

# **NHTSA & Traffic Safety Grant Opportunities**

## **Safe People**



## **Zero Fatalities, Zero Serious Injuries**

**2023 Annual Transportation Safety Meeting  
Helena, MT  
October 4 & 5, 2023**

# **NHTSA GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) funding

- November 15, 2021 - Bipartisan Infrastructure Act (BIL) signed into law
- February 6, 2023 - Uniform Procedures for State Highway Safety Grant Programs released in Federal Register
- July 1, 2023 – First Triennial Highway Safety Plan due for Federal Fiscal Years 2024, 2025, 2026
- August 1, 2023 – FFY24 Annual Grant Application containing projects to be funded due.
- October 1, 2023 – start of FFY24 (10/01/23 – 09/30/24).

# NHTSA GRANT FUNDING

## 402 Highway Safety Plan

- Implements strategies to reduce crash fatalities and serious injuries on Montana roadways.

## 405 B Occupant Protection

- Child Passenger Safety, seat belt enforcement, community seat belt programs, Safe On All Roads (SOAR) Native American Traffic Safety program, Mini Grants, media.

## 405 D Impaired Driving

- Impaired Driving strategies, High Visibility enforcement, 24/7 sobriety monitoring, DUI Courts, Criminal Justice Training, SOAR Native American Traffic Safety program, Mini Grants, Media

## 405 C Traffic Records, Data and IT Projects

- Improve Montana's traffic crash data, court record reporting, EMS data, and the linkages between these systems.

## 405 F Motorcycle Awareness, Rider safety training, Media

## 23 USC 164 – DUI Courts, Law Enforcement, Media

# **TRAFFIC HIGHWAY SAFETY FUNDING PROCESS**

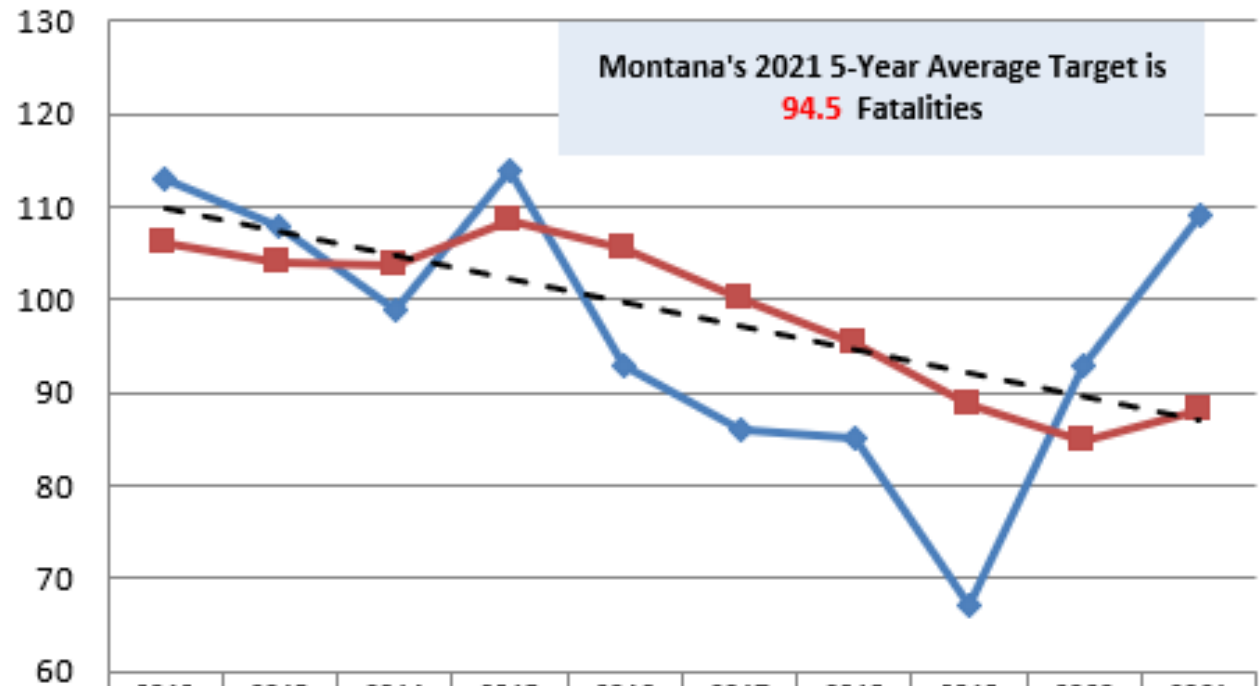
- Annual Process – Applications for funding due March 1 through WebGrants portal
- Tie to the CHSP – Strategies and countermeasures in CHSP
- Application Review– funding decisions will be based on criteria including data analysis, goals & objectives, effectiveness of proposed strategies (Counter Measures that Work – NHTSA), and other considerations.
- Projects are submitted for approval to NHTSA through the Annual Grant Application (AGA) to be implemented October 1

# FFY 2025 Annual Grant Cycle (10/01/24 – 09/30/25)

- **January 1, 2024 – Web Grants opens for FFY2025 applications**
- **March 1, 2024**– Applications due to SHTSS through Webgrants
- **March – April 2024** – SHTSS review and GR approve funding recommendation
- **May 1 – August 1, 2024** – Annual Grant Application (AGA) prepared for submittal
- **August 1, 2024** – AGA due to NHTSA
- **Aug/Sept, 2024**- NHTSA notifies state of AGA approval status
- **August 2024** – Award Notification letters sent to applicants
- **October 1, 2024** – signed contracts from grantees, work can start
- **Mini Grants & Traffic Records** Projects may be amended into the AGA throughout the year.

# Occupant Protection

Unrestrained  
Fatalities -  
FARS



—◆— Unrestrained Fatalities - FARS  
—■— Five Year Average

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Unrestrained Fatalities - FARS	113	108	99	114	93	86	85	67	93	109
Five Year Average	106	104	104	109	105	100	95	89	85	88

# OCCUPANT PROTECTION

## Montana Buckle Up Community Coalitions

- Tri-County (Lewis & Clark, Jefferson, Broadwater) BUMT Helena School District, Tracie Kiesel, Coordinator
- Cascade County BUMT – Megan Brunelle, Coordinator
- Flathead County BUMT – Wendy Olson-Hansen, Coordinator
- Missoula County BUMT – Steve Schmidt, Coordinator



Seatbelt Observation Survey 2022 92.9%,  
2023 is underway -New Sites were selected for 2023-2027

# **OCCUPANT PROTECTION CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY - CPS**

CPS Statewide Technician  
Certification Program

FFY23 (Oct 2022-Sept 2023)

- 15 instructors
- 267 CPS Techs
- 14 Special Needs Techs/Instructors
- 4 CPST Courses = 44 techs certified
- 7 additional tech certified out of state



**Booster seat  
installed properly?**





# **OCCUPANT PROTECTION CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY - CPS**

Annual Car Seat Purchase

FFY22 MDT distributed 235 convertible child safety seats and 253 Combination Two-in-One Booster seats

