

Impaired Driving Emphasis Area Team Report
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The role of the Emphasis Area Teams is to develop the content of the Texas Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP), provide input to other areas of the Plan, assist the Management Team with outreach and networking, advise on implementation strategies, and track implementation progress. The purpose of the EA teams is to utilize the members' knowledge, expertise, and experiences to identify the SHSP strategies and countermeasures pertaining to pedestrian safety.. The multiple disciplines that make up each EA team will ensure the proposed solutions are feasible, practical, and effective. The consulting team will help by reviewing the literature, examining the data, etc., as requested.

Impaired Driving Reduction Strategies

Strategy 1

Identify and document the contributing crash factors associated with impaired driving related crashes

Strategy 2

Increase impaired driving citations and arrests

Strategy 3

Examine the contributing factors and circumstances related to the drop in citations (municipal or traffic courts)

- Improve data systems to identify road types, corridors, regions, counties and communities at high risk for impaired driving crashes
- Study the reduction in DWI arrests, e.g., less contact with civilians on the roadway or same level of contact but citations either aren't issued or reflect something other than impaired driving
- Use DDACTS analysis to compare high crash areas with high crime areas, include attention to the existence of licensed alcohol establishments as well as temporary permits (e.g., festivals) and caterers' permits (coordinate with ABC members)

Strategy 4

Increase enforcement on high risk road types, corridors, regions, counties, and communities for impaired driving (include data on population growth)

Strategy 5

Increase impaired driving convictions

- Provide impaired driving training and education opportunities for the courts and the labs
- Examine the literature and evidence related to drugged driving as a contributing factor in impaired driving crashes

Strategy 6

Identify times and patterns of activity leading to heavy drinking and increase enforcement capabilities accordingly

Next Steps

Data and Resource Requests

- Crashes by time of day
- Crashes by day of week
- Crashes by ethnicity
- Investigate possibility of low income vs high income. Maybe use neighborhoods.
- Investigate possibility of identifying prescription drug impairment vs illegal drug impairment
- Impaired driving rates per population (Eva will verify with Nicole)
- Crashes by region/corridor

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, March 15, 2:00-3:30p.m.
- Wednesday, March 22, 2:00-3:30p.m.