



OCCUPANT PROTECTION

Accomplishments

Problem Identification:

- Individuals who crash and are unbelted are more likely to experience a serious injury or fatality.
- Men are more highly represented in the crash statistics with unbelted crashes.
- Men ages 26-35 have almost twice the number of fatalities as any other age group.
- Passenger fatalities and serious injuries are also a problem, not just unbelted drivers.
- Unbelted fatalities are highest of Saturdays and Sundays.
- There is a spike in fatalities in the month of July.

Rural fatalities are overrepresented in the crash data.

Primary Seat Belt Law

Preparations in support of Primary Seat Belt Law for the 2021 Legislative session continue. Support by business and community leaders is discussed in ongoing meetings.

Explanation: *Our Task Force is developing an action plan for the 2021 Legislative Session patterned after the example of UDOT's successful effort to secure a statewide primary seat belt law.*

Implementing the NHTSA 2018 OP Assessment Recommendations

All of the recommendations are currently in the process of being addressed and each recommendation has been assigned to a responsible individual to coordinate the implementation of the recommendation.

Explanation: *The NHTSA 2018 OP Assessment provided key recommendations and the Office of Traffic Safety is working with the OP Task Force to implement the recommendations over the coming years.*

OP Program Update

May Click It or Ticket enforcement campaign was cancelled due to COVID-19

Drivers Edge events in northern Nevada were cancelled due to COVID-19

Public awareness activities such as crashed car trailers were used in northern Nevada; plans for a second trailer for Las Vegas are underway.

Strategy:

Develop an action plan and timeline for 2021 Legislative Session in coordination with OTS and NDOT.

Strategy:

Develop a "Follow-Up Plan" document/tracking matrix with individuals assigned to each recommendation, their actions and a status column.

Priorities/Actions



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<p>Action Implement a statewide standardized child safety seat checklist to guide inspections. Explanation: <i>National Safety Council has developed an app with a digital checklist.</i></p>	<p>Strategy: Use tribal laws to discuss local primary seat belt laws with various municipalities in both southern and northern Nevada.</p>
<p>Action Develop a legislative plan for a state-wide primary seat belt law. Create standard Occupant Protection PowerPoint to share PBL messages Meet with local businesses and community leaders to gain support for PBL. Explanation: <i>The Task Force will develop a strategy and plan different from the previous legislative session to add pros and cons to the Task Force’s legislative advisory opinion, addressing previously expressed concerns.</i></p>	<p>Strategy: Subcommittee to develop the legislative plan.</p>
<p>Subcommittees</p>	
<p>Child Passenger Safety Sub Task Force Actions <i>OTS has funds to cover technician recertification fees and certification fees, if needed</i> <i>Law Enforcement CPS Training – NHP Academy in June 4, 2020</i> <i>FFY 2021 Grant Application Period for FY2021 has closed, applications are under review</i> <i>Family Vehicle Safety Program (FVSP)</i> <i>Collaboration Opportunities: classes and checkpoints are postponed due to COVID-19</i></p>	
<p>Advisory Opinions</p>	
<p>Upgrade NRS 484D.495 to a Primary Seat Belt Law</p>	<p>Strategy: Advise the NECTS concerning issues relating to transportation safety, including, without limitation, occupant protection through proper seat belt usage and proper child restraint usage.</p>
<p>Increase seat belt use law penalties from \$25 to \$100</p>	