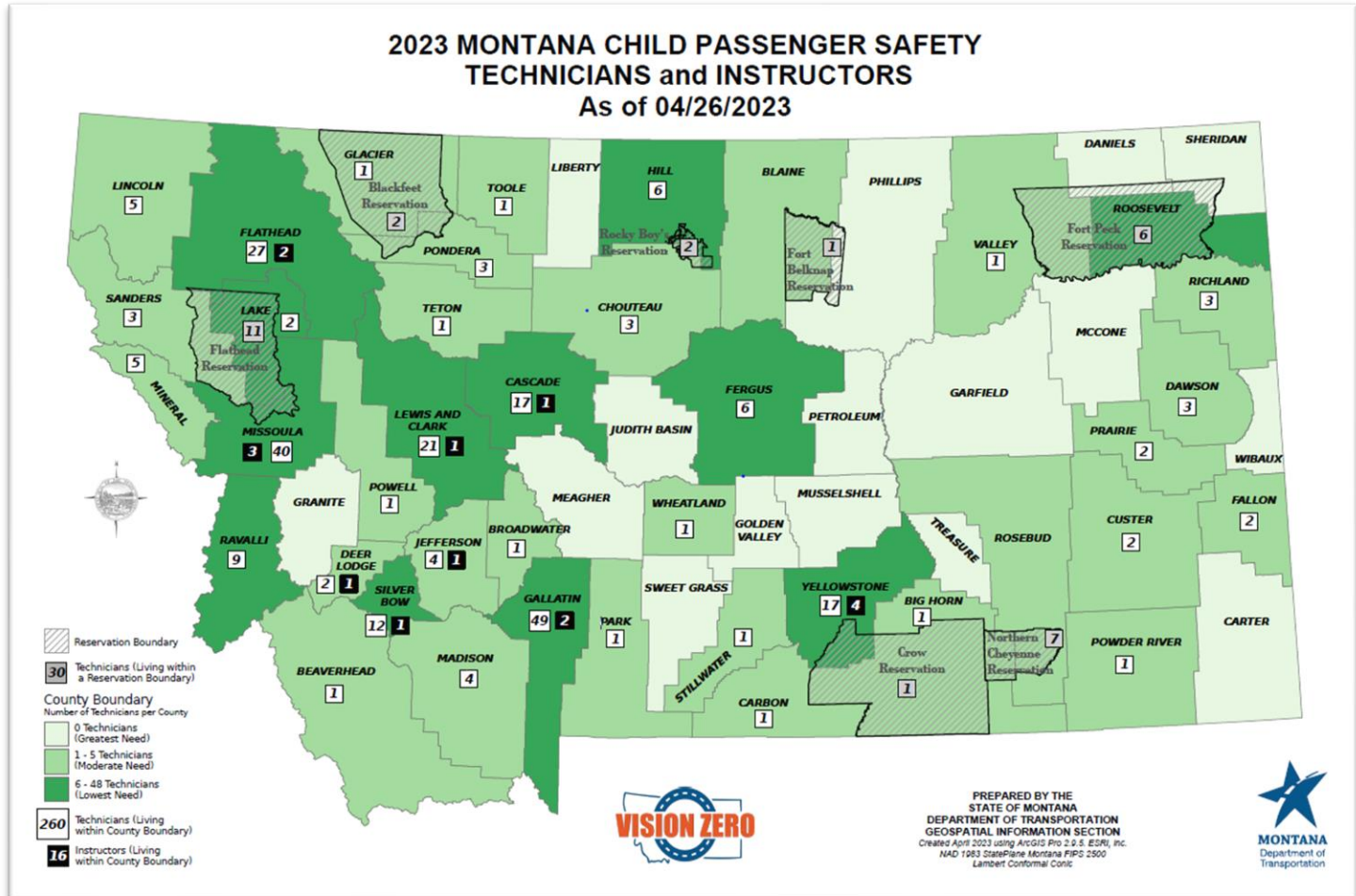
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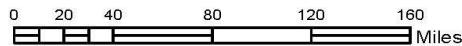
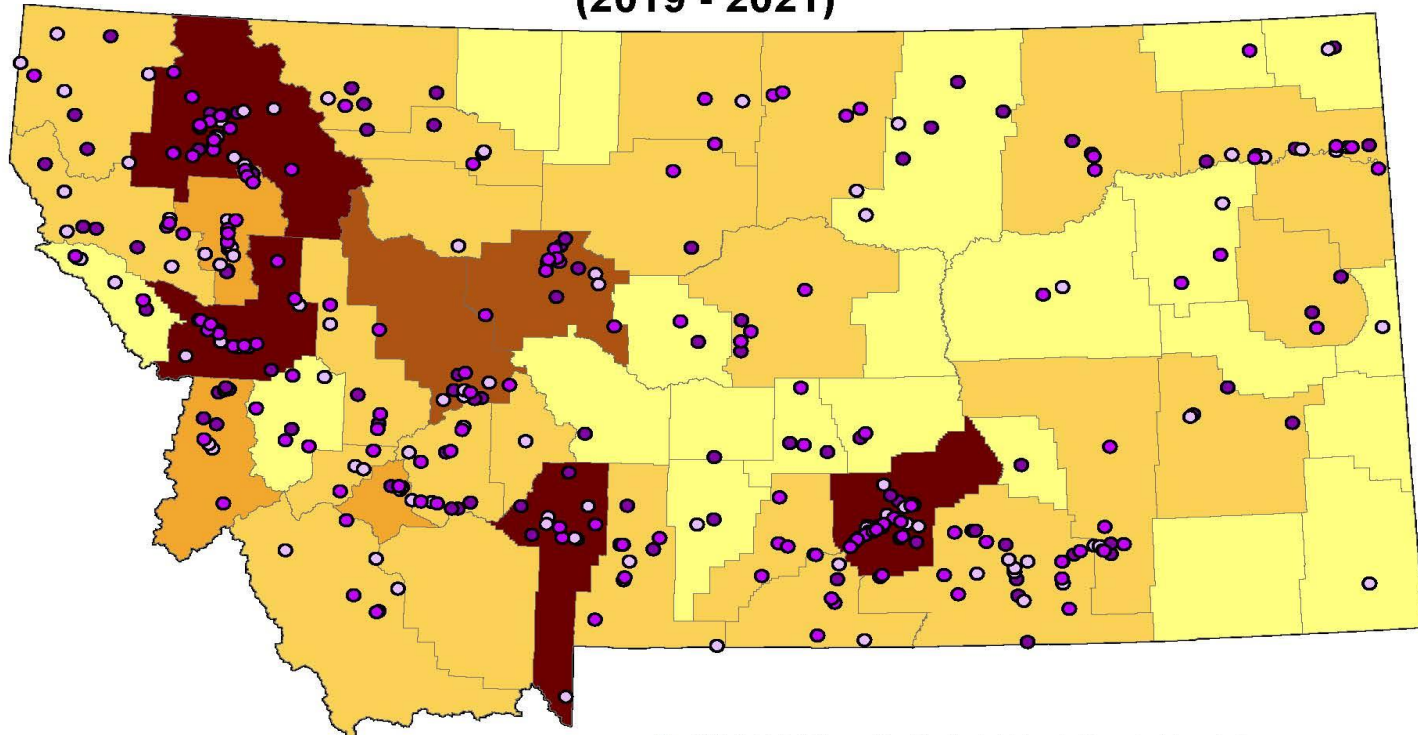


# 2023 MT CPS TECHS & INSTRUCTORS



# OCCUPANT PROTECTION NO RESTRAINTS USED FATALITIES 2019 - 2021 POPULATION BY COUNTY

Fatalities, Lack of Seatbelt Use and Population by County  
(2019 - 2021)

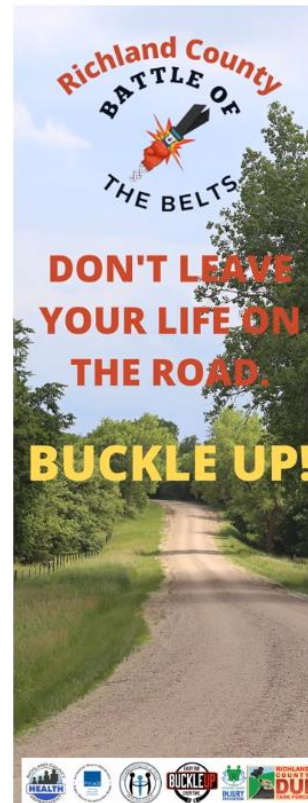


- 2019 Fatalities - No Restraint Used
  - 2020 Fatalities - No Restraint Used
  - 2021 Fatalities - No Restraint Used
- County Population
- <5,000
  - 5,001 - 20,000
  - 20,001 - 50,000
  - 50,001 - 100,000
  - >100,000

# OCCUPANT PROTECTION MINI GRANTS

- Short term projects that encourage strong local collaboration - including education and training
- \$5,000 max
- Open ended – apply through Webgrants
- Jennifer Wilson,  
jewilson@mt.gov

- 2023 Richland County
  - Battle of the Belts



# HIGH VISIBILITY ENFORCEMENT

## Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)

Combines enforcement of traffic safety laws, education and communication with the public and participation in mobilization periods with increased patrols.

- 2022 – over 26,054 citations and warnings were issued and over 10,600 hours worked on the grant program. Speeding, seat belt use, DUI were among the top “behaviors” in citations issued.
- Over 6,000 citations were issued during the “mobilization” periods of Winter Holiday, Memorial Day Click it or Ticket, and Labor Day Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.



# HIGH VISIBILITY ENFORCEMENT

Safety Enforcement Traffic Team – SETT - Montana Highway Patrol

- Dedicated patrols to improve public safety by deterring and detecting impaired driving, speeding, restraint enforcement, and other traffic offenses. Provide education to the motoring public.
- Concentration in high crash corridors
- High visibility during special events and time frames – St. Patrick's Day in Butte, Memorial Day & Labor Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July.



