

Impaired Driving Emphasis Area Team Report
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Strategies and Countermeasures

Please review the strategies and countermeasures to make sure they are worded as you intended. We hope to finish this section of the Texas Strategic Highway Safety Plan by the end of the next meeting if possible. You will soon be receiving instructions for providing comments and/or additional countermeasure suggestions for any of the strategies. We will collate your suggestions and discuss them on the next call (March 22, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.).

Impaired Driving Reduction Strategies - Revised

Strategy #1: Identify and document the contributing crash factors associated with impaired driving related crashes

Countermeasures and Programs

- Improve data systems to identify road types, corridors, regions, counties and communities at high probability for impaired driving crashes as well as to track frequent offenders.

Strategy #2: Improve mobility options for impaired road users.

Countermeasures and Programs

- Educate the public on methods for identifying mobility options at the community level
- Identify mechanisms for improving the identification of drugged driving as a contributing factor in impaired driving crashes

Strategy #3: Increase education for all road users on the impact of impaired driving and its prevention

Countermeasures and Programs

- Identify gaps in knowledge with respect to illegal behaviors (e.g., specifically drugs and substances other than alcohol) among road users.
- Identify gaps in knowledge with respect to the negative impact of traffic violations among road users.
- Demonstrate the magnitude of the impact of impaired driving crashes on fatality rates by making comparisons with other causes of death (e.g., murder rate).

Strategy #4: Increase officer contacts with impaired drivers

Countermeasures and Programs

- Identify reasons for 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 a data driven approach to optimize areas and times for enforcement (e.g., 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 #5: Increase resources and training for prosecutors and officers

Countermeasures and Programs

- Develop training that targets the courts and the laboratories processing biological samples

Next Steps

Data and Resource Requests

- Compute impaired crash rates (based on population density) to identify geographic areas experiencing an overrepresentation of crashes.

Additional Resources

- Traffic Safety Conference
<https://tti.tamu.edu/group/cts/traffic-safety-conference/2017-traffic-safety-conference/>

Upcoming Meeting Dates

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