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Executive Summary

Introduction

- The Nebraska Office of Highway Safety was established in 1967 to coordinate, develop, and implement Nebraska's annual traffic safety plan in accordance with the Federal Highway Safety Act of 1966. Under the Act, the Governor shall designate the Governor's Highway Safety Representative whose responsibility is to oversee the state's annual federal highway safety allocation to reduce traffic-related injuries and fatalities.
- During FY05, a total of \$2,796,180.51 was expended from federal highway safety funding allocations sections 402, 157 incentive, 157 innovative, 163, 405, 410, and 411 to a total of 378 individual projects and 49 grants. Over sixty-eight percent of the funds were awarded to directly benefit local, county, municipal government agencies, and local non-profit organizations. The remainder was awarded to state agencies for traffic safety projects.
- The purpose of the plan is to identify and prioritize Nebraska's traffic safety problems that are contributing to traffic-related injuries and fatalities. The Plan establishes those priority problems and identifies the best opportunities to reduce traffic-related injuries and fatalities. The Plan also includes those system support activities that are necessary to carry out those direct impact projects.

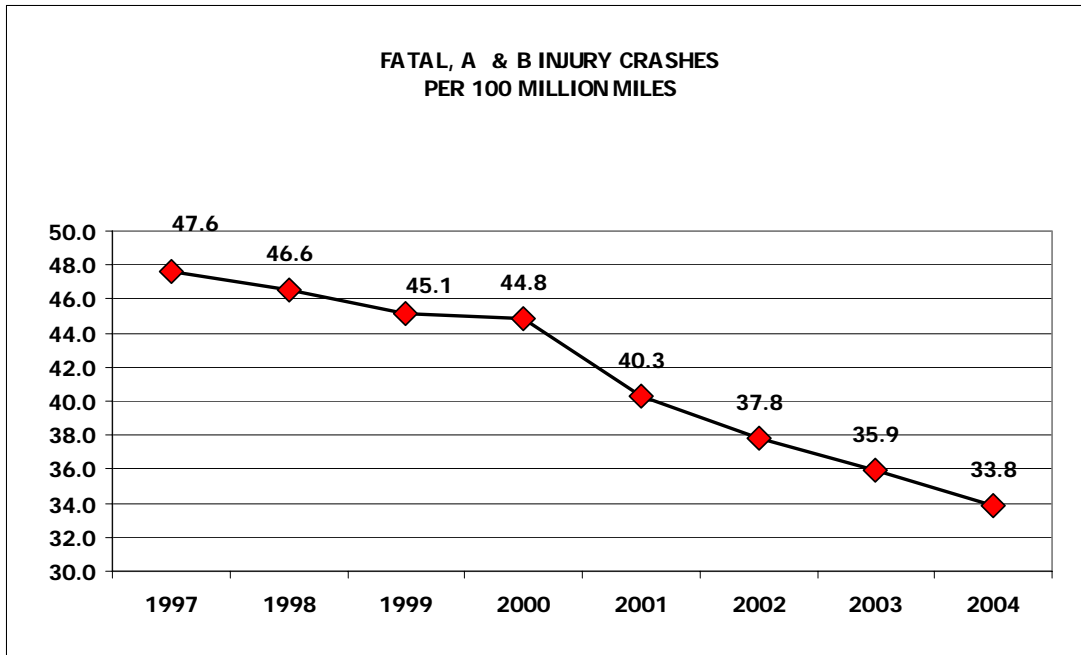
Methods

- Utilizing Nebraska data for fatal and injury (A and B type) crashes, four-priority emphasis areas have been identified: 1) Alcohol-related crashes; 2) Occupant Restraint Use; 3) Speed-related crashes, and 4) Youth (ages 16 to 20) related crashes. A fifth emphasis area (Other Factors) is utilized to address other issues when appropriate.
- A total of 32 counties have been identified as priority counties and are given first consideration for grant awards and project activity. Remaining counties are considered for special programs and for assistance.
- Measurable goals and objectives are determined using at least five years of historical data. The annual goals are selected using expected trends.
- Individual grants are awarded based upon the quality of problem identification and the outcome performance expected while implementing strategies and activities.

Results

- The overall goal of the Plan was to reduce **Fatal, A and B Injury Crashes** by 4% (5,831) in FY2005.

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
All Crashes (Fatal, A & B)	7,999	8,016	7,930	7,908	7,237	6,916	6,682	6,305
Crash Rate	47.6	46.6	45.1	44.8	40.3	37.8	35.9	33.8



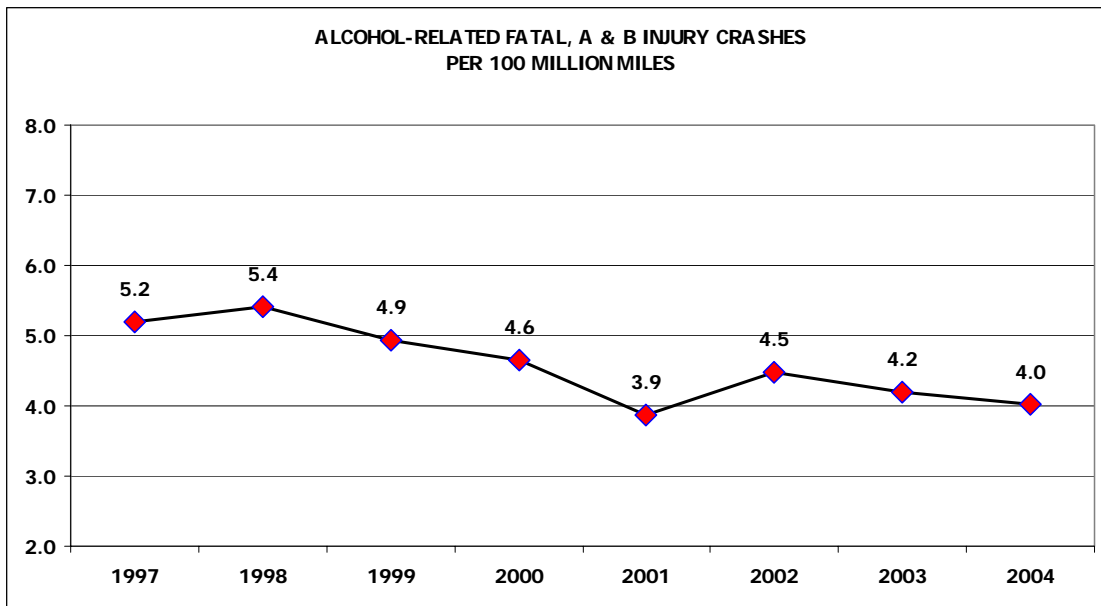
Man Dies From Injuries Suffered in Crash

One person died from injuries suffered in the crash. The car and a van collided at an intersection.

(Courtesy of KETV.com)

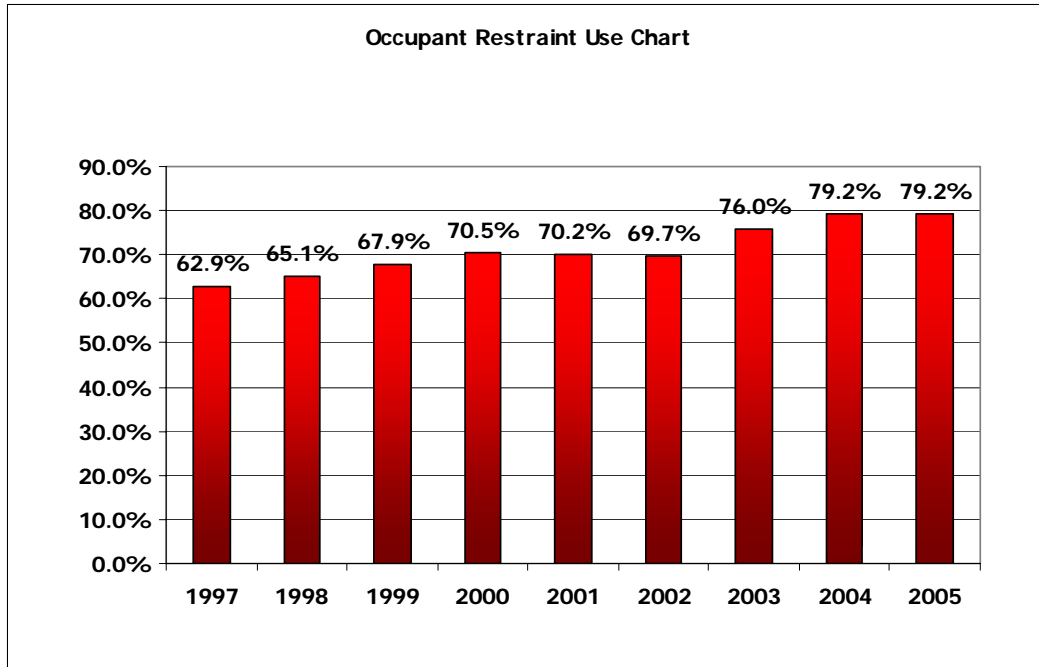
- The goal was to reduce **Alcohol-Related Fatal, A and B Injury Crashes** by 4% (764).

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Alcohol Crashes (Fatal, A & B)	874	932	866	820	694	820	781	748
Alcohol Crash Rate	5.2	5.4	4.9	4.6	3.9	4.5	4.2	4.0



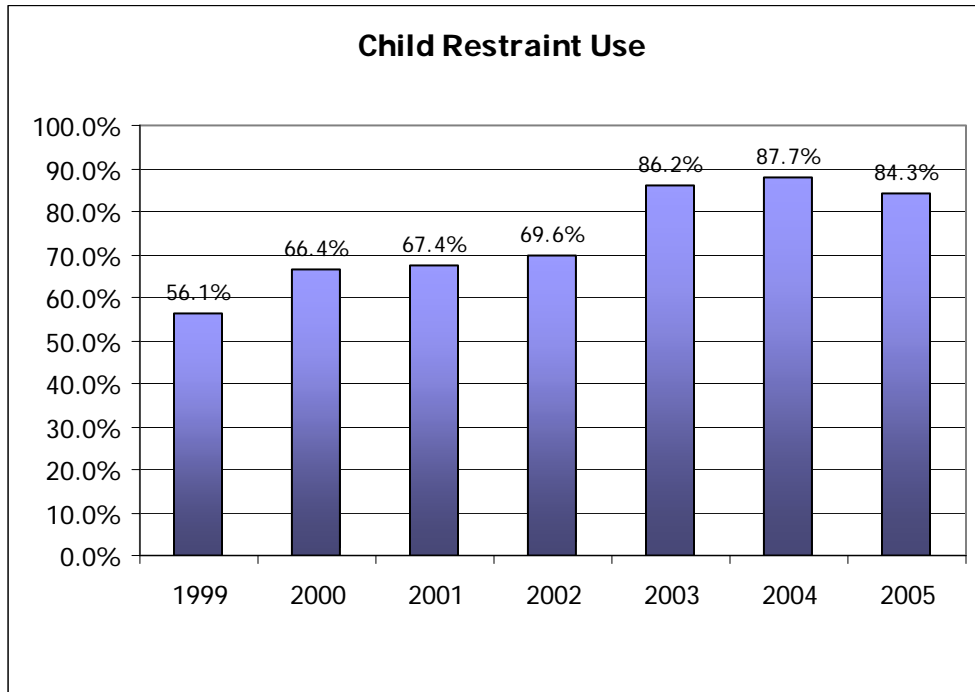
Partnered with Blue Cross Blue Shield (BC/BS) and Lamar Outdoor Advertising to produce 43 billboards posted in December 2004 in Omaha, Lincoln, North Platte, Hastings, Grand Island, and Kearney. The billboards tie in with radio messages "Not The Holiday Lights You Want To See. Don't drink & drive." paid for by BC/BS.

- The goal was increased safety belt usage to 83.3%. The observed **Occupant Restraint Use** in 2005 remained the same as the previous year at 79.2%.



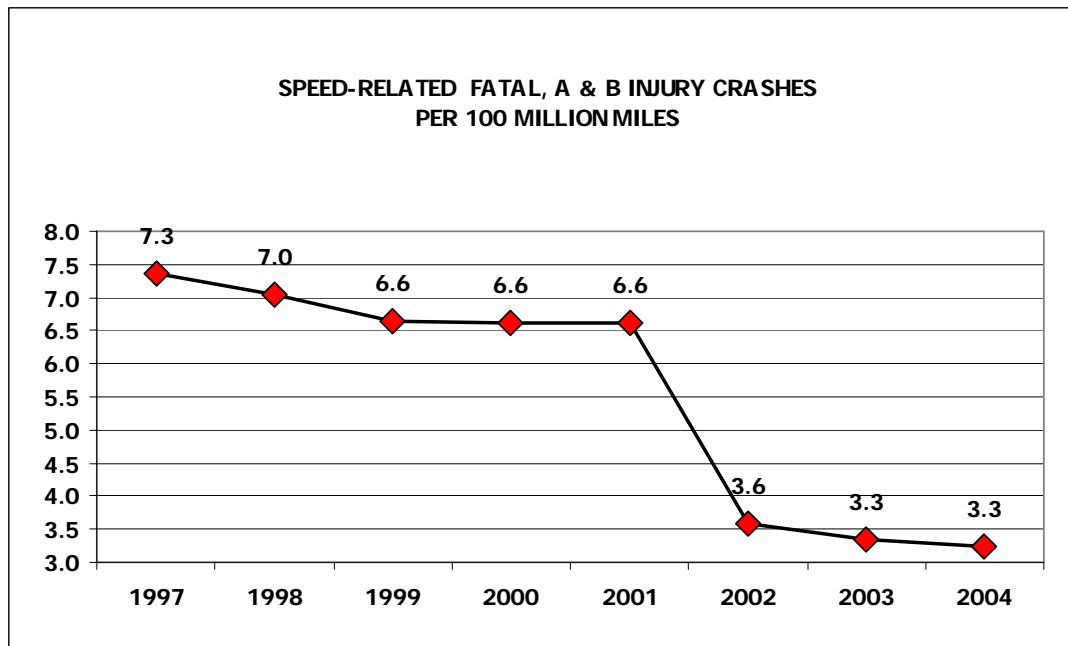
Click It or Ticket Mobilization Kick Off - May 2005

- **Child Restraint Use** for children under age six decreased from 87.2 % in 2004 to 84.3% in 2005. While the 2005 rate is lower than the 2004 observed rate, it is still higher than the observed rate in 1999 (56.1%) when this series of surveys began.



- The FY2005 goal was to reduce **Speed-Related Fatal, A and B Injury Crashes** by 4% (410). The number of speed-related fatal, A and B injury crashes decreased from 1,187 to 656 while the speed-related crash rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled declined 44.7%. In 2002 a change on the crash report form field called "Contributing Circumstances, Driver" limited the number of selections from three to one.

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Speed Crashes (Fatal, A & B)	1,234	1,212	1,168	1,167	1,187	656	622	605
Speed Crash Rate	7.3	7.0	6.6	6.6	6.6	3.6	3.3	3.3

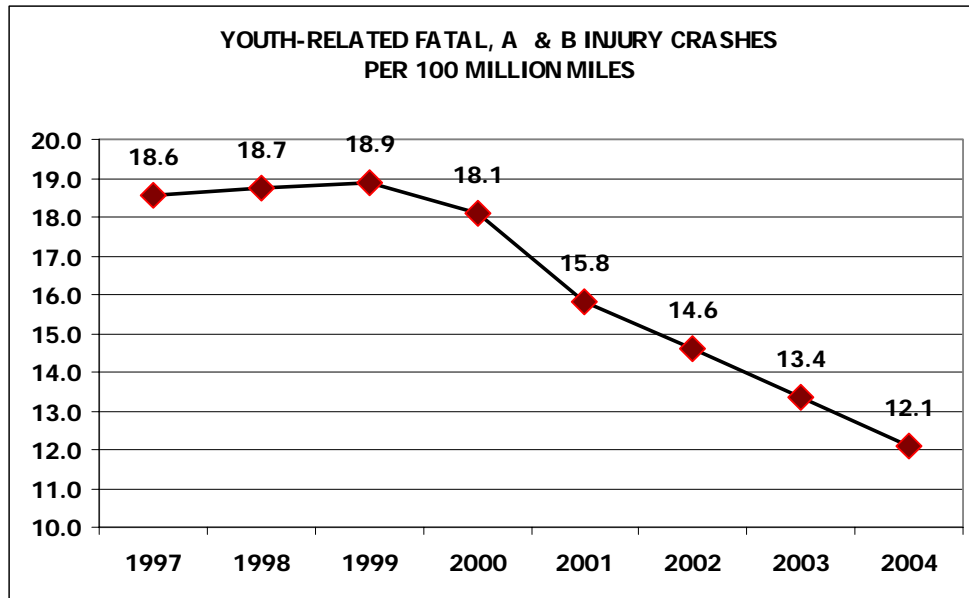


Car Goes Airborne, Hits RV

A car went airborne and slammed into a parked recreational vehicle. The driver of the Mazda was driving too fast and lost control on Highway 275. The car flew through the air and hit the Recreational Vehicle. The driver had minor injuries. (Courtesy of KETV Omaha)

- The goal was to reduce **Youth-Involved Fatal, A and B Injury Crashes** for young people ages 16 through 20 by 4% (2,088). The number declined by 15.7% between 2002 and 2004. The number of crashes involving these drivers declined from 2,672 to 2,253.

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Youth Crashes (Fatal, A & B)	3,115	3,226	3,320	3,193	2,841	2,672	2,486	2,253
Youth Crash Rate	18.6	18.7	18.9	18.1	15.8	14.6	13.4	12.1



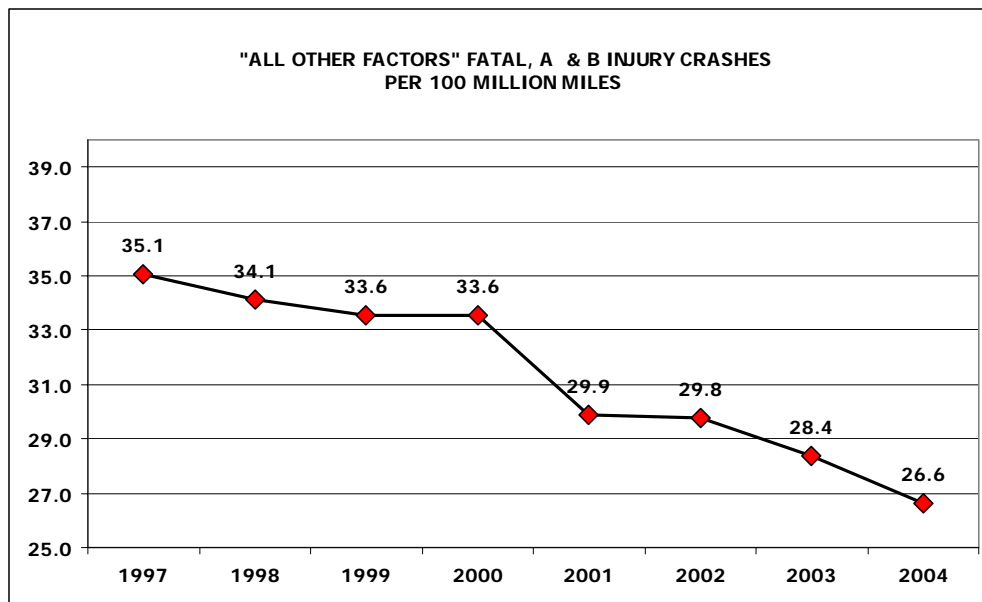
Students called outside for fire drill find 'drunken accident' in front yard.

Ravenna police, fire and emergency medical technicians respond to a mock alcohol-related crash as junior and senior high students watch. A junior high student was on the ground portraying a passenger who was ejected from the car and pronounced dead at the scene.

(Photo provided by Kearney Cyber Hub News/Tammy Skrdlant)

- The goal was to reduce **“All Other Factors” Fatal, A and B Injury Crashes** (minus Alcohol and Speed) by 4% (4,656).

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
All Other Factors Crashes (Fatal, A & B)	5,891	5,872	5,896	5,921	5,356	5,440	5,279	4,952
All Other Factors Crash Rate	35.1	34.1	33.6	33.6	29.9	29.8	28.4	26.6



Nebraska GrandDriver Program Kick Off.

NOHS partnered with the Examining Division of Department of Motor Vehicles to launch the “GrandDriver” program. NOHS provided printing and postage for 260,000 “How Safe Is Your Driving?” pamphlets and envelopes to be mailed to all driver license renewals. A press conference launching the program was held on May 4 2005, featuring Governor Dave Heineman.



Conclusions

While the 2005 crash data is unavailable at the time the annual report is due, progress is determined by comparing 2004 crash data with 2003 because initial program activity begins in 2004.

Between 2003 and 2004; alcohol-related fatal and injury crashes; youth-related fatal and injury crashes; all other factors fatal and injury crashes; and the total fatal, A and B type injury crashes all exceeded the 4 percent decrease goal.

Only the speed-related fatal and injury crash totals failed to reach the 4 percent decrease goal. The observed driver and front seat passenger occupant restraint use rate remained unchanged between 2004 and 2005.

