

Missouri's Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP)



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What is an SHSP?

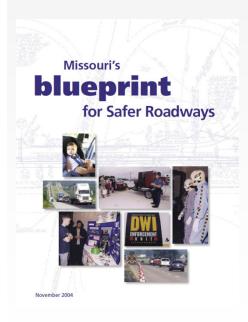
- Federal requirement (USDOT/FHWA)
- State's plan to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes
- Assessment of current and desired performance
- Comprehensive collection of data-driven strategies
 - Education, Enforcement, Engineering, Emergency Services
 - Public Policy, Corporate Policy
- Playbook for everyone

Traffic Fatalities

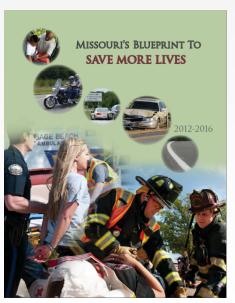


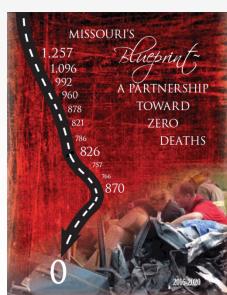


Missouri's Blueprint











Primary Components

Data Analysis

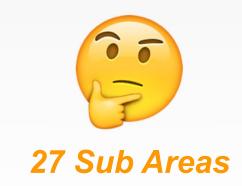
 → Emphasis Areas





Current MO Emphasis Areas

- Serious Crash Types
- High-Risk Driving & Unrestrained Occupants
- Special Vehicles
- Vulnerable Roadway Users
- Special Roadway Environments
- Data & Data System Improvements





Current MO Strategies

- Education
- Enforcement
- Engineering
- Emergency Services
- Technology
- Public Policy



In 27 different places!

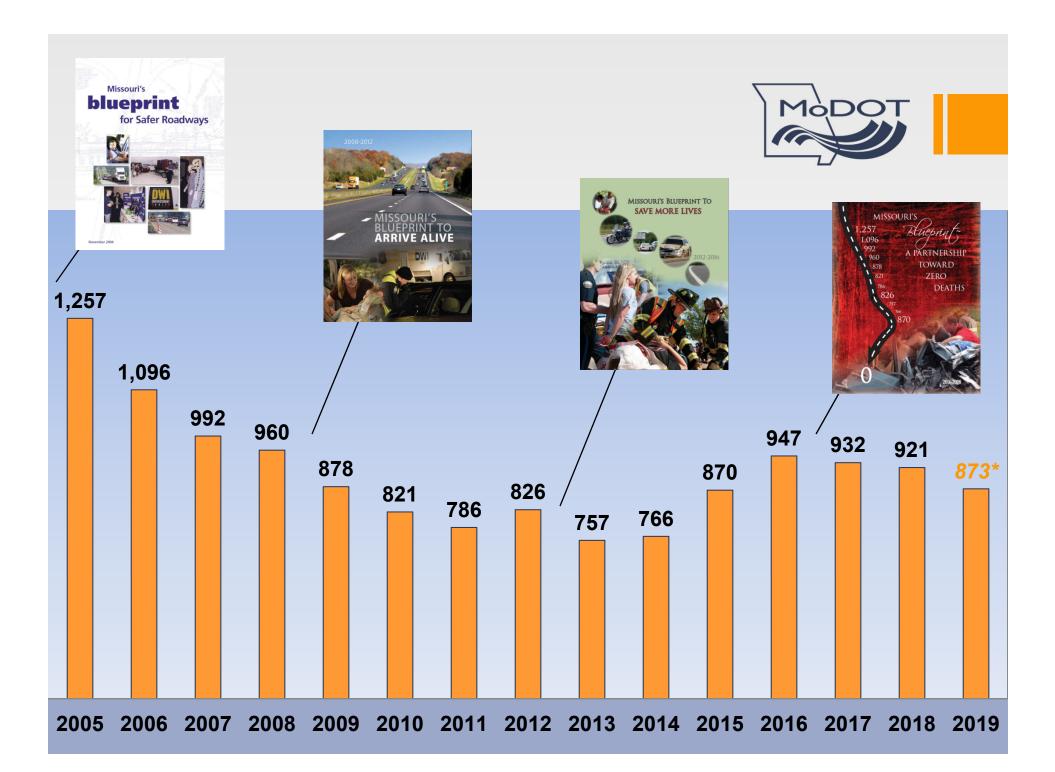


SHSP Update Working Group

- State and federal agencies MoDOT, DESE, DOR, FHWA, etc.
- Law enforcement agencies
- Counties and cities
- Planning organizations
- Safety advocate organizations
- Public health agencies
- Emergency responders
- Educators and researchers









Evaluation of Current Plan

- It's too big.
- It's too broad.
- It can be difficult to know how I fit in.
- It's choppy with strategies scattered throughout.
- It needs a more dynamic online presence.



