-Peer Traffic Safety Project in coordinated with Family, Community & Career Leaders of America (FCCLA) and Ford Drivers Skills for Life is promoting traffic safety in FCCLA participating high schools. Grant program kickoff is scheduled for early October.

S4: Support and increase enforcement of proper road use behaviors by all users in high-crash corridors and high crash locations.

- Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) and High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) mini-grants are available to law enforcement (LE) agencies statewide for special events. These law enforcement contracts are targeted enforcement campaigns that target high-risk drivers. Grant awards will be made after October 1.

Announcements-

- Annual Safety Meeting- October 11 &12

Next Meeting & Adjournment

- December 13, 2017

Strategies Handout

http://www.mdt.mt.gov/publications/docs/plans/chsp/RD_IC_STRATEGIES_STEPS_HANDOUT.PDF