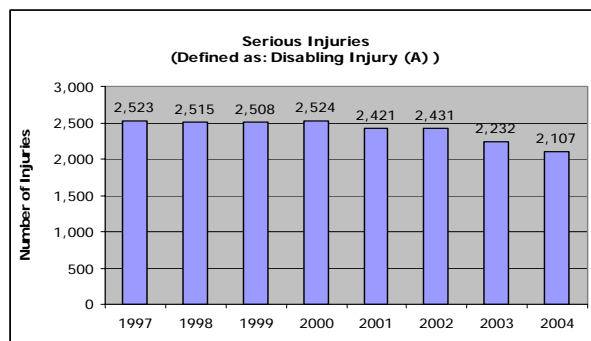
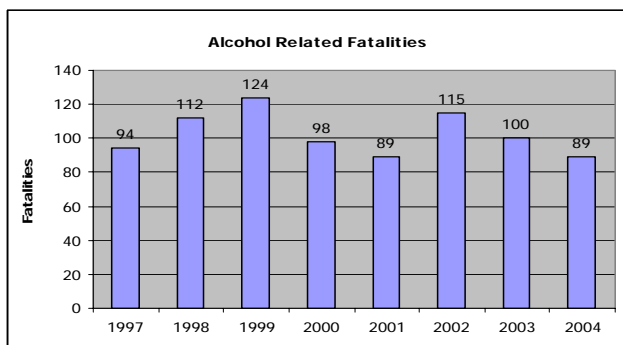
- In the FY2005 Highway Safety Plan, a more aggressive approach of goal setting was taken in several areas, including the overall goal.
- Observed occupant restraint use survey results: Children under age six (84.3%) and safety belt use for drivers and front seat passengers (79.2%).
- Fatal, A and B injury crashes continue to decrease in number from (6,682) in 2003 to (6,305) 5.6% in 2004.
- Alcohol-related fatal and injury crashes decreased by 4.2% from the previous year (781 to 748).
- Speed-related fatal and injury crashes decreased by 2.7%, from 622 to 605 in 2004.
- Youth-related fatal and injury crashes decreased by 9.4%, decreased 2,486 to 2,253.
- All Other Factors fatal and injury crashes decreased by 6.2%, from 5,279 to 4,952.
- While the total miles driven increased by .2 percent in Nebraska during 2004, the number of fatal crashes decreased (10.9%) along with a decline in injury crashes (2.7%) and the number of persons injured declined from 21,984 in 2003 to 21,315 in 2004. The total number of reported crashes decreased by 20.1% from 46,602 in 2003 to 37,227 in 2004.

Nebraska did experience success in reducing the total number of reported crashes and injuries while the number of miles driving increased. Examining the crash rates per miles driven reveals an even larger accomplishment. Traffic deaths decreased by 13.3% (293 in 2003 to 254 in 2004) while the traffic fatality rate reached an all time low of 1.37 per 100 million vehicle miles.

Percent Comparison for Annual Report 2005	2003	2004	2003/2004 Difference
Fatal, A & B Crashes	6,682	6,305	-5.6%
Alcohol-Related FAB	781	748	-4.2%
Occupant Restraint Use	79.2	79.2	0.0%
Child Restraint Use	87.7	84.3	-3.9%
Speed Related FAB*	622	605	-2.7%
Youth-Involved FAB	2,486	2,253	-9.4%
All Other Factors	5,279	4,952	-6.2%
Miles Driven			
Miles Driven	18,592	18,630	0.2%
Fatal Crashes	257	229	-10.9%
Injury Crashes	14,756	14,363	-2.7%
Total Injury Crashes	46,602	37,227	-20.1%
People Injured	21,984	21,315	-3.0%
People Killed	293	254	-13.3%
Red Shows Decrease Blue Shows Increase *Speed changes on crash report began in 2002			

Nebraska Annual Evaluation Report Summary

Nebraska Annual Comparative Data								
	1997	1998	1999	2000	Progress Report Data CY2001-2004			
					2001	2002	2003	2004
Fatalities (F)	302	315	295	276	246	307	293	254
Serious Injuries (Defined as: Disabling Injury (A))	2,523	2,515	2,508	2,524	2,421	2,431	2,232	2,107
Fatalities & Serious Injuries Combined (F/A)	2,825	2,830	2,803	2,800	2,667	2,738	2,525	2,361
Vehicles Miles (Millions)	16,791	17,219	17,570	17,637	17,940	18,281	18,592	18,630
Fatality Rate/(100 million VMT)	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.7	1.6	1.4
Fatality & Serious Injury Rate / (100 million VMT)	16.8	16.4	16.0	15.9	14.9	15.0	13.6	12.7
Population	1,656,870	1,636,885	1,674,074	1,711,263	1,711,263	1,711,263	1,711,263	1,738,189
Fatality Rate /100K Population	18.2	19.2	17.6	16.1	14.4	17.9	17.1	14.6
Fatality & Serious Injury Rate /100K Population	170.5	172.9	167.4	163.6	155.8	160.0	147.6	135.8
Alcohol Related Fatalities	94	112	124	98	89	115	100	89
Alcohol Related Fatalities as a Percentage of All Fatalities	31.1%	35.6%	42.0%	35.5%	36.2%	37.5%	34.1%	35.0%
Alcohol Related Fatality Rate /(100 million VMT)	0.56	0.65	0.71	0.56	0.50	0.63	0.54	0.48
Percent of Population Observed Using Safety Belts*	62.9%	65.1%	67.9%	70.5%	70.2%	69.6%	76.1%	79.2%
Percent of unbelted drivers and occupants seriously injured or killed in a crash	54.3%	56.9%	56.3%	52.6%	55.6%	54.8%	45.7%	54.0%
*Safety belt percentages from "The Buffalo Beach Company" statewide observation Safety Belt Use Surveys								



Financial Summary

Summary of Fiscal Year 2005 Countermeasure Programs

SECTION 402 FUNDING

Total 402 Expenditures for FY2005 were \$1,872,168.64

SECTION 157/SEAT BELT INCENTIVE

Total 157 Expenditures for FY2005 were \$58,090.46

SECTION 157/SEAT BELT INNOVATIVE

Total 157 Expenditures for FY2005 were \$263,164.15

SECTION 163/.08

Total 163 Expenditures for FY2005 were \$188,649.02

SECTION 405/OCCUPANT PROTECTION

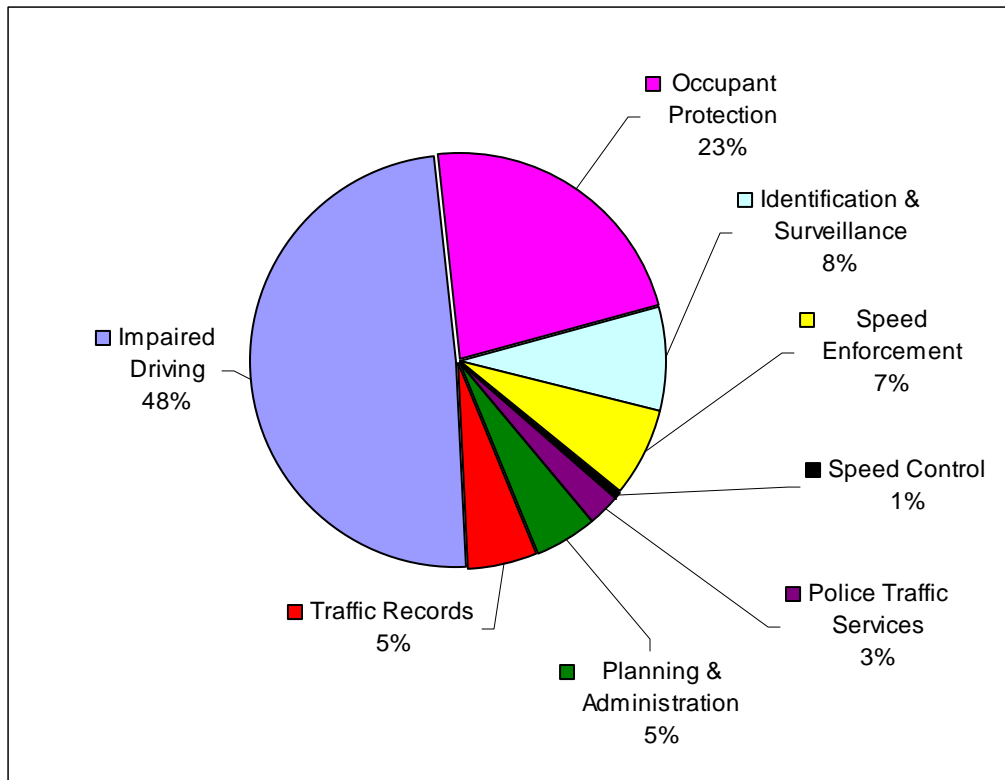
Total 405 Expenditures for FY2005 were \$101,244.64

SECTION 410/IMPAIRED DRIVING

Total 410 Expenditures for FY2005 were \$238,247.17

SECTION 411/DATA

Total 411 Expenditures for FY2005 were \$74,616.43



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**Planning and Administration
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety**

05-01

Program Areas:	Planning and Administration
Project Characteristics:	Program Support and Coordination
Type of Jurisdiction:	Statewide
Jurisdiction Size:	1.7 Million
Target Population:	General Population

Problem Identification:

The Nebraska Office of Highway Safety (NOHS), a division of the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), is responsible for developing and implementing effective strategies to reduce the state's rates of traffic related injuries and fatalities. These strategies may take the form of stand-alone projects/activities or more comprehensive long-term programs. The NOHS Administrator is responsible for the administration and management of federal highway safety funding. In addition the NOHS is also responsible for administering the state's Motorcycle Safety Act and the state's traffic diversion program oversight.

The Director of the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles serves as the Governor's designated Highway Safety Representative, while the NOHS Administrator fulfills the role of the state's coordinator of federal funding activity.

Goal and Objective:

The overall goal is to reduce fatal, A and B injury crashes by 4% (5,831) in FY2005.

The objective of this project is to provide salary, benefits, travel, office expenses, training, memberships, etc. to perform the administrative, accounting, and staff assistant functions required to conduct the activities outlined in *Nebraska's "Performance-Based" Strategic Traffic Safety Plan*.

Strategies and Activities:

- To provide direct supervisory and management responsibility to the highway safety program by the Administrator. Completed on a daily basis.
- To provided coordination support to all contractors (external, internal and FHWA) receiving federal funds. Provided for the administrative activity, coordination of highway safety activity, and technical support of federal highway safety funds allocated to Nebraska. As required the State of Nebraska does provide dollar for dollar match of the planning and administrative costs of highway safety.
- Determined Nebraska's traffic problems, goals, and project/activity/program emphasis in the planning process of the *Nebraska "Performance-Based" Strategic Traffic Safety Plan*. Completed prior to submitting *Traffic Safety Plan* for FY2006.
- Prepared problem identification, performance goal selection, and program, project and activity selection process for the FY2006 *Traffic Safety Plan*. Completed prior to solicitation of projects.
- Solicited, negotiated, and processed projects in identified priority area to meet the performance goals of the FY2006 *Highway Traffic Safety Plan*. Completed prior to submitting the FY2006 *Highway Traffic Safety Plan*.
- Attended highway safety seminars, conferences, workshops, meetings, training, etc. pertaining to traffic safety. Attended/participated in the following conferences, meetings and workshops:
 - 27th Annual Governor's Day Sioux City Luncheon
 - Administrator's Staff Meetings
 - Aging Driver presentation with the Board of Health
 - Choices not Chances Conference
 - Click It – Don't Risk It! Safety Belt Usage Meetings

"Click It or Ticket" - Iowa/Nebraska Media Event
Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan Leadership and Committee Meetings
DeWitt Nebraska Safety Day Presentation
Digimarc Training Presentation
Drug Recognition Expert Conference Planning Meeting in Lee Summit, Missouri
E-NARSISI/EMS Pre Hospital Data Collection Demonstration
Extreme Makeover Trucking Edition Meeting
GHSA Executive Board Meeting, conference calls, and 2005 Annual Conference
Highway Safety/ITS Summit
Highway Safety/ITS Summit Joint Meeting
Independence Center Advisory Committee Meetings and Volunteer Recognition Dinner
Iowa/Nebraska Media Conference Call
Law Enforcement Workshop NHTSA Central Region
MADD Awards Dinner and Reception
MADD Board Meetings
MADD Law Enforcement Awards Reception
MADD Legislative Breakfast
MADD Nebraska State Organization Meetings
MADD Press Conference at Ogallala, Lake McConaughy, for July 4, Kickoff
MADD -Tie One On For Safety – Holiday Kickoff
Motorcycle Safety Meeting
National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter Awards Luncheon and Board Meetings
Nebraska Advocates for Highway Safety Meeting
Nebraska Broadcast Association – Drugs are a Dead End – Meeting
Nebraska Department Motor Vehicle Trucking Association "Of the Year" Awards Reception
Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicle GrandDriver News Conference
Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles POP Distance Learning Meeting
Nebraska Department of Roads Interagency Safety Committee Meeting
Nebraska Health and Human Services System Prevention Survey Meeting
Nebraska Highway Safety /ITS Summit Planning Meeting
Nebraska Highway Safety/ITS Summit III
Nebraska Hospital Association Meeting on motorcycle helmets
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety Law Enforcement Luncheons at Alliance, Lincoln, and Pierce.
Nebraska Partners in Prevention Renewal Application Meeting
Nebraska Partners in Prevention Work Force Development Committee Meetings
Nebraska Partners in Prevention Health Advisory and Committee Meetings
Nebraska Safety Center Advisory Council Meetings
Nebraska Safety Council Awards Luncheon
Nebraska Safety Council Board of Directors Meetings
Nebraska Safety Council Board Planning Retreat
Nebraska Safety Council Legislative Committee Meeting
Nebraska Safety Council Traffic Committee Meeting
Nebraska Safety Forum Planning Meeting
Nebraska Underage Drinking Advisory Task Force Meetings
Nebraska University Police Invitation Meetings
NePIP (Nebraska Partners in Prevention) Conference Call
NHTSA Central Region Law Enforcement Workshop
NHTSA Central Region State Conference Calls
NHTSA Click It or Ticket Conference Call
NHTSA Drowsy Driving Campaign at the Nebraska State Patrol
NHTSA Survey Conference Call
NU Directions Coalition and Policy Workgroup Meetings
Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation Meetings and Conference Calls

Project Extra Mile Board of Directors Meetings
 Project Extra Mile Coalition Policy Work Group Meetings
 Project Extra Mile Minor In Possession Hotline Meeting
 Project Extra Mile News Conference, "21 Turn 21" at Omaha Police Department
 Project Extra Mile Recognition Dinner and Awards
 Project Extra Mile Youth Policy Meetings
 Public Information Officer's luncheon at the Governor's Residence
 SAFE Kids Luncheon
 Safety Conscious Forum Planning Committee Meetings
 Speed Forum in Washington, D.C.
 State Epidemiological Work Group for Substance Abuse Prevention Meeting
 Traffic Diversion Program Meeting
 Underage Drinking Advisory Committee
 University of Nebraska Lincoln College of Arts & Science Meeting
 University of Nebraska Lincoln Internet Driver Training Course Demo
 University of Nebraska Omaha - Carol Schrader ETV Program Taping
 Workforce Development Leadership Team Nebraska Partners in Prevention Meetings
 Participated in a scheduled radio talk show with a St. Louis station.
 Participated in a video to educate and inform young people on the dangers of underage drinking and drug use. This took place on July 25, 2005 in Grand Island thru Tom Osborne Office.
 Participated in Indiana Radio News Network interview and telephone survey with the University of Michigan on OJJDP Grant.
 Participated in the DWI Prosecution Enhancement project site visit.
 Met with Rose White, Bill Mulherin, Dave Halen, etc on Motorcycle Helmet Bill
 Participated in conference call with Laren DeAngelis about Distracted Driving.
 Attended interview at KKAR Radio in Omaha.
 Attended meeting with Project Manager of the Project Night Life grant.

- Reviewed and kept updated of NHTSA Rules and Regulations regarding 402 funds involving traffic safety. A review of the NHTSA Rules and Regulations were completed as necessary.
- The accountant provided information to the State and Federal budget officers regarding all federal funding activity. This includes activity on the Office of Justice Programs system, Grant Tracking System, Progress Vouchers, Internal and External Claims, Change Orders, Audits, etc.
- The necessary staff assistant's duties (typing, mailing, etc. as requested) to allocated 100% of time of which 50% is 402 funded. All of the staff assistant's duties were completed along with additional activities with the audiovisual library, mass mailings for "Click It or Ticket" and "You Drink and Drive. You Lose." mobilization, Nebraska Advocates for Highway Safety meeting, process press release mailings for equipment, enforcement and education information, etc. Clip daily the newspaper articles regarding highway safety. Processed mail, newspaper clippings, office supplies, etc. Mailed Fatal Vision goggles, brochures, Vince and Larry costumes and audiovisual requests. Sent out requests for brochures, supplies and videotapes.
- Provided assistance and support in the development of the *Nebraska "Performance-Based" Strategic Traffic Safety Plan*. The *Traffic Safety Plan* was completed and sent to NHTSA Central Region office on August 15, 2005.

Result:

The fatal, A and B injury crash data for CY2005 is unavailable from the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Funding:	Section 402:	\$134,072.95
	State:	\$136,658.52
	Total Cost:	\$270,731.47

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**Auditing
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety****05-02**

Program Areas:	Planning and Administration
Project Characteristics:	Program Support
Type of Jurisdiction:	Statewide
Jurisdiction Size:	1,739,291
Target Population	General Population

Problem Identification:

The State Auditor of Public Accounts will audit the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety's projects and it is necessary to provide funding. There is also the uncertainty of having a "Class P" audit conducted on any funded projects Section 402, Section 405 Occupant Protection; Section 410 Impaired Driving, Section 411 Data, Section 157 Seat Belt Incentive, Section 157 Seat Belt Innovative, 163 .08 Incentive and Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). This contract provides for the activities outlined in Nebraska's Performance Based Strategic Traffic Safety Plan in accordance with State and Federal guidelines.

Goal and Objectives:

The goal is to have funds available for auditing costs of federal Section 402, 405, 410, 411, 157 Incentive, 157 Innovative, 163 Incentive and OJJDP funded projects.

To provide auditing costs for federal Section 402, 405, 410, 411, 157 Incentive, 157 Innovative, 163 Incentive and OJJDP funded projects.

To provide all expenditures resulting in an audit of Section 402, 405, 410, 411, 157 Incentive, 157 Innovative, 163 Incentive and OJJDP funded projects.

Strategies and Activities:

- o The Auditor of Public Accounts performed random audit of Highway Safety Division's grant activity and expenditures. Audits costs were charged to Nebraska Office of Highway Safety. Payments were made in December, May and November 2005.

Result:

Process billings for auditing services rendered in connection with the Department of Motor Vehicle's federal funds.

Funding:	Sections 402:	\$3,125.00
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**Occupant Protection/Program Coordination
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety**

05-03

Program Area:	Occupant Protection
Project Characteristics:	Program Support
Type of Jurisdiction:	Statewide
Jurisdiction Size:	1.7 million
Target Population	Driver Population

Problem Identification:

Nebraska is predominantly rural with a population of 1.7 million people. There are 1.3 million licensed drivers and 2 million registered vehicles. Traffic crashes are a daily occurrence resulting in approximately 8,700 injured persons annually (includes Type A-disabling and Type B-visible, but not disabling injuries). In 2003, 6,682 fatal, A and B injury crashes occurred, killing 293 people and injuring another 8,652 people.

The Nebraska Office of Highway Safety (NOHS) uses statewide observation surveys to determine safety belt usage for drivers and front seat passenger. Usage during the years 2002-2004 was observed at 69.7%, 76.1% and 79.2%. The "Safety Belt Use in Nebraska in 2004" observation (79.2%) was increase of 9.5% from the 2002 observed rate of 69.7%, and 3.5% from the 2003. With the reintroduction of the state belt law, public information and education efforts, combined with section 402, 157, 405. and 2003(b), it is necessary to have enforcement support programs to increase the usage rate.

Child safety seat usage conducted in 2002 with an observed usage rate of 69.6% to a rate of 86.2% in 2003 (an increase of 16.6%). In 2004 the child safety seat usage another 1.5% to 87.7% showing continual improvement of child safety seat usage. Although the child safety seat usage rose dramatically, child safety seat check-up events show there is still misuse of child safety seats.

Violations for No Occupant Protection resulted in 7,232, 8,353, and 8,062 convictions in 2001-2003. In addition, violations for No Child Restraint resulted in 1,361, 1,728, and 2,063 convictions in 2001-2003.

The coordination and assistance provide an essential element in a successful occupant protection program. In order to impact occupant protection usage attitudes, among Nebraska's motoring public, technical support from NOHS office in this concentrated area is necessary.

Goal and Objective:

The overall goal is to increase the occupant restraint usage to 83.3% in FY2005.

The objective of this project is to provide salary, benefits, travel, office expenses, etc. for NOHS staff to conduct the activities outlined in the *Nebraska's "Performance-Based" Strategic Traffic Safety Plan*, October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005.

Strategies and Activities:

- To provide coordination support and assistance to occupant protection projects involving funds from Federal Section 402, 405, and 157 funds. Funding was provided for salaries/benefits, communication expenses, building rent/assessment, vehicle rent/lease, travel expenses, etc.
- To conduct desk monitoring and on-site visits to occupant protection project. The following occupant protection projects were targeted: Occupant Protection/Program Coordination; Occupant Protection/Public Information & Education, Holt County Safe Communities, Colfax CLICS (Colfax County), Hamilton County Acts, Nebraska Seatbelt Coalition, Occupant Protection Challenge (405),

Fitting Stations (405), Occupant Protection/Selective Overtime (405), Child Passenger Safety (157 Incentive), and Overtime/Locals (157 Innovative).

- To assist and provide technical occupant protection data, reports, and information to contractors, law enforcement agencies, NOHS staff, the public, legislature, etc. Handled on daily basis.
- To attend highway safety seminars, conferences, workshops, meetings, training, etc. to promote occupant protection update information. Highway Safety personnel attended the following activities and participated in the following:
 - 2005 Lifesavers Conference,
 - Check-Up Events,
 - Child Passenger Safety Technical Update,
 - Child Passenger Safety Technician Training,
 - Child Passenger Safety Instructor Training,
 - Click It – Don't Risk It! Committee meetings,
 - "Click It or Ticket" kick off at Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha,
 - National Media Forum in New York,
 - Nebraska Safety Council Safety Expo,
 - Nebraska Child Passenger Safety Board meetings,
 - Nebraska "Click It or Ticket" Conference Call,
 - Nebraska Injury Prevention Advisory Committee,
 - Recognition luncheon for Child Passenger Safety Technicians,
 - Regional Occupant Protection Coordinator's Quarterly meetings/conference calls,
 - State CPS Task Force Self Sufficiency Committee conference calls,
 - Law Enforcement luncheons, and
 - Site visits to the external projects; Colfax Clics, Hamilton County Acts, Holt County Safe Communities, and Good Samaritan Hospital.
- To construct tables, graphs, charts and other tabular and/or illustrative materials to present visual summary of analyzed specific data (occupant protection-related statistics). Tables, charts, graphs, and spreadsheets were completed as necessary and installed on the website.
- To review and keep updated of NHTSA Rules and Regulations regarding 402, 157, 405 federal funding. Completed application for each specific federal fund along with annual reports.
- To perform daily all routine NOHS activities and assignments in regards to occupant protection requests, surveys, reports, etc. Completed mini-grants regarding occupant restraint requested by law enforcement agencies, organizations, and schools. Mailed "Click It or Ticket" Mobilization packets and press release, provide quarterly mailing to technicians, typed Highway Safety Bulletin and setup Mobilizations. Reviewed/approved Child Passenger Safety Instructors, and processed mini-contracts for the 2005 Lifesavers Conference. Read/reviewed permanent fitting (inspection) station applications, posted child safety seat fitting stations on the website, processed applications for fitting station sites and supplied supplies. Processed contracts with "The Buffalo Beach Company" for seat belt and child safety seat observation surveys. Shipped "Don't Risk Your Child's Life" videos to technicians. Revised English/Spanish Child Passenger law cards. Updated fitting station information for NHTSA website. Prepared and provided the technicians list for the "Safe Ride News" subscription.

