Maryland’s Strategic Highway Safety Plan

2016 - 2020
Objective
The overall objective of Maryland’s Strategic Highway Safety Plan is to reduce fatalities and serious injuries.

Overarching Goal
Halving fatalities in Maryland by 2030.
(387 by 2020 // 296 by 2030)
SHSP Framework:

- Data-driven
- 4-E Cornerstones
- Collaborative Emphasis Areas
- Focused on vulnerable user groups
Maryland’s Strategy Selection

Six Emphasis Areas

- Aggressive Driving
- Distracted Driving
- Impaired Driving
- Occupant Protection
- Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety
- Highway Infrastructure

Key Word: STRATEGIC
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2016-2020 Strategy Highlights

- All strategies are broad enough to encompass comprehensive strategies contained in HSP, HSIP, CVSP
- Behavioral strategies contain recommendations for enforcement, engineering, outreach, technology and legislative countermeasures
- Engineering strategies include systemic measures for infrastructure-related issues as well as for vulnerable user groups (pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists, children, older drivers, younger drivers)
- New strategy for motorists and pedestrians (i.e. First Responders & disabled motorists) at the scene of emergency events
Monitoring Progress & Maintaining Momentum

- SHSP Executive Council meets semi-annually
- Emphasis Area Teams meet quarterly
- SHSP Annual Highway Safety Summit – 4/26/2016, April 2017
- Recruiting local partners and developing local plans
- Developing internal marketing plan
Maryland’s SHSP Integration Model

MDOT TBU’s

- MHSO’s Highway Safety Plan
- SHA’s Highway Safety Improvement Program
- Motor Carrier Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan
- MVA’s Driver Safety Program
- M-DOT’s Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan
- MPO’s Local Transportation Improvement Plan

Working with Other High Level Stakeholders to integrate SHSP Strategies and Action Steps into Reducing Fatalities and Injuries - Toward Zero Deaths Vision

Local Strategic Plans
In the past ten years Maryland has experienced significant decreases in Highway Fatal and Serious Injuries.
Developing New Partnerships and Implementation Through Stakeholders

- Building SHSP Emphasis Area Teams
- Implementation of SHSP plans at local level
- Evaluation of progress
Pedestrian and Bicycle Emphasis Area (PBEAT) Team Strategies

**Strategy 1** – Identify and target pedestrian and bicycle safety issues, populations, and locations of concern through the collection, analysis and evaluation of data and information.

- Provide maps of pedestrian and bicyclists crashes to all 23 counties, Baltimore City and other local jurisdictions.
- Develop an interface system for ACRS to provide data back to all 23 counties, Baltimore City, and other local jurisdictions.
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**Strategy 2** – Promote safe behaviors of all road users appropriate for the environment through education and enforcement initiatives.

- Conduct evidence-informed education and enforcement campaigns through Street Smart and other available programs. (MHSO)
- Create a state-wide online toolbox of educational campaigns and materials used by other jurisdictions, including Street Smart, Ocean City’s Walk Smart, Don’t Let It Be You, Look up, Look out, etc. (SHA)
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**Strategy 3** – Create and improve the roadway environments for safe walking and bicycling through implementation of engineering treatments, land use planning, and system-wide countermeasures.

- Define Complete Streets treatments that demonstrate pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements.
- Develop and implement a model Complete Streets policy that can be implemented in critical areas such as Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Areas.
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**Strategy 4** – Create and improve pedestrian and bicycle safety culture in Maryland including the promotion and implementation of legislation and training of professionals and stakeholders about best safety practices.

- Develop and deliver a training program for law enforcement on best practices in pedestrian and bicycle enforcement, endorsed by MDOT, Maryland Sheriff’s Association, and Maryland Chiefs of Police Association.
- Create and pass legislation for Complete Streets policies for the State.
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**Strategy 5** – Develop, apply, and promote technological approaches, including those in vehicles and emergency response equipment, in order to better prevent and reduce the severity of collisions involving pedestrians and bicyclists.

- Create a work group to research emerging technologies that may be used to prevent and reduce the severity of pedestrian and bicycle collisions.
- Investigate and test automated enforcement initiatives that may improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety.
Pedestrian and Bicycle Emphasis Area (PBEAT) Team Strategies

**Strategy 6** – Identify and promote safe driving and pedestrian behaviors for all motorists and public safety professionals at the scene of emergency events.

• Create a work group to identify key issues and potential countermeasures for improving safety of motorists and public safety professionals at the scene of emergency events.
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