Maryland's

Strategic Highway Safety Plan

2016 - 2020



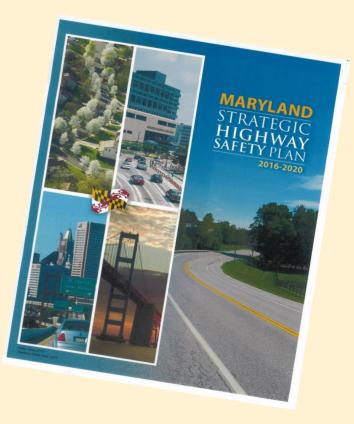
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Objective

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 Development Process

Maryland's 2014 Highway Safety Summit



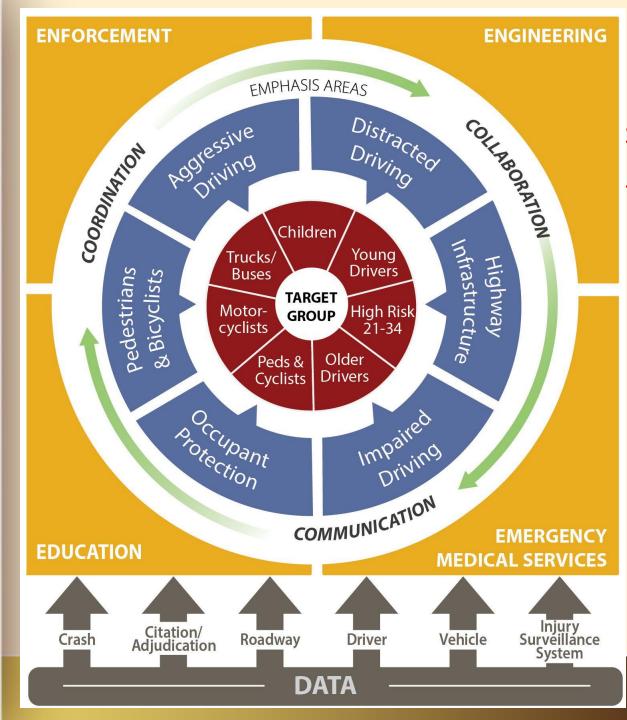




4-E Composition



Emergency Medical Services



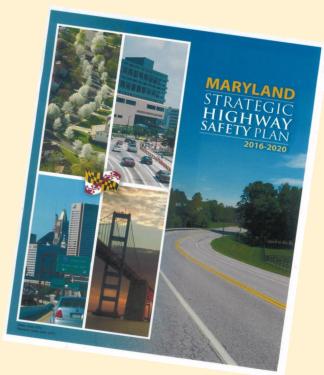
<u>SHSP</u> Framework:

- Data-driven4-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

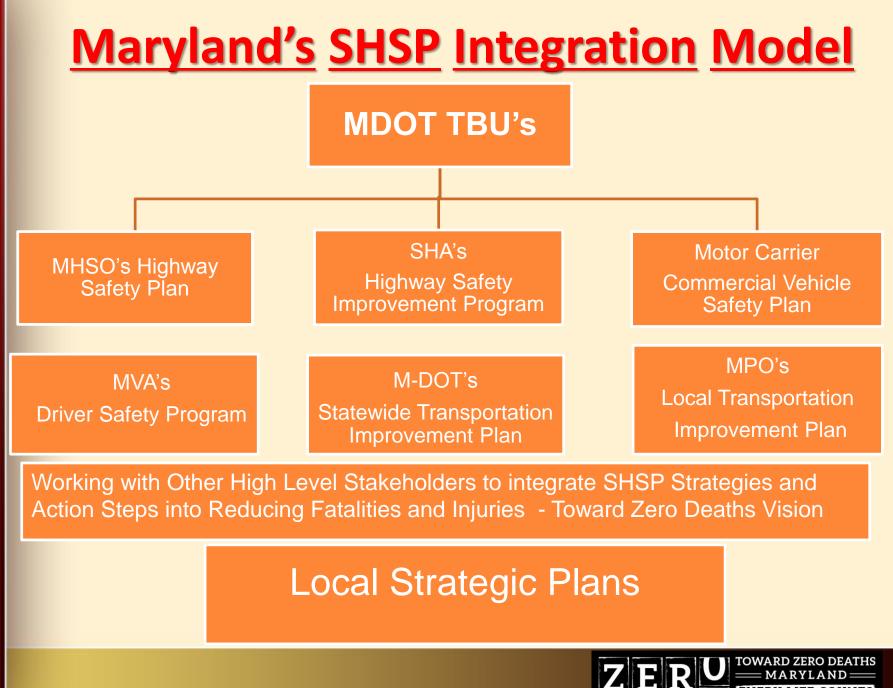
- All strategies are broad enough to encompass comprehensive strategies contained in HSP, HSIP, CVSP
- Behavioral strategies contain recommendations for enforcement, engineering, outreach, technology and legislative countermeasures
- Engineering strategies include systemic measures for infrastructurerelated 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

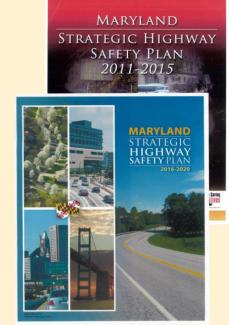
- SHSP Executive Council meets semi-annually
- Emphasis Area Teams meet quarterly
- SHSP Annual Highway Safety Summit 4/26/2016, April- 2017
- Recruiting local partners and developing local plans
- Developing internal marketing plan





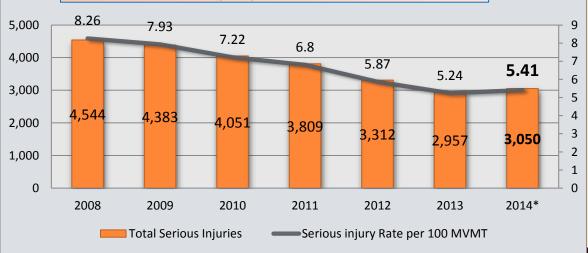
Maryland Traffic Fatalities and Fatality Rate 2008–2014





In the past ten years Maryland has experienced <u>significant</u> decreases in Highway Fatal and Serious Injuries.

Maryland Traffic Serious Injuries and Serious Injury Rate 2008–2014





Developing New Partnerships and Implementation Through Stakeholders

- Building SHSP Emphasis Area Teams
- Implementation of SHSP plans at local level
- Evaluation of progress



<u>Strategy 1</u> – 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.



<u>Strategy 2</u> – 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)



<u>Strategy 3</u> – 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.



<u>Strategy 4</u> – 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.



<u>Strategy 5</u> – 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.



<u>Strategy 6</u> – 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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