Results:

The fatal, A and B injury crash data for CY2005 is unavailable from the Nebraska Department of Roads. Nebraska's observed occupant protection usage rate remained the same 79.2% as in 2004, which is 4.1% short of the 83.3% goal of 2005.

A comparison of 2002 "No Child Restraint" convictions (1,728) were compared to 2,063 in 2003 for an increase of 16% and then compared to 2004 (1,854) for decrease of 29.3%. A comparison of 2002 "Occupant Protection" convictions (8,353) were compared to 8,062 in 2003 for a decrease of 4% and then compared to 2004 (6,398) for an decrease of 26%.

The observed usage rates are as follows: 69.7% in 2002, 76.0% in 2003, 79.2% in 2004 and 79.2% in

2005. The Nebraska Occupant Restraint Survey conducted in June/July 2005 remained the same as the previous year. Eighteen of the 19 observed counties are priority counties for FY2005 with an observed seat belt usage rate for all nineteen counties of 79.2%.

A comparison of 2003 *reported* Seat Belt Use in all fatal, A and B injury crashes was 66% compared to 2004 year of 67%, for a increase of 1%. A comparison of 2003 and 2004 *reported* Child Restraint Use in all fatal, A and B injury crashes is 84% and 85%, respectively.

Funding:	Sections 402:	\$47,769.41
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**Occupant Protection Public Information and Education
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety**

05-04

Program Area:	Occupant Protection
Project Characteristics:	Educational Effort
Type of Jurisdiction:	32 Target Counties
Jurisdiction Size:	1,438,416
Target Population:	General Population

Problem Identification:

Nebraska is predominantly rural with a population of 1.75 million people. There are 1.35 million licensed drivers and 2.1 million registered vehicles. Traffic crashes are a daily occurrence resulting in approximately 22,000 injured persons annually. In 2004, 37,227 crashes occurred, killing 254 people and injuring another 21,315 people.

The NOHS uses statewide observation surveys to determine safety belt usage for drivers and front seat passengers. Usage during the years 2002-2004 was observed at 69.7%, 76.1% and 79.2%. Child safety seat usage surveys conducted in 2002-2004 observed 69.6%, 86.2% and 87.7% usage. Although usage rose, child safety seat check-up events show the average misuse rate of child safety seats at 92%.

Violations for "No Occupant Protection" (no safety belt) resulted in 8,353, 8,062, and 6,398 convictions in 2002-2004. In addition, violations for "No Child Restraint" resulted in 1,728, 2,063, and 1,854 convictions in 2002-2004.

Goal and Objectives:

To increase the occupant restraint usage rate to 83.3% in FY2005. The objectives of this project are to increase knowledge of the general public regarding occupant restraints, and also to educate and motivate law enforcement about the importance of strict enforcement of occupant restraint laws so that the number of "No Child Restraint" and "No Occupant Protection" convictions increases by 5%.

Strategies and Activities:

- Produced/purchased and distributed 129,013 occupant restraint related materials (brochures, newsletters, signs, and other educational items). Approximately 81% (105,089) were distributed to organizations within the Target Counties.
 - Loaned 34 occupant restraint related videos to schools, law enforcement, and other organizations.
 - The DMV-NOHS website was maintained and updated throughout the period with current occupant restraint related facts, statistics, resources, and related links.
 - A video called "Don't Risk Your Child's Life" was purchased in VHS and DVD formats in both English and Spanish. 230 were provided to instructors and technicians, and 31 were provided to outside agencies.
 - Provided copying, postage, and shipping boxes for occupant restraint related materials.
 - Printed 10,000 Spanish version "Occupant Protection Law" cards, and 4,000 copies of "Nebraska Information Guide for Motor Carriers" with the "Click It or Ticket" logo.
 - Acquired 15,000 "Highway Safety: The "Click Does the Trick", 10,000 "Most Kids Ages 4-8", and 12,000 "4 Out of 5 Car Seats" (10,000 English and 2,000 Spanish) brochures for distribution.
 - Partnered with KOLN-KGIN television to provide safety information on the media website. Child restraint misuse, kids riding in the back of pickup trucks, "Click It or Ticket," and video public service announcements were among the featured topics.

- 197 sport shirts with the logos of "Click It or Ticket", and "Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles" were purchased and distributed to all Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles staff members.
- "Click It or Ticket" Mobilizations: **NOVEMBER 2004** Mailed planning packets to 278 law enforcement agencies. NOHS printed and distributed 25,000 "Click It or Ticket" notepads to law enforcement agencies. Thirty-one agencies participated in the mobilization. Usage surveys reported 59% pre-wave and 69% post-wave usage. 57 newspaper articles were published regarding the mobilization.
MAY 2005 Mailed planning packets to law enforcement agencies statewide. A bi-state media event was conducted. Featured speakers included NHTSA Administrator Dr. Jeffrey Runge, Governor Dave Heineman, Iowa Administrator Kevin Techau, and others. The event featured law enforcement from both NE and IA and generated numerous television and radio features. Two radio ads were produced (NHTSA contractor handled distribution) to heighten awareness of the mobilization. Thirty-three agencies participated in the mobilization. Usage surveys reported 74% pre-wave and 77% post-wave belt usage. 173 media stories were generated regarding the mobilization.
- Provided on loan the Vince and Larry crash dummy costumes to organizations for 30 various school and community events. 22 of the events (73%) were held in target counties. The Buckle Bear costume was utilized for one event, in a target county. The airbag and various banners were used for one event in a target county.
- Contracted with The Buffalo Beach Company to conduct statewide observation surveys to determine safety belt, child safety seat usage, and motorcycle helmet usage.
 - "2005 Pre-mobilization Safety Belt Observation Survey" conducted between April 1 and May 8, observed usage at 75%, motorcycle helmet usage was 100%, with 30% of the helmets deemed to be of an illegal variety.
 - "2005 Annual Nebraska Safety Belt Survey" conducted between June 1 and July 10, 208 observations were made with results of 79.1% safety belt usage. Motorcycle helmet usage was 66% legal, 32.3% deemed illegal, and 1.7% not wearing helmets.
 - "2005 Observational Survey of Nebraska Child Safety Seat Use" conducted between August 1 and September 30, 994 observations were made. Of those, 84.3% were in child safety seats/boosters.

Results:

The goal to increase the occupant protection usage rate to 83.3% was not achieved. The objective to increase the knowledge of the general public regarding occupant restraint related information and education was achieved. The objective to educate and motivate law enforcement about the importance of strict enforcement of occupant restraint laws, the number of "No Child Restraint" and "No Occupant Protection" convictions resulted in the following: "No Child Restraint" convictions 10% 1-year decrease, 7% 2-year increase (1,728 in 2002, 2,063 in 2003, and 1,854 in 2004) and 21% 1-year decrease and 23% 2-year decrease (8,353 in 2002, 8,062 in 2003, and 6,398 in 2004) in "No Occupant Protection" convictions.

Funding:	Section 402:	\$68,599.14
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**Holt County Safe Communities
North Central District Health Department**

05-05

Program Areas:	Occupant Protection/Speed/Alcohol
Project Characteristics:	To reduce county drivers from unsafe practices, focusing on occupant protection, alcohol and speed issues
Type of Jurisdiction:	County
Jurisdiction Size:	11,551
Target Population:	Driver Population

Problem Identification:

In Holt County, the observed occupant restraint/protection rate (51.1%) is lower than the State rate (65.8%). Reported occupant restraint usage averaged 44.3% in 2001-2003. In the same three year time period there were a total of 1,586 speeding convictions in Holt County. The speed crash rate for Holt County is 3.50% compared to the State rate of 3.38%. Alcohol-related Fatal, A and B injury crashes total 10 for 2001-2003. The residents within Holt County will benefit from an intensive countywide educational effort focused on speed reduction, increasing occupant restraint and reducing alcohol impaired driving. There was insufficient data from the number of arrests resulting from DUI and MIP but the team felt some education in this area is appropriate. Local law enforcement, Central Nebraska Community Services and area school systems are participating on the Safe Communities team to provide a coordinated education effort. In order to impact this problem within the County, the number of speeding and unrestrained drivers must be reduced.

Goal and Objectives:

The goal is to reduce the fatal, A and B injury crashes by 10% (39) from the three-year baseline average of 41.

The identified objective was to bring together specific individuals within the county to participate in the Safe Communities Coalition. This group will assist in educational efforts and activities addressing the county's alcohol impaired driving, speeding and low occupant restraint problem. Law enforcement will be a critical component by actively enforcing the speed and occupant restraint laws. Other members will assist with the educational components of the plan.

- Increase public knowledge of speeding and occupant restraint problem by 50%.
- Increase reported occupant restraint by 5% from 51.1% to 54.8%
- Reduce alcohol-related fatal, A and B injury crashes by 10% from 10 to 9.
- Reduce the speed related crash rate by 5% from 3.5% to 3.33%
- Reach 75% of the county's youth ages 15-19, with an educational impaired driving message.

Strategies and Activities:

- Conducted pre and post public opinion surveys regarding the knowledge and attitudes of impaired driving, speed and occupant restraint, along with visual seatbelt surveys.
- Displayed wrecked vehicle in Holt County towns while either their prom or graduation was going on.
- Provided speed display board in two Holt County communities (O'Neill & Atkinson) to show driver at what rate of speed they are traveling.
- Provided Public Service Announcements to all Holt County Newspapers and radio stations and also provided two educational presentations regarding our focus areas.
- Obtained a listing of all licensed on and off sales liquor establishments through the Nebraska Liquor Commissioner. With that list we posted "You Drink & Drive. You Lose." posters and

“Designated Driving” stickers on all resale 6 packs of beer sold in the establishments within Holt County of who would give us permission.

Results:

- Conducted two public knowledge and opinion surveys on occupant protection, speed and alcohol related behaviors. The results of the first survey had room for education. The second survey had great improvement. The knowledge test we had an average increase of 7%. The improvement ranged from 2% to 15%. The greatest improvement was by 15% and it was asking what the legal limit was for driving with alcohol in your system.
- Conducting visual seatbelt surveys we acknowledged that we are making a difference in the number of unrestrained people for our numbers keep increasing slowly of the people properly restrained.
- Despite the effort to bring down the alcohol fatal, A and B injury crashes with drinking and driving PSA's, posters and stickers, the goal was not reached. Unfortunately we had a 30% increase from 10 to 13.
- Speed-related crashes decreased from 3.5% to 2.65%. Our goal was to reach 3.33% and we exceeded that.
- Displaying our wrecked vehicle in Holt County towns during their prom our graduation was a huge success. The vehicle was either parked on school property or else on the main street somewhere. Great comments were heard, and we believe it reached over 75% of the counties youth. However we could not give an exact number of youth it impacted for we did not have a way of measuring.

Funding:	Section 402:	\$4,123.35
	Other: Local	\$2,295.00
	Total Cost:	\$6,418.35

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**Hamilton County ACTS – Achieving Community Traffic Safety
Central Nebraska Community Services**

05-06

Program Areas:	Occupant Protection
Project Characteristics:	Intervention and education through the schools, media, law enforcement, senior centers, the general public and others
Type of Jurisdiction:	County
Jurisdiction Size:	9,403 residents
Target Population:	Drivers ages 15 through 34

Problem Identification:

According to Nebraska Health and Human Services, Hamilton County's motor vehicle death rate for 1997-2001 is 20.6 per 100,000 populations, higher than the State's rate of 17.6 per 100,000 and significantly higher than the Nebraska 2010 Health Goal of 12.0. The number of fatal, A and B injury crashes for the past three years has been 44 in 2001, 58 in 2002, and 49 in 2003. In Hamilton County the second leading cause of injury (1999-2000) is motor vehicle crashes at 83.0/100,000. This compares to Nebraska's rate of 69.0/100,000. Additionally, the leading cause of unintentional injury related death in young children is motor vehicle crashes.

One of the causes for the county's high motor vehicle death and injury rate is Hamilton County's low occupant protection use. In November 2003, CNCS' seat belt observation showed only 34.4% of drivers were buckled.

Goal and Objective:

The goal is to reduce by 10% the number of fatal, A and B injury crashes in Hamilton County from the baseline number of 49 (Standard Summary CY2003) to 44 crashes.

The objective is to bring together community participants to assist in education and intervention efforts.

- Increase the percentage of drivers and passengers of all ages using restraints by 10 percentage points from the baseline percentages established in the fall, 2004 CNCS Hamilton County observational assessment.
- Increase the knowledge of students, the target age of 15-34 year olds, and the general population about safe driving practices by 75% (375 of 500 residents).
- Partner with a minimum of 10 individuals or organizations to provide educational messages and intervention activities on the importance of safe driving practices.

Strategies and Activities:

- News releases were sent to the Aurora News Register eight times during the fiscal year and nine articles were printed about Hamilton County ACTS and related traffic safety news.
- Educational materials and resources were identified and ordered throughout the fiscal year.
- In February, Buckle Bear was used with the Aurora fourth grade class to promote seat belt usage. Aurora High School students heard a presentation in May from a student who was driving when he crashed his car and his best friend was killed.
- A presentation was made on older driver safety at the Senior Citizen center. Approximately 50-55 attended who received information on using vehicle restraints and winter driving.
- A presentation was made in November to 20 Head Start students and their parents. On April 1 and April 21 seat belt observations were held at Iams Company. The results fell short of the Nebraska Seat Belt Honor Roll requirements. June 1st and 2nd and July 6th and 7th observations were repeated at Iams with 90% and 95% usage observed. In September, the Iams Company

was honored at the Governor's Proclamation Day and received the Safety Belt Honor Roll Gold Award. STOP Traffic Safety Classes were conducted in January and April with 18 attending.

- A child safety seat check was held during the Aurora Health Fair in February. Educational information was distributed. In July the staff attended the Hamilton County Fair educating 60 children and parents at Kids Day Out. In August Buckle Bear was used for education at Phillips' National Night Out with approximately 35 children and 50 adults attended.
- In March conduct the first of two visual seat belt surveys for FY2005 at the same three designated traffic sites established in FY2004. The sites used were the same as last year, Hwys #14 & #34, 12th & "M" Street, and east of the high school. 718 vehicles were observed with 64.3% of drivers observed wearing seat belts, 61.4% of front seat passengers were buckled, and 100% child restraint use.
- In October 2004 a second seat belt observation was completed at the Aurora Memorial Hospital's parking lot to promote seat belt usage and safe driving practices. The results showed occupant restraint increased to 73.1% up from 8/8/04 when 63.3% were wearing seat belts.
- On June 3, and June 23 Simulated Intoxicated Driving Experience (SIDE) classes were conducted with 52 Aurora High School students. On July 14 SIDE classes were conducted in Henderson with 16 students attending.
- Celebrated ABC's Mobilization/Buckle Up America Week with special distribution of promotional messages. A news release was sent to local media. The Iams Health Fair was attended 5/25 and 5/26 during Buckle Up America Week. 150 participants were educated on safe driving practices.
- Conducted a Friday Night checkpoint at a fast food entrance on October 7 and August 5. In October 87 vehicles were observed with 63.2% of the drivers buckled, 68.9% of passengers using seat belts, and 100% child restraint use. On August 5, 48 vehicles were observed with 64.6% of drivers were using restraints, 59% of passengers were buckled, and 100% of children were restrained. All received educational materials and those buckled received Runza food and drink coupons. Runza Rex and Buckle Bear were used to enhance education.
- Conducted a Teddy Bear Blockade in conjunction with law enforcement's vehicle safety check in May by the State Patrol. The check was held in northern Hamilton County in the area of Hwy 14 and Hwy 66. 66 vehicles were checked with 90.9% of drivers using seat belts.
- The speed-reader board was used on Woodland Road from Dec. 6-12th and at the I-80 interchange on Highway 14 from Dec. 13-17th.
- Conducted a second visual seat belt survey at same sites designated in November 2003 to measure change in usage on September 30. A total of 726 vehicles were observed. Driver's seat belt usage was 65.6% buckled, 74.6% of the passengers were restrained and 91.7% of children were in child restraints.
- The Hamilton County goal and objectives are being carried out through two community groups: the Hamilton County Safety Committee and the Family Connections Committee. Deputy Sheriff Harold Sautter of Hamilton County ACTS attended seven of these committee meetings in FY 2005.

Results:

The goal to reduce fatal, A and B injury crashes by 10% in Hamilton was not met. The most recent statistics show 47 crashes for Hamilton County.

- Increase occupant restraint usage by 10 percentage points from the percentages observed in fall, 2004 was not met although the percentages remain high, 31% higher for drivers than when the project began in 2003, 38% higher for passengers, and 46% for children restrained. See the chart below.

Seat Belt Survey	Nov. 7, 2003	Oct. 1, 2004	Mar. 9, 2005	Sept. 30, 2005
Driver wearing belt	34.4%	76.1%	64.3%	65.3%
Passenger restrained	37.3%	75.5%	61.4%	74.6%

Child in safety seat	46.0%	100%	100%	91.7%
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- Increase the knowledge of students, the target age of 15-34 year olds, and the general population about safe driving practices by 75% (375 of 500 residents) was met. Over 1,000 residents were educated this fiscal year. Verbal and written surveys completed during nine activities showed over 75% of residents increased their knowledge about safe driving.
- Partnered with the following organizations, which include Aurora News Register, Memorial Hospital, Runza Restaurant, public schools, law enforcement, Family Connections Committee, Senior Center, Hamilton County Safety Committee, Head Start, and Iams Company.

All strategies planned were completed this year and the number of activities planned was exceeded. The in-kind non-federal funds projected were exceeded. The projected amount was \$3,450.00. \$5,918.63 was generated in volunteer hours, media coverage, and other donations.

Funding:	Section 402:	\$11,563.00
	Other:	\$ 5,918.63 In-kind – Non-Federal Funds

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**Colfax CLICS – Citizens Link Increasing Community Safety
Central Nebraska Community Services**

05-07

Program Areas:	Occupant Protection
Project Characteristics:	Intervention and education through the schools, media, law enforcement, senior centers, the general public and others
Type of Jurisdiction:	County
Jurisdiction Size:	10,441 residents
Target Population:	15 through 34 year olds and the Hispanic Community

Problem Identification:

According to Nebraska Health and Human Services, Colfax County's motor vehicle death rate for 1997-2001 is 27.9 per 100,000, significantly higher than the State's rate of 17.6 per 100,000 and more than double the Nebraska 2010 Health Goal of 12.0. The number of fatal, A and B injury crashes for the past three years has been 32 in 2001, 35 in 2002, and 37 in 2003. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for Hispanics age 1-44 and the third leading cause of death for Hispanics of all ages. At 26.2% Colfax County has the highest percentage of Hispanics in the State. Nebraska's overall minority population is at 12.7%. Colfax's is 27.0%.

There are several causes for the county's high motor vehicle death rate. First, of the 32 priority counties identified by NOHS, Colfax County's occupant protection use at 52.7% is one of the lowest in the State. Nebraska's rate is 65.8%. Colfax's youth (age 16-20) reported restraint use is much less than the State rate also. The county's rate is 57.7%. The State's percentage of youth reported use is 61.5%. A second cause of Colfax's high motor vehicle fatality rate is the Hispanic population is less likely to use seat belts compared to the population as a whole. As reported above, proportionately, Colfax County has a very high percentage of Hispanics. NHTSA reported in 2000, nationally seat belt use increased to 71%, but the last seat belt use rate recorded for Hispanics is 63%. According to Nebraska Health and Human Services for 1993, 1995, and 1997 Hispanic Americans were more likely than whites or African Americans in the state to be at risk for nonuse of seatbelts. Nonuse among Hispanics was 30% compared to 23 percent for each of whites and African Americans.

Other causes for the motor vehicle death rate have also been identified by NOHS. Colfax County ranks higher than the State in categories for crashes due to alcohol and speed. The rate for alcohol is 6.93 compared to the State rate of 4.24 per 100 million miles. The crash rate due to excessive speed is 4.95 per 100 million miles. This compares to the State rate of 3.38. Youth related crashes (16-20) are at a rate of 10.89 per 100 million miles. The State's rate is 12.31.

Goal and Objectives:

The goal is to reduce by 10% the number of fatal, A and B injury crashes in Colfax County from the baseline number of 37 (Standard Summary CY2003) to 33 crashes.

The objective of Colfax CLICS is to bring together community participants to assist in education and intervention efforts.

- Increase the number of drivers and passengers using restraints by 10 percentage points from the baseline percentages established in the fall, 2004 CNCS Colfax County observational assessment.
- Increase the knowledge of students, the target age of 15-34 year olds, the Hispanic population and the general population about safe driving practices by 75% (375 residents).
- Partner with a minimum of 12 individuals or organizations to provide educational messages and intervention activities on the importance of safe driving practices.