# **LAW ENFORCEMENT LIAISON MINI GRANT PROGRAM**

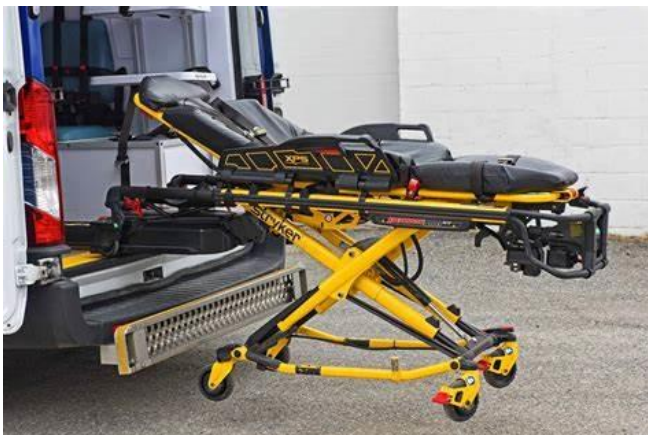
Law Enforcement Liaison – dedicated law enforcement outreach to recruit mostly rural law enforcement agencies to participate in the STEP and Mini Grant program.

Law Enforcement Mini Grants – available up to \$8,500 for non-STEP participants for sustained enforcement, local high visibility events such as rodeos, county fairs, concerts, and other large gatherings.



# EMS GRANTS

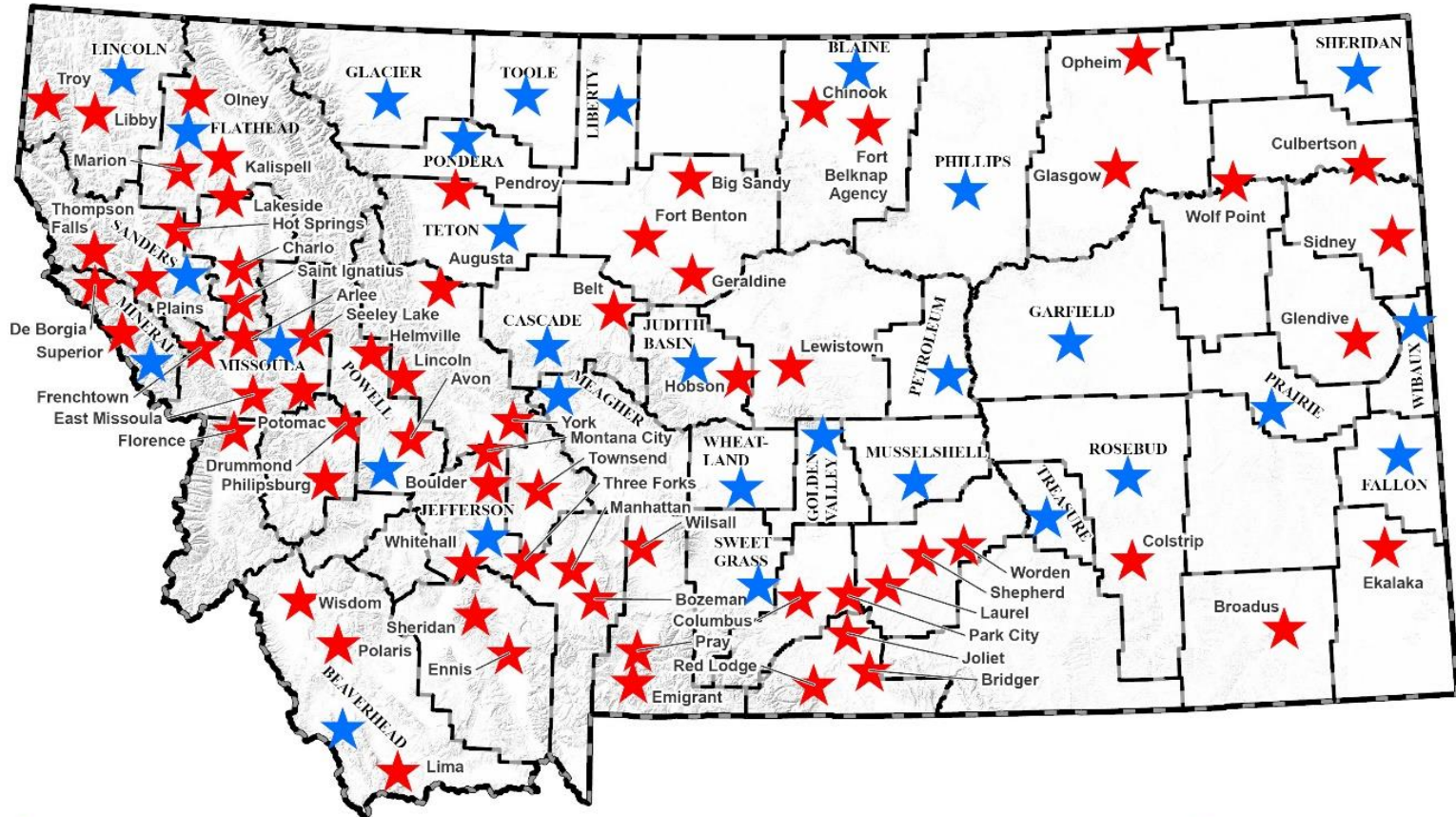
- State Emergency Medical Services Grant Program – allocated approx. \$1 million a year
- Provides grants to emergency medical services providers for emergency response vehicles, equipment, communication and training to provide medical to patients.
- Annual application – May 1 – June 30 through Webgrants
  - Competitive process with ranking criteria set through statute.
  - Predominantly serves rural areas, with mostly volunteer EMS providers.





# EMS GRANT AWARD MAP, 2009-2023

## EMS Grant Program Awards 2009-2023



- ★ Montana Cities and Towns with EMS Grant Awardees
- ★ Montana Counties with EMS Grant Awardees

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**TEEN PEER TO PEER TRAFFIC SAFETY  
SAFE ON ALL ROADS  
NORTHERN TRIBES DUI TASK FORCE  
MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM**



Sheila Cozzie, Cultural Liaison- Teen Safety/SOAR/ Tribal STEP/  
Motorcycle Safety , State Highway Traffic Safety Section, MDT

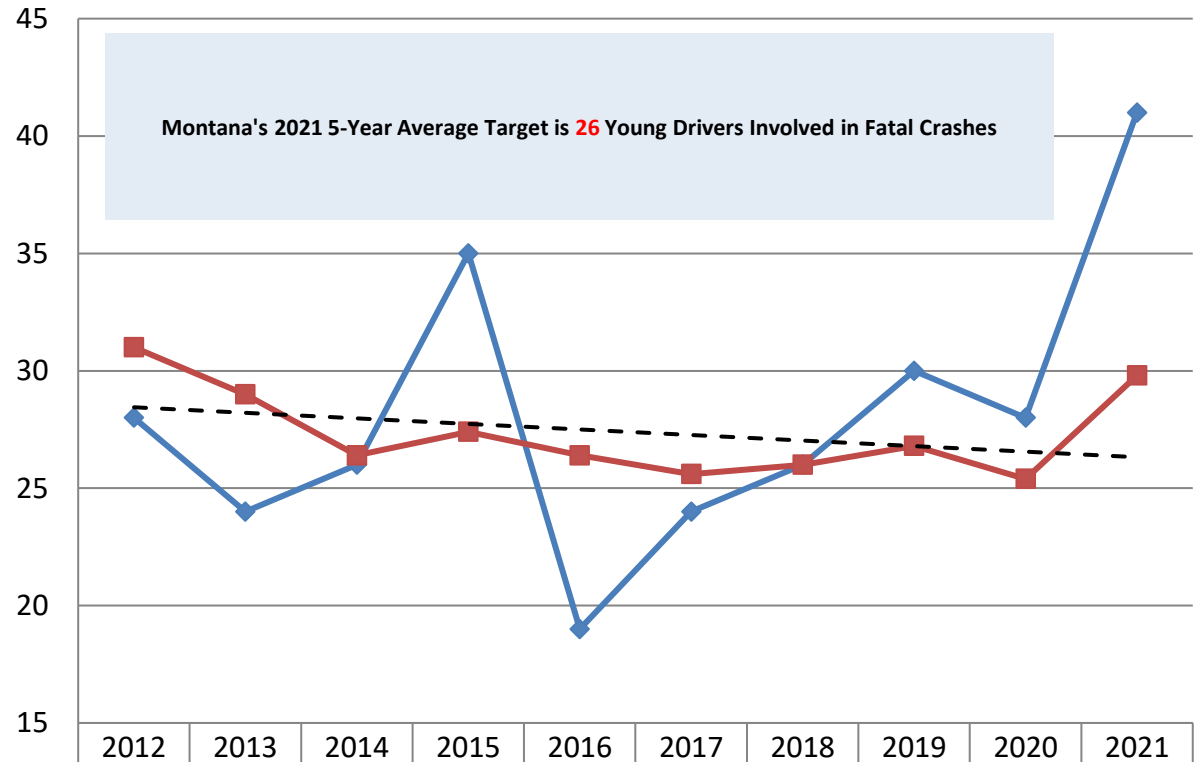
# TEEN PEER TO PEER TRAFFIC SAFETY



- Partnership with Family, Career and Community Leaders of America since 2016
- 67 chapters throughout the state with 1,095 FCCLA members
- Peer-to-Peer Traffic Safety Programs developed by teens

