



State's Strategic Highway Safety Plan Aims for Zero Traffic Fatalities

As many of you know reducing traffic fatalities in Missouri is something near and dear to my heart, so I was thrilled to be able to attend last month's Traffic Safety and Blueprint Conference in Columbia.

Traffic safety advocates from across the state came together to get a first hand look at Missouri's new strategic highway safety plan, Missouri's Blueprint – A Partnership Toward Zero Deaths.

This is the fourth edition of the state's strategic plan to reshape how we look at traffic safety in Missouri. The Blueprint was put together by highway safety professionals representing what we call the four Es - engineering, enforcement, education and emergency response.

Included in the Blueprint are five strategies that we feel have the greatest potential to save lives. Those strategies and some examples are listed below:

- Change the traffic safety culture by increasing things like seat belt usage.
- Pass highway safety legislation including a primary seat belt law and cell phone ban.
- Increase enforcement efforts by focusing on high-crash corridors and aggressive drivers.
- Implement engineering solutions by installing rumble strips and making curve improvements.
- Enhance pedestrian safety by improving pavement markings and signs.

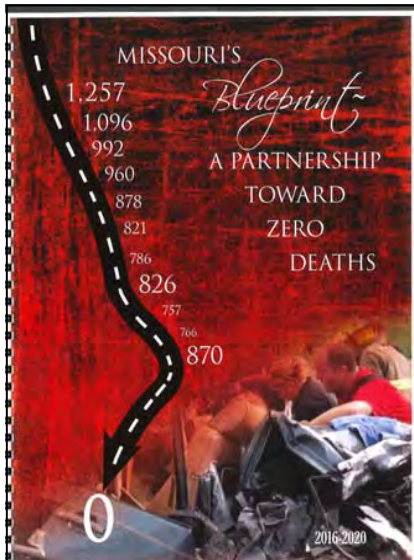
Since 2005 Missouri has seen a 31 percent reduction in fatalities but that number started to plateau in 2011 and then, along with the rest of the nation, has started to go back up.

The work required to reduce deaths and serious injuries on our roads is not an easy job, but how can we accept anything less than zero fatalities. To see the full Blueprint, please go to www.saveMOlives.com.

Franklin, Jefferson County Construction Maps to Be Online Soon

The 2017-2018 Franklin and Jefferson County construction maps are being finalized and will be online in the next few weeks. The maps outline the MoDOT projects scheduled over the next two years.

To see the 2016-2017 map, or to view the new one once it is completed, go to http://www.modot.org/stlouis/major_projects/franklincountyupdates.htm for Franklin County or http://www.modot.org/stlouis/major_projects/jeffersoncountyupdates.htm for Jefferson County.



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