

**CHSP Emergency Response- After-Crash Care  
Emphasis Area  
Virtual Meeting**

Wednesday, March 10, 2021  
9-10:30 p.m.



**Attendees:**

Marcee Allen, Safety/Traffic/ Design Engineer, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)  
Shari Graham, EMS Systems Manager, EMS & Trauma Systems, Department of Public Health & Human Services (DPHHS)  
Emily Healy, Occupation Safety epidemiologist, Department of Labor & Industry (DLI)  
Alyssa Johnson, Trauma Systems Manager, EMS & Trauma Systems, DPHHS  
Mark Keeffe, Data Analyst, State Highway Traffic Safety Section (SHTSS), Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)  
Carol Kussman, Trauma Coordinator, DPHHS  
Pam Langve-Davis, CHSP Coordinator, MDT  
Terry Mullins, EMS & TS Section Supervisor, DPHHS  
Chad Newman, EMS Grant/ Law Enforcement/Liaison, SHTSS, MDT  
Janet Trethewey, EDD, EMT, Cardiac Ready Communities Program Manager, DPHHS

**Meeting Purpose: Workplan Implementation – Progress Updates:**

S1.1: Continue development of the Enhanced 9-1-1 & FirstNet & Next Generation 911 access for first responders - No First Net Status Update

- Item of concern is that currently there is no coverage from central to eastern Montana, from Grass Range to Circle

S1.2: Support Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) training for all dispatch centers

- Every dispatcher goes through training at MLEA that is coordinated with EMS TS office. Lake County training is scheduled for March. Sudden Cardiac Arrest training was sent out to dispatch centers to fulfill the continuing medical education requirement.
- Recommendation that dispatchers be included in the RMRTS invitation and

S1.3: Support bystander/ nonemergency personal training and education, (I.E. Stop the Bleed, First Aid, etc.)

- Due to COVID, training has limited in person educational opportunities. Recent information continues the no in-person training until after March 30. Virtual training was provided at the Virtual Trauma Coordinator meeting in March. Stop the Bleed Day (STB) is in May.
- Consider adding STB to the Health in the 406-monthly e-blast.

S2.1: Support ongoing education and training of emergency care responders.

- Seven PHTLS courses are scheduled for 2021. Three are courses that were rescheduled from the 2020 grant year due to COVID restrictions. Grant submitted for grant year 2022.

S2.3: Support and promote MDT Emergency Medical Equipment Grant Program

- FFY 2021: 12 grants awarded (4 being ambulances)
- FFY 2022 EMS Grants Applications submittal opens in May with application deadline of June 30.  
[https://www.mdt.mt.gov/business/grants\\_ems.shtml](https://www.mdt.mt.gov/business/grants_ems.shtml)

S2.5: Support and promote Trauma Emergency Response training for Law Enforcement Officers (LEO) & Equip Law Enforcement vehicles with basic trauma kits.

- First Responder training is standard training that was conducted at MLEA. Trauma First Response training for law enforcement is the training DPHHS is suggesting but has not been initiated as a contact needs to be reestablished with the retirement of Montana Highway Patrol (MHP) Capt. Art Collins. Pam Langve-Davis did contact Colonel Lavin with MHP for representation on emphasis area.
- **Plan to discuss Trauma First Response training & MLEA curriculum at June meeting.**

S2.6: Support and promote Traffic Incident Management Systems (TIMS) Training

- Montana is currently at 52.3% of first responders trained; national average is 43.6% trained so we are ahead of the average. The training goal for 2020 was 45%.

S3.1: Support ongoing education and training of the trauma team.

- Together Everyone Achieves More (TEAM- MDT Grant) FFY2022 course are schedule for Fall Eastern Region is planning for 5 courses, 12 are available.
- Five (5) of the Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) courses canceled due to COVID have been rescheduled and are filled. ATLS instructor course scheduled for Fall.

- Trauma Nurse Core Course (TNCC) virtual courses may be a consideration to fulfill training requirements. TNCC is looking into national online/virtual courses.
- Emergency Nurse Pediatric Course (ENPC) in process of collecting surveys.

S3.2: Support and further trauma center designation for all Montana facilities that care for injured persons.

- 45 of 65 are designated centers.

S3.4: Continue to support and promote the Rocky Mountain Rural Trauma Symposium (RMRTS)

- Meeting bi-monthly for September 2021 RMRTS. Consider extending invitation to APSCOs.

S4.1: Continue to utilize and enhance ImageTrend data (EMS patient care records) to track road safety trends and to improve overall EMS system performance.

- Recently held second bi-weekly meeting. Hannah Yang has requested EMS system updates to include emergency personal care records (EPCR). Ongoing.

S4.2: Utilize ESO/Digital Innovations data (Trauma Registry) to analyze hospital treatment of the patient and implement performance improvement using the data.

- Conducting virtual meetings with 3 trauma centers. Updated performance indicators for all regions and the state.

S4.3: Continue to support and use available Montana Highway Patrol (MHP) motor vehicle (MV) crash data for analysis to guide injury prevention strategies and emergency care of the patients.

- Conversation needs to be revisited with MHP.

S4.4: Integrate ImageTrend, DI and MHP data sets (via Biospatial platform among others) to provide a full picture of crash injuries in Montana.

- Hannah is working on MV data linkage with intent to have a report this Fall.
  - Revisit previous crash data conversations with MHP contact is necessary to move forward.

S4.5: Utilize Dept. of Labor & Industry data to further understand first responder crash injuries.

- Emily reported that a series is ready and asked to confirm the status of responder injured. And time frame for reporting. Shari confirmed on-scene and transport to & from scene. Pam recommended data of years 2019 & 2020 to begin a baseline. Emily will report at quarterly meetings on incidents year to date.

S5.1: Provide guidance, support, coordination, and technical assistance to local and regional injury prevention activities.

- March Webex presented to state injury prevention. Applying for a CORESUP/ CDC grant due by May, which includes a focus on TBI, ACES, MVTS, and suicide prevention.
- SHIP activities include motor vehicle area risk mapping and a Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Group

S5.2: Integrate MDT Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan (CHSP) & DPHHS State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) strategies.

- 2019 crash fatalities and serious injuries posted online at <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/plans/chsp.shtml>

S6.1: Support activities surrounding policies and regulations that provide for emergency care access, EMS, facility designation and care standards.

- LC 1945/ SJ 22: Interim study of emergency medical services laws, sponsored by Edie McClafferty (D), Referred to Public Health, welfare & Safety Committee, 3/9/2021
- HB 421- Provide pension benefits for volunteer emergency care providers: Tabled in committee 2/24.
- SJ 20- Resolution raising awareness of post-traumatic stress injury: Tabled in committee 2/26.
- LC 1946- Revise emergency services licensing laws (this is the consolidation bill between DPHHS and BOME), in drafting process.

S6.2: Support state law and enhance driver awareness of Montana's Move Over Law, including tow operators and vehicles.

- HB 264: Revise emergency vehicle passing laws, sponsored by Ross Fitzgerald. Revised fiscal note printed 3/9/2021.
  - Consider reaching out to Move Over Montana FB administrators to coordinate a Health in the 406.

**Next Meeting- at 9 am., June 9, 2021, at 9 a.m.**

**Adjourned-**Pam Langve-Davis motioned to adjourn meeting; Alyssa Johnson second the motion.