# TEEN PEER TO PEER TRAFFIC SAFETY

Drivers Under Age 21  
Involved in Fatal Crashes-  
FARS



	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
◆ Fatalities Involving Drivers Under Age 21 - FARS	28	24	26	35	19	24	26	30	28	41
■ Five Year Average	31	29	26	27	26	26	26	27	25	30

# TEEN PEER TO PEER TRAFFIC SAFETY



Moore FCCLA



Beaverhead County FCCLA

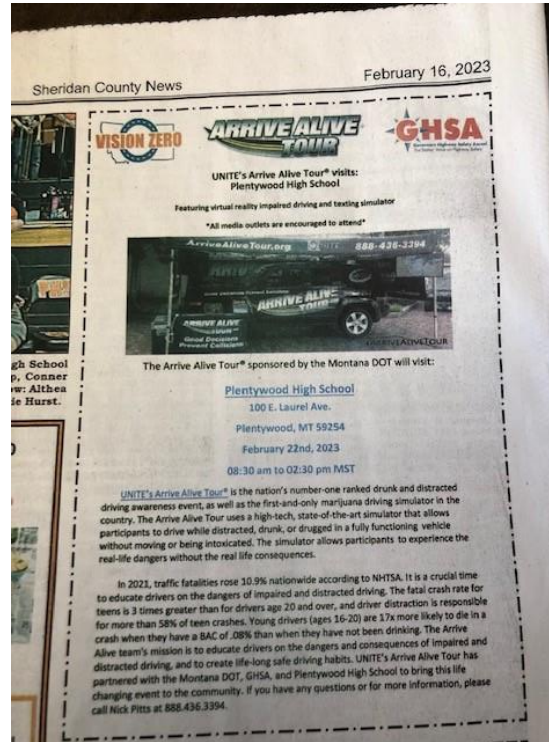


Glasgow FCCLA

# TEEN PEER TO PEER TRAFFIC SAFETY



Medicine Lake FCCLA



Plentywood FCCLA



Three Forks FCCLA

# **TEEN PEER TO PEER TRAFFIC SAFETY**

## Challenges

Getting FCCLA Chapters together

Ensuring all Advisors are aware of the program and funding opportunity

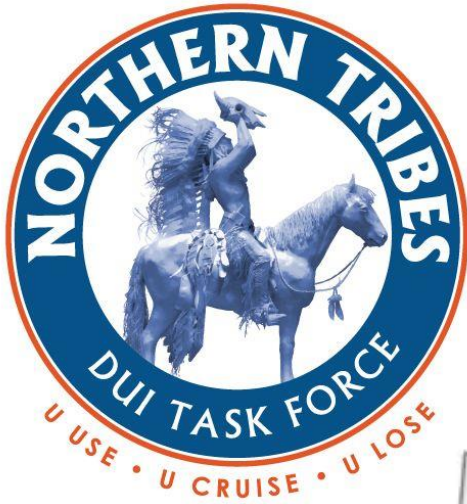
## Grant Opportunities

NHSTA funds available

MDT seeking out other addition funding sources

Many opportunities nationwide for teen traffic safety funding

# SAFE ON ALL ROADS



**SOAR**  
SAFE ON ALL ROADS

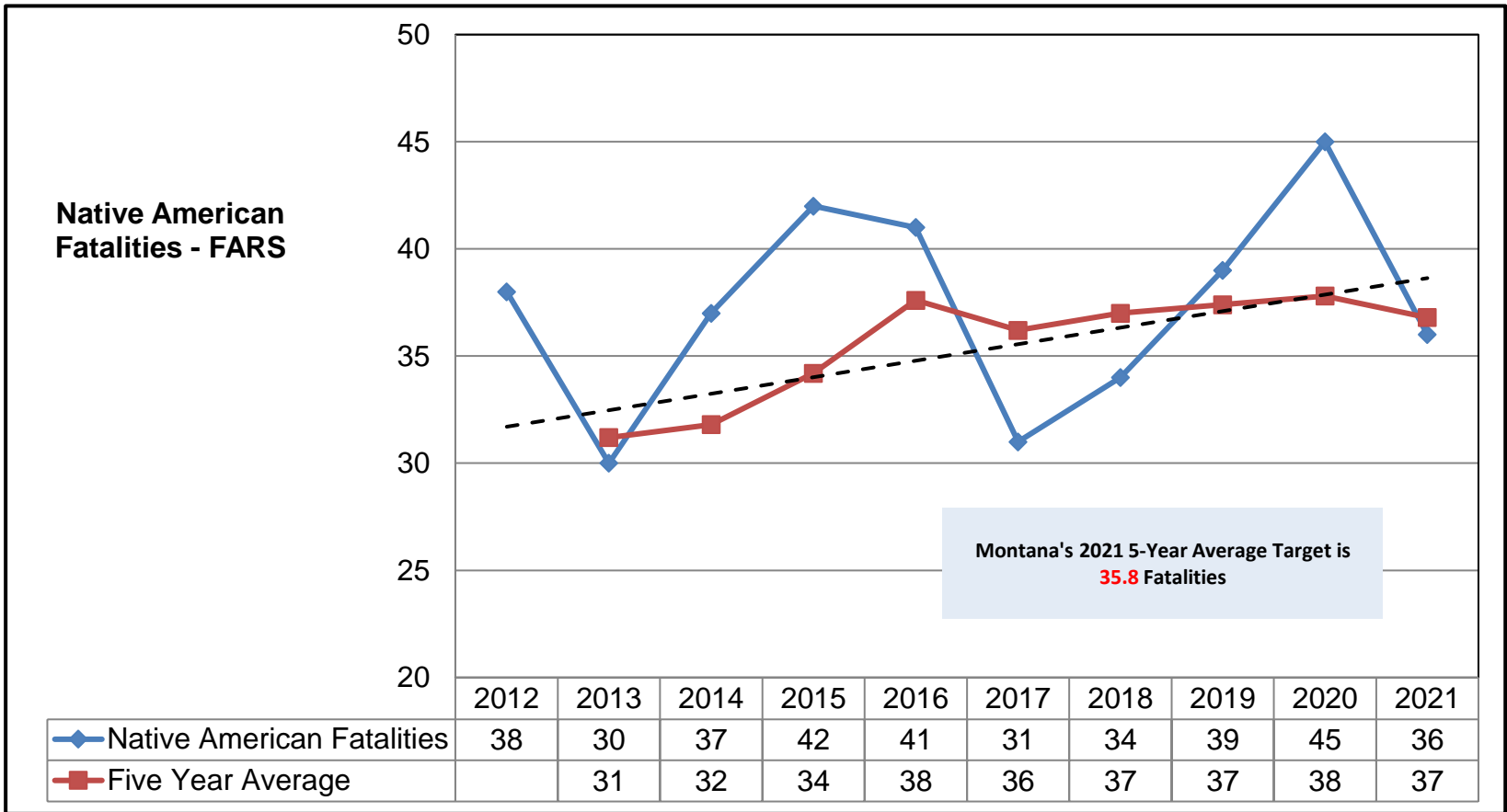


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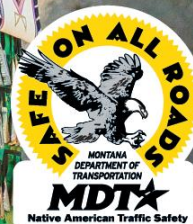
# SAFE ON ALL ROADS

National Native American Heritage Month

PROTECT OUR  
CULTURAL HERITAGE  
– PRACTICE SAFE  
DRIVING BEHAVIORS


National Native American Heritage Month

 /SafeOnAllRoads




# SAFE ON ALL ROADS

Sports “Buckle-up” Campaign



For the love of the game and beyond.

**Buckle up for  
your team.**



**SAFE ON ALL ROADS**  
MONTANA  
DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION  
**MDTX**  
Montana's American Traffic Safety

# SAFE ON ALL ROADS


## Sports “Buckle-up” Campaign



MDTA

OF ALL  
MDTA

This is more than a game. It's life.  
**Buckle up for  
your team.**



MDTA

OF ALL  
MDTA

Lead by example.  
**Buckle up for  
your team.**

# SAFE ON ALL ROADS

## Summer Impaired Driving Campaign



Our community is stronger when we make smart choices.