Strategies and Activities:

- Newspapers and radio stations featured Colfax CLICS and related traffic safety issues with news releases and PSA's throughout the year totaling \$2,475.05 in in-kind donations. All articles were sent in as published throughout the year.
- Materials were ordered, received, or downloaded off the Internet on a monthly basis in English and Spanish. Titles were included with each monthly report. In October 2004 a participant survey was drafted in English and Spanish and used throughout the year to measure participants' knowledge of safe driving practices.
- On January 31, 2005 contact began with Kendra Pena, Family Learning Center Director at Cargill Meat Solutions (formally Excel). Educational materials in Spanish were distributed throughout the year. August 3, 2005 Colfax CLICS staff attended the Cargill Health Fair providing safe driving education to over 750 attending. Surveys were distributed to evaluate participants' knowledge of traffic safety issues. 8/31/05 traffic safety information was provided in Spanish and English for Cargill's Labor Day Safety Push.
- On January 9, 16 persons attended a class to educate Spanish-speaking persons about safe driving practices completing a presentation at St. Augustine Catholic Church. Topics included seat belt safety, child passenger safety, and safe winter driving. The video, "Reduciendo Su Riesgo en un Accidente" was shown. Surveys were completed to evaluate the group's knowledge of traffic safety issues.
- On 10/20/04 and 9/7/05 presentations were completed on traffic safety and child passenger safety to a total of 13 teen mothers from Schuyler. 2/9/05 12 fourth and fifth graders recorded PSA's for National Child Passenger Safety Week. Seven of the children were Hispanic. 2/17/05 60 Kindergarten – second grade students were visited by Buckle Bear at Schuyler North Ward and given safety belt activity sheets. On 3/30/05, a presentation was completed to 175 Schuyler junior and senior high school students and 10 teachers and adults about the importance of seat belts and dangers of drinking and driving. About 70% in attendance were Hispanic.
- In March educational posters were distributed at the hospital. Alegent participated in July 16th's Safety Day.
- Present older driver safety information at the Senior Citizen center on 11/23/04. 60 seniors were educated on the topics of winter driving, buckling up, and seniors' driving. Those attending received educational materials.
- Educated preschool children about the importance of buckling up using Buckle Bear to enhance the presentation on 11/15/04 with 20 Schuyler Head Start children. Children received educational materials for themselves and their parents.
- Conducted an initial visual seat belt survey at the same sites designated in November 2003 to measure change in usage on 2/24/05. Vehicles observed that day totaled 1,083. The three locations used were the same as last year, Hwy 30 at Didier's Grocery, "A" Street & 11th by the post office, and 10 & Adams at the schools. Driver's observed buckled showed a 39% seat belt usage. Percent of front seat passengers using restraints was 30% and 64% of children observed were restrained.
- Completed safe driving education with parents of Head Start students in Spanish and English. 90% of families enrolled in Head Start are Spanish speaking. Presentations were given to Head Start parents on 12/10/04 with seven present (6 speaking Spanish only) and on 1/31/05 with 22 Spanish-speaking and five English-speaking adults attending. Staff provided information in both Spanish and English. Topics included winter driving, child passenger safety and buckling up. The Spanish version of "Reducing Your Risk in a Crash" was shown at both presentations.
- Conducted a Friday Night checkpoint at the Burrito House on June 8, 2005. Provided 50 people with safe driving information in both English and Spanish. One-third of the participants were Hispanic.

- News releases about "Click It or Ticket" was sent to local media and printed in the Schuyler Sun on May 19 in conjunction with ABC's Mobilization/Buckle Up America Week.
- The Teddy Bear Blockade was replaced with July 16th's Summer Safety Day held at Didier's Grocery Store parking lot in Schuyler with about 25 attending. CNCS had information available on safe driving in Spanish and English. Other community partners attending were Schuyler Alegent Memorial Hospital, Columbus Community Hospital, Platte Valley Chapter American Red Cross, Schuyler Volunteer Fire Dept. and ambulance crew, and Schuyler High School's Teen Mom group.
- On November 6, Colfax CLICS attended the Tune Up For Life Health Fair in Columbus with 500 attending from the area. May 13th- 15th staff attended Cinco de Mayo in Columbus.
- Conducted the second visual seat belt survey on 9/26/05 at same sites designated in November 2003. A total of 1,200 vehicles were observed. Driver's seat belt usage was 44.0% buckled, 33% of the passengers were restrained and 66% of children were in child restraints.
- Thirty- two community partners were sent invitations to the first meeting of the safety committee to be held November 10, 2005. The partners include law enforcement, healthcare professionals, church leaders, business leaders, school representatives, UNL Extension, The Schuyler Sun Newspaper, emergency workers, Cargill Meat Solutions, East Central District Health Dept., Head Start, and Prairie Valley Safe Kids Committee.

Results:

The goal to reduce fatal, A and B injury crashes by 10% in Colfax County from the baseline number of 37 to 33 was not met. The most recent statistics show 35 crashes for Colfax County

- Increase occupant restraint usage by 10 percentage points for all ages from baseline percentages established 9/04. According to Colfax CLICS' observations, driver's usage rose 8 percentage points from fall, 2004; passengers rose 6 percentage points, and child restraint usage fell from 70.8% to 66%. See the chart below for Colfax CLICS observation comparisons.

Seat Belt Survey	Nov. 25, 2003	Sept. 23, 2004	Feb. 24, 2004	Sept. 26, 2005
Driver wearing belt	42.5%	36.0%	39%	44%
Passenger restrained	22.2%	27.3%	30%	33%
Child in Safety Seat	63.3%	70.8%	64%	66%

- Increase the knowledge of students; the target age of 15-34 year olds, the Hispanic population and the general population about safe driving practices by 75% (375 of 500 residents) was met. Over 2,000 residents were educated this fiscal year, with the majority of those being in the target age group and Hispanic. Verbal and written surveys completed during thirteen activities showed over 75% of residents increased their knowledge about safe driving.
- Partner with a minimum of 12 individuals or organizations were met. Partners included the Schuyler Sun, Three Eagles Communications, Cargill Meat Solutions, the Family Learning Center at Cargill, St. Augustine Church, Alegent Health Care, Mary Didier, elementary school, high school, the probation officer, Columbus Community Hospital, Platte Valley Chapter American Red Cross, Schuyler Volunteer Fire Department and ambulance crew and Head Start staff.

All strategies planned were completed this year and the number of activities planned was exceeded. The in-kind non-federal funds projected were exceeded. The projected amount was \$3,600.00. \$4,245.05 was generated in volunteer hours, media coverage, and other donations.

Funding:	Section 402:	\$12,059.99
	Other	\$ 4,245.05 In-kind – Non-Federal Funds

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**Trauma Outreach Injury Prevention
Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation**

05-08

Program Areas:	Occupant Protection
Project Characteristics:	Intervention and education through the schools, media, law enforcement, the general public and others
Type of Jurisdiction:	Multi-county service area
Jurisdiction Size:	Buffalo, Dawson, Custer, Adams, Holt, Phelps
Target Population:	Licensed drivers 16-19 years of age

Problem Identification:

In 2003, the safety belt usage rate for Nebraska was 76% while the United States rate was 79% (Nebraska Office of Highway Safety, October 2003). In 2003, the safety belt usage rate for Buffalo County was 70.2%, nearly 6% below the state average. Data available from 2001 – 2003 for Buffalo County shows a decrease in observed occupant restraint usage from 2001 to 2002 (60.9% to 53.5%) and a significant increase from 2002 to 2003 (55.5% to 75.4%) (Nebraska Office of Highway Safety).

According to the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety, licensed drivers 16 to 19 years of age represent 8% of all licensed drivers (includes all LPD, SCP and POP permits). Sixty-seven percent of teen drivers involved in fatal and serious injury crashes were not using their safety belts.

The service area for the Trauma Outreach Injury Prevention Program includes the following counties of Buffalo, Custer, Dawson, Adams, Holt and Phelps.

Goal and Objectives:

The goal of this project is to continue to increase the occupant restraint usage in the Nebraska county of Buffalo during the funding period by 2% from 75.4% to 77.4%. In addition, the extension of this goal is to provide education and training opportunities to improve occupant safety to Dawson, Custer, Adams, Holt and Phelps counties.

The objective is to bring together law enforcement, school officials, health care providers and others to participate in the Trauma Outreach Injury Prevention Project. This group will assist with the educational efforts and various activities addressing the priority counties.

- Conduct six High School Seat Belt Events in Buffalo County.
- Provide ENCARE (Emergency Nurses CARE) programs on not drinking and driving, never riding with an impaired driver, always wearing your seat belt and the consequences of alcohol to Nebraska Safety Center Driver Education Programs and other Driver Education Classes across the area as requested, as well as entire middle and high school assemblies.
- Conduct "Click It Don't Risk It" special events.
- Represent Central Nebraska at statewide & local safety coalition meetings.
- Coordinate countywide safety programs with Safe Communities members.

Strategies and Activities:

- Conducted two seat belt surveys (11/11/04 and 11/18/04) and pledges from Kearney High School with 1,400 students and Kearney Catholic with 305 students. The first survey results: 69% wear seat belt when driving, 52% wear seat belts when a passenger, 59% have parents who wear seat belts, 74% said they are likely to wear their seat belt if their friends in the car are not wearing theirs, and 66% said they encourage others in the car to buckle-up. The second survey resulted in 1,154 out of 1,245 signing a pledge to wear their safety belt and insisting that all passengers buckle up. Letters with seat belt programs and information were sent to all high schools in Buffalo County for their consideration and invitation to participate. (Ravenna,

- Amherst, Gibbon, Shelton, Elm Creek, Wood River, and Pleasanton).
- Forty plus ENCARE presentations were given at local and regional driver education classes from the Emergency Nurses' Association. ENCARE program, "Dare to Care," in Kearney, Platte Valley Academy, Amherst, Anselmo/Merna, Broken Bow, Callaway, Elm Creek, Overton, Lexington, Gibbon, Hampton, Sargent/Burwell/Loup, Shelton, Twin Rivers/St. Edward, Wood River, Wayne, West Point, Franklin, Axtell, Minden, Grant, Holdrege, North Platte, Grant, Wausa, Wynot, Plainview, Madison and Ogallala.
- "Live to See the Sunrise, Think Don't Drink" cards were placed in area florist boxes and tux pockets during prom season.
- High School Assemblies were given to the Youth and Rehabilitation Treatment Center youth (150 students) and to the Platte Valley Academy.
- Four presentations to 158 third grade students on "Learning to Care" from ENCARE were presented during Red Ribbon Week.
- Holly was also named, Nebraska ENA/ENCARE Injury Prevention Chairperson for 2005-2006. She has participated on national conference calls and will spearhead activities related to this position
- Participated in many health fairs and booths promoting "Click It, Don't Risk It" messages and materials. The State Patrol also had the rollover demonstrator present when available. These included: Kearney – "Prime of Your Life Festival" for seniors; Kearney – Well Workplace Business Members; Kearney – "Cattleman Classic"; Kearney – Kidz Explore; and Univ. of Nebraska @ Kearney – Blue/Gold Fair.
- Helped EMS personnel delivered thousands of pamphlets and table tents for the annual "Click It Don't Risk It" promotion to area gas stations, restaurants, student unions, churches, high schools, and more.
- Participated as a member of the steering committee for "Click It, Don't Risk It."
- Coordinated a "Back to School" Safety week with emphasis on media education on slowing down in school zones, wearing seat belts, pedestrian safety and more. A yard sign contest was held, "Slow Down in Our Neighborhood," with the winning drawing being printed on 150 signs that were distributed throughout the county.
- Chaired the Buffalo County Safe Communities Committee with participants from the Kearney Police Department, Buffalo County Sheriff's Office, University of Nebraska-Kearney Safety Department, Nebraska Safety Center, Kearney High School, Good Samaritan Health Systems, SAFE KIDS, Two Rivers Health Department, Kearney Fire Department, Buffalo County Community Health Partners and more to ordinate efforts and enhance the safety of our county and it's residents. A major goal to establish a Driver Education Scholarship program was created during this year!
- Participated as a contributing member of the following local/county committees and coalitions: Buffalo County Youth Substance Abuse Prevention (SICA), Positive Pressure, Platte Valley SAFE KIDS, Buffalo County MADD, Regional Trauma Systems, UPRR – Operation Lifesaver, and a regional prevention advisory council for Region III.
- Participated as a contributing member to the following statewide committees/coalitions: Nebraska Office of Highway Safety Advocates, MADD-Impaired Driving Task Force, and Click It, Don't Risk It.

Results:

The goal was to continue to increase the occupant restraint usage in Buffalo County by 2% from 75.4% to 77.4%. The observed restraint use for Buffalo County for 2004 actually dropped to 74.4% from 2003 observed usage of 75.4%. However, this is a huge improvement from 2002 of 55.5%.

Funding:	Section 402:	\$14,677.90
	Other	\$38,490 In-kind – Non-Federal Funds

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**Alcohol/Program Coordination
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety**

05-09

Program Area:	Alcohol
Project Characteristics:	Program Support
Type of Jurisdiction:	Statewide
Jurisdiction Size:	1.7 Million
Target Population	Driver Population

Problem Identification:

Nebraska is predominantly rural with a population of 1.7 million people. There are 1.3 million licensed drivers and 2 million registered vehicles. Traffic crashes are a daily occurrence resulting in approximately 8,700 injured persons annually (includes Type A-disabling and Type B-visible, but not disabling injuries). In 2003, 6,682 fatal, A and B injury crashes occurred, killing 293 people and injuring another 8,652 people.

Alcohol was known to be involved in 100 (39%) of the 257 fatal crashes that occurred in Nebraska in 2003. Alcohol was involved in 941 (15%) of the 6,425 A and B injury crashes. Of the fatal, A and B injury crashes occurring in the nighttime (6:00 p.m. - 5:59 a.m.), 583 (32.1%) of 1,815 involved alcohol.

Arrest and conviction totals for Driving Under the Influence continued to rise (11,941, 13,091, and 13,415 arrests and 8,903, 9,778, and 10,639 convictions) from 2001 to 2003.

The coordination and assistance provide an essential element in a successful alcohol awareness program. In order to impact attitudes regarding alcohol and impaired driving among Nebraska's motoring public, technical support from the NOHS office in this concentrated area is necessary.

Goal and Objective:

The overall goal is to reduce alcohol-related fatal, A and B injury crashes by 4% (764) in 2005.

The objective of this project is to provide salary, benefits, travel, office expenses, etc. for NOHS staff to conduct the activities outlined in the *Nebraska's "Performance-Based" Strategic Traffic-Safety Plan*, October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005.

Strategies and Activities:

- Provided coordination support and assistance to alcohol-related/impaired driving projects involving funds from section 402 and incentive 410 and 163 federal funds.
 - Funding was provided for salaries/benefits, communication expenses, building rent/assessment, and vehicle rent/lease and travel expenses.
 - Provided federal highway safety assistance for Hearing Officer In-Service Training in which 25 people participated.
- Conducted desk monitoring and site visits for each alcohol-related project. The following alcohol-related projects were monitored:
 - Alcohol/Program Coordination; Alcohol/Public Information and Education; Alcohol/Equipment Support; Selective Overtime/Omaha Police Department, Traffic Training/NOHS; Alcohol/Selective Overtime, MADD Court Partnership, Operation Maddness-Alliance Police Department, Project Night Life-Omaha Police Department, Think B4U Wink- Hall County Sheriff's Office, DWI Prosecution Enhancement- City of Omaha Prosecution's Office, In Car Videos, Breath Testing Equipment, DRE Training and Re-certification, and 163/Statewide Evidentiary Equipment.

- Assisted and provided technical alcohol-related data, reports, and information to contractors, law enforcement agencies, state agencies, office staff, the public, legislature, etc.
 - Provided assistance to law enforcement agencies and organizations with scheduling, maintenance, deliver and return of the BAT mobile. Provided assistance in ordering supplies and evidentiary equipment. Also scheduled, provided supplies/course materials and assistance with the Drug Recognition Expert Training. Updated DRE information on the DRE Tracking system and processed certificates and re-certifications. Provide stats/charts/graph as requested.
- Attended/participated in highway safety seminars, conferences, workshops, meetings, training, etc. pertaining to impaired driving. Attended the following conferences, meetings, etc.:
 - DRE 2006 conference planning meetings in Kansas City, Missouri, Law Enforcement Workshop –NHTSA, DRE Regional Meetings in Kansas, DRE Update in August, DRE Pre-School in September, DRE (Drug Recognition Expert) 7 Day School in October, and Law Enforcement Luncheons in Alliance, Pierce and Lincoln, and staffed a booth at the Nebraska Safety Council Safety & Health Conference.
- Constructed tables, graphs, charts and other tabular and/or illustrative materials to present visual summary of analyzed specific data (alcohol-related traffic statistics).
 - Revised and updated information on arrest/conviction totals, fatalities, .08, BAC, DUI/alcohol crash, interstate, motorcycle, motor vehicle homicide, etc. Provided as requested.
- Reviewed and kept up to date on NHTSA Rules and Regulations regarding federal funding. Ongoing as information is provided.
- To perform daily all routine NOHS activities and assignments in regards to alcohol-related/impaired driving requests, surveys, reports, etc.
 - Scheduled BAT mobile requests with law enforcement agencies, etc. Processed alcohol supply orders, invoices, deposited checks and completed mailings of simulators and PBT mouthpieces. Awarded mini-contract requests for alcohol projects, training, enforcement, equipment, and mobilizations and processed invoices. Review, edited, and mailed the “You Drink & Drive. You Lose” packets. Updated website with impaired driving statistics. Reviewed alcohol-related videos, Rules and Regulations for Alcohol Breath Testing Equipment, and evaluated alcohol grant applications.

Results:

The fatal, A and B injury crash data for CY2005 is unavailable from the Nebraska Department of Roads.

During 2004 there a total of 11,016 convictions for alcohol-related offenses occurred in Nebraska. On average 10,478 convictions occurred using the baseline CY2002-2004.

Funding:	Sections 402:	\$70,514.21
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**Alcohol Public Information and Education
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety**

05-10

Program Area:	Alcohol
Program Characteristics:	Educational Effort
Type of Jurisdiction:	32 Target Counties
Jurisdiction Size:	1,438,416
Target Population:	General Population

Problem Identification:

Nebraska is predominantly rural with a population of 1.7 million people. There are 1.3 million licensed drivers and 2.0 million registered vehicles. Traffic crashes are a daily occurrence resulting in approximately 22,000 injured persons annually. In 2003, 6,682 fatal, A, and B injury crashes occurred, killing 293 people and injuring another 8,652 people.

Alcohol was known to be involved in 100 (39%) of the 257 fatal crashes that occurred in Nebraska in 2003. Alcohol was involved in 941 (15%) of the 6,425 A and B injury crashes.

Arrest and conviction totals for Driving Under the Influence continued to rise (11,941, 13,091, and 13,415 arrests and 8903, 9,778, and 10,639 convictions) from 2001 to 2003.

The reduction of fatal and injury crashes requires the continued combined efforts of an informed public and dedicated government officials willing to address alcohol issues. A good working relationship, including resources and support for local officials, businesses, and others in the community, by the NOHS staff, is essential for improved compliance of impaired driving laws.

Goal and Objective:

The goal is to reduce alcohol-related fatal, A and B injury crashes by 4% (764) in 2005.

The objective of this project is to increase knowledge of the general public regarding alcohol-related crashes.

Strategies and Activities:

- Produced/purchased and distributed 13,847 alcohol-related materials (brochures and other educational items). Approximately 70% (9,721) were distributed to organizations within the Target Counties. In addition:
 - Loaned 93 alcohol-related videos to schools, community groups, and other organizations.
 - Purchased "Drunk Driving Loophole" DVD for the Court Administrator's office for training of judges.
 - Purchased two videos of four local TV news segments on sobriety checkpoints, dated 11/7/2004.
 - Fatal Vision goggles were loaned 5 times to schools, community groups, and other organizations.
 - Purchased a one-year subscription to "Impaired Driving Update" newsletter for reference by NOHS staff.
 - Provided copying, postage, and shipping boxes for alcohol-related materials.
 - The DMV-NOHS website was maintained and updated throughout the period with impaired driving related facts, statistics, resources, and related links.
 - Purchased 6,000 "Driving Under the Influence: A Crash Course" pamphlets, 5,000 in English and 1,000 in Spanish.
 - Acquired 300 pamphlets from NHTSA titled "The Detection of DWI Motorcyclists."

- Partnered with KOLN-KGIN television to provide traffic safety information with an alcohol theme on the media website. Impaired driving, travel information, work zone safety, "You Drink & Drive. You Lose." and video public service announcements were among the featured topics.
- 197 sport shirts with the logos of "You Drink & Drive. You Lose." and Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles were purchased and distributed to all Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles staff members to aid in promoting the mobilizations.
- Sponsored three Law Enforcement luncheons in Alliance, Pierce, and Lincoln to educate over 50 law enforcement officers on crash trends (national versus Nebraska), upcoming mobilizations and selective overtime grant application processes.
- Partnered with BlueCross BlueShield of Nebraska and Lamar Outdoor Advertising to produce 48 billboards with the message "Not the Holiday Lights You Want to See: Don't Drink & Drive". The billboards were posted for 6 weeks starting in November 2004 for National Drunk & Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month in Omaha, Lincoln, North Platte, Hastings, Grand Island, and Kearney. The billboards tie in with radio ads, which depict an officer stopping an impaired driver.
- "You Drink & Drive. You Lose." Mobilization: **DECEMBER 2004** Mailed 278 planning packets to law enforcement agencies. Twenty-one agencies participated in the mobilization. Of those agencies submitting activity summaries, 159 DWI/DUI arrests, 37 drug arrests, 63 DUS citations, and 50 warrant arrests were reported. Fifty-five media stories were generated regarding the mobilization. **AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2005** Mailed 278 planning packets to law enforcement agencies. Twenty-seven agencies participated in the mobilization, issuing 235 DWI/DUI arrests, 51 drug arrests, 88 DUS citations, and 41 warrant arrests. Fifty-nine media stories were generated regarding the mobilization. Reports of overall activity were compiled and submitted to NHTSA after both mobilizations.
- A statewide survey to determine public opinion regarding alcohol issues was not conducted.

