Hello from the Mountain State

West Virginia is proud of its highway safety initiatives! We look back on our accomplishments this year, and look forward to overcoming the challenges ahead of us in making West Virginia’s roads a safer place to travel. Following is a brief overview of our program:

In West Virginia, the Governor’s Highway Safety Program (GHSP) encourages the development of local traffic safety initiatives. Approximately 60% of the Section 402 funds received by the GHSP this year were awarded to Safe Community Programs formed by local government and civic and business groups in eight different areas of the state. Using this approach, the entire state’s population is covered by a Safe Community Program.

The GHSP provides technical assistance to the Safe Community Programs in developing highway safety campaigns that are geared to the local geographic area and can be easily adapted for use statewide.

Accomplishments

In 2013, West Virginia’s seat belt usage rate was 82.2%, which is significant considering the seat belt use rate in 2000 was only 49.5%. The GHSP attributes the increase to more citizens getting the Click it or Ticket message through a strong media campaign and law enforcement actively enforcing the seat belt law. Additionally, the unbelted fatality rate appears to be trending downward for WV in 2013, which is another accomplishment in the GHSP’s efforts to reduce fatalities and injuries.

On July 8, 2013, West Virginia’s Primary Seat Belt law went into effect. There was an immediate 298% increase in citations issued from July 1, 2013 to November 1, 2013 compared to the same period in 2012. We believe this will result in a reduction in injuries and fatalities and an increase in the seat belt usage rate in West Virginia.

We also continued our sustained DUI enforcement, and the number of alcohol related fatalities went down. We saw more participation this year in our Child Passenger Safety Program (CPS), and held numerous events promoting the importance of keeping all children properly restrained. Application to the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) for recognition as a Drug Recognition Evaluation (DRE) state was accepted in October 2013, and we are building the program from the ground up. FY 2014 promises to be a banner year for Impaired Driving Detection and apprehension training in WV. We currently have 5 DRE Certified Officers, all trained in FY 2013.

In late 2007, the Governor’s Highway Safety Program developed an in-house Law Enforcement Activity Data Base. All GHSP funded enforcement data is entered into this program and is available to all highway safety stakeholders. We are at the point that it has become the cornerstone of identifying problems and accomplishments. It allows the GHSP and its grantees to set goals and objectives and identify deficiencies and problem areas. It assures that the activities are directed to the right people at the needed locations.

Challenges

In the coming year we will continue our efforts to keep the percentage of alcohol-related injuries and fatalities to under 30%. Another challenge we face is increasing our seat belt usage rate to 85% or above. At the current rate of 82.2%, we are facing the toughest percentage of people to “win over”: those that are high-risk drivers, males, ages 16 to 35 years old. We feel strongly that the upgrade from Secondary enforcement to Primary enforcement status will help us meet this challenge.

West Virginians are well known worldwide for their volunteerism. It is that spirit of cooperation that lends to the overall success of a comprehensive Highway Safety Program in the Mountain State. We value our partners who have joined our staff’s committed effort in carrying out the mission of the GHSP and who work diligently to make a difference in saving lives. Our valued partners include the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), who provide invaluable leadership and technical assistance. Other state agencies, such as the West Virginia State Police, the West Virginia Department of Transportation, the West Virginia Office of Emergency Services, the West Virginia Prosecuting

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The GHSP held its inaugural DUI Conference May 15-17, 2013 at the Glades Springs Resort in Beckley, WV. This conference was branded the “Highway 2 Enforcement” Conference with the motto “Recognize-Act-Enforce”. During this conference the state’s top law enforcement agencies, as well as the top individual officers from county Sheriff Departments, municipal Police Departments and State Police detachments, were officially recognized for their DUI enforcement efforts. Several keynote speakers presented heartfelt and meaningful speeches culminating with former City of Beckley Law Enforcement Officer and current WV State Senator Mike Green (Raleigh-9th District). Over 200 officers and administrative staff personnel attended the conference, which also included a 2 day training curriculum that offered several core and special subject areas that earned in-service training credit. Positive feedback was expressed by officers and law enforcement agency leaders, making this a successful event that will become an annual venue to honor the efforts of the best DUI officers in the State of West Virginia.

2013 Inaugural Highway Safety DUI Conference Honorees

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Attorneys Institute, West Virginia University, and Marshall University support our mission and provide a variety of resources to our program.

Other supporting groups include the WV Chiefs of Police Association, the WV Sheriffs Association, WV Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), WV Deputy Sheriffs Association, local law enforcement agencies statewide, health departments, hospitals, schools, the religious/family community, civic and non-profit groups (i.e. MADD and SADD), and other private sector businesses and organizations. In FY 2014, we will work to improve communication with our law enforcement agencies and Highway Safety stakeholders.
Occupant Protection

The Governor’s Highway Safety Program (GHSP) continues to be the lead agency for occupant protection in West Virginia. Special educational and enforcement programs through continued cooperation of local and state law enforcement agencies provide a strong foundation to help increase West Virginia’s seat belt usage rate, which is currently 82.2%. However, while our seat belt rate has increased significantly since a 49.5% rate in 2000, West Virginia has experienced a decline in seat belt use rate in more recent years. In 2008, we recorded our highest rate ever at 89.5%, but the use rate has fallen to 85% or below for the last four years. This trend has caught our attention and the GHSP is re-evaluating our efforts to increase seat belt use. In February 2013, GHSP staff met with representatives of the Region 3 NHTSA office to review and discuss the state’s Occupant Protection program, and this resulted in the development of a Strategic Occupant Protection Plan for West Virginia. This plan outlines an enforcement, education, and media plan for increasing seat belt use, and with the passage of a Primary Seat Belt Law in 2013, we are confident that our short-term goal of 90% can be achieved, and exceeded.

Click It or Ticket

The eight Safe Community Program Coordinators and their task forces continue to use the local media markets and education systems to get the message out to West Virginians to buckle up. The GHSP launched the Click It or Ticket (CIOT) campaign to demonstrate law enforcement’s commitment to saving lives by enforcing the current seat belt law, which states that all persons must be buckled up, with the stipulation that adults 18 years of age and older are not required to buckle up in the back seat. CIOT, a program that encourages law enforcement to make seat belts a priority during routine traffic stops, has made an impact. Thanks to several years of combining efforts from law enforcement and a strong media message, our usage rate has risen significantly.

During May of each year, an intensive CIOT campaign is launched statewide with a month long enforcement and media blitz. The 2013 campaign resulted in 2,546 seat belt citations, 388 DUI arrests, 115 Child Safety Seat violations, 126 felony arrests, and 31 fugitives apprehended. This was accomplished through seat belt patrols and checkpoints by 142 law enforcement agencies.

The CIOT media campaign is comprised of statewide billboards, television and radio advertising, as well as local efforts by the eight community coordinators. During the 2013 campaign, the GHSP spent approximately $302,000 on paid advertising statewide resulting in 4,532 television spots and 3,465 radio spots. Newspaper “tab-ons” were also purchased. Additionally, our “annual bar” with West Virginia Metro News (radio) was going on at this time as well, and we received even more coverage than reflected above. Field signage at Appalachian Power Park (minor league baseball stadium) in Charleston was purchased for April through September, which displayed the CIOT message. Through our Safe Community Coordinators, numerous press conferences were held, and TV, radio, and newspaper stories were aired and/or printed.

CIOT Campaign Results: 2013

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NHTSA Section 406 Award Money

West Virginia was the recipient of Section 406 funds in April 2008. To receive the funding, West Virginia met Federal US DOT criteria, which required states to have at least an 85% seat belt usage rate, confirmed through scientific surveys, for two years straight. In 2006, the usage rate was 88.5%, and in 2007 the usage rate was 89.5%. This was a one-time award of $5 million.

During 2013, Section 406 funds were used for driver behavior programs such as CIOT and to enhance the capability of law enforcement agencies throughout the state of West Virginia to submit crash and citation data electronically.

