



Emergency Response - Post-Crash Care Emphasis Area

Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan

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Attendees:

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Meeting Purpose: Provide an update of strategies activities related to the Emergency Response – Post-Crash Care Emphasis Area strategies in reducing morbidity and mortality of Montana’s roadway users.

Strategy Updates

Strategy 1 - Access to the Emergency Response System; On-Scene Care Training & Education.

Emergency medical dispatch (EMD) is a service where trained 911 telecommunicators provide instructions for medical care to bystanders prior to EMS arrival.

S1.1: Support Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) training for all dispatch centers

- FFY 2024: EMS staff working to update EMD flip book as it was last updated in 2016. A grant has been submitted to pay for training and books. There is a need for 5 new instructors for the update and on-going training in fall 2024. Survey sent out to all PSASPs asking about EMD.

Strategy 2 - Safe & Rapid Transport of Crash Victims and Training of Emergency Responders

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

Education & training to include but not limited to Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PTLS)- MDT Grant, EPIC (Excellence in Prehospital Injury Care-TBI), Psychological First Aid, Care for Children, etc. through continued annual grant funding.

In advance of the meeting Sheila Cozzie provided grant objective. The objective for FFY24 is to provide 6 training courses in rural communities. These courses will accommodate up to 24 students. The courses are provided as requested by the rural EMS providers. In addition, the project will develop five new instructors for this training and update all current instructors in the 10th Edition Course. Training helps to improve trauma care provided by Montana’s licensed ECPs. Students will be equipped with the knowledge and skills to identify and provide life sustaining treatment to critically injured trauma patients and ultimately improve outcomes for trauma patients. Students will also gain a greater understanding of the trauma system.

- FY 2024: Six of six courses planned: Hamilton-3/20, Plains-3/26, Cut Bank-4/2, Livingston-4/9, Lewistown-4/26, Culbertson-4/23.

Other opportunities

- MT DES has funding for STB training for communities and law enforcement. Training is a 1-1.5-hour training.

S2.2: Support and promote MDT Emergency Medical Equipment Grant Program

SFY 2025 EMS grant solicitation will open on May 1st and close June 30th, [Emergency Medical Services Grant Program | Montana Department of Transportation \(MDT\) \(mt.gov\)](#)

S2.3: Support and promote Traffic Incident Management Systems (TIMS) Training

Provide FHWA-developed certified 4-hour Traffic Incident Management Responder Safety Training to all first responders in Montana. Successful TIMS program is dependent on commitment of, but not limited to MDT, MHP, and DPHHS and other safety partners to continue education, train the trainer courses, and confirmation of training site locations.

- The program is on hold until a coordinator has volunteered or been named.
 - Pam Langve-Davis and Sgt Tammy Perkins will touch base with Jerry Prete, TIMS Coordinator who also sits on TIMS Steering Committee to see about possibilities to invigorate group.

Opportunity to Revisit-

Support and promote Trauma Emergency Response training for Law Enforcement Officers (LEO)

Discuss possibility and interest of incorporating a national recognized 8-hour Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support- First Responder (PTLS-FR) course in the Law Enforcement Academy Training Requirements.

- Major Chan Barry to follow up and provide feedback to Shari Graham, Janet Trethewey & Pam Langve-Davis

Strategy 3: Hospital-Based Trauma Care

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

Education and training including but not limited to- Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS), Emergency Nurse Pediatric Course (ENPC) and Trauma Education Assessment Management (TEAM) course funded with MDT Grant, among others.

For FFY 2024 there are

- six ENPC courses planned.
- six TEAM courses planned.
- five or six ATLS training courses scheduled.
 - Billings April 5-6, 2024
 - Kalispell April 26-27, 2024
 - Missoula May 17-18, 2024
 - Billings Aug 16-17, 2024
 - Great Falls Oct 4-5, 2024
 - Billings Nov 1-2, 2024

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

Increased number of voluntarily designated trauma centers across the state.

In FFY 2024 there are 25 facilities scheduled for designation review.

- Libby designated as a Trauma Receiving Facility for their initial designations.
- St V's-Billings underwent a Level I verification/ Comprehensive Trauma Center designation in February.
 - Two facilities were demoted, one has a downgrade and the other lost designation.

Strategy 3.3 Continue to support and promote Rocky Mountain Rural Trauma Symposium (RMRTS)

- Planned for Missoula September 12-13 for 350-450 attendees.

Strategy 3.4: Support and further Pediatric Ready Recognition for all Montana Facilities

- Ongoing efforts to increase pediatric ready facilities; on-site visits will resume this summer.

Strategy 4- Integrate Crash, EMS, Trauma and Roadway Surveillance

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.

- The transition to NEMSIS 3.5 is nearly complete.
- EMS QI dashboard includes all 2023 data.
- Completed - Montana EMSQI Report <https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/EMSTS/MontanaEMSQIReport>
- Completed – Montana Injury and Overdose Indicators Dashboard with MVC-related Data Report <https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/EMSTS/InjuryandOverdoseIndicators-Fatal>
- Completed - 2024-2029 Montana Trauma System Plan https://dphhs.mt.gov/assets/publichealth/EMSTS/Data/TraumaReport_2021Data.pdf

Strategy 5- Provide Statewide Injury Prevention Education to Communities Through A Collaborative Effort

Strategy 5.1 Promote educational training and outreach that promote injury prevention-based n data driven strategies identified and included in the CHSP, i.e. HSP behavior-based programs.

- DPHHS Injury Prevention Coordiantior continues to promote and push out social media safety =ca,mpaigns during holidays, Super Bowl, and St Patrick's.

Strategy 6- Support Laws, Policy Development and Legislation

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

- EMSTS is working on pulling together an Executive Summary packet focusing on Emergency Medical and Trauma Services funding . Most people do not recognize this as an essential service. Services are short-handed and those available often represent an ageing population and antiquated 911 system. Funding has not been changed since the conception of the program while population, marijuana use, and opioid use have increased.
- EMSTS office is now sending out a quarterly newsletter to all emergency care providers and medical directors. If you have anything you want to include for that audience, please send it to Janet Trethewey for inclusion, i.e., upcoming trainings, announcements, etc. The next edition will be distributed in mid-May.

S6.2: Support state law and enhance driver awareness of Montana's Mover Over Law, including tow operators and vehicles. Focus continues to promote awareness of Slowing Down and Moving Over for all working in and responding to roadway incidents.

- Safety partners continue to look at opportunities to promote safety awareness of emergency responders and Move Over MT through media campaigns and social media.

Announcements-

- Rocky Mountain Rural Trauma Symposium (RMRTS), Sept 12 & 13, 2024, in Missoula
- Annual Transportation Safety Meeting-Mark Your Calendars- October 14, 15, & 16, 2024, in Helena
- Next Meeting: August 21st.

Adjourned at 10:42 a.m.