**DRIVE SOBER.**



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# SAFE ON ALL ROADS

## Back-to-School Child Passenger Safety Campaign



Tomorrow's voice for our people.

### Who are you buckling up?

They may be small today, but our children are our community's future. They are tomorrow's leaders and guardians of our culture. But only if given the chance. Buckle up all vehicle passengers and ensure car seats are appropriate for your child's height and weight.

Protect our future.



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# SAFE ON ALL ROADS

Northern Cheyenne SOAR - Ford Driving Skills for Life Funds – Partnership with the local Youth Rodeo Association

The image displays two promotional posters for a safety campaign. Both posters feature the slogan "BUCKLE UP. LIVE TO RIDE AGAIN." in large, white, bold, italicized text on a dark background. The top poster shows two riders on horses in an outdoor arena, with a green background for the text. The bottom poster shows a single rider on a horse in a dirt arena, with a dark blue background for the text. Both posters include logos for SOAR (Northern Cheyenne SOAR), Ford Driving Skills for Life, the Ford logo, and the GHSA (Georgia Highway Safety Association) logo.

**BUCKLE UP.  
LIVE TO  
RIDE AGAIN.**

SOAR  
Northern Cheyenne SOAR

Ford Driving Skills

Ford

GHSA  
Georgia Highway Safety Association  
The Official Sponsor of Highway Safety

SOAR  
SAFE ON ALL ROADS

Ford Driving Skills  
FOR LIFE

# SAFE ON ALL ROADS

## Transit Bus Advertising





# **SAFE ON ALL ROADS**

## Challenges

Turnover of coordinators

Recruiting local talent

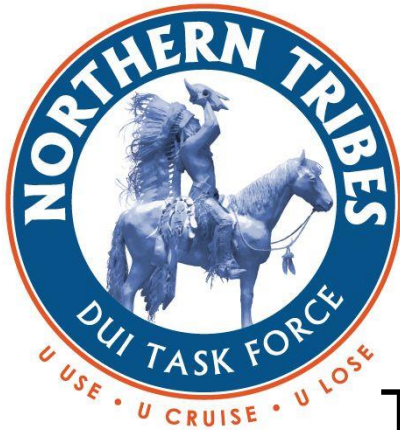
## Grant Opportunities

NHTSA Funding Availability

Car Seat Funding available  
through a variety of sources

Other federal funding available,  
i.e., Safe Streets

# NORTHERN TRIBES DUI TASK FORCE



The Northern Tribes DUI Task Force, Fort Belknap, Fort Peck, Rocky Boy, and Blackfeet, will endeavor to protect the present and future generations of American Indians in Indian country. Through our alliance utilizing the four E's (Engineering, Enforcement, Emergency Services and Education) our collaborative efforts in combating impaired driving will reduce serious injuries and fatal vehicle crashes that tragically affect our Indian people.

# **NORTHERN TRIBES DUI TASK FORCE**

## Challenges

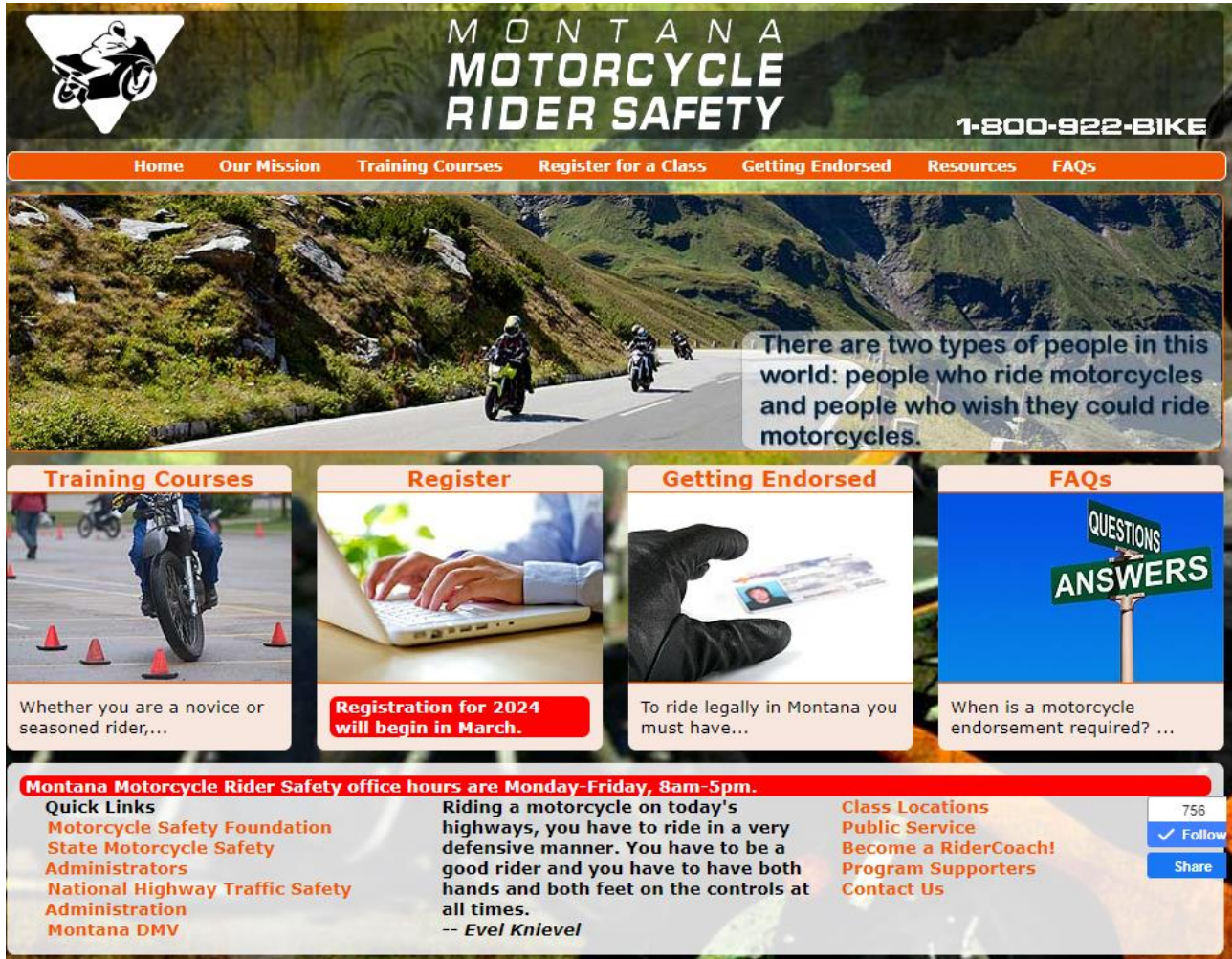
Unable to get DUI reimbursement

Unable to pass Legislation to recognize the taskforce and provide additional funding

## Grant Opportunities

Some NHTSA funds available

# MOTORCYCLE SAFETY



**MONTANA  
MOTORCYCLE  
RIDER SAFETY**

1-800-922-BIKE

Home Our Mission Training Courses Register for a Class Getting Endorsed Resources FAQs

There are two types of people in this world: people who ride motorcycles and people who wish they could ride motorcycles.

**Training Courses**

Whether you are a novice or seasoned rider,...

**Register**

**Registration for 2024 will begin in March.**

**Getting Endorsed**

To ride legally in Montana you must have...

**FAQs**

QUESTIONS  
ANSWERS

When is a motorcycle endorsement required? ...