Annual Seat Belt Survey

Each year, West Virginia is required to conduct a seat belt use survey that is compliant with NHTSA’s Uniform Criteria for State Observational Surveys of Seat Belt Use. This survey is conducted in early June. The 2013 Survey shows that West Virginia’s use rate is 82.2%, and a final report will be submitted to NHTSA prior to their March 1, 2014 deadline.

LifeSavers

In 2004, West Virginia LifeSavers was formed as an officer incentive program to provide ongoing enforcement of seat belt laws on a 365 day basis. The premise of the program was that the officers who directly issued seat belt citations should be rewarded for their activities instead of their agencies. Participation in this program required officers to individually register in the program in order to be eligible for awards. To date, more than 1,050 officers from Sheriffs’ departments, State Police, PSC traffic enforcement division, and municipal agencies have become active members of WV LifeSavers.

The goal of this program is to reduce the lackadasical attitude that is developing by West Virginians that seat belt usage is no longer necessary and more importantly to squelch an ever increasing belief that law enforcement is less interested in seat belt enforcement.

Three years ago, the coordinator for WV LifeSavers was approached with a request to develop and incorporate an alcohol officer incentive program into West Virginia LifeSavers. Subsequently, such a program was formulated and merged under the LifeSavers umbrella. This program immediately created enthusiasm among the law enforcement community and has continually grown at an unbelievable rate. To date, the combined programs now exceed 2,400 members.

Success of the LifeSavers Website

The West Virginia LifeSavers website continues to be effectively used by any member which (1) the members informed of upcoming events, (2) enables potential members to quickly join the program, and (3) simplifies reporting of citations on a monthly basis. During 2013, the website underwent a major redesign and experienced 54,766 hits.
Child Passenger Safety

The GHSP continues to be a primary advocacy group for the safety of children on West Virginia’s roadways. West Virginia’s Child Passenger Safety law states that all children up to the age of eight have to be properly secured in a federally approved and safely maintained child safety seat. However, if the child reaches the height of four feet, nine inches tall before their eighth birthday, a seat belt becomes legally sufficient. This law went into effect in July 2005.

Child passenger safety (CPS) seats reduce the likelihood of an infant under the age of one being killed in a vehicle crash by 71% and toddlers by 54%. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children ages 3 to 14.

In 2014, we look forward to training more technicians across the state and holding more renewal classes. There are currently five certified instructors that teach in West Virginia and 234 certified technicians. We hope to work with the Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance Authority and local hospitals to certify nurses that work with women and children. In addition, we are working toward recruiting interested participants, agencies, or groups such as Emergency Medical Services for Children, WIC, DHHR, and day care centers to increase our certified technicians. Additionally, the statewide Child Passenger Safety Coordinator hopes to continue building on the relationships formed this year with other entities that are passionate about child passenger safety.

To date, more than 18,000 Emergency Identification Decals have been distributed throughout the State. These decals are free of charge and ensure rapid identification of young children in car seats or booster seats in the event a crash or an emergency should occur, and the parent or caregiver is unconscious or fatally injured. This information is crucial to first responders. The parent or caregiver is encouraged to fill out the information on the decal and place it on the right front corner (child’s right) under the cushion or center back of the child’s safety seat.

Additional information regarding the Emergency ID Decals has been made available on the CPS website at www.dmv.wv.gov/cps under “Parent and Caregiver Resources.” The website for CPS is updated on a regular basis.

CPS Classes and Installations

In FY 2013, five Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification classes were held. The five locations were: Charleston, Hinton, Bridgeport, Parkersburg, and Martinsburg. A total of 66 people were trained throughout the year. Additionally, two Renewal Classes were offered in Charleston and Hinton, meaning 7 technicians were re-certified throughout the year.

In addition, six 8 hour Kidz in Motion (KIM) courses were held. A total of 55 technicians registered for these courses. A KIM class is only for current Certified CPS Technicians. Instructors provide the latest in car seat technology and hands on demonstrations. Upon successful completion of the course, technicians receive a verification of attendance certificate and obtain all 6 CEU’s required in order to re-certify with Safe Kids.

In total, nearly 2,100 child restraints were checked/ replaced statewide between the GHSP office, the eight regional coordinator areas, and the 75 checkup events that were held.

In FY 2013, our focus was on trying to recruit more certified technicians in region one, and that goal was met; they added 10 technicians, which is a 42% increase.

NHTSA Section 2011 Funding

Due to the new Moving Ahead for Progress (MAP21) Federal Legislation, there were no specific Section 2011 CPS funds awarded for FY 2013. Instead, CPS funds were included in the new Section 405b Occupant Protection Award. From the residual Section 2011 funding, approximately $135,000 has been spent, with close to $33,898 spent this year for child safety seats and approximately $13,200 for public education materials. Over $33,400 was spent on media during CPS Week and other events from this and other grant sources. Approximately $5,900 was spent on the regional fitting stations. Over $21,000 has been spent on CPS Certification Training Classes, Kidz in Motion Classes, and Re-certification Training Classes. Check up events, overtime enforcement, and training fees including registration, travel, and facilities make up the rest.

Every law enforcement agency that participates in Click It or Ticket also helps enforce the Child Passenger Safety law. The coordinators work with law enforcement to provide child safety seats and education when necessary. The coordinators and the state office received nearly 1,020 seats this year funded by Section 2011 and have given away nearly 2,100. The criteria for receiving a free car seat is determined by each coordinator.

National CPS Week

During “National CPS Week,” September 15 through 21, 2013, GHSP Coordinators offered free CPS seat check up events throughout the state. In total, 52 seats were checked and 8 new seats were provided. Unfortunately, inclement weather played a part in low participant turnout.

On September 16, 2013, a “Celebrity Car Seat Challenge” was held at the Shops at Kanawha in Kanawha City. This was a fun and challenging way to kick off CPS Week in West Virginia and to prove that installing child safety devices is not “Child’s Play.” The message was clear! Those participating were: returning champion, Jennifer McCandrews, Eyewitness News Anchor, WCHS and WVAH; returning champion Brian Egan, Host of the New Wolf and Friends Morning Show, 96.1 The Wolf; Jeff Jeffries, WQBE; Wade Hill, Electric 102.7; Dennie Large, Tri-States CW, WQCW TV; and Steve Dale, Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles and the Governor’s Representative for Highway Safety.

Dennie Large, Tri-States CW, WQCW TV, won the competition. The winner was chosen based on a scoring system consisting of various points of correct installation.

Bert Wolfe Toyota graciously donated the use of vehicles for this event. A special thanks to the GHSP Staff and others who worked diligently along with the CPS Statewide Coordinator in making this event possible!
Target Red

Target Red is a program that was initiated by the Southern Regional Highway Safety Program in the City of Beckley in 2008. In October 2007, an elderly woman was returning home from church choir practice when her vehicle was struck in the driver’s side door by a vehicle that ran a red light. She sustained life-threatening injuries and was in a coma for several months. Unfortunately, she never fully recovered from the accident and died in 2010.

As a result of the accident, several members of her church made it their mission to bring awareness to the community about the seriousness and ever-growing problem of running red lights. They contacted Sgt. Paul Blume of the Beckley Police Department and Coordinator of the Southern Regional Highway Safety Program, and the GHSP to seek their assistance. As a result, several community task force meetings were held, and Target Red was launched in June 2008. Prior to the enforcement effort, a study conducted revealed that 3 out of every 100 cars were in violation of the red light code. In addition to the enforcement effort, there was an awareness component by the local media with numerous public service announcements and newspaper articles. Local businesses and churches were extremely supportive, displaying Target Red signage on their businesses and their outdoor signs. The enforcement campaign was conducted over a 30-day period from mid-June to mid-July, and resulted in a 68% reduction in red light violations.

Based on the outstanding results from the Beckley campaign, the GHSP designated funding for each Traffic Safety Coordinator to conduct a Target Red Campaign in their respective areas. This year the campaign ran from August 2-17, 2013.

