

Impaired Driving Emphasis Area



Objective:

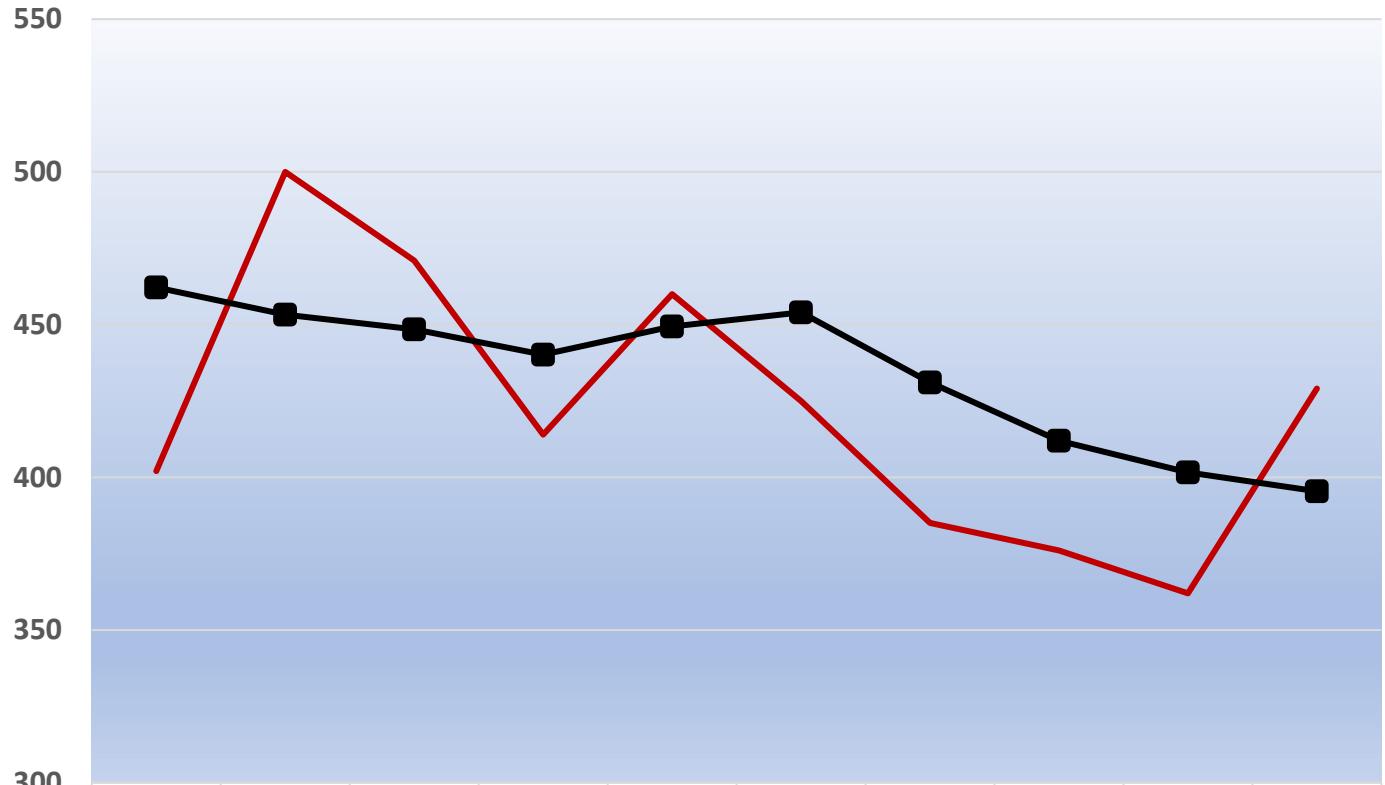
- Reduce the number of impaired driving fatalities.
- Reduce the number of impaired driving serious injuries.