**Montana Motorcycle Rider Safety office hours are Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm.**

**Quick Links**

- Motorcycle Safety Foundation
- State Motorcycle Safety Administrators
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
- Montana DMV

Riding a motorcycle on today's highways, you have to ride in a very defensive manner. You have to be a good rider and you have to have both hands and both feet on the controls at all times.  
-- Evel Knievel

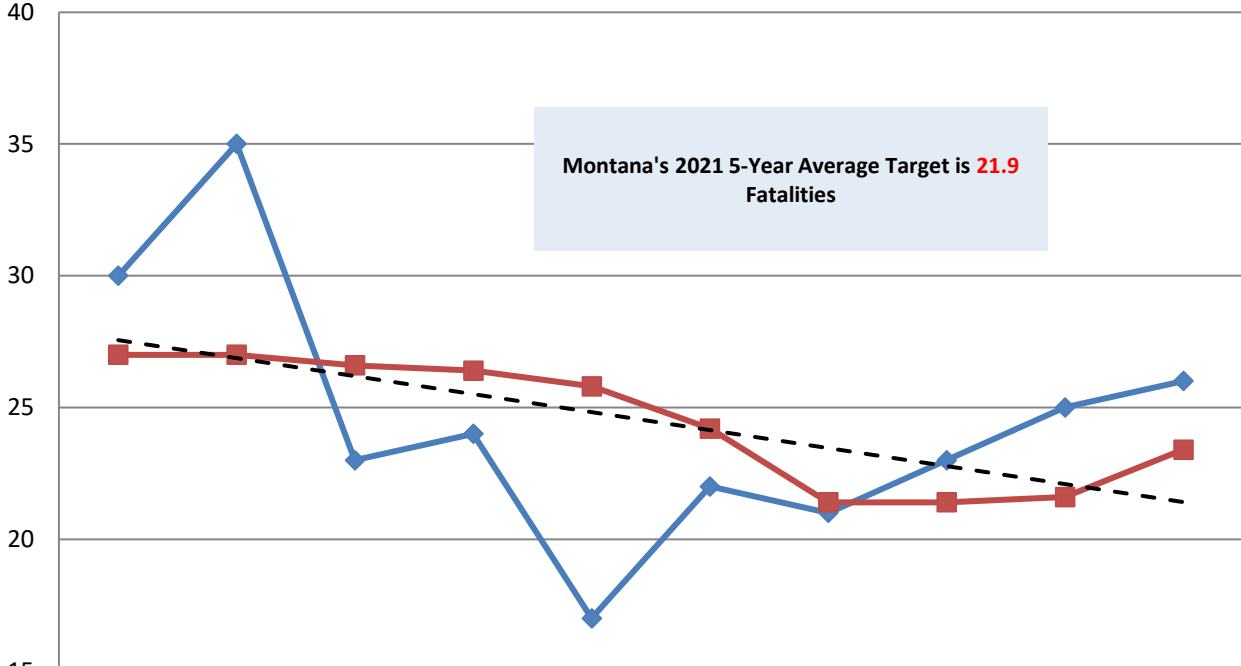
**Class Locations**

- Public Service
- Become a RiderCoach!
- Program Supporters
- Contact Us

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# MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

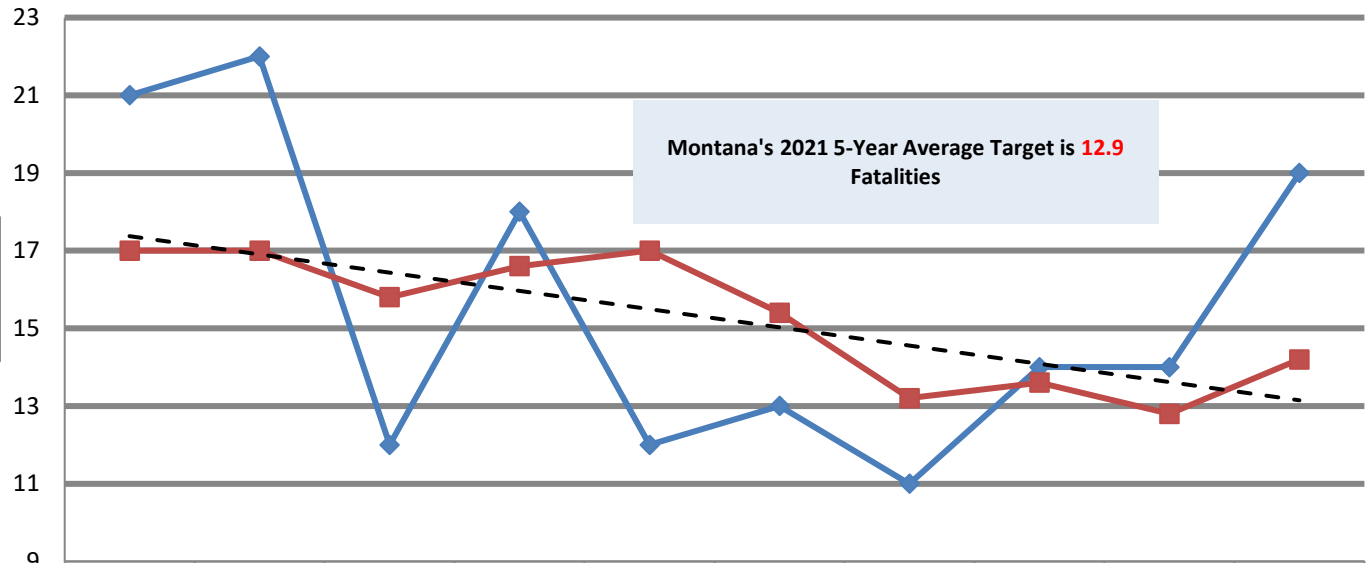
Motorcycle Fatalities - FARS



	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
◆ Motorcycle Fatalities - FARS	30	35	23	24	17	22	21	23	25	26
■ Five Year Average	27	27	27	26	26	24	21	21	22	23

# MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

**Unhelmeted  
Motorcycle Fatalities -  
FARS**



	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
◆ Unhelmeted Motorcycle Fatalities - FARS	21	22	12	18	12	13	11	14	14	19
■ Five Year Average	17	17	16	17	17	15	13	14	13	14

# MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

## Training Results for last Five Years

Course	Site	P-2019	P-2020	P-2021	P-2022	P-2023
• ARC	BIL	8				
ARC	HLN	8		7	32	19
ARC	MAFB2	11	11	21		10
ARC	MSL	9		6		
<b>Total</b>		<b>36</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>29</b>
BRC	BIL	152			112	158
BRC	BOZ	125		123	116	112
BRC	CLMBAFLS					83
BRC	GTF1	115	10	89	119	91
BRC	HAV	24		20	14	15
BRC	HLN	75		39	77	72
BRC	KAL	72		87	76	
BRC	MAFB1	9		47	28	41
BRC	MSL	180		209	196	103
BRC	SDY	21		29	29	19
<b>Total</b>		<b>773</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>694</b>
BRC2	BIL	6				
BRC2	HLN	7				
BRC2	KAL	5				
BRC2	MAFB3	6	9	10		
BRC2	MSL	10		6	18	
<b>Total</b>		<b>34</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>843</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>723</b>

# MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

**MOTORCYCLISTS  
ARE EVERYWHERE.**

EVEN WHEN YOU  
DON'T SEE THEM.





# MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

## Unhelmeted Fatalities by Age – 2017 through 2021

Age	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	10 yr Total	% of 10 yr Total
<b>16-20</b>	1	0	2	1	0	4	6%
<b>21-24</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
<b>25-34</b>	2	2	1	2	1	8	11%
<b>35-44</b>	3	2	1	2	6	14	20%
<b>45-54</b>	0	2	4	4	3	13	19%
<b>55-64</b>	4	2	4	3	5	18	26%
<b>65-74</b>	3	0	2	0	3	8	11%
<b>75+</b>	0	2	0	2	1	5	7%
<b>Total</b>	13	10	14	14	19	70	100%

# MOTORCYCLE SAFETY



# **MOTORCYCLE SAFETY**

## Challenges

Finding locations for training

Training sells out very early in the  
season

## Grant Opportunities

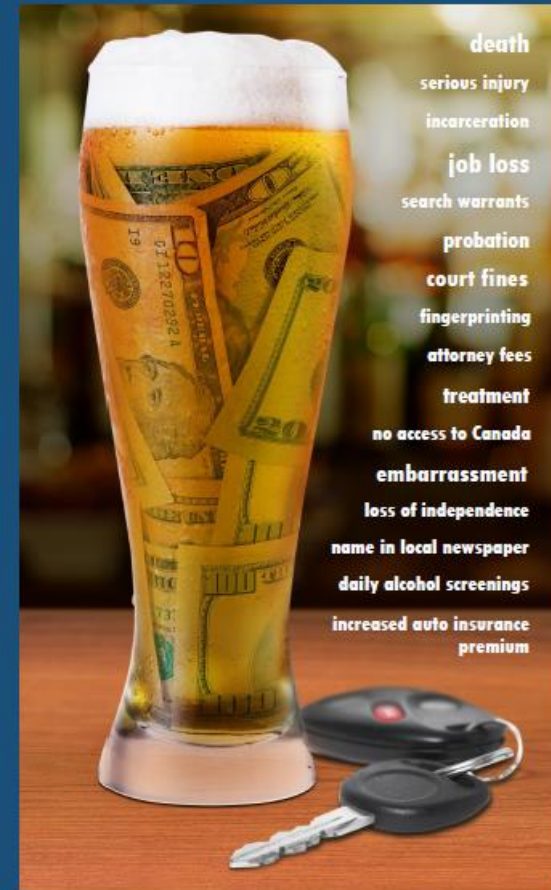
Fees collected from motorcycle  
registration and endorsement

NHTSA funds

# IMPAIRED DRIVING PROGRAM

Kevin Dusko, Impaired Driving Program  
Manger, State Highway Traffic Safety  
Section, MDT

WHAT WILL a  
**DUI** COST YOU?