Results:

The alcohol-related fatal, A and B injury crash data for CY2005 is unavailable from the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Funding:	Section 402:	\$21,662.06
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**Alcohol Equipment Support
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety**

05-11

Program Areas:	Alcohol
Project Characteristics:	Alcohol Testing Equipment
Type of Jurisdiction:	Statewide
Jurisdiction Size:	Over 300 Law Enforcement Agencies
Target Population:	93 Counties / 1,700,000

Problem Identification:

Alcohol was involved in 38.9% (100 / 257) of the fatal crashes in 2003. It remains as the single highest contributing factor in fatal crashes. Nebraska has approximately 100 evidentiary and 800 preliminary breath testing devices in use by state and local elements of the Criminal Justice System. Due to the lack of local resources, volume buying of supplies for efficient program operation is prohibitive. Down time of the equipment can also be a detriment to consistent alcohol operations.

Goal and Objectives:

The goal is to provide a revolving fund to maintain an inventory of alcohol equipment supplies, at the lowest cost available, to assist local law enforcement agencies in DWI enforcement efforts. Testing supplies, materials, and repairs will be issued upon request and invoiced at NOHS cost to participating agencies. Mouthpieces and evidence cards used in alcohol training and for the BAT Mobile will also be provided. The NOHS overall goal is to reduce alcohol-related fatal, A and B injury crashes by 4% from the 2005 projected number of 796 to 764.

Strategies and Activities:

- Maintain an inventory of mouthpieces, evidence cards, and repair components for alcohol testing equipment.
- Provide alcohol mouthpieces and evidence cards to local enforcement agencies; provide supplies for alcohol training, and to the BAT Mobile.
- Issue invoices for the cost of the alcohol supplies and for the alcohol equipment repair.
- Maintain a revolving fund for the alcohol equipment supplies.
- Schedule and provide the BAT Mobile to law enforcement agencies on a request basis in conjunction with NOHS Selective Enforcement Alcohol Mini-Contracts, roadside sobriety checkpoints, and special weekend enforcement efforts.
- Insure BAT Mobile Intoxilyzers are properly calibrated and that vehicle maintenance is conducted on the BAT Mobile.

Results:

- Provided 11,100 Evidentiary mouthpieces, 2,100 Intoxilyzer 5000 evidence cards, 58,500 pre-test mouthpieces, and 15 digital readout simulators to 164 sheriff, police, NSP, adult and juvenile correctional facilities, detox facilities, county attorneys, schools, and state probation agencies. The NOHS also provided 14 Nalco bottles for PBT calibrations.
- Provided 1,300 Evidentiary mouthpieces, 800 pre-test mouthpieces, and 400 evidence cards for training and demonstration purposes. Also provided one digital readout simulator.
- Purchased 30,000 evidentiary mouthpieces, 90,000 PBT mouthpieces, 6 DataMaster ribbons, 46 other DataMaster parts, 2 chopper motors (Intoxilyzer 5000), 25 Alco refills, 23 simulators, five .08 simulator solutions, and two BAT Mobile keys.
- Repaired four pre-testers and one Intoxilyzer 5000.
- All testing sites receiving alcohol-testing supplies were invoiced (100% of invoices received).
- The BAT Mobile was scheduled 22 times, used 10 times for Alcohol Selective/Roadside Sobriety Checks and 8 times for DWI Selectives. Six times the BAT Mobile was scheduled for use but due

- to manpower or mechanical problems activity was canceled.
- A representative from Department of Motor Vehicles properly maintains the BAT Mobile Intoxilyzers. A record of the maintenance can be found in the project file.
- Vehicle maintenance was conducted, as necessary, throughout FY2005. The BAT Mobile was also extensively detailed.

Funding:	Section 402:	\$ 30,189.92
	Income:	\$ 12,457.00
	Total Cost:	\$ 17,732.92

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**Selective Overtime Enforcement – Alcohol
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety**

05-12

Program Areas:	Police Traffic Services
Project Characteristics:	32 Priority Counties
Jurisdiction Size:	1,438,416
Target Population:	Impaired Drivers

Problem Identification:

Nebraska is predominantly rural with a population of 1.7 million people. Nebraska has 1.3 million licensed drivers and 2 million registered vehicles. Traffic crashes are a daily occurrence resulting in over 22,000 injured persons annually. In CY2003, 46,602 crashes occurred, killing 293 people and injuring another 21,984 people.

Alcohol was known to be involved in 100 (38.3 percent) of the 257 fatal crashes that occurred in CY2003. Alcohol was involved in 781 (11.6 percent) of the 6,682 fatal, A & B injury crashes in CY2003. Of the fatal, A and B injury crashes occurring in the nighttime (6:00 p.m. – 5:59 a.m.), 583 (31 percent) of the 1,870 involved alcohol.

Goal and Objective:

The goal is to reduce alcohol-related fatal, A and B injury crashes by 4% from the CY2005 projected number.

The objective of this project is to provide funding assistance through the “Mini-Grant Contract Application and Award” process to law enforcement agencies in the thirty-two priority counties to conduct selective overtime alcohol enforcement activities. Participating agencies will be provided funding assistance for the overtime salaries and mileage.

Strategies and Activities:

- To solicit participation from law enforcement agencies in the thirty-two priority counties to conduct selective alcohol overtime enforcement. Additional emphasis will be given to those counties targeted in the emphasis area of alcohol. Information regarding the availability of the “Mini-Grant Contracts” for selective alcohol overtime enforcement was forwarded to law enforcement agencies in the thirty-two priority counties and the Nebraska State Patrol.
- To ensure that all applicants comply with the pre-and post- award requirements as outlined in the application. The internal checklist was utilized to ensure that all applicants were in compliance with the project requirements.
- To award approximately 30 mini-grant contracts for selective alcohol overtime enforcement activity in the thirty-two priority counties. The applicants will identify the dates, locations and times from their baseline data. During the twelve month project period 137 mini-grant contracts were awarded. The mini-grant contracts were awarded as follows:
 - Albion Police Department – 1 contract;
 - Ashland Police Department – 1 contract;
 - Atkinson Police Department – 1 contract;
 - Auburn Police Department - 2 contracts;
 - Beatrice Police Department – 1 contract;
 - Bellevue Police Department - 4 contracts;
 - Blair Police Department – 1 contract;
 - Columbus Police Department - 3 contracts;
 - Cozad Police Department – 3 contracts;
 - Crete Police Department – 2 contracts;

Gering Police Department – 3 contracts;
 Grand Island Police Department – 9 contracts;
 Humphrey Police Department – 1 contract;
 Kearney Police Department – 1 contract;
 La Vista Police Department – 7 contracts;
 Nebraska City Police Department – 3 contracts;
 Norfolk Police Department – 1 contract;
 North Platte Police Department – 1 contract;
 Ogallala Police Department – 1 contract;
 Omaha Police Department – 5 contracts;
 Papillion Police Department – 2 contracts;
 Ralston Police Department – 1 contract;
 Scottsbluff Police Department – 12 contracts;
 South Sioux City Police Department – 2 contracts;
 Superior Police Department – 1 contract;
 University of Nebraska at Lincoln Police Department – 2 contracts;
 Antelope County Sheriff's Department – 1 contract;
 Box Butte County Sheriff's Department – 1 contract;
 Boyd County Sheriff's Department – 2 contracts;
 Buffalo County Sheriff's Department – 1 contract;
 Butler County Sheriff's Department – 1 contract;
 Cass County Sheriff's Department – 1 contract;
 Chase County Sheriff's Department - 2 contracts;
 Colfax County Sheriff's Department – 1 contract;
 Dakota County Sheriff's Department - 2 contracts;
 Dawson County Sheriff's Department – 3 contracts;
 Dodge County Sheriff's Department – 2 contracts;
 Douglas County Sheriff's Department – 5 contracts;
 Gage County Sheriff's Department – 3 contracts;
 Hall County Sheriff's Department – 8 contracts;
 Holt County Sheriff's Department – 2 contracts;
 Johnson County Sheriff's Department – 2 contracts;
 Lancaster County Sheriff's Department – 2 contracts;
 Lincoln County Sheriff's Department – 1 contract;
 Merrick County Sheriff's Department – 1 contract;
 Nance County Sheriff's Department – 1 contract;
 Nemaha County Sheriff's Department – 2 contracts;
 Phelps County Sheriff's Department – 1 contract;
 Platte County Sheriff's Department – 1 contract;
 Sarpy County Sheriff's Department – 4 contracts;
 Saunders County Sheriff's Department – 2 contracts;
 Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Department – 3 contracts;
 Seward County Sheriff's Department – 1 contract;
 Washington County Sheriff's Department – 1 contract;
 Nebraska State Patrol – 23 contracts; and,
 Nebraska Game and Parks Commission – 1 contract.

These 137 mini-grant contracts resulted in a total of 14,789 hours of selective alcohol overtime enforcement.

- To review the selective alcohol overtime enforcement activity for each mini-grant and process the reimbursement request. Reimbursement requests were reviewed and processed for all 137 mini-grant contracts.

Result:

The fatal, A and B injury crash data for CY2005 is unavailable from the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Funding:	Section 402:	\$497,048.67
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**Mothers Against Drunk Driving Court Partnership Program
MADD Nebraska, State Office**

05-13

Program Areas:	Alcohol
Project Characteristics:	Court monitoring DWI cases in the court system.
Type of Jurisdiction:	Gage, Lancaster, Saline and Saunders Counties
Jurisdiction Size:	Approximately 250,000 residents in the four counties
Target Population:	Driver Population

Problem Identification:

In Nebraska, the percent of alcohol-related traffic deaths in 2004 was 35, which is lower than the national percent of 41 and a decrease in alcohol-related fatalities. However, it is clear that MADD and Highway Safety Advocates have not been able to make substantial strides in recent years as the nation has stagnated at 40 percent alcohol-related traffic fatalities the last two years. The MADD Court Monitoring Program will focus on four target counties: Gage, Lancaster, Saline and Saunders. The state has a 75 percent conviction rate on the number of DUI arrests on average over 2002-04. The individual target counties' conviction rates, from 2002-04, are as follows: Gage – 70 percent (8% decline), Lancaster – 78 percent (18% increase), Saunders – 79 percent (8% increase) and Saline – 71 percent (6% increase). The conviction rates in Saline and Gage fall short of the state average. Lancaster and Saunders Counties show a marked improvement.

Goal and Objectives:

The goal to reduce fatal, A and B injury crashes by 5% in the four target counties (Gage, Lancaster, Saunders, and Saline).

	Three Year Average Fatal, A and B Injury Crashes	5% Reduction
Gage	314	298
Lancaster	3,383	3,214
Saunders	227	216
Saline	161	153

The objectives of this project is to:

- Increase the Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrests in the four target counties by 10 percent. Gage would move from 90 arrests to 99, Lancaster would move from 2,036 to 2,402, Saunders would move from 168 to 185, and Saline would move from 126 to 139. (NOHS 2004)
- Increase convictions in the four target counties by 10 percent: Gage from 63 to 69, Lancaster from 1,528 to 1,681, Saunders from 136 to 150, and Saline from 82 to 90. (NOHS 2004)

Strategies and Activities:

MADD Nebraska will maintain four new sites for MADD Court Monitoring by 2005-2006. The MADD Court Monitoring Program will focus on DWI cases that come through the courts. A solid court partnership will have a positive impact on enforcement, prosecution and adjudication.

Lancaster County: Met with the County Attorney, identified interns to assist with the Court Monitoring Program, worked on several High Visibility Enforcement checkpoints, sent three law enforcement officers to training (MADD National conference & Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws), public speaking to community and business sector regarding court monitoring and importance to MADD's mission, maintain strong working relationship with probation & utilize MADD Victim Impact Panels (VIP) for offenders.

Saline County: Met with County Attorney, no volunteers identified to date, High Visibility Checkpoints initiated with Crete Police Department, Crete Police Officer attended training (MADD National Conference,

Lifesavers Conference and Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws), several community speeches given throughout the year (Doane, local schools) regarding underage drinking and court monitoring program.

Saunders County: Met with the County Attorney, talked twice to MADD Chapter regarding Court Monitoring Program, High Visibility Checkpoints utilized.

Gage County: Met with County Attorney, Gage County Sheriff has implemented a High Visibility Checkpoint, located a MADD Victim Impact Panel in Gage & worked with Judges to utilize the MADD VIP program for offenders.

Results:

MADD's work with local law enforcement to increase high visibility law enforcement (i.e., "You Drink and Drive. You Lose." "Click It or Ticket" Campaign, 3-D Month and selective sobriety checkpoints) has been successful for law enforcement, volunteers, and the community. There has been an increase in checkpoints, over the last 12 months, in all target counties.

MADD will continue to monitor and report out at a later date if:

- there has been a 5% decrease in alcohol-related fatal, A and B injuries.
- there has been a 10% increase in DWI arrests in all target counties.
- there has been a 10% increase in convictions in all target counties.

Public Education and Awareness and MADD's *free* victim services were and will continue to be addressed during the grant fund period.

The MADD Victim Advocate will work with the community to inform them of the services MADD provides, at no cost to the victim, to those impacted by drunk driving.

Funding:	Section 402:	\$63,480.97
	Other: MADD	\$10,500.00
	Total Cost:	\$73,980.97

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**Selective Overtime Enforcement – Alcohol/Speed
Lincoln Police Department
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety**

05-14

Program Areas:	Police Traffic Services
Project Characteristics:	Saturation Patrol & Checkpoints
Type of Jurisdiction:	Metropolitan
Jurisdiction Size:	225,641
Target Population:	General Population

Problem Identification:

Nebraska is predominantly rural with a population of 1.7 million people. Nebraska has 1.3 million licensed drivers and 2 million registered vehicles. Traffic crashes are a daily occurrence resulting in over 22,000 injured persons annually. In CY2003, 46,602 crashes occurred, killing 293 people and injuring another 21,984 people.

Alcohol was known to be involved in 100 (38.9 percent) of the 257 fatal crashes that occurred in CY2003. Alcohol was involved in 781 (11.6 percent) of the 6,682 fatal, A and B injury crashes in CY2003. Of the fatal, A and B injury crashes occurring in the nighttime (6:00 p.m. – 5:59 a.m.), 583 of the 1,870 (31 percent) involved alcohol.

In CY2003, "Speed Too Fast For Conditions" and "Exceeding Speed Limit" were determined to be the major contributing human factors in 30 (11.6 percent) of the 257 fatal crashes that occurred in Nebraska. These two speed related factors also accounted for 622 (9 percent) of the 6,682 fatal, A and B injury crashes.

Goal and Objective:

The goal is to reduce alcohol-related fatal, A and B injury crashes by 4% from the CY2005 projected number and reduce the speed-related fatal, A and B injury crashes by 4% from the CY2005 projected number.

The objective of this project is to provide funding assistance through the "Mini-Grant Contract Application and Award" process to the Lincoln Police Department to conduct selective overtime alcohol and speed enforcement activities. The Lincoln Police Department will be provided funding assistance for the overtime salaries and mileage.

Strategies and Activities:

- To solicit participation from the Lincoln Police Department to conduct selective alcohol and speed overtime enforcement. Information regarding the availability of the "Mini-Grant Contracts" for the Lincoln Police Department's selective alcohol and speed overtime enforcement was forwarded to the Sergeant of the Traffic Division.
- To insure compliance with the pre-and post- award requirements as outlined in the application. The internal checklist was utilized to ensure the applications were in compliance with the project requirements.
- To award mini-grant contracts targeting specific dates throughout the 12 month period for selective overtime enforcement. The dates, locations and times will be identified by the Lincoln Police Department from their baseline data. During the 12 month project period three mini-grant contracts were awarded. These three mini-grants resulted in a total of 255 hours of selective overtime enforcement.

- To review the selective overtime enforcement activity for each mini-grant and process the reimbursement request. Reimbursement requests were reviewed and processed for all of the contracts.

Result:

The fatal, A and B injury crash data for CY2005 is unavailable from the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Funding:	Section 402:	\$9,268.18
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**Selective Overtime Enforcement – Alcohol/Speed
Omaha Police Department
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety**

05-15

Program Areas:	Police Traffic Services
Project Characteristics:	Saturation Patrol & Checkpoints
Type of Jurisdiction:	Metropolitan
Jurisdiction Size:	390,976
Target Population:	General Population

Problem Identification:

Nebraska is predominantly rural with a population of 1.7 million people. Nebraska has 1.3 million licensed drivers and 2 million registered vehicles. Traffic crashes are a daily occurrence resulting in over 22,000 injured persons annually. In CY 2003, 46,602 crashes occurred, killing 293 people and injuring another 21,984 people.

Alcohol was known to be involved in 100 of the 257 fatal crashes (38.9 percent) that occurred in CY2003. Alcohol was involved in 781 of the 6,682 injury crashes (11.6 percent) in CY2003. Of the fatal, A and B injury crashes occurring in the nighttime (6:00 p.m. – 5:59 a.m.), 583 of the 1,870 (31 percent) involved alcohol.

In CY 2003, “Speed Too Fast For Conditions” and “Exceeding Speed Limit” were determined to be the major contributing human factors in 30 (11.6 percent) of the 257 fatal crashes that occurred in Nebraska. Those two speed related factors also accounted for 622 (9 percent) of the 6,682 fatal, A and B type injury crashes.

Goal and Objective:

The goal is to reduce alcohol-related fatal, A and B injury crashes by 4% from the projected number for CY2005 and reduce the speed-related fatal, A and B injury crashes by 4% from the projected number for CY2005.

The objective of this project is to provide funding assistance through the “Mini-Grant Contract Application and Award” process to the Omaha Police Department to conduct selective overtime alcohol and speed enforcement activities. The Omaha Police Department will be provided funding assistance for the overtime salaries and mileage.

Strategies and Activities:

- To solicit participation from the Omaha Police Department to conduct selective alcohol and speed overtime enforcement. Information regarding the availability of the “Mini-Grant Contracts” for the Omaha Police Department’s selective alcohol and speed overtime enforcement was forwarded to the Lieutenant of the Traffic Division.
- To insure compliance with the pre-and post- award requirements as outlined in the application. The internal checklist was utilized to ensure the applications were in compliance with the project requirements.
- To award mini-grant contracts targeting specific dates throughout the 12 month period for selective overtime enforcement. The dates, locations and times will be identified by the Omaha Police Department from their baseline data. During the twelve month project period one mini-grant contract was awarded for selective overtime enforcement activities on specific dates beginning October 31, 2004 and concluding on August 2, 2005. The selective overtime enforcement resulted in an additional 1,031 hours of enforcement.

- To review the selective overtime enforcement activity for each mini-grant and process the reimbursement request. Reimbursement requests were reviewed and processed for all of the contracts.

Result:

The fatal, A and B injury crash data for CY2005 is unavailable from the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Funding:	Section 402:	\$44,098.48
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Operation MADDNESS
City of Alliance Police Department / Box Butte County Sheriff's Office

05-16

Program Areas:	Alcohol
Project Characteristics:	Impaired Driving Enforcement
Type of Jurisdiction:	County
Jurisdiction Size:	12,158 Residents of Box Butte County
Target Population:	Driver Population

Problem Identification:

In Box Butte County, drunk drivers and other alcohol related crimes exceeded the state rate. The DUI arrests in Box Butte County averaged 120 from 1999 through 2004. During this six-year period there were fourteen fatal crashes with alcohol being a factor in six. There were forty-three injury crashes involving alcohol.

In the City of Alliance over the past six years we averaged 26 juvenile impaired driving arrests per year. The youngest was 14 years of age. Juveniles arrested for drunk driving account for 25% of the total number of DUI arrests. Juvenile drinking within our jurisdiction is a major problem. Minor in Possession arrests average 60 per year. There would probably be more, but due to the rural environment of our county many of the juvenile parties are held in isolated locations in the county.

In Box Butte County there are social events throughout the year where drinking occurs even with our attempts to stop this activity. Box Butte County hosts a county fair each year and the City of Alliance hosts their annual Heritage Days Festival. During these events we have an increase in the use of alcohol.

Goal and Objectives:

The goal will be to reduce fatal, A and B injury crashes by 10% in 2005 in Box Butte County from 41 to 37.

The objectives of this project are as follows:

- Provide a strong offensive role in the area of drunk driving arrests and education.
- Increase traffic patrols within our community and the county to raise the awareness and prevention of crashes before they occur.
- Increase the number of traffic citations by 5%.
- Reduction of number of fatal, A and B injury crashes by 5%.
- Utilize a combined task force with the Box Butte County Sheriff's Office to reduce crashes and drunk driving arrests and increase citations.

Strategies and Activities:

- Educational classes were held with students on underage drinking and the repercussions of being arrested.
- Public Service Announcements were conducted for summer safety for motorcycle operation and summer events.
- Conducted a meeting with MADD representative (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) for their support and assistance during the summer months and County Fair.
- The motorcycle and officer were used during the health fair for awareness and drivers' safety tips and community contacts. The motorcycle is a very positive part of the police department and is utilized as much as possible all year around.

Results:

- The motorcycle officer was involved in a crash and the motorcycle was out of commission from June 2005 through August 2005.

- From January 2005 through October 2005 Sergeant Digmann put 4,195 miles on the motorcycle averaging 400 miles per month.
- The motorcycle officer was responsible for 165 traffic citations, investigated eight crashes, and had two minor in possession arrests and five drunken driving arrests, along with 202 community contacts.
- Through ten months of the year the Alliance Police Department was responsible for 60 DUI arrests, 50 Minor in Possession arrests, 74 serious traffic arrests (DUS, Reckless Driving, etc.) and 255 traffic citations, and 1,241 traffic warnings. The Department investigated 265 traffic crashes that resulted in five DUI arrests.
- Traffic citations increased by 9% during this period.
- Crashes were down 19% overall.
- Fatal, A and B injury crashes decrease by 8%.

Funding:	Section 402:	\$20,000.00
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**Project Night Life
Omaha Police Department**

05-17

Program Areas:	Police Traffic Services, Young Driver Population
Project Characteristics:	High Visibility, Public Information, Innovative Approach
Type of Jurisdiction:	City of Omaha
Jurisdiction Size:	391,000
Target Population:	Young Driver (15-19) Population

Problem Identification:

Driver's ages 15 to 19 years of age have a disproportionate number of crashes for the size of the population. During the time frame of midnight and 6:00 a.m., 15 to 19-year olds are responsible for 17.4% of motor vehicle crashes; yet only make up 6.2% of the driver population. There is a similar, but greater spike during the 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. timeframe, the after-school hours. During this timeframe, 15-19 year olds are responsible for 30% of the motor vehicle crashes, while still only comprising 6.2% of the driver population.

