

Safer People

Safer People: Importance of High Visibility Enforcement and Community Collaboration

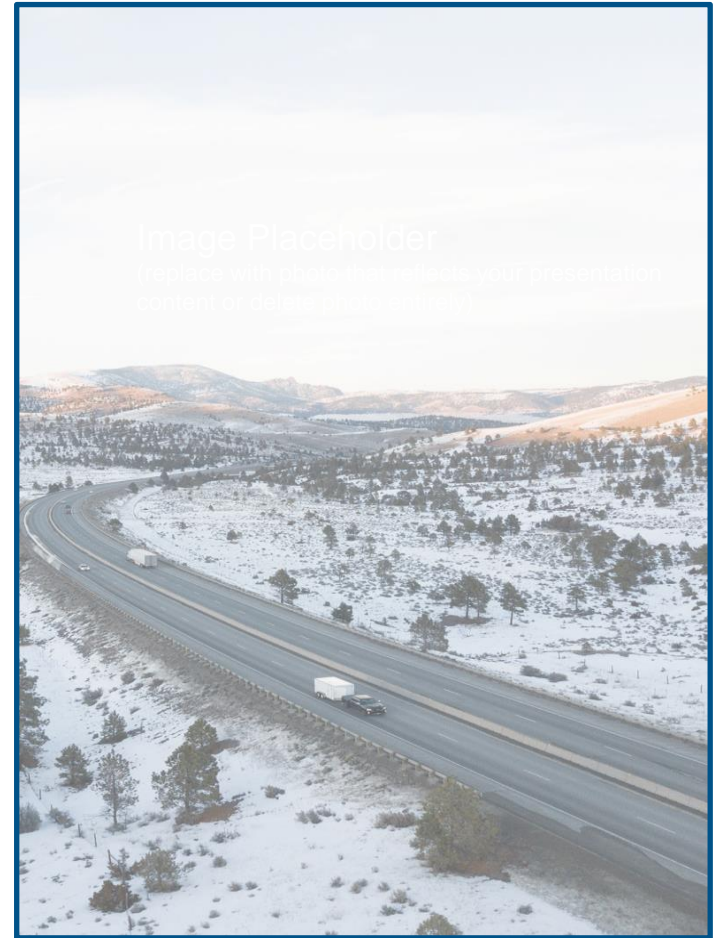
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High Visibility Enforcement

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.

- 2023: Over 29,152 citations and warnings were issued and over 10,860 hours worked on the grant program. Speeding, seat belt use, DUI were among the top “behaviors” in citations issued.
- Over 5,000 citations and warnings 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, 4th of July.

High Visibility Enforcement

Full-time Dedicated Traffic Safety Officer

- Deploy an officer dedicated to High Visibility Enforcement (full-time) working an average of 40 hours a week. The officer will focus on impaired drivers as well as unrestrained occupants. The officer will also enforce all traffic laws.
- Similar requirements as STEP
- Conduct at least one education session each quarter with the community.



Law Enforcement Liaison and 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.





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