The GHSP, in addition to providing funding for enforcement, also provided funds for the purchase of rack cards, magnets, and key chains. Each Coordinator in their area distributed these items. The Coordinators also conducted various media events with radio and television stations. Target Red billboards were also conducted various media events with radio and television stations. Target Red billboards were placed on the motorcycle rider to “ride straight”; free of all intoxicants. The goal is to reduce the number of alcohol, illicit drugs, prescription, or over the counter medications related crashes and fatalities.

5.) To be proactive with motorcycle clubs and organizations in developing alcohol free venues and events.

6.) To continue a partnership with the State Board of Education by providing each driver’s education instructor a copy of the new “Share the Road” module entitled “Intersections”. This module focuses on the number one cause of motorcycle crashes: being hit by a vehicle that didn’t see them.

7.) Evaluate and adopt as required new MSF Basic Ridercourse standards.

Motorcycle Safety

To minimize the risk and maximize the fun of motorcycling, the West Virginia Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Program (WVMSP) focuses its efforts on enhancing public motorcycle safety awareness, promoting alcohol and drug effect awareness for motorcyclists, rider improvement, licensing improvement, program promotions, and education.

The Program has a Board of Directors comprised of several individuals from state agencies, law enforcement, and other highway safety programs and advocacy groups.

Additionally, the West Virginia Motorcycle Safety Program has a simple vendor: the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF). The MSF provides motorcycle training, technical assistance, and all the required equipment and training materials to each of the seven training sites located throughout the state. The combination of efforts between the WVMSP and the MSF has reduced the cost of individual training to where it is the lowest in the region and very cost effective to the program itself. All of this training is conducted by “RiderCoaches” that are nationally certified by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. Representatives from the MSF wrote the curriculum that is taught in West Virginia. The training

Program Goals

1.) To continue to expand training capabilities of the program by helping to recruit, develop, train, and certify additional RiderCoaches.

2.) To forge partnerships in rural areas in which additional locations are to be developed, providing added motorcycle training.

3.) To continue to educate both the riding and general public through paid media ads and commercials on radio and television, billboards, handouts, bumper stickers, and sponsored safety events.

4.) To educate individual owners of motorcycles that they must have a motorcycle endorsement to legally operate a motorcycle. Additional emphasis will be placed on the motorcycle rider to “ride straight”, free of all intoxicants. The goal is to reduce the number of alcohol, illicit drugs, prescription, or over the counter medications related crashes and fatalities.

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8.) Target motorcyclist awareness, certified helmet enforcement, and enforcement of unendorsed riders.

9.) Train and certify at least 2 RiderCoaches in the 3 Wheel Basic Rider Course (3WBRC) in preparation for possible classes to be taught based on rider demand.

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Note: Not reflected in the total number of students contacted were 60 students that withdrew from or were counseled out of the classes. The balance was either no-shows or cancellations.
Motorcycle Safety Foundation

There are currently 84 Certified RiderCoaches in West Virginia. Eight of them are Site Coordinators, one for each of the eight sites around the state. 31 Military RiderCoaches provide the Basic Rider Course (BRC) and Experienced Rider Course (ERC) Training to military personnel.

WV MSP Numbers at a Glance

Motorcycle registration dropped to 49,369 registered motorcycles. The Training Program had a 96% pass rate in the BRC and a 100% pass rate in the ERC. RiderCoaches have trained 17,279 students since 2001. There are over 111,000 drivers in the state with an “F” (motorcycle) endorsement. Seven classes were taught out of the Program's mobile unit this year: two in Franklin, and five in Romney.

Mobile Training Unit

The total number of motorcyclists enrolled using the mobile training unit was 45. 40 of the individuals passed the BRC and one individual failed. There were 4 riders that enrolled were either no-shows or they cancelled.

Had it not been for the mobile unit, these riders would have been required to travel to a permanent training site requiring them to incur the cost of at least two nights in a hotel, food, and other travel expenses. The mobile unit allowed these riders, who may not have been able to incur the cost, to become properly trained.

Program Budget

The WVMSP is primarily funded as prescribed in WV Code §17B-1D-7 which creates a special designated fund, the “Motorcycle Safety Fund”, which was established in 2001 and receives all monies from the motorcycle endorsement fees except for $5.50 from instruction permit fees. It is a special revolving fund that is exempted as part of the state’s general revenue fund. Additionally, the WVMSP receives federal funding from Section 2010.

2013 Highlights

The WVMSP participated in a number of motorcycle related events and rallies this past year. The Program was one of the major sponsors of the annual McKee Sky Ranch Vintage Motorcycle Rally in Terra Alta, WV. This event provided the opportunity to project the Motorcycle Safety message to a unique group of riders who may not have been aware of the WVMSP Mission. This event runs concurrently with the annual Mountain Fest Bike Rally and its close proximity caught many spillover attendees. The McKee Ranch event included a 70 mile dual sport motorcycle ride that the primary focus of these messages was to focus on the enforcement elements of helmet use and impaired-free riding, as well as efforts to encourage potential and future riders to obtain their motorcycle endorsement by taking the BRC prior to experiencing riding on our public roads. Additionally, the WVMSP actively promotes program goals on the “Cycle Talk” radio program that is aired during the most active 20 weeks of motorcycle riding. This program uses local radio personalities, WVMSP Staff, and select motorcycle safety and technical experts to inform the public on a wide scope of motorcycle related subjects.

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SMARTrainer Program

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Additionally, over $92,000 of motorcycle safety funds were spent on radio media packages aired during a variety of the most popular sports programs and news slots heard on up to 20 local stations, at times, throughout the year. This package included website advertising on one of West Virginia's most accessed websites. Another major focus included a TV commercial with a spotlight on the importance of taking a motorcycle rider course. This commercial placed special emphasis on the “Learn first…then ride” concept and was played over 3500 times on cable TV stations and another 560 times on broadcast TV. The 2013 Billboard campaign focused on the “Ride Straight” and “Ride with us First” messages. The primary focus of these messages was to focus on the enforcement elements of helmet use and impaired-free riding, as well as efforts to encourage potential and future riders to obtain their motorcycle endorsement by taking the BRC prior to experiencing riding on our public roads. Additionally, the WVMSP actively promotes program goals on the “Cycle Talk” radio program that is aired during the most active 20 weeks of motorcycle riding. This program uses local radio personalities, WVMSP Staff, and select motorcycle safety and technical experts to inform the public on a wide scope of motorcycle related subjects.

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ATV Safety

All-terrain vehicles, or ATVs, were developed for use as a small work/utility vehicle in the rural and farming regions of Japan. These vehicles should have been a perfect fit in West Virginia. However, as the “motorized mules” reached the United States, the vehicles were transformed into recreational vehicles as well. Sadly, with the absence of stringent laws forbidding highway use, the ATV has evolved into an alternative means of transportation once the operator has lost his or her driver’s license. The rugged and rural nature of West Virginia provides a catalyst for the citizens of the state to continue to purchase the vehicles at a rate of over 17,000 vehicles per year. When compared to the state’s populace, this averages to over two all-terrain vehicles per household. When referring to ATVs, this report considers and includes the Utility Type Vehicles (UTVs) more commonly called “Side-by-Sides” in the same statistics and is considered as one and the same.

West Virginia has been thrust into the forefront of ATV safety. In 2004, the state legislation, in response to West Virginia’s third consecutive record-breaking year in fatalities, crafted new laws requiring an ATV Safety Awareness Program for those riders under 18 years old. Statistics indicate this has helped curb injuries in this age group, but for riders older than 18 years old, injuries and fatalities have proven frustrating to control with education.

ATV Fatalities and Injuries

Even though the new law went into effect in 2004, the number of fatalities continued to increase by 69% from 2004 through 2006. West Virginia led the nation in per capita based ATV related fatalities from 2000 to 2006.