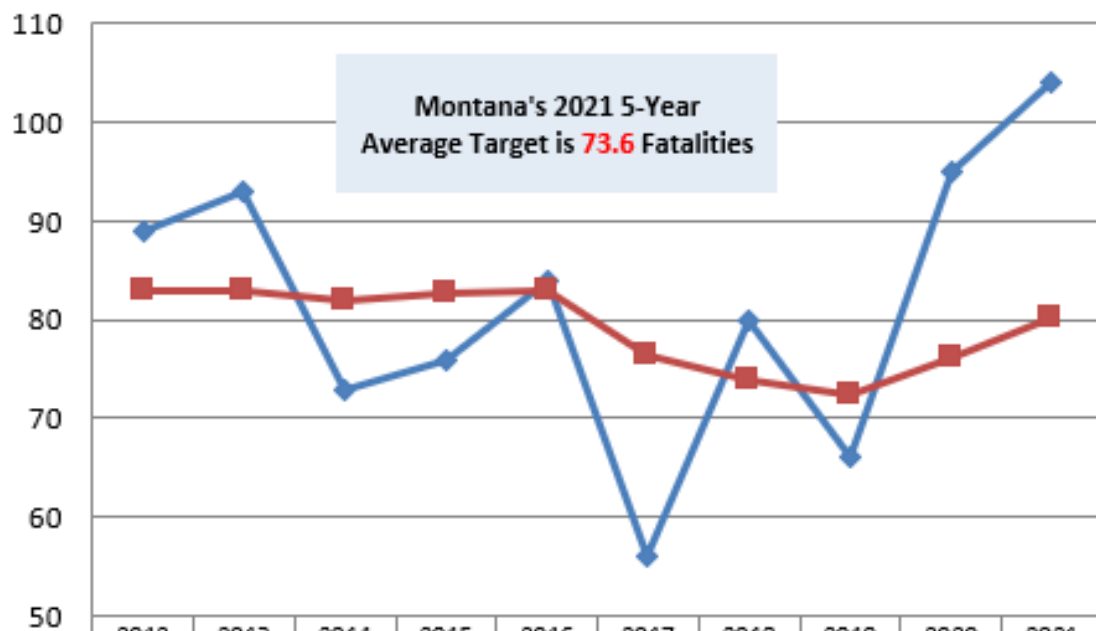
death  
serious injury  
incarceration  
job loss  
search warrants  
probation  
court fines  
fingerprinting  
attorney fees  
treatment  
no access to Canada  
embarrassment  
loss of independence  
name in local newspaper  
daily alcohol screenings  
increased auto insurance  
premium

IT'S MORE THAN JUST a TRAFFIC FINE.



**IMPAIRED  
DRIVING  
PROGRAMS/  
PREVENTING  
IMPAIRED  
DRIVING**

## Alcohol Impaired Driving Fatalities - FARS



	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Alcohol Involved Fatalities - FARS	89	93	73	76	84	56	80	66	95	104
Five Year Average	83	83	82	83	83	76	74	72	76	80

# CHALLENGES



# HIGH BLOOD ALCOHOL CONTENT (BAC)

Average Alcohol  
Blood Alcohol  
Content in DUI  
Arrests

( blood draws)

.18 BAC

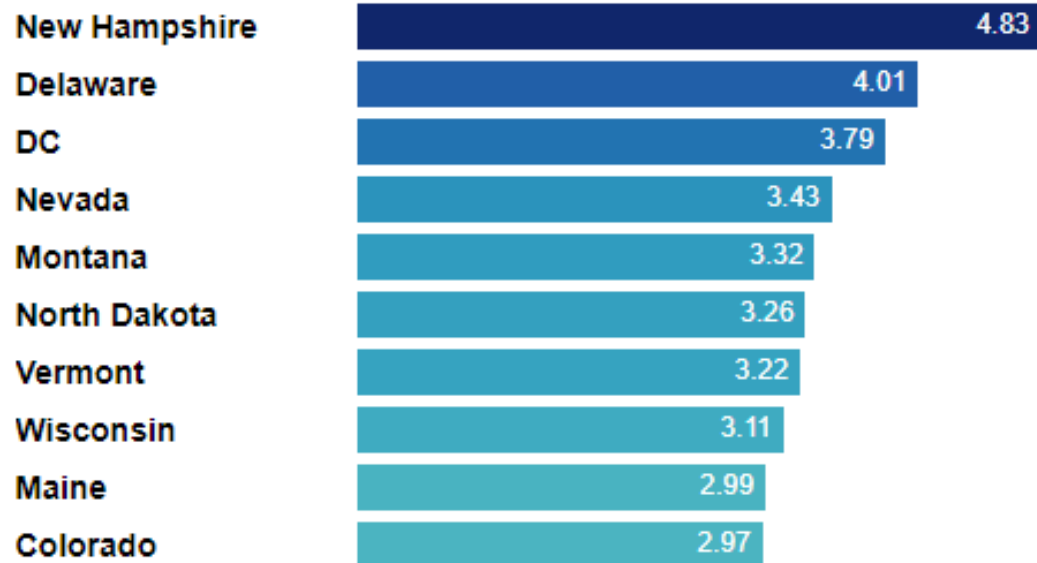


Year	Average Driver BAC (+0.08) Involved in Fatal Crashes (FARS 2019-2021)
2019	0.207
2020	0.197
2021	0.204
<b>Combined Average</b>	<b>0.203</b>

# CHALLENGE

- Montana is classified by NHTSA as High Range Alcohol-Impaired Driving State.
- .60 alcohol-impaired fatalities or higher per 100 Million Miles Travel (VMT)
- Montana has .64 alcohol-impaired fatalities per 100 VMT
- # 2 in the Nation.
- FARS data from 2018-2021

Gallons Of Ethanol Per Capita



**DRUGGED/POLY SUBSTANCE  
ABUSE DRIVING**

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Montana passed legalized adult  
use marijuana in 2021

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Montana currently has 434  
licensed dispensaries in  
Montana.

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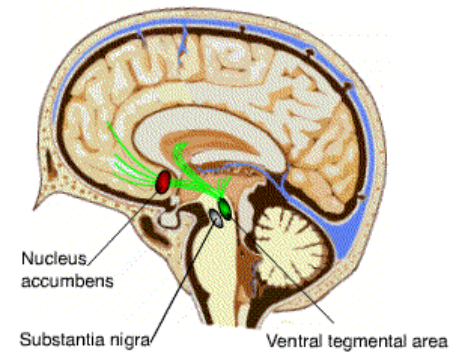
Among the most dispensary-  
friendly cities, Missoula, Montana  
leads the country with 36.2  
retailers per 100,000 residents



WHAT  
TO DO??



Pleasure Reward Pathway



THE  
PROSECUTION



**HIGH VISIBILITY  
ENFORCEMENT  
OF STATE  
HIGHWAY  
TRAFFIC  
SAFETY LAWS**

- Safety Enforcement Traffic Team – SETT
- Selective Traffic Enforcement – STEP
- Law Enforcement Liaison
- High Visibility Mini Grants – Special Events

# **SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM**

## **DEDICATED OFFICERS**

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Helena Police Department

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Kalispel Police Department

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Flathead County Sheriff Department

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Missoula Police Department

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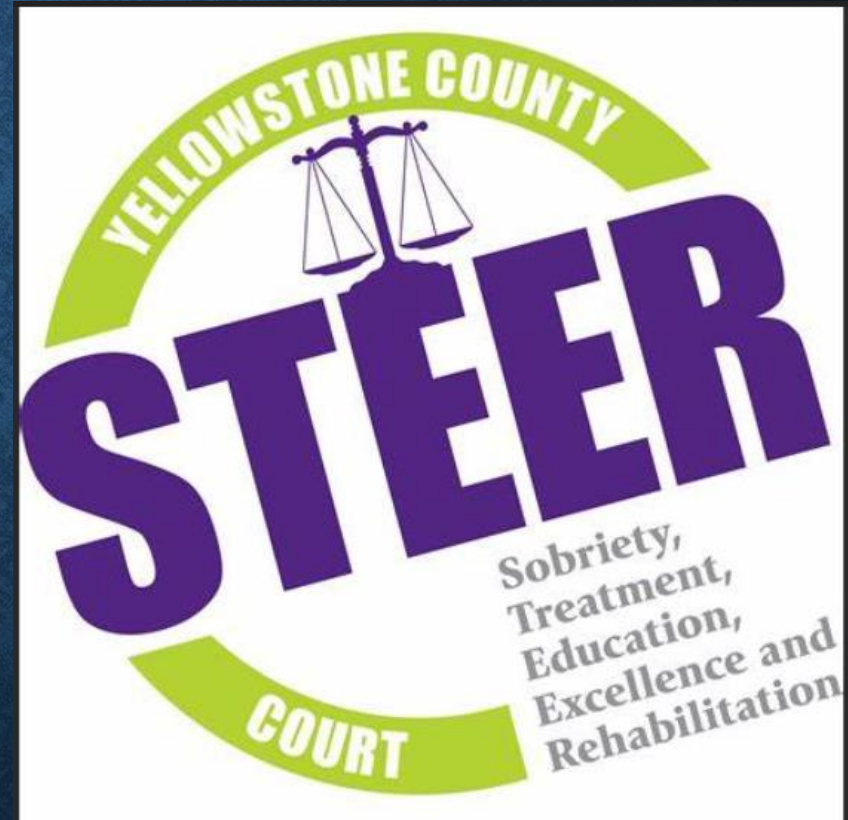
**\*\*Community Educational Component\*\***