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CHSP Emphasis Area Chair



Impaired Driving Fatalities & Serious Injuries, 2011- 2020

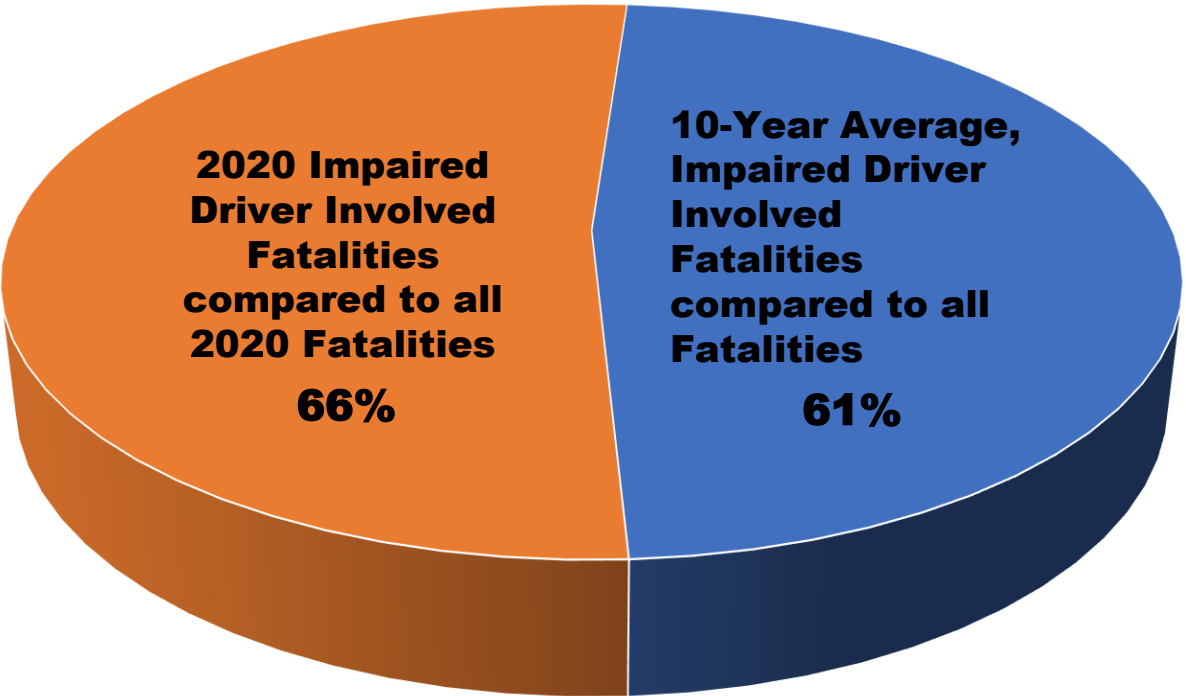
Impaired Driver Involved Fatalities & Serious Injuries, 2011-2020



	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
All Fatalities & Serious Injuries	402	500	471	414	460	425	385	376	362	429
5-Year Average	462	453	448	440	449	454	431	412	402	395
Fatalities	112	127	137	117	129	128	114	117	106	140
Serious Injuries	290	373	334	297	331	297	271	259	256	289

The 2020 fatalities & serious injuries increased and are similar to 2016. Overall, the trend continues to decrease, but is at risk at leveling off.

Comparison of Impaired Driving Involved Fatalities, 2020 vs 10-Year Average



- 2020, Impaired Driver Involved Fatality Crashes
- 10-Year Average, Impaired Driver Involved Fatality Crashes

Data

- MDT's Crash Data Page
<https://www.mdt.mt.gov/publications/datastats/crashdata.shtml>
- Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS)
<https://www.nhtsa.gov/research-data/fatality-analysis-reporting-system-fars>
<https://cdan.nhtsa.gov/STSI.htm>
- Forensic Science Division
<https://dojmt.gov/crime/>

Emphasis Area Strategies

- Deterrence & Enforcement
- Prevention & Education
- Criminal Justice System
- Communication Program
- Alcohol & Other Drug Misuse:
Screening, Assessment and
Rehabilitation
- Program Evaluation & Data

Emphasis Area Partners

Prevention Specialists	Local County DUITF Coordinators
Montana Highway Patrol	Dept. of Revenue
Local/County Law Enforcement	Office of Public Instruction
Forensic Science Division	Judicial Representative
NHTSA	Dept. of Corrections
DUI Court Coordinators	DPHHS Epidemiologist
Dept. Health Human Services	Motor Vehicle Division, MDOJ

Deterrence & Enforcement



- Continue Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)
 - Supporting 17 agencies including MHP for the STEP Program. Participation in National Mobilizations.

- Continue Strategic Enforcement Traffic Team (SETT)
 - Six-member team from the MHP that is strategically deployed for aggressive, high visibility, interagency enforcement patrols.



Deterrence & Enforcement

In FFY 2021:

- Total of 8,192 hours between both programs.
- 340 driving under the influence were issued.
- Thousands of other traffic safety violation warnings and citations.

Deterrence & Enforcement



- Support Tribal Law Enforcement STEP.

- Continue Law Enforcement Liaison (LEL) Program
 - Efforts continue to cover Western, South Central and Eastern MT.

- Support and promote Law Enforcement Mini-Grant Program. - Eight mini-grants provided in FFY21.

Deterrence & Enforcement



- Support and maintain Traffic Safety Resource Officer (TSRO).
 - Standard Field Sobriety Training (SFST)
 - Advances Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE).
 - Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Training and coordination.
 - Other applicable criminal justice. training/technical assistance.
 - Over 500 Law Enforcement Personnel took place in applicable training listed above.