Sixteen to nineteen year olds were responsible for 15 out of 120 fatal crashes over the 3-year period between 2000-2002, which is a disproportional 12.5% of fatal crashes. Fifteen to nineteen year olds were involved in 4,475 personal injury crashes over the same 3-year period, accounting for 15% of crashes involving personal injuries.

The City of Omaha faces a unique problem. It is surrounded by jurisdictions of substantial size, many of which have enacted teen curfews. This creates the teen population surrounding jurisdictions to come to Omaha, where there is currently no curfew. This causes an increase in the motoring public, as well as the risk of crashes among the target population. Despite the increase into Omaha after midnight, the City Prosecutor's Office advises that there have been few citations issued for violation of the Provisional Operator's Permit (POP) state statute. There is a great need to enhance the awareness of this statute and enhance the enforcement of its restrictions.

Goal and Objectives:

The goal is to reduce fatal, A and B injury crashes by 5% among drivers ages 15 to 19 within the first year of operation. Selective enforcement operations targeting drivers with a POP will enforce the state's graduated driver licensing (GDL) provisions.

The project will seek to enhance educational efforts in the areas graduated driver licensing. This educational awareness will focus on local law enforcement agencies, particularly those officers directly affected by the restriction hours placed within the statute. The educational efforts will also seek to educate parents, teens, school administrators, and other affected community members who may be directly affected by the POP and its restrictions. Educational awareness will include the need for adhering to the provided restrictions and the penalties for failing to abide by these restrictions.

The project will also seek to identify target populations who are engaging in street racing activities; identifying the times and places where these drivers congregate; and engaging in selective enforcement in these types of activities.

Strategies and Activities:

This project will select an experienced officer that will aggressively address the objectives, trained to devote time, education, awareness, and traffic enforcement in problem target areas.

The project will seek a 5% reduction in young driver Fatal, A and B injury crashes or 34 fewer crashes in the first year of operation. Capitalizing on this with enhancement of the project, a 10% reduction, 67 fewer fatal crashes, would be sought over a 3-year period. In addition, a 5% reduction in all young driver motor vehicle crashes, estimating a reduction of approximately 215 fewer crashes in the first year and approximately 645 fewer crashes over a 3-year time period. Additional methods implemented will consist of:

- Increased Training. Provide in-service training to local area law enforcement officers; targeting those officers working the shifts where the POP restrictions are in effect.
- Enhancing Parental Control and Public Education. Education of parents, teens, and community members, targeting the population of 15 to 19-year old drivers. Educating on the restrictions of the POP, enforcement efforts, and educational awareness.
- Crash Reduction: Schedule selective enforcement during the hours of 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- POP Restrictions. Schedule selective enforcement operations that will focus during the hours of 12:00 a.m.- 6:00 a.m. where restrictions of the POP are in violation.
- Street Racing Violations. Identify the population of drivers who are engaging in street racing activities. Identify the target areas and focus enforcement efforts to reduce this type of activity, including focusing on spectators as well as participants.

Results:

- Provided one large presentation at the end of the school year to approximately 200 people.
- Provided in-service training late shift officers affected by the POP restrictions.
- Provided information to surrounding jurisdictions regarding Project Night Life, its goals, strategies, and information of the POP and street racing activities.
- Identified various hot spots for selective enforcement operations.
- Participated with press releases and information to the news media.
- Logged 395 hours of selective enforcement and related activity.
- Issued 578 official and warning traffic citations which included, 41 DUI's, 11 Driving Under Suspension, 8 drug violations; 14 minor in possessions, 4 Open Container arrests, 19 arrests for warrants or other violations, 578 speeding citations and warnings, and issued 39 occupant restraint violation citations and warnings.
- Established a working relationship with the Mid-American Motorplex that holds driver-training programs and offers alternatives to street racing for younger drivers.

Funding:	Sections 402:	\$ 49,583.09
	Other:	\$ 20,000.00
	Total Cost	\$ 69,583.09

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**Think B4U Wink
Hall County Sheriff's Office**

05-18

Program Area:	Youth Alcohol
Project Characteristics:	Public Information and Education Innovative Approach High Visibility
Type of Jurisdiction:	RURAL – thirty-six county area across Nebraska
Jurisdiction Size:	Population Approximately 521,459
Target Population	Primary – Parents and other adults Secondary – underage youth

Problem Identification:

The rural Nebraska area continues to have a significant problem with underage drinking and the consequences. Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles statistics for 2001, 2002 and 2003 reveal 195 fatal and injury crashes. These were all alcohol related, in the thirty-six county Think B4U Wink (TB4UW) areas, involving drivers less than twenty-one years of age.

The Nebraska Office of Highway Safety (NOHS) identifies seventeen of the thirty-six counties as FY05 priority counties. Alcohol is easily obtained and widely used by minors in the thirty-six county areas. Underage drinking combined with vehicles results in deaths, injuries and other risky behaviors. Alcohol is the drug of choice for youth. Lack of parental monitoring, communication and support are significantly related to drinking among adolescents. Many parents are “enablers” and are not accepting their responsibility to deter underage drinking.

Goals and Objectives:

The goal is to reduce Youth-Involved/Alcohol-Related fatal, A and B injury crashes by 10% from the CY2005 projected number in the thirty-six TB4UW counties.

The objectives of this project are:

- To educate adults to the consequences of allowing underage drinking.
- To reduce the number of underage drinkers in Central Nebraska.
- To reduce the number of alcohol related vehicle crashes attributed to underage drinking.
- To alter the community perception in regard to underage drinking.

The objectives will be achieved by soliciting the participation of the law enforcement agencies in the thirty-six Think B4U Wink counties, gaining their commitment to the program and assisting them in the implementation of the program in their jurisdiction.

Strategies and Activities:

- To solicit interest, commitment and participation in the TB4UW program within the identified counties and communities. The following sixty-four law enforcement agencies have indicated their commitment and participation in the TB4UW program.

Sheriff's Departments

Adams
Antelope
Boone
Box Butte
Brown
Buffalo
Butler
Chase
Clay

Police Departments

Albion
Aurora
Beatrice
Broken Bow
Central City
Columbus
Cozad
Crete
David City

Colfax
 Custer
 Dawson
 Deuel
 Gage
 Garfield
 Hall
 Hamilton
 Holt
 Howard
 Harlan
 Jefferson
 Kearney
 Keith
 Lincoln
 Merrick
 Nuckolls
 Phelps
 Platte
 Polk
 Saline
 Scotts Bluff
 Seward
 Thayer
 Valley
 Webster

Fairbury
 Gering
 Gothenburg
 Grand Island
 Harvard
 Hastings
 Holdrege
 Kearney
 Lexington
 Milford
 Minden
 Norfolk
 North Platte
 Ogallala
 Schuyler
 Scottsbluff
 St. Paul
 Superior
 Sutton

Nebraska State Patrol – Troop C

- To schedule and conduct compliance check training seminars for law enforcement agencies participating in the TB4UW program. Two training seminars were conducted in November of 2004.
- To encourage law enforcement agencies participating in the TB4UW program to conduct two compliance checks annually. Twenty-nine compliance checks were conducted by the law enforcement agencies involved in the TB4UW program.
- To contact licensed drinking and off-sale establishments in the TB4UW jurisdictions to participate in the TB4UW program. All businesses were contacted.
- To produce 30 second radio and television PSAs to air in the TB4UW counties and solicit donated space for billboards. The PSAs were completed and distributed. Billboard space was donated for seventeen billboards.
- To produce a second video featuring emergency room doctors and other medical personnel from across the TB4UW area. The video was completed and distributed in June 2005.
- To assist law enforcement agencies to commit officers to deliver the TB4UW message in their jurisdiction. Forty-nine presentations were made by the law enforcement agencies participating in the TB4UW program.

Funding:	Section 402:	\$19,588.19
	Other:	\$48,750
	Total Cost:	\$68,338.19

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**Youth Public Information and Education
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety**

05-19

Program Area:	Identification & Surveillance
Project Characteristics:	Educational Effort
Type of Jurisdiction:	32 Target Counties
Jurisdiction Size:	1,428,416
Target Population:	Teenage Population

Problem Identification:

Nebraska is predominantly rural with a population of 1.7 million people. There are 1.3 million licensed drivers and 2.0 million registered vehicles. Traffic crashes are a daily occurrence resulting in approximately 8,700 injured persons annually. In 2003, 6,682 crashes occurred, killing 293 people and injuring another 8,652 people.

There were 126,949 licensed young drivers (between the ages of 16 and 20) in Nebraska in 2003. These drivers account for 9% of the total licensed drivers in the state. However, this age group is highly over represented in crash involvement as the following chart demonstrates.

	2003 Fatal, A, and B Type Crashes	2003 Fatal, A, and B Type A/R* Crashes
Age of Driver		
16 – 20 Year Old	2,265	204
All Drivers	6,682	1,041
Baseline 2000-2002		
Proportion of 16 – 20 Year Old Drivers	35%	23%

*Alcohol-Related

Young drivers are also over represented in traffic violations. Convictions in 2003 for traffic violations for this age group comprised approximately 11% of DUI convictions, 28% of safety belt convictions, and 20% of speeding convictions.

In 1994, the Nebraska Unicameral passed Zero Tolerance legislation. According to the “.02 Law” it is unlawful for individuals less than 21 years of age to operate a motor vehicle with a BAC higher than .02. In 2003, there were 59 convictions for .02 violations.

The reduction of fatal and injury traffic crashes requires the continued combined efforts of an informed public and dedicated government officials willing to address youth issues. A good working relationship, including resources and support for local officials, businesses, and others in the community, by the NOHS staff, is essential for improved compliance of motor vehicle laws by youth.

Goal and Objective:

To reduce youth-involved (ages 16 through 20), fatal, A and B injury crashes by 4% (2,088) in 2005.

Strategies and Activities:

- Produced/purchased and distributed 8,478 youth related traffic safety materials (brochures and other educational items). Approximately 71% (6,043) were distributed to organizations within the NOHS target counties. In addition:
 - Loaned 48 youth-specific videos to schools, law enforcement, and other organizations.

- Acquired 5,000 “Dead People Don’t Wear Safety Belts” pamphlets. (4,200 English & 800 Spanish)
- The DMV-NOHS website was maintained and updated throughout the period with current youth traffic safety related facts, statistics, resources, and related links.
- Partnered with the various divisions of the Department of Motor Vehicles to edit the 28-page workbook “Getting Your Drivers License in Nebraska: a guide for teens.” Approximately 28,100 workbooks were produced and distributed to all public and private schools and ESUs serving 15-year-old students.
- Maintained and provided the Fatal Vision® impairment simulation kits to organizations for 45 events, 73% (33) held in target counties, to discourage impaired driving.
- Awarded a mini-grant to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Educational Psychology department for a web-based brief alcohol intervention program with localized motivation feedback for college students.
- A statewide survey to determine public opinion regarding youth issues was not conducted.

Result:

The fatal, A and B injury crash data for CY2005 is unavailable from the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Funding:	Section 402:	\$55,089.25
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**DWI Prosecution Enhancement Grant
Omaha City Prosecutor's Office**

05-20

Program Areas:	Alcohol
Project Characteristics:	DWI Prosecution
Type of Jurisdiction:	County
Jurisdiction Size:	475,000
Target Population:	Alcohol-Impaired Drivers in Douglas County

Problem Identification:

Highway Safety grants to the Omaha Police Department for DWI Enforcement Activities have had their intended effect. The number of DWI arrests and prosecutions has increased greatly. In 2003, the Office processed 4,800 DWI arrests; a 40% increase over the previous two years. This increase has overtaxed the Court's calendar. Processing times have skyrocketed from six weeks to twenty-two weeks. At times 600 DWI cases are scheduled for trial during a month. These delays and workloads impair our ability to prevail at trial. Already several cases have been dismissed because they were not tried within the six months required by statute. Other cases are threatened because of witness unavailability or an officer's inability to recall distant events. In order to reduce this backlog and to increase the conviction rate, it is imperative that the number of prosecutors and support staff devoted to DWI prosecution increase.

A bulging court DWI docket has caused case processing to exceed Supreme Court standards and has led cases to be dismissed for violating state speeding trial statutes. The lowering of the legal standard to .08 and law enforcement's vigorous use of Nebraska Office of Highway Safety mini-grants precipitated this.

Goal and Objectives:

The goal is to have ninety percent of DWI bench and jury trials scheduled no more than twelve weeks after arraignment during the funding period.

The objectives of this project are to schedule the trial date for 90% of DWI cases within twelve weeks of arraignment and to change court and prosecution procedures to accommodate a 10% increase in DWI cases.

Strategies and Activities:

- In October an additional prosecutor was hired to handle DWI cases and started training in November. This additional prosecutor has resigned as of September 30, 2005. After training he filed charges in 1,500 cases and made appearances in 10,000 cases.
- In October, an administrative clerk was hired and began training in November to assist with the processing of DWI paperwork. Upon resignation in February a new replacement has been hired and is still working in this position.
- Worked with the Presiding Judge, Court Administrator, and Chief Bailiff to open a second traffic trial court. This necessitated changing and coordinating assignments for Judges, bailiffs and courtroom security staff. Without our Grant Prosecutor, we would not have been able to staff this additional trial courtroom and would not have been able to improve our DWI case processing times. The Douglas County Court also witnessed changes in personnel losing both the Court Administrator and the Chief Bailiff. With the support of the Presiding Judge, we have been able to work with their successors to maintain our momentum.
- Reduced case processing times by eliminating missed DWI arraignments by persons in jail on other charges. In many cases, delays in processing DWI cases are caused by defendants willfully failing to appear in court. However, we found that in Douglas County, upwards of ten percent of our DWI failures to appear were not willful; these cases consisted of persons in the Douglas

County jail on other charges who were not transported to court when they should have. Apparently, no one had access to a database that listed which prisoners were due in court. Each of these 'failures to appear' delayed the case progression by an average of thirty days. During the Grant Year, we prompted an examination of this problem and developed a solution. Now there is a computer program and procedures in place to ensure that everyone with a court date, arraignment or trial is brought to court on time.

- Worked with the City of Omaha's computer support team (DotComm) and the State Court's Justice personnel to devise a computer program that would assign trial times in coordination with the work schedules of the arresting police officers. It was tested this past spring and fully implemented during the summer. This coordination encourages witness attendance. As a result fewer cases are continued or reset for trial and our DWI case processing time improved.
- Shorten DWI case processing times by reducing the number of trial continuances necessitated by police officer unavailability. A review of our DWI case processing was undertaken to ascertain how successful our efforts were. We looked at approximately 3,000 closed cases prosecuted during the Grant Year and 33% were handled within three weeks, 73% were concluded within 35 days and 90% of the cases reached a disposition within twelve weeks. Only 10% of the cases took more than twelve weeks from arraignment to be resolved.

Results:

The addition of a prosecutor dedicated to DWI cases permitted us to meet the challenge set out for FY2005.

- The number of persons arrested for DWI continued to increase. During the first nine months of 2005, the Omaha Police Department arrested 17% more people for DWI than the same period in 2004 (3,837 v 3,273).
- Overall, in Douglas County, the number of new misdemeanor DWI case filings rose to four thousand nine hundred sixty-five (4,965) from the average of 4,800 in the past two years.
- An estimated 1,000 additional cases were carried over from the previous year.
- Each court day approximately 100 cases were scheduled for trial; 30 of which contained a DWI charge.

Funding:	Section 402:	\$83,916.09
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**Youth/Program Coordination
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety**

05-21

Program Areas:	Identification & Surveillance
Project Characteristics:	Program Support
Type of Jurisdiction:	Statewide
Jurisdiction Size:	1.7 Million
Target Population	Youth Driver Population

Problem Identification:

Nebraska is predominantly rural with a population of 1.7 million people. There are 1.3 million licensed drivers and 2 million registered vehicles. Traffic crashes are a daily occurrence resulting in approximately 8,700 injured persons annually (includes Type A-disabling and Type B-visible, but not disabling injuries). In 2003, 6,682 fatal, A and B injury crashes occurred, killing 293 people and injuring another 8,652 people.

There were 126,949 licensed young drivers (between the ages of 16 and 20) in Nebraska in 2003. These drivers account for 9% of the total licensed drivers in the state. However, this age group is highly over represented in crash involvement as the following chart demonstrates.

Young drivers are also over represented in traffic violations. Convictions in 2003 for traffic violations for this age group comprised 11% percent of DUI convictions, 28% of safety belt convictions, and 20% of speeding convictions.

In 1994, the Nebraska unicameral passed Zero Tolerance legislation. According to the "02 Law" it is unlawful for individuals less than 21 years of age to operate a motor vehicle with a BAC higher than .02. In 2003, there were 59 convictions for .02.

The reduction of fatal and injury traffic crashes requires the continued combined efforts of an informed public and dedicated government officials willing to address youth traffic safety issues. A good working relationship, including resources and support for local officials by the NOHS staff, is essential for improved compliance of motor vehicle laws by youth.

The coordination and assistance provide an essential element in a successful youth traffic safety program. In order to impact young drivers attitudes, it is necessary for NOHS office to provide technical support to Nebraska's teen motoring public.

Goal and Objective:

The goal is to reduce youth-involved fatal, A and B injury crashes, ages 16 through 20, by 4% (2,088) in 2005.

The objective of this project is to provide salary, benefits, travel, office expenses, etc. for NOHS staff to conduct the activities outlined in the *Nebraska's "Performance-Based" Strategic Traffic-Safety Plan*, October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005.

Strategies and Activities:

- Provided coordination support and assistance for youth/teen driver projects involving funds from section 402 and Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) fund.
 - Funding was provided for salaries/benefits, communication expenses, building rent/assessment, and vehicle rent/lease and travel expenses.

- Conducted desk monitoring and on-site visits for each youth/teen driver project. The following youth/teen driver projects were monitored:
 - Youth/Program Coordination; Youth/Public Information & Education; Think B4U Wink and Project Extra Mile (PEM) in Omaha.
- Assisted and provided technical youth/teen driver data, reports, and information to contractors, law enforcement agencies, state agencies, office staff, the public, legislature, etc.:
 - This activity is handled on a daily ongoing basis. Completed work on OJJDP financial and final reports, etc.
- Attended/participated in highway safety seminars, conferences, workshops, meetings, training, etc. to promoting youth/teen driver information. Attended the following conferences, meetings, etc.:
 - Nebraska Underage Drinking Task Force meeting.
Participated in teleconferences with numerous PIRE/OJJDP/PEM sites (Adams, Colfax, Douglas, Hall, Platte, Sarpy, and Scotts Bluff), and Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD),
Project Extra Mile Meeting,
Project Extra Mile Recognition Dinner,
Youth Leadership Training for Project Extra Mile,
Liquor Control Commission Committee Hearings, and
made teen driver presentations to schools and staffed a booth at Concordia University Health & Wellness Day.
Also, made presentations to Hawthorne Elementary, McCool Junction high school plus staffed a booth at the Nebraska Safety Council Safety & Health Conference.
- Constructed tables, graphs, charts, and other tabular and/or illustrative materials to present visual summary of analyzed specific data (youth/teen driver-related statistics).
 - Revised and updated information on teen driving, safety belt use, impaired driving, and provisional operators permits, Zero Tolerance, etc. Provided as requested.
- Reviewed and keep updated of NHTSA Rules and Regulations regarding 402 and OJJDP federal funding.
 - Completed application for 402 and OJJDP funding. Research OJJDP grant information and reviewed former applications for discretionary grant.
- Performed daily all routine NOHS activities and assignments in regards to youth/teen driver requests, surveys, reports, video, etc.
 - Processed purchase requisitions, envelopes and labels for mailing to schools announcing "Getting Your Driver License" booklets. Reviewed current videos on teen drivers. Completed mini-grants regarding youth/teen traffic safety requests by law enforcement agencies, organizations, and schools. Provided information on SADD to schools. Updated website with teen drivers stats.

Results:

The fatal, A and B injury crash data for CY2005 is unavailable from the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Funding:	Sections 402:	\$32,875.17
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**Traffic Safety/Program Coordination
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety**

05-23

Program Areas:	Identification & Surveillance
Project Characteristics:	Program Support
Type of Jurisdiction:	Statewide
Jurisdiction Size:	1.7 Million
Target Population	Driver Population

Problem Identification:

Nebraska is predominantly rural with a population of 1.7 million people. There are 1.3 million licensed drivers and 2 million registered vehicles. Traffic crashes are a daily occurrence resulting in approximately 8,700 injured persons annually (includes Type A-disabling and Type B-visible, but not disabling injuries). In 2003, 6,682 fatal, A and B injury crashes occurred, killing 293 people and injuring another 8,652 people.

After subtracting the fatal, A and B Alcohol and Speed injury crash totals, 5,279 crashes occurred in 2003 that were contributed to "all other factors." The 3-year baseline 2001 – 2003 is 5,358, which is above the 2003 number.

In 2003, pedal cyclists were involved in 354 crashes, in which two people were killed and 251 incurred type A or B injuries. Pedestrians were involved in 401 crashes, in which 12 people were killed and 268 incurred type A or B injuries. Forty-seven train/motor vehicle crashes occurred, in which six people were killed and fifteen received type A or B injuries. There were 13 motorcyclist killed in 12 crashes and 296 people with A or B injuries killed in 263 crashes. Helmets were used in 288 (82%) of 352 motorcycle crashes.

The coordination and assistance provide an essential element in a successful alcohol awareness program. In order to impact attitudes regarding alcohol and impaired driving among Nebraska's motoring public, technical support from the NOHS office in this concentrated area is necessary.

Goal and Objective:

The goal is to reduce All Other Factors (minus alcohol and speed) in the Fatal, A and B injury crashes by 4% (4,656) for 2005.

The objective of this project is to provide salary, benefits, travel, office expenses, etc. for NOHS staff to conduct the activities outlined in the *Nebraska's "Performance-Based" Strategic Traffic-Safety Plan*, October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005.