In recent years, public awareness and outreach efforts have appeared to slow the trend of increasing injuries and fatalities in West Virginia. For FY 2013 the ATV fatalities dropped to 19. Still, this number ranks high when considering the number of ATV fatalities per 100,000 population. With this in mind, GHSP will continue to improve public awareness and reinforce outreach efforts to reduce ATV fatalities and injuries.

Since 2012 the ATV Safety Program has used state personalities to promote ATV Safety, such as the former Mrs. Mountaineer, and ATV Safety Institute (ASI) Licensed ATV Instructor Tanya Jackson. Mrs. Jackson has volunteered to assist the program during safety outreach events as well as the recording of several ATV Safety Public Service Announcements that play throughout the state during the peak ATV riding season.

The fatality and injury data going into 2007 indicated an increase in the occurrence of these catastrophic events on the state’s roadways. This trend in the data reinforces the Governor’s Representative for Highway Safety repositioning of the ATV Safety Program to the GHSP. In 2008, West Virginia saw a dramatic decrease in roadway fatalities on ATVs. Only 40% of the fatalities in 2008 occurred on the state’s roadways. Previous data reflected a majority of fatal crashes occurred on paved roads. Since state law allows for highway ATV use in situations as when moving from trail to trail, road surface data can range widely from year to year.

Data collected since 2003 indicates that more than 60% of those being killed in ATV crashes were not wearing helmets. In 2009 the number spiked to 95%, however these figures have slowly decreased since 2009. In 2013 the number of all fatalities where riders were not wearing a helmet was 89%.

Through 2013, data continues to support that helmet use remains the most productive deterrent in preventing injuries and reducing fatalities. With this in mind, the program will focus on the age groups that require mandatory safety training. The goal is that they will develop good safety habits that will continue as riders progress in age and advance to the use of larger, more powerful
ATV Outreach and Education

The Program provides for minimal Safety Awareness training in each of the 23 regional offices of the WV DMV by its employees. Since this training is very informal the GHSP promotes an expanded version of the awareness training at various venues throughout the state during school hours or non-business hours. The ATV Safety Program has partnered with a number of state agencies including West Virginia University Extension Services, the Department of Natural Resources, the West Virginia National Guard, the Department of Education, the Division of Forestry, and numerous local groups to organize safety demonstrations and presentations throughout the year.

West Virginia University Extension Services has become a leader in ATV safety training for the 15-18 year old age group. A pilot program has been established in 17 counties that makes ATV safety training available in select High Schools. This training is conducted by Extension Agents who are ATV Safety Institute (ASI) certified instructors, providing classroom and hands on ATV operation. Additionally, extension agents have provided a variety of other types of ATV Safety Instruction to youth involved in 4-H activities throughout the state. This agency has proven instrumental in providing above the minimum standard training required by state code to include training upon request to Middle Schools, community fairs, and other public events. This agency does not stand alone in these efforts. The Safety and Health Services Extension of West Virginia University at the Shirley M. Kimble Training Center also provides a qualified ATV Safety Institute (ATV-SI) qualified Instructor. This Instructor took part in numerous youth events around the state providing ATV Safety training to groups that may not have had the opportunity to receive the training. Their safety efforts also focused on training to large groups of high school age students at the states “ChalleNGe” Academy at Camp Dawson.

For 2014, the will focus on developing an agreement with the ASI to promote their 2.5 hour online ATV safety course. Upon agreement a link for this training will be made available on the ATV Safety Program web pages. The primary goal is to influence riders over the age of 18 to take safety training. The program will also work closely with the Hatfield and McCoy trail system to make the ASI online course reciprocal with the statutory training requirements for under 18 year old riders. No federal funding is received for the ATV Safety Program.
August 16, 2013 - September 2, 2013
135 Agencies Participated
264 DUI Arrears Were Made
1,105.64 Hours Were Worked (CDDP and HS Funds)

Sustained DUI Enforcement Plan

In order to bring West Virginia's Alcohol Related Death Rate down to the National Average Alcohol Related Death Rate of .45 (.01 BAC and above) .39 (.08 BAC and above) deaths per 100 million miles traveled, the GHSP has developed a statewide plan to reduce DUI related crashes, injuries, and deaths by using a sustained enforcement effort. This plan takes a comprehensive approach by using city, county, and state law-enforcement agencies, Traffic Safety Coordinators, the enforcement agents of the West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration (ABCA), community agencies, schools, and colleges. The GHSP’s Alcohol Coordinator and the Law Enforcement Liaison has taken the lead in statewide planning and coordination of the Sustained DUI Enforcement Plan. The eight Traffic Safety coordinators and the seven WV State Police coordinators coordinate their regions of the State to ensure compliance with this plan. The plan covers the entire state in a comprehensive and sustained manner using the following categories:

- **Public Information & Education Activities**
- **Media Activities**
- **Training Activities**
- **Age Group Activities**
- **Underage Enforcement Activities**
- **Soberity Checkpoints**
- **Focused Patrols**

**Commission on Drunk Driving Prevention (CDDP)**

The West Virginia Legislature created the “Commission on Drunk Driving Prevention” (CDDP) in 1983, as the State’s match for the “Governor’s Representative for Highway Safety.” The Director of DMV Driver Services acts as the proxy for the “Governor’s Representative for Highway Safety” and is an active member of the Commission. The Director of the GHSP is a member of the Commission by statute, ensuring that the CDDP and GHSP work closely together in combating impaired driving in West Virginia. The Commission provides grant funding to police agencies who apply for that funding in accordance to the rules and regulations set forth by the commission. In FY 2013, the CDDP provided $178,949 to 21 Law Enforcement agencies, providing 6,017 Hours of overtime to 176 Police Officers, resulting in 619 DUI Arrests. The CDDP provides for the State Mobilizations during the National Mobilization and as mandated (6 total, including 4 for law enforcement events). The CDDP and GHSP coordinate a number of programs such as standardizing police equipment statewide. Both the CDDP and the GHSP only support the Intoximeter EC/IR II Evidentiary Breath Testing Machines. This is the only evidentiary breath-testing machine approved for use in West Virginia. The GHSP made the initial purchase of these machines and the CDDP supports them by providing all necessary support and supplies. Local police agencies use these machines, without cost, to prosecute all persons who are arrested in West Virginia for Driving Under the Influence. The CDDP and GHSP have also standardized the PBT’s used within the state. The Intoximeter FST is the only supported PBT.

**Visibility Enforcement Activities**

Each of the eight Traffic Safety Coordinators will be required to arrange a minimum of at least one DUI enforcement activity in each of their areas each week at high-risk days and times for DUI crashes. The seven WV State Police coordinators will arrange a minimum of one DUI enforcement activity within each of their troop areas each week and during high-risk days and times for DUI crashes. The Traffic Safety Coordinator shall also coordinate and monitor any local earned media and report their efforts to the Governor’s Highway Safety Program. The GHSP’s Law Enforcement Liaison is responsible for coordinating the efforts of the Traffic Safety Coordinators and WV State Police coordinators.