Deterrence & Enforcement

- Sustain and support DUI Police Traffic Safety Pilot Program
 - FFY21 – 2,070 enforcement hours
 - Provided education/training to over a 100 students
 - 132 DUI's with a BAC range of 0.142- 0.165

Deterrence & Enforcement

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<https://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/plans/traffic-enforcement.shtml>

Prevention & Education



- Support Prevention Specialist community outreach, educational events and other school-based programs.
 - Interactive map of current Prevention Specialists in place throughout Montana.
<https://dphhs.mt.gov/AMDD/substanceabuse/PreventionRegionalInfo>
- Traffic Education Programs
<https://opi.mt.gov/Families-Students/Family-Student-Support/Driver-Education/Traffic-Education-Programs>

Prevention & Education



- Support Injury Prevention and Trauma Coordinators.
 - Injury Prevention Coalition is scheduled to convene in 2022, the Injury Prevention Program Strategic Plan set for finalization by end of 2021.
 - Two Transportation Safety forums will be held around Motor Vehicle Safety in 2022.
 - Motor Vehicle and Seatbelt Safety at DPHHS.
<https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/EMSTS/prevention/seatbelt>

Prevention & Education



- Sustain and expand County DUITF's.
 - 35 approved County DUITF's covering 38 Counties
 - Map and contact list.
<https://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/plans/dui-taskforces.shtml>
 - Over \$400,000 driver's license reinstatement fees are distributed throughout the state on an annual basis.
 - Montana Code Annotated 61-2-106
https://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title_0610/chapter_0020/part_0010/section_0060/0610-0020-0010-0060.html

Prevention & Education

Lewis & Clark Co DUITF hosted country music artist Tracy Byrd



Prevention & Education



- Sustain and support Northern Tribes Tribal DUITF
- Sustain and grow Teen Traffic Safety Program
<https://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/people/skill.shtml>
- Sustain Safe on All Roads (SOAR) – Tribal community traffic safety program.
<https://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/plans/soar.shtml>
- Support efforts to reduce overservice and underage drinking. Mandatory Alcohol Sales and Service Training.
<https://mtrevenue.gov/about/alcohol-control/>

Criminal Justice System



- Support stronger impaired driving laws
 - SB 365 – reorganization of DUI Montana Laws
 - MCA 61.8.10 Driving Under Influence of Alcohol or Drugs
https://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title_0610/chapter_0080/parts_index.html

Criminal Justice System



- Support 24/7 Monitoring Program
 - 39 Counties participating.
 - <https://dojmt.gov/247-sobriety-program/>

- Sustain and support the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP)
 - Collaboration with the Prosecution Services Bureau of the Attorney General's Office, MDOJ.

Criminal Justice System



- Support Judicial Outreach Liaison (JOL)
 - Region 10 JOL – Judge Mary Jane Knisely

- Support crime lab resources to improve-process of DUI test samples
 - Updated Intoxlizers stationed across the state.

Criminal Justice System



- Sustain and expand DUI Courts and Training
 - 7 dedicated DUI Courts
 - 41 Total Specialty Courts (Drug, Family, DUI, Youth, Co-occurring)
 - Ongoing Training Provided
 - <https://courts.mt.gov/Courts/Treatment/>

- Support Tribal DUI Courts
 - 9 Tribal Specialty Courts
 - One specific DUI Court in Fort Peck

Criminal Justice System



- Support license sanction efforts of Motor Vehicle Division, MDOJ.
<https://dojmt.gov/driving/>
- Support Motor Carrier Services (MCS) efforts.
<https://www.mdt.mt.gov/mdt/organization/mcs.shtml>

Communication Program



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Communication Program



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Alcohol & Other Drug Misuse: Screening, Assessment, Treatment & Rehab



- Support ACT (Assessment, Course and Treatment) for DUI Offenders
 - AMDD of DPHHS administers train the trainers for Prime for Life.
 - Approves State Treatment Providers
 - <https://dphhs.mt.gov/amdd/substanceabuse/index>

Alcohol &
Other Drug
Misuse:
Screening,
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Rehab



- Expand Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) in healthcare and into other settings throughout Montana.
 - Montana Health Care Foundation
 - <https://mthcf.org/news/sbirt-initiative/>

Program Evaluation & Data



Support a comprehensive picture of impaired driving data.

- Legislative Study on Criminal Justice Data in Montana.