Strategies and Activities:

- Provided coordination support and assistance to traffic safety (i.e., pedal cyclist, pedestrian, railroads, motorcycle, etc.) projects involving federal funds. Funding was provided for salaries/benefits, communication expenses, building rent/assessment, and vehicle rent/lease, registrations, membership dues, and travel expenses.
- Conducted desk monitoring and on site visits for the following traffic safety-related projects: Planning and Administration, Auditing; Traffic Safety/Program Coordination; Traffic Safety/Public Information & Education; Traffic/Selective Overtime; Traffic Records; Computer System; Nebraska CODES, and 411 Fund projects: Crash Outcome Data Evaluation System (CODES); Traffic Records/System Support, and Electronic Accident Diagram Software Support and Distribution.

- Assisted and provided technical traffic safety data, reports, and information to contractors, law enforcement agencies, NOHS staff, the public, legislature, etc. Provided articles for the Midwest Injury Control newsletter, sent out the "Highway Safety Bulletin", made presentation at Hawthorne Elementary School.
- Attended traffic safety highway safety seminars, conferences, workshops, meetings, training, etc. activities:
 - Comprehensive Highway Safety (Roads) meeting,
 - GHSA Annual 2005 Conference,
 - GHSA – NHTSA Conference Calls,
 - Grand Driver meeting and Press Conference,
 - Motorcycle Instructor Prep Course,
 - National Media Forum on Highway Safety in New York,
 - Nebraska Advocates for Highway Safety meetings,
 - Nebraska CODES Advisory Committee meetings,
 - Nebraska Environmental Strategies Training,
 - Nebraska Highway Safety/ITS Summit III
 - Nebraska Injury Prevention Advisory Committee meetings,
 - Nebraska Interagency Safety Committee Meetings,
 - Nebraska Operation Lifesaver Board, Committee and Goals Meetings,
 - Nebraska Safety Council Awards Luncheon,
 - Nebraska Traffic Records Issues Process Review Meeting,
 - Omaha Royals Safety Day activities,
 - Operational Pilot of Digital Watermark Reading for Driver License Authentication and Traffic Enforcement Support Demonstration,
 - Region VII Injury Prevention conference calls,
 - State Epidemiological Work Group For Substance Abuse Prevention Meetings, and
 - 31st International Traffic Records Forum in New York City
- Constructed tables, graphs, charts and other tabular and/or illustrative materials to present visual summary of analyzed specific data (i.e. pedal cyclists, pedestrians, railroads, large trucks, school buses, etc.). Updated charts and graphs for website as requested. Updated 2005 Fatality statistics and other specified crash data as requested.
- Reviewed and updated of NHTSA Rules and Regulations regarding federal funds involving traffic safety as information was provided.
- Performed daily all routine NOHS activities and assignments in regards to traffic safety requests, surveys, reports, etc. Processed motorcycle claims, checked ranges for approved courses. Motorcycle Safety Education courses were conducted at training sites in Lincoln, Omaha, Hastings/Columbus, and Norfolk and Gering/Scotts Bluff area. Reviewed and processed STOP instructor applications. Completed the *Nebraska Highway Safety Annual Report 2004*. Typed and mailed minutes and brochures for Nebraska Operation Lifesaver. Updated audiovisual catalog, *Policies, Procedures and Grant Contract Application May 2005, 2005 Nebraska's "Performance-Based" Strategic Traffic-Safety Plan*.

Results:

The fatal, A and B injury crash data for CY2005 is unavailable from the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Funding:	Sections 402:	\$109,052.39
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**Traffic Safety Public Information and Education
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety**

05-24

Program Areas:	Identification & Surveillance
Project Characteristics:	Educational Effort
Type of Jurisdiction:	Statewide
Jurisdiction Size:	1.7 million
Target Population:	General Population

Problem Identification:

Nebraska is predominantly rural with a population of 1.7 million people. There are 1.3 million licensed drivers and 2.0 million registered vehicles. Traffic crashes are a daily occurrence resulting in approximately 22,000 injured persons annually. In 2003, 46,602 crashes occurred, killing 293 people and injuring another 22,277 people.

After subtracting the "Alcohol" and "Speed" crash totals from the fatal, A and B crash total, 5,279 crashes occurred in 2003 that were contributed to "all other factors."

In 2003, pedal cyclists were involved in 354 crashes, in which two people were killed and 251 incurred type A or B injuries.

Pedestrians were involved in 401 crashes, in which 12 people were killed and 268 incurred type A or B injuries.

Forty-seven train/motor vehicle crashes occurred, in which six people were killed and fifteen received type A or B injuries.

The reduction of fatal and injury traffic crashes requires the continued combined efforts of an informed public and dedicated government officials willing to address a variety of traffic safety issues. A good working relationship, including resources and support for local officials, businesses, and others in the community, by the NOHS staff, is essential for improved compliance of traffic laws.

Goal and Objective:

To reduce All Other Factors (minus Alcohol and Speed) in fatal, A and B injury crashes by 4% (4,656) in 2005.

Strategies and Activities:

- Produced/purchased and distributed 16,937 traffic safety related materials (brochures and other educational items). Approximately 74% (12,494) were distributed to organizations within the NOHS Target Counties. In addition:
 - Partnered with the Rubber Manufacturers Association to distribute the "Be Tire Smart" pamphlet. (The pamphlet was provided to the NOHS at no cost.)
 - Loaned 122 videos to schools, community groups, and other organizations. Purchased "Distracted Driving At What Cost", "Bike Safety with Bill Nye the Science Guy", "Winter Driving Rules", and "Disney's Safety Hits Vol. 1: Bike Safety with Bill Nye and I'm No Fool on Wheels" videos for loan.
 - Purchased 5,000 pamphlets, "How to Go on Ice and Snow".
 - Partnered with KOLN-KGIN television to provide safety information on the media website. Motorcycle safety training, road construction safety, and video public service announcements were among the featured topics.

- The DMV-NOHS website was maintained and updated throughout the period with current traffic safety related facts, statistics, resources, and related links.
- Purchased 1-year subscription to access the AP Wire Service through the Internet. Utilized 4,752 newspaper clippings from Universal Information Service as references for media, fatality files, and project files.
- Authored and distributed 293 copies of the July 2005 Highway Safety Bulletin newsletter via E-mail focused on "Drive Safely to Work". Newsletters were also posted on the agency's website.
- Provided copying and postage for a variety of traffic safety related materials.
- Provided annual Nebraska Safety Council membership fee for the NOHS.
- Purchased a subscription of "Highway/Vehicle Safety Report" newsletter as a resource for NOHS staff.
- Partnered with Nebraska Operation Lifesaver to influence driver behavior concerning railroad crossings by providing printing and postage of meeting minutes and newsletters. Printed 8,000 "This Quiz Could Save Your Life" pamphlets.
- Partnered with the Examining division of DMV to launch the "GrandDriver" program. Provided printing and postage for 260,000 "How Safe Is Your Driving?" pamphlets and envelopes to be mailed to all driver license renewals. A press conference launching the program was held on May 4 2005, featuring Governor Dave Heineman.
- Awarded a mini-grant to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Technology Transfer Center for the purchase of Work Zone education tools to be used for training workshops.
- A statewide survey to determine public opinion regarding traffic safety issues was not conducted.

Result:

The fatal, A and B injury crash data for CY2005 is unavailable from the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Funding:	Section 402:	\$23,448.97
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**Traffic Training
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety**

05-25

Program Areas:	Alcohol and Other Drugs/Police Traffic Services
Project Characteristics:	Training
Type of Jurisdiction:	32 Priority Counties
Jurisdiction Size:	1,438,416
Target Population:	General Population

Problem Identification:

Nebraska is predominantly rural with a population of 1.7 million people. Nebraska has 1.3 million licensed drivers and 2 million registered vehicles. Traffic crashes are a daily occurrence resulting in over, 22,000 injured persons annually. In CY 2003, 46,602 crashes occurred, killing 293 people and injuring another 21,984 people.

Goal and Objective:

The goal is to reduce fatal, A and B injury crashes by 4% from the CY2005 projected number.

The objective of this project is to provide funding assistance through the “Mini-Grant Contract Application and Award” process to agencies and/or organizations in the thirty-two priority counties to attend traffic safety related training. The Nebraska Office of Highway Safety will provide training opportunities within the State by bringing relevant programs to Nebraska’s traffic safety professionals.

Strategies and Activities:

- To ensure that all applicants comply with the pre- and post- award requirements as outlined in the application. Mini-grant contract applications were reviewed to ensure that all applications were in compliance with the project requirements.
- To award approximately 20 mini-grant contracts to provide funding assistance for necessary training. During the project period twenty-seven mini-grant contracts were awarded as follows:

Agency/Organization

Training Attended

Bellevue Police Department	At-Scene Traffic Crash/Homicide Investigation – 2 trained
Bellevue Police Department	Metro Count System Certification Training – 2 trained
Bellevue Police Department	Police Traffic Laser Instructor Class – 2 trained
Bellevue Police Department	Police Motorcycle Instructor Course – 2 trained
Grand Island Police Department	2005 Lifesavers Conference – 2 trained
Grand Island Police Department	Advanced Police Motorcycle Operator Course – 2 trained
La Vista Police Department	MADD National Conference – 1 trained
Lincoln Police Department	Fundamentals in the Usage of MapScenes Pro – 1 trained
Omaha Police Department	Human Factors in Traffic Crash Reconstruction – 2 trained
Omaha Police Department	Human Factors in Traffic Crash Reconstruction – 2 trained
Omaha Police Department	Standardized Field Sobriety Testing – 39 trained
Omaha Police Department	Investigation of Motorcycle Crashes – 4 trained
Papillion Police Department	Special Problems in Traffic Crash Reconstruction – 2 trained

Adams County Sheriff's Department	MADD National Conference – 1 trained
Dawson County Sheriff's Department	6 th Annual National Leadership Conference for Underage Drinking – 4 trained
Merrick County Sheriff's Department	Midwest Association of Technical Accident Investigators Conference - 1 trained
Nebraska State Patrol	Midwest Association of Technical Accident Investigators 2005 Conference – 4 trained
Nebraska State Patrol	2005 National Liquor Law Enforcement Conference – 1 trained
Nebraska State Patrol	2004 ALERT International Conference – 1 trained
Department of Motor Vehicles	DataMaster Factory Training – 1 trained
Department of Motor Vehicles	National Association of Hearing Officers Training - 2 trained
Department of Roads	2005 Traffic Records Forum – 1 trained
Hall County Attorney's Office	Provided Expert Witness for State vs. Schnell – DRE case
North Central District Health Department	2005 Lifesavers Conference – 1 trained
Nebraska Supreme Court	Nebraska County Judges' Association Annual Conference
	Provided funding for 1 speaker
Nebraska Supreme Court	2005 Lifesavers Conference – 1 trained
Nebraska Supreme Court	American Bar Association Traffic Court Seminar – 2 trained

- To review the course evaluations and process the reimbursement request for each mini-grant contract. Reimbursement requests and course evaluations were reviewed and processed for all twenty-seven mini-grant contracts.
- To explore the ability of the NOHS to bring pertinent training sessions to Nebraska rather than send individuals out- of-state. The Nebraska Office of Highway Safety distributed NHTSA revisions to the SFST curriculum to all Nebraska SFST instructors.

Result:

The fatal, A and B injury crash data for CY2005 is unavailable from the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Funding:	Section 402:	\$54,253.45
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**Traffic Enforcement Training
Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center**

05-26

Program Areas:	Police Traffic Services
Project Characteristics:	Training
Type of Jurisdiction:	32 Priority Counties
Jurisdiction Size:	1,438,416
Target Population:	General Population

Problem Identification:

Nebraska is predominantly rural with a population of 1.7 million people. Nebraska has 1.3 million licensed drivers and 2 million registered vehicles. Traffic crashes are a daily occurrence resulting in over 22,000 injured persons annually. In CY 2003, 46,202 crashes occurred, killing 293 people and injuring another 21,984 people.

Goal and Objective:

The goal is to reduce fatal, A and B injury crashes by 4% from the CY2005 projected number.

The objective of this project is to provide training to Nebraska's law enforcement officers to increase effective enforcement of Nebraska's traffic laws.

Strategies and Activities:

- To train a minimum of one hundred (100) law enforcement personnel in Standard Field Sobriety Testing. Four Standard Field Sobriety Testing classes were conducted training 153 students.
- To train a minimum of sixty (60) law enforcement personnel in Radar Recertification. Eight Radar Recertification training courses were conducted training 77 students.
- To train a minimum of one hundred (100) law enforcement personnel in Radar Certification. Three Radar Certification courses were held training 125 students.
- To train a minimum of ten (10) law enforcement personnel in Intermediate Accident Investigation. One Intermediate Accident Investigation course was conducted training 27 students.
- To train a minimum of ten (10) law enforcement personnel in Advanced Accident Investigation. One Advanced Accident Investigation course was conducted training 14 students.
- To train a minimum of fifteen (15) law enforcement personnel in Technical Accident Investigation. One Technical Accident Investigation course was conducted training 17 students.
- To train a minimum of one hundred (100) law enforcement personnel in Mobile Video Taping Operations. Four Mobile Video Taping Operations courses were conducted training 139 students.

Result:

The fatal, A and B injury crash data for CY2005 is unavailable from the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Funding:	Section 402:	\$44,545.19
	State:	\$ 6,008.33
	Total Cost:	\$50,553.52

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**Selective Overtime Enforcement – Traffic
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety**

05-27

Program Areas:	Police Traffic Services
Project Characteristics:	Saturation Patrol
Type of Jurisdiction:	32 Priority Counties
Jurisdiction Size:	1,438,416
Target Population:	General Population

Problem Identification:

Nebraska is predominantly rural with a population of 1.7 million people. Nebraska has 1.3 million licensed drivers and 2 million registered vehicles. Traffic crashes are a daily occurrence resulting in over 22,000 injured persons annually. In CY 2003, 46,602 crashes occurred, killing 293 people and injuring another 21,984 people.

Goal and Objective:

The goal is to reduce fatal, A and B injury crashes by 4% from the CY2005 projected number.

The objective of this project is to provide funding assistance through the "Mini-Grant Contract Application and Award" process to law enforcement agencies in the thirty-two priority counties to conduct selective overtime traffic enforcement activities. Participating agencies will be provided funding assistance for the overtime salaries and mileage.

Strategies and Activities:

- To solicit participation from law enforcement agencies in the thirty-two priority counties to conduct selective traffic overtime enforcement. Information regarding the availability of the "Mini-Grant Contracts" for selective traffic overtime enforcement was forwarded to law enforcement agencies in the thirty-two priority counties and the Nebraska State Patrol.
- To ensure that all applicants comply with the pre-and post- award requirements as outlined in the application. The internal checklist was utilized to ensure that all applicants were in compliance with the project requirements.
- To award approximately 25 mini-grant contracts for selective traffic overtime enforcement activity in the thirty-two priority counties. The applicants will identify the dates, locations and times from their baseline data. During the project period 12 mini-grant contracts were awarded. The mini-grant contracts were awarded as follows:
 - Crete Police Department – 1 contract;
 - Kearney Police Department – 1 contract;
 - Madison Police Department – 1 contract;
 - Cass County Sheriff's Department – 3 contracts;
 - Nemaha County Sheriff's Department – 1 contract;
 - Washington County Sheriff's Department – 1 contract; and,
 - Nebraska State Patrol – 4 contracts.
 These 12 mini-grant contracts resulted in a total of 2,237 hours of selective traffic overtime enforcement.
- To review the selective traffic overtime enforcement activity for each mini-grant and process the reimbursement request. Reimbursement requests were reviewed and processed for all 12 mini-grant contracts.

Result:

The fatal, A and B injury crash data for CY2005 is unavailable from the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Funding:	Section 402:	\$72,370.08
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**Traffic Enforcement Equipment Grant
Cass County Sheriff's Office**

05-29

Program Area:	Speed Enforcement
Project Characteristics:	Saturation Patrol
Type of Jurisdiction:	City
Jurisdiction Size:	11,700 residents
Target Population:	Driver Population

Problem Identification:

The incidence of vehicular crashes is on the increase as reported by the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety and Nebraska Department of Roads and at the same time our calls for service have increased each year over the last 5 years. Through use of Highway Safety Mini Grants funding overtime we have attempted to fight the growing problem with speed, alcohol use and youth drivers, however, we find ourselves falling behind in this effort. In order to reduce the incidence of crashes along with the contributing factors, we must have a stronger and more visible presence along our transportation network.

Goal and Objective:

The goal is to reduce the incidence of vehicular crashes by 5% within the first three years of the project. The objective is to utilize new equipment to focus on traffic trouble spots on Highway 75 within Cass County limits.

Strategies and Activities:

- Funds were provided by the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety to purchase a patrol car and patrol motorcycle and respective equipment needed to utilize those vehicles as patrol units.
- Two new deputies were appointed to the Road Patrol specifically to patrol the Highway 75 corridor (900 miles of roadway).
- Deputies were certified in Motorcycle Patrol procedures.
- The deputies continue to attend training and gain experiences to enhance their abilities in fulfilling the goals of crash reduction and driving under the influence violations.
- Activity for the Highway 75 Corridor by Deputies Mayfield and Arens:
 - Calls for service activity: Deputy Mayfield - 343 Deputy Arens - 364
 - Citations: Deputy Mayfield - 669 Deputy Arens - 456
 - Warnings: Deputy Mayfield - 480 Deputy Arens - 414
 - Training (motorcycle class): Deputy Mayfield - 4/04/05 Deputy Arens - 5/09/05
through 4/15/05 through 5/20/05

Results:

- Due to this report's evaluation period consisting of only a six-month period (April 1 – Oct. 17, 2005) the availability of accurate statistics to establish a reduction in crashes along the Highway 75 corridor are not available. As soon as this information is available it will be forwarded directly to your office.

Funding:	Section 402:	\$54,751.00
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**Traffic Records
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety**

05-30

Program Areas:	Traffic Record Support
Project Characteristics:	Traffic Record Decision Makers
Type of Jurisdiction:	Statewide
Jurisdiction Size:	1,600,000
Target Population:	Traffic Record Personnel

Problem Identification:

In order to meet the overall goal of the reduction in fatal and injury crashes in 2005, decision makers need ready access to accurate and factual traffic safety information. If state senators are to make changes to current traffic laws, current and accurate data is necessary. To improve the quality of future impact projects, Nebraska must link and automate all available traffic record information.

Goal and Objective:

The overall goal is to improve the accuracy, accessibility, and simplicity of Nebraska's traffic data; to provide a mechanism for linkage to other support data and for needed automation. This support grant will assist decision makers with better and more accurate traffic information in making a myriad of decisions involving fatal and injury motor vehicle crashes.

Strategies and Activities:

- To provide overall general support to improve traffic record information.
- To provide a conduit for linkage of support information to the traffic record information (i.e. - Codes).
- To provide relevant hardware/software for traffic record support.
- To provide a mechanism for local entities to apply for mini-grants to upgrade and improve their traffic records capabilities.

Awarded Bellevue Police Department a mini-grant to purchase four ULTRACK SnapPak Camera Systems and associated equipment to digitally record 24-7 at the intersection of Cornhusker Street and 15th Street in the City of Bellevue. This equipment will allow for accident reduction efforts at a site of many crashes. This system will help the Bellevue Police Department in directing the appropriate enforcement methods at the times they are needed at this high-volume intersection.

Awarded Hall County Sheriff's Office a mini-grant to purchase a Sokkia Series 3OR-surveying instrument, a TDS Recon Data System, and accessory equipment. The equipment will allow the Hall County Sheriff's Office to make more accurate measurements at crash and crime scenes. It will reduce the amount of time roadways are blocked and the time for the officers at the scene. It will also improve the quality of crash scene diagrams and courtroom displays which will lead to stronger, winnable cases for the Hall County prosecutors.

Awarded Norfolk Police Department a mini-grant for the purchase of accident investigation equipment. They also purchased a Sokkia Series #OR –surveying instrument, a TDS Recon Data System, and accessory equipment. The reason for the purchase is the same as that of the Hall County Sheriff's Office.

Results:

Utilization of the equipment results are unavailable at this time.

Funding:	Section 402:	\$ 24,398.91
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**Computer System
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety****05-31**

Program Area:	Traffic Records
Project Characteristics:	Computer Fax Hardware, Software and Accessories
Type of Jurisdiction:	Highway Safety Division
Jurisdiction Size:	Office Personnel

Problem Identification:

The Nebraska Office of Highway Safety is dedicated to reducing fatalities and injuries resulting from motor vehicle crashes. Hardware and software for Personal Computer (PC) equipment and accessories are necessary for providing information on traffic safety. There is a need to increase statewide knowledge regarding traffic incident involvement to reduce motor vehicle fatality and injury crashes. Increasing emphasis on strategic/performance based outcome projects and activities have created further reliance on data capture and analysis. In order to satisfy this additional requirement, the NOHS staff will need adequate PC equipment, hardware, software and accessories.

Goal:

The goal is to provide funds for adequate PC equipment, hardware, software, and accessories for NOHS workstations.

Strategies and Activities:

- To equip NOHS staff with an integrated PC workstation capable of producing analysis of traffic and accounting data in an efficient and reliable manner.
- To generate charts and graphs of traffic data, presentation materials, and correspondence reports.
Provided supplies and toner cartridges for printers/fax machine and computers to ensure that staff workstations operate in a satisfactory and proficient manner.
Purchased Lexmark 710 Printer Supplies

Results:

Adequate supplies and accessories were provided for the computer workstation for each employee.

Funding:	Sections 402:	\$2,326.28
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**Speed/Program Coordination
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety**

05-32

Program Area:	Speed Control
Project Characteristics:	Program Support and Coordination
Type of Jurisdiction:	Statewide
Jurisdiction Size:	1.7 Million
Target Population	Driver Population

Problem Identification:

Nebraska is predominantly rural with a population of 1.7 million people. There are 1.3 million licensed drivers and 2 million registered vehicles. Traffic crashes are a daily occurrence resulting in approximately 8,700 injured persons annually (includes Type A-disabling and Type B-visible, but not disabling injuries). In 2003, 6,682 fatal, A and B injury crashes occurred, killing 293 people and injuring another 8,652 people.

