

**CHSP Impaired Driving
Emphasis Area
Virtual Meeting**
Thursday, July 1, 2021



Attendees:

Sheila Cozzie, SOAR/Native American/Teens/ Motorcycle Traffic Safety Coordinator, State Highway Traffic Safety Section (SHTSS), MDT
 Kevin Dusko, Impaired Driving Program Coordinator, SHTSS, MDT
 Dacia English, Outreach & Education Coordinator, Alcohol Beverage Control Division (ABCD), Department of Revenue (DOR)
 Kent Haab, Alcohol Beverage Control Division, DOR
 Sgt. Mike Hebert, Traffic Division, Missoula Police Department
 David Jacobs, Grants Bureau Chief, Rail, Transit and Planning Division, MDT
 Mark Keeffe, Data Analyst, SHTSS, MDT
 Janet Kenny, SHTSS Supervisor, MDT
 Samantha Klem, STEER/ DUI Coordinator
 Judge Mary Jane Knisely, Judicial Outreach Liaison, 13th Judicial District Court, Yellowstone Co.
 Kimberly Koch, Addictive & Mental Disorder's Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
 Leah Mobley, Gallatin Co DUI Task Force Coordinator
 Dwight Nelson, Traffic Education Director, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
 Chad Newman, Law Enforcement Liaison, SHTSS, MDT
 Chad Parker, Assistant Attorney General, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor
 Barb Reiter, Jefferson Co DUI Task Force Coordinator
 Sgt Doug Samuelson, Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Trainer / 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)
 Gina Tracy, AMDD Substance Abuse Block Grant Program Manager, DPHHS
 Maureen Ward, Injury Prevention, DPHHS
 John Westerhold, NHTSA Region10 Program Manager

Introductions: Attendees all provided a quick introduction.

Meeting Purpose: Report and Track Progress

Toxicology Data Update

Beth Smalley, Forensic Science Division provided a toxicology update. In 2020 the age range with the highest instance of marijuana (THC) are those between 14-20 years of age. This age range also test highest for THC in comparison with other age groups.

Crime Lab: Age Comparison in THC Positive DUI Cases

2020							
Age Range	14-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	72-82
Case total	135	208	169	106	56	32	4
Mean THC	11.38	10.80	10.09	8.42	8.72	7.90	5.03

Crime Lab: Increase in DUI Submissions for 2021

INCREASE IN DUI SUBMISSIONS FOR 2021		
Year	Number of DUIs Submitted Through May	Number of DUIs Submitted For the Year
2019	1326	3358
2020	1334	3520
2021	1565	???

17% increase in DUI cases
7% increase in Postmortem cases

Crime Lab: 2021 First Quarter Stats

2021 FIRST QUARTER STATS

- ❖ Designer benzodiazepines are in MT to stay
Flualprazolam, Flubromazolam, Etizolam, Clonazolam, etc.
- ❖ Ethanol, THC, and Methamphetamine continue to be the top drugs encountered in DUI cases
- ❖ Increase in fentanyl cases in QUARTER 2
Fluorofentanyl and Acetyl Fentanyl both found in postmortem cases

2020 Forensic Science Division Report [2020-FSD-Annual-Report.pdf \(dojmt.gov\)](https://dojmt.gov/2020-FSD-Annual-Report.pdf)

Strategy Updates

Strategy 1: Deterrence and Enforcement

Chad Newman provided updates on the STEP and SETT Programs and upcoming mobilization (Strategies 1.1,1.2,1.3,1.4,1.6) –

Sergeant Doug Samuelson provided a law enforcement training update that SFST, ARIDE and DRE training continues. ARIDE training is being offered statewide to prepare officers for the Recreational Cannabis roll out. A class was held in Billings last week (6/21). (Strategy 1.5)

Strategy 2: Prevention and Education

S 2.1-Barb Reiter provided brief updates on prevention activities

Kimberly Kock/ Gina Tracy – announced a prevention specialist conference is scheduled for July 27 & 28, in Billings.

There is a cap of 150 participants. Substance Abuse Prevention Academy

<https://youthconnectionscoalition.org/academy/>

S2.2- Maureen Ward reported that planning for the September RMRTS is ongoing. Information will be forthcoming. Efforts to restart the Injury Prevention Committee are in progress. Maureen also mentioned the Lewis and Clark DUITF is sponsoring a training by Jermaine Galloway in the beginning of October.

S2.3 -Kevin Dusko reported that 35 DUI Task Forces covering 39 counties have been approved by the Director for SFY 2022

S2.5, 2.6-Northern Tribes DUI Task Force and SOAR activities and progress report.