<https://leg.mt.gov/committees/interim/ljic/studies-topics/hj31-criminal-justice-system-data/>

Bios for Impaired Driving related programs are as follows:

- Dwight Nelson, Office of Public Instruction, Drivers Education Director
- Judge Mary Jane Knisley, 13th Judicial District Court
- Steve Schmidt, Drive Safe Missoula, Missoula City County Health Department
- Dacia English, ABCD Outreach Coordinator, Department of Revenue
- Kent Haab, ABCD Education Specialist, Department of Revenue

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Dwight Nelson
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MT DRIVE Supervisor

In February 2021, Dwight Nelson was hired by the Office of Public Instruction to oversee state-approved Traffic Education programs and supervise the MT DRIVE advanced driving school. Director Nelson was a K-12 teacher, MS/HS coach, athletic director, bus driver, and college professor before obtaining his administrative endorsement from Rocky Mountain College in 2020. His father was a traffic education instructor and helped establish his passion of making the roads of Montana as safe as possible. He lives in Helena, MT with his wife and two boys.



For the last fifteen years, Judge Knisely has assisted in the establishment of treatment courts in Billings. In 2011, Judge Knisely was selected as the Region 10 Judicial Outreach Liaison as part of a partnership of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the ABA Judicial Division

She pioneered the first misdemeanor Drug, DUI and Mental Health Courts in Montana. These Courts were selected as a NDCI Mentor Site. She currently presides over a Felony Impaired Driving Court, known as the STEER Court (Sobriety, Treatment, Education, Excellence, and Rehabilitation), and a Veterans Treatment Court, known as CAMO (Courts Assisting Military Offenders).

In May 2017, and again in February 2020, STEER and CAMO were selected as NADCP Academy/Mentor Courts. In December of 2014, Judge Knisely was honored with the Yellowstone County DUI Task Force *Award of Merit*.

A native Montanan, Mary Jane Knisely graduated from Texas Christian University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology before attending law school at the University of Montana. After she received her Juris Doctorate, she returned to Billings to serve as a law clerk for the Hon. Russell K. Fillner, District Court Judge, Thirteenth Judicial District before becoming a Deputy City Attorney for the City of Billings.





Steve Schmidt is the coordinator for Drive Safe Missoula out of the Missoula City-County Health Department. Drive Safe Missoula is home to the Missoula County DUI Task Force and Buckle Up Montana Coalitions.

Steve has a unique and diverse background. He spent eight years as a [police officer](#) on the streets of Kansas City, Missouri. He also spent seven years in jail as a Juvenile Detention Officer. He was also a Verbal Judo Instructor and Field Training Officer.

While Steve was a full-time police officer in Kansas City, he also performed as [the Mascot for the Kansas City Wizards](#) (now Sporting Kansas City) Major League Soccer team and a couple of other [professional mascots gigs](#).

Steve also has a passion for most things related to Marketing and Advertising. He specializes in graphic design and video production. Steve created an online course titled "12 Strategies for Dealing with Difficult People" with almost 19,000 students from 135 different countries.

Steve combines all of these skills. His law enforcement background comes into play trying to reduce DUIs and increase seat belt usage. He often wears a "Buckle-Up Kangaroo" costume at events and is currently working on an online video course titled "Young Driver's In Control."

Steve lives in Missoula with his wife, Dr. Leanne Beers. Steve's daughter is a 4th grade Special Education Teacher, and Steve's son is a Firefighter and soon-to-be Paramedic with Missoula Rural Fire Department.

Be sure to visit DriveSafeMissoula.com to learn more.



Dacia English is the Outreach Coordinator for the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division (ABCD). She has been with ABCD for 7 years.

Dacia has an Associates of Arts and an Associates of Science with a business emphasis from Flathead Valley Community College and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management from Montana State University.

She joined ABCD as a Compliance Specialist in August of 2014 processing license applications, helping licensees with changes to their licenses, and compliance matters. She also held the Unit Manager position for 2 years for the Licensing and Compliance Bureau. In this position she oversaw 7 Licensing and Compliance Specialists who process well over 2400 application cases per year. She has both licensing and compliance knowledge and enjoys helping people understand this complex business and area of the law.

Kent Haub currently serves as the Education Specialist for the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division in Montana, which has allowed him to develop, implement, and present training and the supporting material for the state's mandated certified server/seller program.

Kent has been active in the field of training and education for over 30 years. He has spent the last 25 years as a teacher in Montana at both the high school and collegiate levels. He holds a Master's in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Montana, a Bachelor of Science in Business Education from Eastern Montana College and a Bachelor's of Arts in Economics/Business Administration from Rocky Mountain College.

Kent joined the Department of Revenue, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division in February of 2019. He is responsible for the coordination of the certified server/seller training program. He maintains the records for all certified servers/sellers in the state. He is responsible for the development of the state's training curriculum "Your Community Matters". In addition to the development and maintenance of the state's training program, he is responsible for the oversight of over 200 volunteer trainers statewide. In addition to his other responsibilities Kent also serves as the department liaison with other state agencies such as the Montana Department Transportation and Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services in our shared goal of ensuring the citizens of the state of Montana enjoy alcoholic beverages in a responsible manner.