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Increased participation in mini-grants for special events



# DUI Courts/Treatment Courts



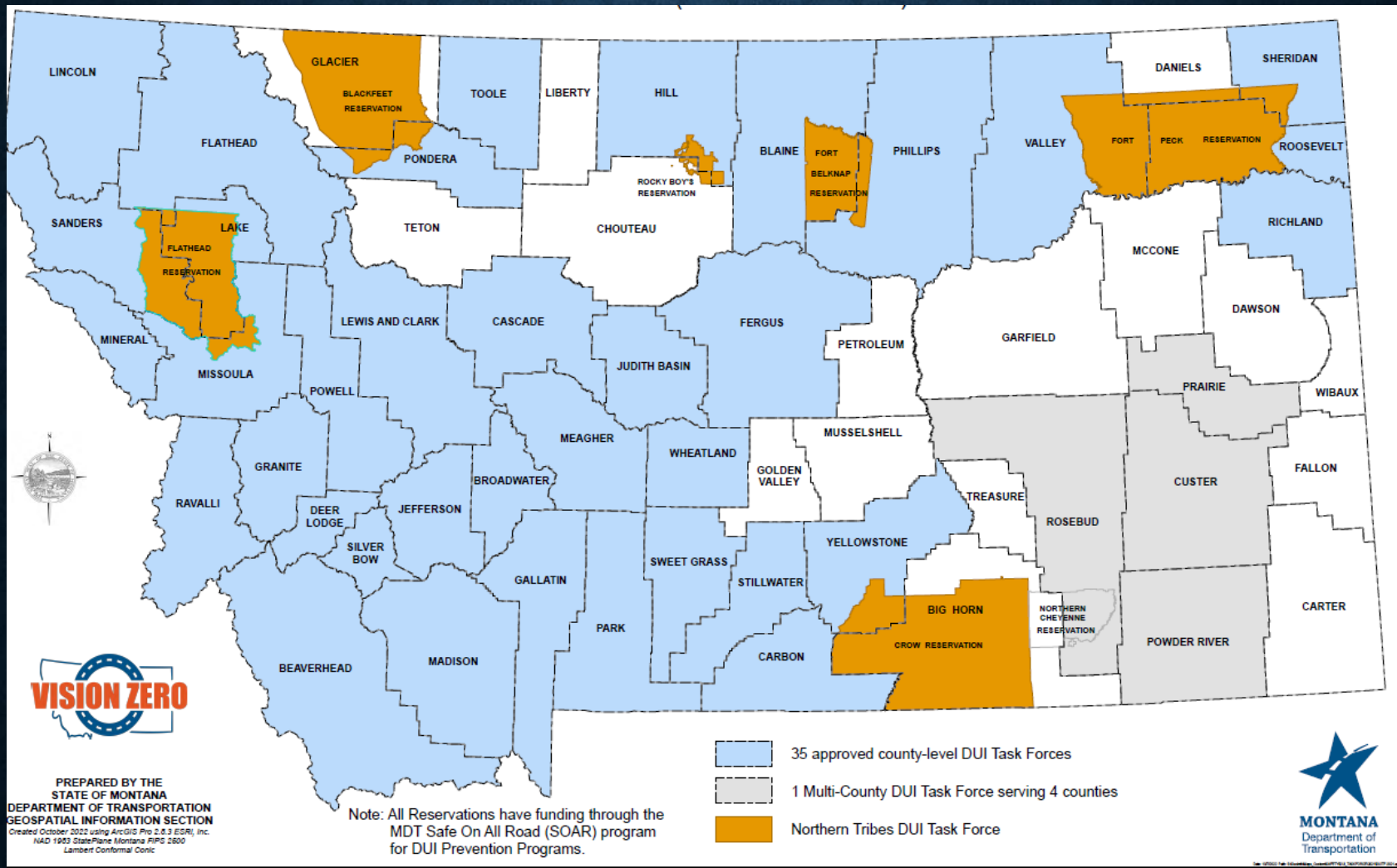
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24/7 PROGRAM

# **TRAFFIC SAFETY RESOURCE OFFICER (TSRO)**

- Standard Field Sobriety Testing (SFST)
- Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)
- Drug Recognition Expert Training (DRE)
- Other criminal justice training and technical assistance

**TRAFFIC  
SAFETY  
RESOURCE  
PROSECUTOR  
(TSRP)**

- Prosecution Bootcamp
- Advanced Trial Testimony
- SFST, ARIDE, DRE
- Expert on DUI Laws
- Daily technical assistance to prosecutors
- Direct Prosecution
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Chair prosecution
- Other criminal justice training and technical assistance



# 36 COUNTY DUI TASK FORCES REPRESENTING 39 COUNTIES



# **TRAFFIC RECORDS COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

***National Priority Safety Program – 23 U.S.C 405(c) State Traffic Safety Information System Improvement Grants to improve:***

- ***Make data program improvements to core highway safety databases relating to the quantifiable, measurable progress in:***
- ***Accuracy***
- ***Completeness,***
- ***Timeliness***
- ***Uniformity***
- ***Accessibility***
- ***Or Integration of data***

# **TRAFFIC RECORDS COORDINATING COMMITTEE - TRCC MISSION**

*Mission of the TRCC - To provide coordinated leadership to improve the timeliness, accuracy, completeness, uniformity, integration, and accessibility of crash data and systems to address safety issues in Montana.*

*Crash*

*Citation and Adjudication*

*Driver*

*Emergency Medical Services*

*Injury Surveillance Systems*

*Roadway*

*Vehicle Data*

**TRCC meets year-round, applications may be submitted for review and approval at any time:**

[TRCC Preliminary Project Proposal Outline](#)



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## Project Highlights

### Past Projects:

- EMS Tablets – data integration, injury surveillance

This project supported purchasing 25 lap top tablets to be distributed to rural volunteer ambulance services that were previously reporting via paper to only NEMSIS National Required elements. Agencies that utilized ePCR and received tablets were able to then report more data elements than submitting paper reports.

Number of elements reported increased from the 2017 baseline year of 774 to 4,218 during 2023, or more than 400% more data elements than reported the baseline year and 3% more than in 2022.

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## Project Highlights – Current Projects

- DPHHS NEMSIS Upgrade – Improve data compatibility and interoperability of core data system

Montana law requires ambulance services to submit EMS response data, including motor vehicle crash incident data to the State's EMS Registry. EMSTS submits data to the USDOT's National EMS Information System (NEMSIS). NEMSIS is transitioning from software version 3.4 to version 3.5.

Montana must upgrade the EMS Registry to version 3.5. This requires that the following be implemented:

- (1) upgrade the software in the Montana EMS Registry,
- (2) assist all 125 ambulance services with upgrading their local computer systems,
- (3) train EMS agency staff on how to use the version 3.5 updates, and
- (4) update the EMSTS data analysis and data reporting software to the 3.5 software standards.

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## Project Highlights – Current Projects

- Motor Vehicle Database Cleanup – Improve Accuracy and improve the compatibility and interoperability of a core system

MVD's Montana Enhanced Registration and Licensing Information Network (MERLIN) databases currently have significant duplicate records which account for over 600,000 individual records, MVD is implementing system corrections to stop new duplicate records from being generated, but the problem of existing duplicates remains.

- **Drivers Databases & Vehicle Database Improvements from project will:**
  - Improve the Overall Accuracy of Customer & Credential Records
  - Reduce Duplication/Bad Data Record Count
  - Identify and Eliminate system defects that result data corruption
  - Data Conversion Readiness for Vendor
  - Meliorate the integrity of records accessed by the Montana Highway Patrol and other Public Safety Professionals

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