Goals of the Revised Plan

- Renew statewide focus on a public health crisis
- Simplify/shorten the plan
- Limit the Emphasis Areas
 - Common thread: human behavior
- Keep strategies to the next 5 years
- Have something for everyone
- Enhance online support and functionality

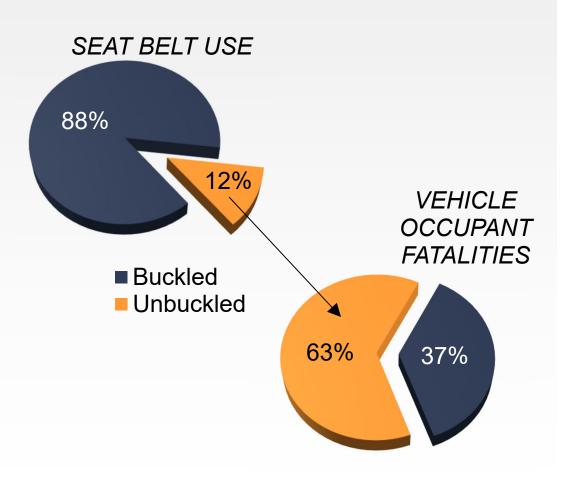




Emphasis Area 1: Seat Belts & Car Seats

Over 1,800 unbelted fatalities the last 5 years

100% usage ≈250 lives saved per year







 Easily relatable and consistently observed by the general public

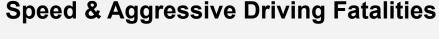
 One of the fastest growing contributors of MO crashes

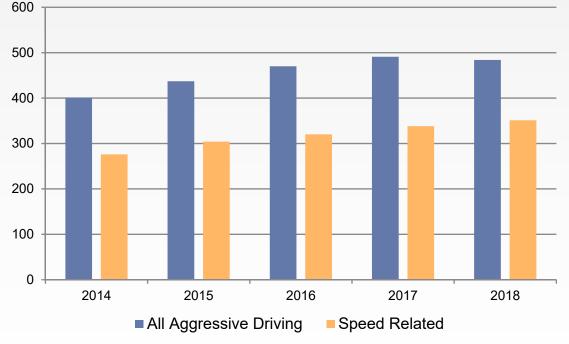


 Someone other than the distracted driver died 54% of the time

Emphasis Area 3: Speed and Aggressive Driving

- Top contributing circumstance in MO fatal crashes
- Over 1,500 fatalities the last 5 years
- Increasing trend

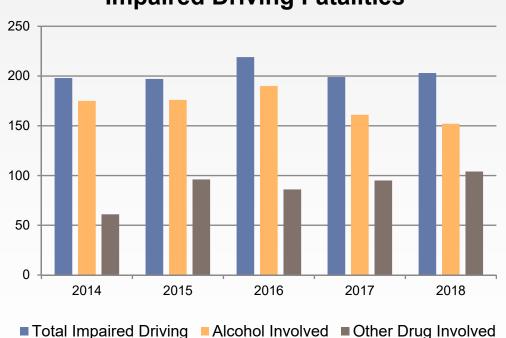






Emphasis Area 4: Impaired Driving

Impaired Driving Fatalities



- Over 1,000 fatalitiesthe last 5 years
- Increasing trend in drug-impaired fatalities
- Passage of Amendment 2

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Emphasis Area 5: Pedestrians

Missouri is an FHWA pedestrian focus state



- 462 fatalities the last 5 years
 - •75 percent in urban areas
- Significant percentage include "non-traditional" pedestrians

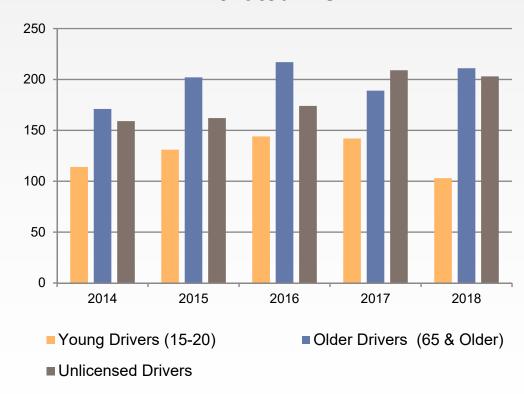




Emphasis Area 6: Drivers with Elevated Risk

- Younger/older drivers involved in over one-third of fatalities
- Over 1,600 fatalities the last 5 years

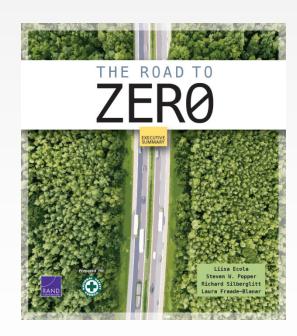
Fatalities Involving Drivers with Elevated Risk





Key Strategies

- Same classifications, different presentation
 - Education
 - Public Policy
 - Enforcement
 - Engineering
 - Emergency Services



National Safety Council Strategic Plan

Key Strategies





- State Agencies/Officials
- Planning Organizations
- Counties and Cities
- Law Enforcement
- Public Works
- Emergency Responders
- Health Professionals

- Schools and Daycares
- Private Businesses
- Community Groups
- Families and Individuals
- Others?



Timeline

- Working Group meetings thru March
- Draft review period April/May
- Final revisions June
- Public release September 28-30
 - Highway Safety and Traffic Conference
- Promotion and distribution ongoing

Our Goal

- Anything else is unacceptable
- Stop celebrating hollow victories
- Every day can be a zero day



Get Involved



- Adopt a "safe system" approach
 - Include safety as a scoring component for projects
- Adopt a seat belt and cell phone policy
 - <u>www.modot.org/bupd</u>
- Join your regional coalition
 - www.savemolives.com





- Engage your communities
 - Primary seat belt ordinances, community events, etc.





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