Northern Tribes DUI Task Force held their quarterly meeting on June 16, 2021, in Havre, MT. Members from around the state attended including members from the newly added Northern Cheyenne reservation. The decision was made to update their strategic plan at the future meeting. This will include updating some strategies with regard to impaired driving. The newly revised CHSP will help with this process. The summer impaired driving campaign (poster shown above) is currently running and will be in place through July.

Kent Haab reported that Responsible Alcohol Sales & Service training has been done via online but have not necessarily been affective. The challenge is getting those in sales and service to take the mandatory training. On site training will be ramping up across the state. Upcoming training scheduled in Choteau/ Chouteau. (Strategy 2.7)



Strategy 3: Criminal Justice System

S3.1- Support stronger impaired driving laws.

- DUI bill SB 356, is moving through the process. Legislative Services is working on recodification.
- Kent Haab noted that curbside pickup legislation is under review. Specifics under review among others include “sealed” “serving size” definitions. *(Make standing agenda item as it is developed)*

S3.2-Statewide 24/7 Monitoring Program and other DUI Offender monitoring program activities

S3.3-Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP) activities-- Chad Parker discussed upcoming training such as the Limited Court Training in the fall.

S3.4-Judicial Outreach activities – No discussion. Judge Knisely continues to serve as the NHTSA region 10 Judicial Outreach Liaison.

S3.6-DUI Courts and Treatment Court Training for DUI Offenders -- Montana has 41 Treatment Courts in Montana Seven of those Treatment Courts are DUI Courts. MDT-SHTSS provides direct support for 5 of the 7 DUI Courts. The National Center for DWI Courts continues to provide training in Montana to Treatment Court Teams. A national DUI Court training is planned for July and September to include *10 Guiding Principles* and a statewide treatment court conference is planned for November 2021.

S3.7-Tribal DUI Courts – No discussion.

S3.8- Support license sanctions for DUI Offenders following 61-5-205, 61-5-208 – No discussion.

Strategy 4: Communication Program

S 4.1,4.2- Janet Kenny reported on campaign activities. 4th of July Drive Sober messaging is currently running. Based on national research findings and best practices safety campaigns have been evaluated and developed to include the 2017 *One Reason* campaign focusing on seatbelt use and *Drive Sober* PSAs into rotation. The *One Reason* campaign is intended to motivate vehicle occupants and drivers to engage in proactive driving behaviors because they have many reasons to get home safely.

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. NHTSA also covers alcohol use and sober drivers year-round with messaging. Media campaign is a continuation of national positive messaging to endorse positive behaviors of what is needed for people to emulate. Campaign: [Imagine if every Montanan had just one reason for using their seat belt \(mt.gov\)](#)

S4.3- Monitor the impact of marijuana legalization on roadway crashes and countermeasures in Montana and peer states. Potential for publication development and distribution.

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

S5.1- No report from Montana Health Care Foundation.

S5.2- No discussion on treatment. Kevin will do some follow-up with Curt Wieler on Prime For Life Activity.

Strategy 6- Program Evaluation and Data

S.6.1- Support a comprehensive picture of impaired driving data, beyond crash data to include Citation, Toxicology, Conviction, Motor Vehicle Licensing, and DUI Offender monitoring data.

2020 crash data has not yet been finalized and released. 2019 Montana Crash Data Report is available on CHSP Webpage. 2019 Crash Data by city/county/reservation is available on MDT Crash Data Webpage. DUI Citation Data is available for 2011 – 2020, this data set is combined from two different state agencies that administer citation data and continues to be evaluated. Updated DUI Conviction data is not currently available. Work is being done with the Court Administrator's Office for the trend data.

Link to crash webpage. <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/publications/datastats/crashdata.shtml>

Announcements-

- 2021 Legislative Session Outcomes and Interim Work. A couple of topics of interest that will be studied is Criminal Justice Databases and study of Autonomous Vehicles.
- Highway Safety Plan (HSP) Submission & Project Funding. The HSP was just recently submitted to NHTSA and includes funding for Federal Fiscal Year 2022.
- Impaired Driving -related Publication Updates. Publications will be evaluated and will need updating to include new DUI Code. This cannot be completed until the new DUI Court is codified.
- October 4 & 5 - 2021 Annual Transportation Safety Planning Meeting, in Helena. Details TBD.

Future Agenda Items –Topics

- Curbside Service/ Pickup of Alcoholic Beverages- Department of Revenue
- Pro-active countermeasures to reduce incidents of traffic fatalities/serious injuries resulting for recreational marijuana- Department of Justice.

Next Meeting

First Thursday of the month @ 10 a.m. – September 2

Meeting Adjourned