Each group divides the State of West Virginia into areas covering 100% of the State. Additionally, during the six-month period of enhanced enforcement, the enforcement level will double to two enforcement events per week in each Traffic Safety Coordinator and state police area. Approved examples of “High Visibility Enforcement Activities” are as follows:

- **Saturation Patrols** - Officers will patrol areas identified as high DUI areas in groups of at least three patrols. Officers will stage in the enforcement area to alert motorists to the high visibility saturated patrol.
- **Conduct Saturation/Directed Patrols** on the “Top 100 road segments for Alcohol Related Fatalities” in accordance with the State’s 410 Plan.
- **Soberity Checkpoints** - Officers will conduct checkpoints according to local department regulations requiring a large number of officers (usually 10-12 officers).
- **Low Manpower Sobriety Checkpoints** - Officers will conduct checkpoints according to local department regulations requiring six or fewer officers.
- **Underage Alcohol Sales Stings** - Officers will work with ABCA investigators or within department regulations in an effort to monitor the sale of alcohol to underage purchasers and make arrests of violators.
- **Participate in National and State Mobilizations** (6 total, including the four law enforcement events during the National Mobilization and as mandated for the State Mobilizations.)
- **Participate in the enhanced enforcement program as mandated by the GHSP.**
- **Conduct enforcement activities** during peak alcohol related crash times including holidays, special events, and at high alcohol related crash locations (ODH will provide those locations from the crash reports).
- **Ensure** that the Road Segments identified by the WV Division of Highways as the “Top 100” alcohol related crash locations are being actively patrolled for DUIs by the local police agency having jurisdiction over these areas.
Other Activities

SADD

The GHSP recognizes that underage drinking is a problem with teenage drivers. To this end, we continue to promote “Students Against Destructive Decisions” (SADD) Chapters as a viable organization within West Virginia. The WV-SADD Organization’s comprised two groups - the State Advisory Board made up of State Agencies and a Student Leadership Council (SLC) modeled on the National SADD organization.

The State Advisory Board sets organizational policies, makes fiscal decisions, and acts on behalf of the SLC to ensure continuity of the program. Member agencies include the GHSP, the Bureau of Behavioral Health, the ABCA, and Community Connections, a not for profit group working on drug and alcohol issues.

The SLC agreed that a SADD student leadership conference would promote SADD as a statewide organization. As a result, the first SADD student leadership conference occurred in Charleston in the autumn of 2006. Conference attendance is limited to 6 SADD Chapter members and 2 advisors from each SADD Chapter. The WV-SLC repeated this process annually with the most recent conference occurring in November 2012, with 191 participants.

Alcohol Advisory Board

The GHSP maintains an Alcohol Advisory Board to establish and modify the alcohol enforcement program for the Highway Safety Program.

The Alcohol Advisory Board meets quarterly and helps establish the expectations and standards for the law enforcement officers who work under the Highway Safety grants. They also aid in determining the type of training, as well as the content of the training, for the law enforcement officers who work the alcohol grants. The Alcohol Advisory Board assists in the preparation of the GHSP’s Alcohol Enforcement Plan as well as the State’s Section 410 Grant application and the state’s other Impaired Driving applications for federal funding.

Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor

Section 410 Funding

The GHSP provides funding for the position of a Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP), who is located within the West Virginia Prosecuting Attorneys Institute. Their purpose is to train and provide technical assistance to the state’s Prosecutors & Assistant Prosecutors on a variety of issues.

The TSRP emphasizes impaired driving issues and trains law enforcement officers, prosecutors and magistrates. They are also responsible for producing a quarterly newsletter called the “Hot Sheet”, which is distributed to all 55 county prosecutors, all law enforcement, all Magistrates, and highway safety advocates throughout WV.

In FY 2013 over 800 law enforcement officers were trained in the following areas: Case Law Updates, Drugged Driving Prosecution, Courtroom Demeanor, DUI Criminal Procedure, DUI Evidence, Testimony in DUI Cases, and Preparing DUI Cases for Trial. Additionally, training for WV Magistrates was provided by TSR at their state conference.

Underage Alcohol Purchases

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The TSRP is very active in legislative issues, serving on a committee chaired by MADD. The TSRP is also a member on many committees and taskforces related to Traffic Safety, including the WV Safety Management Taskforce, the GHSP DUI Advisory Board, the Commission on Drunk Driving Prevention. The current TSRP is also a faculty member at the WV Police Academy.

Alcohol Advisory Board

FY 2013 Board Members

Bob Tipton
Director, GHSP
Gary Winter
Alcohol Program Administrator, GHSP
Sgt. Chris Zerkle
Exec. Director, CDDP and Traffic Records Commander, WVSP
Bill Noff
Program Manager, NHTSA Region III
Dave Cook (Current)
WV Law Enforcement Liaison, GHSP
Brian Lanham
Alcohol Resource Prosecutor, WV Prosecutor Institute
Dave Bolyard
Director of Driver Services, WVDMV
Charles Sadler
Training Coordinator, Division of Criminal Justice Services
Charlotte Blankenship
Enforcement Agent, WV ABCA
Angela Saunders
Staff, West Virginia Supreme Court
John Kisner
Monongalia County Deputy Sheriff
Shawn Williams
Safe Communities Region 1 Coordinator, GHSP
Peggy Runyon
Police Officer, WVU Police Department
Traffic Records

The GHSP, along with its safety partners, have continued projects within the Section 405(c) State Traffic Safety Information System Improvements grant criteria set forth in MAP-21 (this program replaces the Section 408 grant authorized under SAFETEA-LU). West Virginia was awarded $387,783 for Traffic Records projects in FY 2013. Other funding sources for Traffic Records include Sections 402 and 406.

Traffic Records Assessment

A Traffic Records Assessment was conducted in West Virginia in April-May 2012 in accordance with NHTSA guidelines. The Assessment identified recommendations for improvement along with commendations of our current program. We will work toward the completion of recommendations on the assessment list, and many are currently in the process of being accomplished in 2014. The Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC) has been meeting regularly to help facilitate this ongoing effort. The development of a new Traffic Records Strategic Plan has also helped the TRCC to identify ongoing projects and outline appropriate future actions. Some major recommendations outlined in the Traffic Records Assessment include:

- Data Uses and Program Management: Develop user-oriented online query tools and public access databases for crash, roadway, and injury surveillance data (at a minimum).
- Crash Records: Implement the planned web based data analysis system.
- Driver Records: Record the adverse driver histories from previous states of record on non-commercial drivers as required for commercial driver records.
- Citation and Adjudication Records: Develop a citation tracking system that tracks a citation from the time of its distribution from a law enforcement officer, or its creation on the e-citations system, through its issuance to the offender, its disposition, and the posting of the conviction in the driver history database.
- Statewide Injury Surveillance System (SWISS): Continue to explore a data collection system for emergency department records. A significant proportion of motor vehicle crash victims are treated in emergency departments and do not require admission to a hospital or trauma center, so capture of those records would enhance data analyses.

Electronic Traffic Citation (E-Citation)

The Uniform Traffic Citation, which has a unique identifying citation number, was the springboard for e-citation implementation. The citation number is used to track citations in the state court system and the DMV.

An e-citation allows for a seamless, paperless flow of the citation from roadside issuance to the Magistrate Courts, onto its final disposition by the DMV against the driver’s history.

This expedited handling of citation data will allow the DMV to meet many requirements dealing with commercial vehicle driver licensing regulations. In early 2011, the West Virginia State Police took the lead on all e-citation issues. The West Virginia State Police have piloted projects and anticipate full implementation from State, County, and larger Municipal Enforcement agencies.

Federal funding from Sections 408 and 406 was used to purchase and provide equipment and software to allow and enhance the submission of data electronically. The GHSP has provided most, if not all, of the hardware needed. Most recently, we have overcome several hardware issues, and are pursuing ongoing efforts to move forward with the implementation of e-citation.

Other Developments

The majority of the goals of the Traffic Records Program are ongoing and multi-year. GHSP will continue to implement projects to reach those goals and milestones.

wvOASIS (Our Advanced Solution with Integrated Systems)

An Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system is currently being designed for the State of West Virginia as a multi-agency effort. It will provide end-to-end support for statewide administrative functions, such as, Financial Management, Procurement, Asset Management, and many other functions. It will eventually also encompass crash, roadway, driver, vehicle, and medical data into a combined data system that will support highway safety analyses.

Crash Data

Through a partnership with the Marshall University Rahall Transportation Institute (RTI) and a contractor working for the RTI, the Division of Highways (DOH) will be improving access to crash data via a web based system.

Unified Judicial Application (UJA) System

The Administrative Office of the Supreme Court of Appeals is currently developing a unified judicial application case management data system that will have the ability to electronically communicate with other state agencies (DMV, CDR’s, etc.) and unite Family, Circuit, and Magistrate courts. This should help to improve the courts’ ability to determine prior convictions and outstanding charges on a statewide level. The system has been implemented in several counties and a statewide rollout has been planned.

Electronic Insurance Verification Program

In FY 2013, the DMV announced the next step in the Electronic Insurance Verification Program. The program, which was passed during the 2010 Legislative Session, will allow the DMV and law enforcement to verify motor vehicle insurance information instantly, enabling both to effectively and efficiently monitor motorists who choose to drive without the required insurance, which is illegal. Officials have asked for drivers’ insurance information when they are renewing their vehicle registration, in order to input the data into the agency’s new Electronic Insurance Verification Program. By January 1, 2014, all insurance companies will be required to link-up with WVOLV in order to verify all driver’s auto insurance policy information electronically. The new electronic system will replace DMV’s current paper-based system.

2012 West Virginia Driver Attitudes and Awareness Survey

Beginning in 2010, NHTSA required all State Highway Safety Offices to conduct a survey to track the knowledge, attitudes, and behavior of the driving public in relation to safety issues, such as seat belt use,
The goal was determined by the West Virginia Highway Safety Management Taskforce (HSMT) which oversaw the development and implementation of the plan. Members of the HSMT included representatives from the Governor’s Highway Safety Program, which served as cochair. Members included:

- Division of Highways – Chair
- Governor’s Highway Safety Program – Cochair
- State Police
- Division of Motor Vehicles (Driver Services)
- DHHR – Office of Emergency Medical Services;
- Public Service Commission
- Insurance Commission
- Department of Education
- Parkways Economic Development and Turnpike Authority
- Federal Highway Administration
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
- Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

The goals for the Highway Safety Plan (HSP) during the same period were not comparable since the HSP’s overall goal was a reduction in the overall fatality rate. In 2010, the HSP adopted a number goal and established a seven percent reduction for fatalities and serious injuries from the average of fatalities between 2004 and 2008 to 2012.

In 2009, the HSMT, which changed its name to the Safety Management Task Force (SMTF), began an update of the SHSP. The Governor’s Highway Safety Program continued to be an active member of the group. The goal established by SMTF was zero fatalities with an interim goal of reducing fatalities by half by 2017. By using 2007 as a base year and applying an equal annual reduction for highway fatalities the reduction over the next five years (2013 to 2017) is approximately 3.1 percent per year.

As part of the update process, the State also identified emphasis areas in the updated plan which will include:

- Impaired Driving
- At risk drivers (older drivers/younger drivers)
- Occupant Protection
- Lane Departures/Roadway
- Data.

The biggest problem in the State is lane-departure crashes which account for 77 percent of all fatalities, followed by occupant protection at 53 percent, and impaired driving at 37 percent. The update process was halted due to budgetary and work-load pressures, but will get underway again in September 2013. As part of the process, the State will be doing the following:

- Forming emphasis area subgroups within the SMTF;
- Conducting a gap analysis to ensure compliance with requirements in the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP 21);
- Collecting and analyzing data; establishing performance targets for the State and each emphasis area; identifying emphasis area strategies and action steps; and
- Developing a draft and final plan.

A separate implementation plan will be developed for West Virginia outlining the specific process and performance measures the State will evaluate along with a marketing and communications plan.

The current percentage reduction used in the HSP and the SHSP match (approximately 3.1 percent per year). The difference deals with the selection of the base year. This issue will be discussed with the GHSP individually and as part of the meetings involving the SMTF to ensure the base year for both plans is consistent. The SHSP also will look to the core, behavioral, and activity performance measures in the HSP for those emphasis areas that are behavioral, as well as examine the HSP programs and activities as a guide for the selection of behavioral strategies and action steps.

Traffic Records - Long-term Goals

1. Creation of a Statewide Citation Database accessible to Highway Safety professionals
2. Creation of a DUI Tracking System
3. Linkage of the Driver file, Vehicle file, and Crash file
4. Creation of standards for reporting of available files, layouts, and data elements
5. To implement the recommendations of the 2011 Traffic Records Assessment
6. To act as the liaison between all state agencies to facilitate the sharing of Traffic Records Data
7. To update the state’s Traffic Records Plan and implement the recommendations of the TRCC
8. To provide training and technical support
In 2012, there were 39,713 motor vehicle crashes in West Virginia, which resulted in 16,964 injuries and 339 fatalities. The GHSP is the lead agency for traffic safety in West Virginia. The state is divided into eight regions by geography and demographics. Through Federal 402 funding, a Regional Traffic Safety Program has been implemented in each area. The Coordinators of these programs are responsible for the implementation of highway safety projects throughout their program area.

The objectives for these eight communities are to draw heavily upon not only traditional traffic safety partners such as law enforcement, local governments, and the court system, but also to expand this concept to include hospitals, doctors, nurses, EMS, rehabilitation specialists, private businesses, and the general public. We strive to be citizen focused, not agency focused, and to educate the public as to the magnitude and consequences of traffic injuries.

All 55 counties in WV are covered by one of the eight regional traffic safety programs. They are located in Beckley, Bluefield, Charleston, Huntington, Parkersburg, Clarksburg, Wheeling, and Martinsburg. Each area employs a full-time Coordinator, a fixed office site, and maintains a broad-based Community Task Force. The Coordinator focuses on traffic safety issues on a local or regional basis. Their tasks also consist of supporting state and national highway safety initiatives on the local level. The programs are approved for funding after each program reviews the state Highway Safety Plan and submits an application that includes their problem identification and their plans to address those problems. Incorporated into their grants are specific activities or tasks that they are expected to complete throughout the year. The tasks directly relate to Occupant Protection, Impaired Driving, Program Coordination, Media/P&E, and other initiatives that help to reduce motor vehicle crashes, injuries, and fatalities.

Additionally, these eight Traffic Safety Coordinators have created broad-based community task forces that meet on a regular basis. Participation by law enforcement agencies in GHSP sponsored initiatives such as CIOT, Checkpoint Strike force, Child Passenger Safety, and Law Enforcement Training has never been higher. Fatality rates due to alcohol are trending downward, and we are also seeing a decline in the overall fatality rate. Media coverage has increased significantly over the last several years, especially with the advent of paid media efforts to support enforcement activities as well. Local coordinators have improved on their efforts to incorporate earned media into their activities. Local coordinators have acted as an extension of the state Highway Safety Office, facilitating enforcement and community activities.

**Safe Communities**

**Traffic Safety Program**
- Coordinator: Dean Capehart
- Counties: Mercer, Monroe, McDowell, Summers, and Wyoming

**Mid-Ohio Valley Regional HS Program**
- Coordinator: Toni Tiano
- Counties: Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Jackson, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Wirt, and Wood

**Eastern Panhandle Community Traffic Safety Program**
- Coordinator: Margaret Walker
- Counties: Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan, Pendleton, Randolph, and Tucker

**Southern Regional HS Program**
- Coordinator: Lieutenant Paul Blume
- Counties: Braxton, Fayette, Greenbrier, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Raleigh, and Webster

**WV Coalfields HS Program**
- Coordinator: Dean Capehart
- Counties: Mercer, Monroe, McDowell, Summers, and Wyoming

**REGION 1**
- Metro Valley HS Program
  - Coordinator: Sgt. Nick Null
  - Counties: Boone, Clay, Kanawha, and Logan

**REGION 2**
- Safe Traffic Operations Program
  - Coordinator: Larry R. Kendall
  - Counties: Cabell, Lincoln, Mason, Mingo, Putnam, and Wayne

**REGION 3**
- Mid-Ohio Valley Regional HS Program
  - Coordinator: Toni Tiano
  - Counties: Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Jackson, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Wirt, and Wood

**REGION 4**
- Northern Regional HS Office
  - Coordinator: Georgia Hatfield
  - Counties: Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, Ohio, Taylor, and Wetzel

**REGION 5**
- High-Tech Corridor Region
  - Coordinator: Georgia Hatfield
  - Counties: Barbour, Harrison, Lewis, Marion, Monongalia, Preston, Taylor, and Upshur

**REGION 6**
- Eastern Panhandle Community Traffic Safety Program
  - Coordinator: Margaret Walker
  - Counties: Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan, Pendleton, Randolph, and Tucker

**REGION 7**
- Southern Regional HS Program
  - Coordinator: Lieutenant Paul Blume
  - Counties: Braxton, Fayette, Greenbrier, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Raleigh, and Webster

**REGION 8**
- WV Coalfields HS Program
  - Coordinator: Dean Capehart
  - Counties: Mercer, Monroe, McDowell, Summers, and Wyoming

**Crashes & Injuries**
- Reduce crashes from 39,317 in 2012 to 36,564 by December 31, 2014.
- Provide local coordination for regional traffic safety programs that reach all 55 counties (100%) to implement law enforcement and community activities.

**Pedestrian Safety**

Pedestrian fatalities represent, on average, less than 6% of the total fatalities in WV. Upon examination, there seems to be specific causation either geographically or demographically, and there does appear to be some significance with alcohol consumption. We will continue to follow the data and respond to any significant changes. GHSP Coordinators and their respective Community Taskforces are specifically tasked with reacting to any community needs if a specific area sees a pattern of Pedestrian issues, they can implement projects to deal with this issue.

**Safe Communities Long-term Goals**

**Occupant Protection**
- Increase the seat belt usage rate of front seat outboard occupants from 82.2% in 2013 to 88% by December 31, 2014.
- Reduce fatal ejections from 110 in 2012 to 99 by December 31, 2014.

**Impaired Driving**
- Reduce alcohol impaired driving fatalities (08+) from 95 in 2012 to 86 by December 31, 2014.
- Reduce alcohol impaired driving fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled from .49 in 2011 to .44 by December 2014.

**Crashes & Injuries**
- Reduce crashes from 39,317 in 2012 to 36,564 by December 31, 2014.
- Provide local coordination for regional traffic safety programs that reach all 55 counties (100%) to implement law enforcement and community activities.
In West Virginia, speed continues to play a significant role in motor vehicle fatalities, although we experienced an increase from 2011 to 2012. In 2011, there were 115 speed related fatalities (34% of all fatalities). This increased to 144 in 2012 (42% of all fatalities).

All West Virginia law enforcement agencies receiving GHSP funds for occupation protection and impaired driving enforcement programs will be expected to enforce speed limits. Because WV is a state that only has secondary enforcement of the seat belt law, speed enforcement is a primary stopping tool for seat belt enforcement.

Specific law enforcement agencies will also be asked to participate in speed enforcement blitzes throughout the year, targeting roadways where speed related fatalities occur.

In FY 2011, we began a training program that continued into FY 2012. 41 classes were conducted with 459 officers trained and certified to operate Radar/Lidar. 3,672 man hours of speed enforcement training was provided.
Media

The GHSP works closely with local and statewide media to reach the goal of saving lives and reducing injuries in West Virginia. Media is bought through several funding sources, including the following federal monies: Sections 406, 154 AL, and 2011. Efforts to earn media are encouraged and desired in all regional areas by the regional coordinators, as well as through the statewide office.

Click It or Ticket

The GHSP used federal dollars to purchase media for the Click It or Ticket (CIOT) campaign in May 2013. After this enforcement and education period, seat belt surveys were done, and the results showed that West Virginia has an 82.2% usage rate, down almost two percentage points from the previous year. However, with the passage of the stronger occupant protection law in early 2013 and primary enforcement beginning in July 2013, AFTER the survey, the GHSP is hopeful that next year’s usage rate reflects a dramatic increase.

Totals for the FY 2013 CIOT campaign are shown on page 26.

Additionally, the GHSP placed additional paid media in mid June 2013 and early July 2013 for the upgrade to the occupant protection law in West Virginia from secondary to primary enforcement. $20,160 was spent on a radio campaign totaling 2,340 spots on 52 radio stations. Additionally, a newspaper Tab-On and corresponding ad with information regarding the change in the occupant protection law was placed in the Charleston Newspapers on July 9, 2013 at a cost of $6,080.

Target Red

For "Target Red", a campaign that focuses on curbing red-light running, the GHSP provided funds for enforcement, as well as the purchase of rack cards, magnets, and key chains. Each Coordinator in their areas distributed these items. Target Red billboards were also placed statewide in approximately 125 locations at a cost of $52,547.

Impaired Driving

In FY 2013, the GHSP focused their media efforts on impaired driving for the periods of October 2012 through December 2012, and July 2013 through September 2013.
Radio and television was utilized to spread the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” message through the 2012 holiday season. $75,000 was spent on statewide radio for a total of 6,000 radio spots on 62 stations. $370,000 was spent on cable and broadcast television, Marshall University football stadium signage as well as a digital billboard in Huntington was purchased for $29,000. Signage at both West Virginia University’s Milan Puskar Stadium in Morgantown and the Coliseum was purchased for $69,000. Additionally, newspaper tab-ons were purchased for November 23rd (Black Friday), December 21st, and December 28th of 2012, for a cost of $11,760.

Two paid television and radio campaigns ran in June/July (4th of July) and August/September (Labor Day) 2012 promoting NHTSA’s “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” message. $100,000 was spent on radio ads during each campaign. A Tab-On was purchased and published on July 4, 2013 for $3,920 and on August 30, 2012 for $7,840.

Television was purchased for $227,322 for both campaigns.

### Budgeting

The State of West Virginia budgeted close to $1 million of 154 Transfer Funds to fund this program. The $1 million budget shall go to West Virginia advertising only. This campaign shall complement the national media plan during the national blitz and go toward the state mandated blitz periods as well.

### Target Profiles & Demographics in WV

The primary target audience is broken out into at-risk segments:
1. Socially Accountable Drinkers
2. Responsible Drinkers
3. Inexperienced Social Drinkers
4. Middle-Class Risk Takers
5. Discontended Blue-Collars
6. Mid-life Motorcyclists
7. Underage Drinkers

Relative degrees of “at risk”
- Discontended Blue Collars
- Underage Drinkers
- Middle-Class Risk Takers
- Inexperienced Social Drinkers
- Responsible Drinkers

Lowest Socially-Accountable Drinkers - In addition to the primary audiences described above, we will also target the following secondary audiences:
- College Youth
- Unemployed Youths
- Unemployed Men

Target Demographic Profiles
1. Discontended Blue Collars: Men 21-34 yrs old
2. Underage Drinkers: Youths 16-20 yrs old
3. Middle-Class Risk Takers: Men 25-54 yrs old
4. Inexperienced Social Drinkers: Men 21-24 yrs old
5. Responsible Drinkers: Adults 25-44 yrs old
6. Socially-Accountable Drinkers: Adults 25-34 yrs old

This plan will target the four highest “at risk” groups: Discontended Blue Collar, Underage Drinkers, Middle-Class Risk Takers, and Inexperienced Social Drinkers.

### Media Planning

#### Time Frame

- **The Impaired Driving National Enforcement Crackdown** - dates determined by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
- **State Mandated Blitzes** - Christmas through New Years, Halloween, St. Patrick’s Day, Cinco de Mayo, and West Virginia Day through the Fourth of July weekend are the periods established for the State Mandated Blitzes. During these periods, the GHSP shall conduct a media campaign to coordinate with the enforcement efforts. The media campaign shall include an enforcement message.
- **Advertising Period** - These campaigns will coincide with the National and State Blitzes. The advertising campaign shall begin one week before the blitz and run through the Blitz period.

### Media Purchasing Demographics

- **Primary** - Men 18 – 34, and Youths 16-20
- **Secondary** - Middle Class Risk Takers 25-54

### Media to be Considered

The media considered for use in the 2013 enforcement Blitzes are:
- Network Television
- Network Radio
- Digital
- Theaters

### Impaired Driving Paid Media Breakdown

- **Television** - $820,000
- **Radio** - $175,000
- **Newspaper Tab-Ons and Ads** - $19,600
- **Billboards & Signage** - $98,000

Total: $1,112,600

### Child Passenger Safety

On September 16, 2013, a “Celebrity Car Seat Challenge” was held at the Shops at Kanawha. DMV Commissioner Steve Dale, and local radio and television personalities volunteered their time to participate and prove that installing child safety devices is not “Child’s Play”. The event received great feedback and news coverage.

### Annual Buy

The GHSP also participated in its third “Annual Buy”, which was paid for through the Division of Highways’ Traffic Engineering Division/federal funds. Approximately $258,700.00 was spent on radio for 2013, which included a web site banner ad on www.wvmetronews.com. Highway Safety shared messages with DOH, DMV, ATV Safety, Motorcycle Safety, etc.

Next year, we look forward to participating in our fifth yearlong media buy, which will again feature all aspects of highway safety, including the Department of Transportation, the Division of Motor Vehicles, and the Division of Highways. A highway safety message will be heard throughout the state all year, not just at focused times. There will still be the need for focused media buys, but some only to supplement.

Additionally, we will look into purchasing paid television spots, and ordering promotional program materials. The focus of the annual buy will be to continue to maintain an overall highway safety message, which is centered on the Highway Safety Taskforce, whose message is “Zero Fatalities-Saving One Life at a Time”.

### Earned Media

The state Highway Safety Office generated earned media this year from press events, as well as interviews with local TV, radio stations, and newspapers throughout the year on issues such as seat belts, child safety seats, impaired driving, distracted driving, and highway fatalities.

Statewide, each of our eight Safe Community Coordinators also generated earned media. Specific examples include DUI checkpoints for our statewide program, “Checkpoint Strikeforce West Virginia”, as well as press events about “Click It or Ticket” and “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over”.

Coordinators also received media attention during National Child Passenger Safety Week and at other child safety seat checks, SADD events, educational programs at local schools, and bicycle rodeos, to name a few.

Holidays including Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas also gave coordinators and the state office the chance to spread the message about driver safety, especially during the holidays when people are in celebratory spirits.

School functions, including occupant protection programs, also generated media, especially during prom and graduation times when students are more likely to be in a party atmosphere.

The largest amount of earned media/bonus spots this year came from our fourth annual yearlong buy through Metro News Radio Network. We received a total number of 8,996 bonus network commercial announcements with a total value of $86,171.52.
**Problem Identification.**

A renewed effort to examine and continue with programs in place, and there will be a renewed effort to examine and evaluate each fatality to further develop problem identification.

**Single Vehicle Roadway Departure.**

The GHSP will continue with programs in place, and there will be a renewed effort to examine and evaluate each fatality to further develop problem identification.

**Unrestrained Passenger Vehicle Occupant Fatalities.**

To decrease unrestrained passenger vehicle occupant fatalities in all seating positions 5% from the 2005-2010 calendar base year average of 160 to 152 by December 31, 2014. (2012 - 137, 14.38% decrease)

With a total of 137 confirmed unrestrained passenger vehicle occupant fatalities in 2012, we saw an increase from the previous 5 year average of 160. We will put major emphasis on reducing the number of unknowns in relation to vehicle crashes.

*In 2012 there were 30 fatalities for which the use of restraints are unknown.

**Occupant Protection Usage Rate.**

To increase statewide observed seat belt use for the front and outboard occupants in passenger vehicles 3% from the 2006-2010 calendar base year average usage rate of 87.9% to 91% by December 31, 2014. (2013 - 82.2%)

The previous 5 year average of 87.3% has decreased to 82.2%. We peaked at our highest seat belt use rate ever in 2007-2008 with 89.3%. We have fully funded the majority of occupant protection activities with Section 157 funds. Since 2007, we have not met the criteria for Section 405 Occupant Protection funding. Occupant Protection has been funded through Section 402. West Virginia met the SAFETEA-LU criteria in Section 406 requiring states to have 85% use rate in scientific observational surveys for two years. In 2006 and 2007 the usage rate met the criteria. In FY 2012, West Virginia’s Scientific Observational Survey methodology was redesigned and we conducted the 2013 Survey using the new methodology. It included some counties where there has never been a survey. There were a large number of “Unknowns”. We are evaluating the survey plan and training to hopefully show some improvement in 2014. We certainly believe that the recent implementation of the Primary Seat Belt law will help in raising the usage rate. The law was not in effect during the 2013 Survey.

**Speed Related Fatalities.**

To decrease speed-related fatalities 7% from the 2005-2009 calendar base year average of 96 to 84 by December 31, 2014. (2012 - 144, 54% Increase)

Speed related fatalities have risen drastically in West Virginia. In 2007, the WV Crash Report was upgraded and this allowed an increase in the reporting of speed as a contributing circumstance in crashes. Speed as a data field is more prominent in the new WV Crash report, which may account for some of the increase. Through GHSP, grantees we have always emphasized the enforcement of speed limits in all enforcement activities, but we do not have a designated campaign for speed alone.

**Drivers Under 20 Yrs Old Involved in Fatal Crashes.**

To reduce the total of drivers less than 20 years old involved in fatal crashes by 7% from the 2005-2009 calendar base year average of 56 to 52 by December 31, 2014. (2012 - 32)

We are currently exceeding our goal and drivers under 20 years old involved in fatal crashes have declined 42.8% from the previous 5 year average of 56.

**Fatality Rate Per Vehicle Miles Traveled.**

To decrease fatalities/VMT from the 2005-2009 base calendar year average of 1.91 to 1.82 by December 31, 2014. (2012 - 1.80)

- Decrease urban fatalities/VMT from the 2005-2009 base calendar year average of 2.33 to 2.21 by December 31, 2014. (2012-1.39)
- Decrease the urban fatalities/VMT from the 2005-2009 base calendar year average of .89 to .85 by December 31, 2014. (2012 - .41)
To decrease serious injuries 5% from the 2005-2009 calendar base year average of 9,890 to 9,395 by December 31, 2014. (2012 - 5,689)

There has been a 42.48% decrease in serious injuries from the previous five-year average of 9,890. We attribute this significant decrease to the substantial increase in seat belt usage.

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To reduce unhelmeted fatalities 10% from the 2006-2010 calendar base year average usage rate of 7 to 6 by December 31, 2014. (2012 – 7)

The number was unchanged in unhelmeted motorcycle fatalities from the previous 5 year average of 7. We did not meet our goal of 6 by December 31, 2012. We believe the majority of our problems are reporting issues that will be addressed with training.

To reduce unhelmeted fatalities 10% from the 2006-2010 calendar base year average usage rate of 7 to 6 by December 31, 2014. (2012 – 7)

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To reduce motorcycle fatalities 7% from the 2005-2009 calendar base year average of 38 to 35 by December 31, 2014. (2012 - 32)

There has been a 28.9% decrease in motorcycle fatalities from the previous five-year average of 38. We are currently exceeding our goal of 35 by December 31, 2014. (2012 - 32)

To reduce motorcycle fatalities 7% from the 2005-2009 calendar base year average of 38 to 35 by December 31, 2014. (2012 - 32)

There has been a 28.9% decrease in motorcycle fatalities from the previous five-year average of 38. We are currently exceeding our goal of 35 by December 31, 2014. (2012 - 32)

To reduce alcohol impaired driving fatalities by 5% from the 2005-2009 calendar base year average of 119 to 113 by December 31, 2012. (2012 - 95)

There has been a decrease of 20.17% from the previous 5-year average of 119. We feel that the development of the Impaired Driving Program and our continued involvement in the Mid-Atlantic “Checkpoint Strike Force” Program has reinvigorated DUI enforcement and public awareness of drunk driving issues. We have dramatically increased our paid media efforts over the last year.
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