In 2003, "Speed too Fast for Conditions" and "Exceeding Speed Limit" was determined to be the major contributing human factors in 12% (30) of the 257 fatal crashes that occurred in Nebraska. Those two speed-related factors also accounted for 5% (522) of the 10,745 fatal, A and B injury crashes. * Department of Roads changed the Accident Report Form in the "Driver Contributing Circumstances" category.

During 2003 a total of 81,908 convictions for speed-related offenses occurred in Nebraska. On average 78,432 convictions occur using the baseline 2001-2003.

The coordination and assistance provide an essential element in speed-related programs. In order to impact attitudes regarding speed among Nebraska's motoring public, technical support from NOHS office in this concentrated area is necessary.

Goal and Objective:

The goal is to reduce speed-related fatal, A and B injury crashes by 4% (410) in 2005.

The objective of this project is to provide salary, benefits, travel, office expenses, etc. for NOHS staff to conduct the activities outlined in the Nebraska's "Performance-Based" Strategic Traffic-Safety Plan, October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005.

Strategies and Activities:

- Provide coordination support and assistance to speed related projects involving federal funding. Funding was provided for salaries/benefits, communication expenses, building rent/assessment, and vehicle rent/lease and travel expenses.
- Conduct desk monitoring for each speed-related project. The following speed-related projects were targeted: Selective Overtime/Lincoln Police Department, Traffic Enforcement Training; Speed/Program Coordination; Speed/Selective Overtime; Speed Equipment; and Speed/Public Information and Education.
- Assisted and provided technical speed-related data, reports, and information to contractors, law enforcement agencies, NOHS staff, the public, legislature, etc.
 - Provided assistance to law enforcement agencies and organizations with scheduling, maintenance, deliver and return of the Speed Monitoring Trailers. The trailers were scheduled, maintain and delivered to law enforcement agencies.

- Attended highway safety seminars, conferences, workshops, meetings, training, etc. pertaining to speed-related projects. Attended the National Forum on Speeding (Strategies for reducing Speeding-Related Fatalities & Injuries) in Washington, D.C.
- Construct tables, graphs, charts and other tabular and/or illustrative materials to present visual summary of analyzed specific data (speed-related traffic statistics). Revised and updated information on urban and rural interstate fatal and injury crashes, and other speed-related statistics as requested.
- Reviewed and keep updated of NHTSA Rules and Regulations regarding federal funds involving speed. Ongoing as information is provided.
- Performed daily all routine NOHS activities and assignments in regards to speed related requests, surveys, reports, and handled scheduling of the speed trailer, etc.
 - Completed mini-grant selective overtime radar awards as requested by law enforcement agencies. Updated website with speed-related statistics.

Results:

- The fatal, A and B injury crash data for CY2005 is unavailable from the Nebraska Department of Roads. However, the speed-related fatal, A and B injury crashes decreased from 2003 number of 622 to 581 in 2004 for a 6.6% decrease. In 2002 the speed category changed on the accident report form and as a result the speed numbers dropped significantly.
- A comparison of 2002 "Speed Convictions" (80,518) were compared to 81,908 in 2003 for an increase of 1.7% and then compared to 2004 (78,831) for a decrease of 3.9%.

Funding:	Sections 402:	\$9,690.51
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**Selective Overtime Enforcement –Speed
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety**

05-33

Program Areas:	Police Traffic Services
Project Characteristics:	Saturation Patrol & Speed Enforcement
Type of Jurisdiction:	32 Priority Counties
Jurisdiction Size:	1,438,416
Target Population:	General Population

Problem Identification:

Nebraska is predominantly rural with a population of 1.7 million people. Nebraska has 1.3 million licensed drivers and 2 million registered vehicles. Traffic crashes are a daily occurrence resulting in over 22,000 injured persons annually. In CY 2003, 46,602 crashes occurred, killing 293 people and injuring another 21,984 people.

In CY 2003, “Speed Too Fast For Conditions” and “Exceeding Speed Limit” were determined to be the major contributing human factors in 30 (11.6 percent) of the 257 fatal crashes that occurred in Nebraska. Those two speed related factors also accounted for 622 (9 percent) of the 6,682 fatal, A and B type injury crashes.

Goal and Objective:

The goal is to reduce speed-related fatal, A and B injury crashes by 4% from the CY2005 projected number.

The objective of this project is to provide funding assistance through the “Mini-Grant Contract Application and Award” process to law enforcement agencies in the thirty-two priority counties to conduct selective overtime speed enforcement activities. Participating agencies will be provided funding assistance for the overtime salaries and mileage.

Strategies and Activities:

- To solicit participation from law enforcement agencies in the thirty-two priority counties to conduct selective speed overtime enforcement. Information regarding the availability of the “Mini-Grant Contracts” for selective speed overtime enforcement was forwarded to law enforcement agencies in the thirty-two priority counties and the Nebraska State Patrol.
- To insure compliance with the pre-and post- award requirements as outlined in the application. The internal checklist was utilized to ensure the applications were in compliance with the project requirements.
- To award approximately 30 mini-grant contracts for selective speed overtime enforcement activity in the thirty-two priority counties. The applicants will identify the dates, locations and times from their baseline data. During the project period two (2) mini-grant contracts were awarded. The mini-grant contracts were awarded as follows:
 - Omaha Police Department – 1 contract; and,
 - Nebraska State Patrol – 1 contract.
 These two mini grant contracts resulted in a total of 1,173.5 hours of selective speed overtime enforcement.
- To review the selective speed overtime enforcement activity for each mini-grant and process the reimbursement request. Reimbursement requests were reviewed and processed for all of the contracts.

Result:

The fatal, A and B injury crash data for CY2005 is unavailable from the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Funding:	Section 402:	\$38,123.36
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**Speed Equipment
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety**

05-34

Program Areas:	Police Traffic Services
Project Characteristics:	Speed Enforcement
Type of Jurisdiction:	32 Priority Counties
Jurisdiction Size:	1,438,416
Target Population:	General Population

Problem Identification:

Nebraska is predominantly rural with a population of 1.7 million people. Nebraska has 1.3 million licensed drivers and 2 million registered vehicles. Traffic crashes are a daily occurrence resulting in over 22,000 injured persons annually. In CY 2003, 46,602 crashes occurred, killing 293 people and injuring another 21,984 people.

In CY 2003, "Speed Too Fast For Conditions" and "Exceeding Speed Limit" were determined to be the major contributing human factors in 30 (11.6 percent) of the 257 fatal crashes that occurred in Nebraska. Those two speed related factors also accounted for 622 (9 percent) of the 6,682 fatal, A and B type injury crashes.

Goal and Objective:

The goal is to reduce speed-related fatal, A and B injury crashes by 4% from the CY2005 projected number.

The objective of this project is to provide funding assistance through the "Mini-Grant Contract Application and Award" process to law enforcement agencies in the thirty-two priority counties to purchase speed detection equipment. Participating agencies will be provided funding assistance for fifty percent of the cost of each unit up to a maximum of \$600.00 for no more than two units. In addition to speed detection units, funding assistance may be provided for speed monitoring trailers up to a maximum of \$10,000.00 per unit.

Strategies and Activities:

- To insure that all applicants comply with the pre- and post- award requirements as outlined in the application. All mini-grant contract applications were reviewed to insure that the application requirements were met.
- To award approximately 20 mini-grant contracts for funding assistance to purchase speed detection equipment. During the project period fifty-two (52) mini-grant contracts were awarded providing 76 radar units as follows:

Police Departments	# of Units	Sheriff's Departments	# of Units
Ashland	1 Python	Boone	1 Python
Atkinson	1 Stalker	Buffalo	1 Python
Auburn	1 Python	Cass	2 Stalker
Blair	1 Python	Cherry	2 Python
Columbus	1 Bee III	Dixon	2 Stalker
Elkhorn	2 Genesis	Frontier	1 Enforcer
Fremont	1 Stalker	Garden	1 Genesis
Fremont	1 Stalker	Hall	2 Stalker
Gering	2 Stalker	Holt	1 Stalker

Grand Island	2 Stalker		1 Genesis
Hartington	1 Stalker	Kearney	1 Python
Harvard	1 Genesis	Nemaha	1 Bee III
Hastings	2 Stalker	Perkins	1 Stalker
Kearney	2 MPH	Platte	2 Enforcer
La Vista	2 Stalker	Red Willow	1 Python
Lincoln	2 Stalker	Saline	1 Python
Nebraska City	2 Python	Sarpy	2 Bee III
Norfolk	2 Python	Scotts Bluff	2 Genesis
Papillion	2 Stalker	Seward	1 Stalker
Plattsmouth	1 Python	Stanton	2 Genesis
Schuyler	1 Silver Eagle	Valley	2 Genesis
Seward	1 Python		
South Sioux City	2 Python		
Tekamah	1 Stalker		
University of Nebraska	1 Stalker		
Valentine	3 Python		
Valley	1 Genesis		
Wahoo	1 Stalker		
Waterloo	1 Stalker		
Wilber	1 Python		
Nebraska State Patrol	1 Laser		
Omaha Nations	2 Enforcer		

During the project period no speed trailers were awarded.

- To review and process the invoices for the awarded speed detection equipment. All invoices were reviewed and processed.

Result:

The fatal, A and B injury crash data for CY2005 is unavailable from the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Funding:	Section 402:	\$ 45,853.50
	Local:	\$ 82,602.00
	Total Cost:	\$128,455.50

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**Speed Public Information and Education
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety**

05-35

Program Areas:	Speed Control, Speed Enforcement
Program Characteristics:	Educational Effort
Type of Jurisdiction:	32 Target Counties
Jurisdiction Size:	1,438,416
Target Population:	General Population

Problem Identification:

Nebraska is predominantly rural with a population of 1.7 million people. There are 1.3 million licensed drivers and 2.0 million registered vehicles. Traffic crashes are a daily occurrence resulting in approximately 8,700 injured persons annually. In 2003, 6,682 fatal, A and B injury crashes occurred, killing 293 people and injuring another 8,652 people.

During 2003 a total of 81,908 convictions for speed related offenses occurred in Nebraska. On average 78,432 convictions occur (Baseline 2001-2003).

The reduction of fatal and injury traffic crashes requires the continued combined efforts of an informed public and dedicated government officials willing to address the speed issue. A good working relationship, including resources and support for local officials, businesses, and others in the community, by the NOHS staff, is essential for improved compliance of speed related laws.

Goal and Objective:

To reduce speed-related Fatal, A, and B injury crashes by 4% (410) in 2005.

Strategies and Activities:

- Produced/purchased and distributed 2,979 speed related materials (brochures and other educational items). Approximately 67% (1,994) were distributed to organizations within the Target Counties. In addition:
 - Loaned 15 speed-related videos to schools, community groups, and other organizations.
 - The DMV-NOHS website was maintained and updated throughout the period with current speed related facts, statistics, resources, and related links.
 - Acquired 5,000 "Help Prevent Aggressive Driving" pamphlets and 300 "Tuning Fork Accuracy" certificates.
- Provided the 3 speed monitoring trailers to 44 agencies, 31 (70%) within the target counties, and 13 (30%) in non-target counties (see below). Routine maintenance and repairs were also provided.

Adams County Sheriff's Office – Adams County
 Alliance Police Department – Box Butte County
 Aurora Police Department – Hamilton County
 Battle Creek Police Department – Madison County
 Bennington Police Department – Douglas County
 Boone County Sheriff's Office – Boone County
 Box Butte County Sheriff's Office – Box Butte County
 Chadron Police Department – Dawes County
 Crawford Police Department – Dawes County
 Dodge Police Department – Dodge County
 Emerson Police Department – Thurston County
 Fairbury Police Department – Jefferson County
 Fremont Police Department – Dodge County

Friend Police Department – Saline County
 Garden County Sheriff's Office & Police Department – Garden County
 Hamilton County Sheriff's Office – Hamilton County
 Hemingford Police Department – Box Butte County
 Howard County Sheriff's Office & Area Police Departments – Howard County
 Kimball Police Department – Kimball County
 Kimball County Sheriff's Office – Kimball County
 Lancaster County Sheriff's Office – Lancaster County
 Logan County Sheriff's Office – Logan County
 Lyman Police Department – Scottsbluff County
 Madison County Sheriff's Office – Madison County
 Malcolm Village Board – Lancaster County
 McPherson County Sheriff's Office – McPherson County
 Meadow Grove Police Department – Madison County
 Mitchell Police Department – Scottsbluff County
 Morrill Police Department - Scottsbluff County
 Newman Grove Police Department – Madison County
 Norfolk Police Department – Madison County
 Pierce Police Department – Pierce County
 Pilger Police Department – Stanton County
 Platte County Sheriffs Office – Platte County
 Saline County Sheriff's Office – Saline County
 Scottsbluff County Sheriffs Office – Scottsbluff County
 Scottsbluff Police Department – Scottsbluff County
 Snyder Police Department – Dodge County
 Stanton Police Department – Stanton County
 Steinauer City Council – Pawnee County
 Thomas County Sheriff's Office – Thomas County
 Tilden Police Department – Madison County
 Uehling Police Department – Dodge County
 Wilber Police Department – Saline County

- Funding for a mini-grant was approved. A joint project with the Nebraska Department of Roads, Federal Highway Safety Administration, and Nebraska Office of Highway Safety hosted the "2005 Highway Safety/Intelligent Transportation Summit. Ninety-seven people attended the summit, which provided an opportunity to meet and exchange ideas on improving highway safety throughout the state.
- A statewide survey to determine public opinion regarding speed issues was not conducted.

Results:

The fatal, A and B injury crash data for CY2005 is unavailable from the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Funding:	Section 402:	\$6,101.92
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Nebraska Seatbelt Coalition
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety

05-38

Program Areas:	Occupant Protection
Project Characteristics:	Program Support
Type of Jurisdiction:	Statewide
Jurisdiction Size:	1.7 million
Target Population	Driver Population

Problem Identification:

Nebraska is predominantly rural with a population of 1.7 million people. There are 1.3 million licensed drivers and 2 million registered vehicles. Traffic crashes are a daily occurrence resulting in approximately 8,700 injured persons annually (includes Type A-disabling and Type B-visible, but not disabling injuries). In 2003, 6,682 fatal, A and B injury crashes occurred, killing 293 people and injuring another 8,652 people.

The NOHS uses statewide observation surveys to determine safety belt usage for drivers and front seat passengers. Usage during the years of 2002 –2004 was observed at 69.7%, 76.1% and 79.2%. However, the "Safety Belt Use in Nebraska in 2004" observation (79.2%) is a definite observed increase of 3.1% from the previous year. With the reintroduction of the state belt law, public information and education efforts combined with section 402, 157, and 405, enforcement support programs is necessary to increase the usage rate.

Occupant protection activities will be coordinated through the NOHS to insure continuity, uniformity, and comprehensiveness in this area. The reduction of fatal and injury traffic crashes requires the continued combined efforts of an informed public and dedicated government officials willing to address the occupant protection use issue. A good working relationship including resources and support for local officials by the NOHS staff is essential for improved compliance of occupant protection laws.

Goal and Objective:

The overall goal is to increase the occupant restraint usage to 83.3% in 2005.

The objective of this project is to provide assistance to increase knowledge of the general public regarding the benefits of occupant restraints.

Strategies and Activities:

To provide coordination support and assistance to occupant protection projects through mini-grants for occupant protection projects.

- Three mini-grants were provided to National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter to provide staff to support the goals of the "Click It – Don't Risk It" (CIDRI) public education campaign with the following strategies and outcomes".
 - **Learn new techniques and marketing ideas to reach all Nebraska residents.**
 Attended the Lifesavers conference and was able to utilize information to build on existing initiatives and campaign.
 Produced the "Nebraska Coalition to Save Lives Through Safety Belt Usage Banner". This has been used at health fairs and other events. The banner is also available for coalition members to use.
 During our Staff Conference, February 21, we were able to brainstorm with other departments on how we could market each other's products and services.
 Produced new brochure, which includes the Gold Standard Award. Five organizations pass the gold standard and distributed more than 2,500 brochures.

- Updated website with new facts and news for the coalition members to use.
 Attended the Safety and Health Summit, May 18-19th 2005, which attracted more than 2,000 people.
 Researched other states safety belt initiatives including Minnesota, Texas, California and Kansas to help generate new ideas for the CIDRI, especially the Hispanic community campaigns.
- **Hold Steering Committee Meeting for planning purposes.**
 March 24th and September 30 covered events, fairs, honor roll, school promotions, upcoming campaigns, at risk populations, use of coalition members and promotional tools. We generated ideas from this that have helped develop other initiatives.
 - **Educate and motivate coalition members with new information and provide tools.**
 Click It Chronicle – Produced 35 Chronicles.
 Filled 175 orders for requested materials and distributed more than 35,000 items within those orders.
 Update Click It website as needed with new information and materials that coalition members can use to educate their audiences.
 Promoted the Honor Roll Brochure and other promotional materials at all functions and health fairs the CIDRI Team and NSC-GOC employees attend.
 - **Educate and motivate at-risk population including teen drivers, rural and urban pick-up drivers.**
 Made “Pickup The Habit” posters and distributed more than 1,800.
 Promoted the Honor Roll Award along with the new Gold Standard Honor Roll to new potential and existing Honor Roll Members through NSC-GOC publications (Safety Pro and Kids Chronicle) and mailings which reach more than 2,500 people with each distribution.
 Promote website by putting a link to it on all printed materials.
 Provided over 130 parking lot signs to high schools and 100 to other organizations.
 Provided over 200,000 “Winners Always Buckle Up” giveaway brochures across the state.
 Promoted Honor Roll through NSC-GOC mailings.
 Produced high school packet (toe tag campaign) for 2005-2006 school year and mailed to 330 high schools with 10 responses for more information and ways to conduct a safety belt check.
 Spoke with 7 organizations specifically in rural locations across Nebraska and reached about 300 people and of those 85% drove pick-ups.
 Spoke to approximately 100 people at the Hastings Fire & Rescue Extrication Weekend. The majority of the audience drives pick-up trucks and had five people join the coalition.
 - **Educate children at an early age on the importance of safety belt usage by providing tools to coalition members.**
 Provide children’s materials to schools. We have made a section on our Order Form focusing on young students.
 Educated parents at health fairs on the importance of safety belts.
 Reprinted coloring books due to high demand (distributed 17,000).
 Educate and motivate Hispanic population on the importance of safety belt usage.
 Worked with the Mexican American Commission to get Spanish materials distributed to all 10 commissions across the state.
 Mexican American Commission translated some of our articles from English to Spanish for their newsletter. They have distributed our Spanish version of the buckle up game to all 11 commissions across the state.
 Attended Hispanic Leadership Conference at the Omaha Qwest Center.
 Added 2 coalition members from the Hispanic community in Omaha.
 - **Increase coalition membership to strengthen support across the state.**
 Had support from Dr. Corbin in getting all Public Health Departments across the state to join the coalition. In result we have had four more public health departments join the coalition.

Asked for information to use in the Click It Chronicle. Feedback is always a great tool when generating new ideas.

Promote *Click It – Don't Risk It!* through National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter publications and mailings.

Membership at Sept. 30, 2005 is 495.

Attended community and business health fairs and conferences to promote the Click It campaign. Used these opportunities to gather membership support.

- **Find new businesses to promote safety belt usage to their customers.**

Worked with current and new businesses to sponsor another giveaway brochure for 2005.

Worked with companies that have passed the honor roll and have had the Click It team speak. We are hoping to build relationships that could lead to sponsorships.

Asked for coalition members to encourage their local businesses to promote safety belts and to perform checks.

- **Attend health and safety fairs and expos to promote safety belt usage across the state.**

Speaking Engagements/Special Meeting or Events: 10 Honor Roll Ceremonies, 6 High School events, 3 Highway Safety Advocates meetings, 16 Health Fairs / Safety Days / County Fairs / State Fair, 2 Staff / Steering Conference, and the following activities Highway Safety Summit, Madd Tie One on for Safety Event, Safety & Health Summit, American Red Cross, Offutt Airforce Base, School Nurses Association, You Drink & Drive. You Lose. Campaign. Approximately 10, 096 people were reached at these events.

Results:

The fatal, A and B injury crash data for CY2005 is unavailable from the Nebraska Department of Roads. Nebraska's observed occupant protection usage rate remained the same 79.2% as in 2004, which is 4.1% short of the 83.3% goal of 2005.

A comparison of 2002 "No Child Restraint" convictions (1,728) were compared to 2,063 in 2003 for an increase of 16% and then compared to 2004 (1,854) for decrease of 29.3%. A comparison of 2002 "Occupant Protection" convictions (8,353) were compared to 8,062 in 2003 for a decrease of 4% and then compared to 2004 (6,398) for an decrease of 26%.

The observed usage rates are as follows: 69.7% in 2002, 76.0% in 2003, 79.2% in 2004 and 79.2% in 2005. The Nebraska Occupant Restraint Survey conducted in June/July 2005 remained the same as the previous year. Eighteen of the 19 observed counties are priority counties for FY2005 with an observed seat belt usage rate for all nineteen counties of 79.2%.

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**Nebraska Crash Outcome Data Evaluation System
Nebraska Health and Human Services System (NHHSS)**

05-39/411-05-04

Program Areas:	Traffic Records
Project Characteristics:	Crash Injury Surveillance
Type of Jurisdiction:	State Government
Jurisdiction Size:	Statewide
Target Population:	1.7 million Nebraskans

Problem Identification:

Motor vehicle crashes continue to be a leading cause of deaths and injuries in Nebraska and throughout the United States. There were 37,227 crashes in Nebraska in 2004. These crashes resulted in 254 deaths, 21,315 injured persons and more than \$1.7 billion economic loss including medical and emergency expenses. The success in reducing motor vehicle related deaths and injuries depends on a surveillance system that allow us to better understand and monitor their occurrences, their causes, and their impacts on society.

Goal and Objective:

The overall goal the scope is to monitor highway safety problems, target countermeasures, recommend prevention strategies, evaluate the cost effectiveness of these strategies, and support approaches to and injury control by using information generated from the linked statewide crash and medical records.

The specific objectives of this project are to:

- Continue the Crash Outcome Data Evaluation System (CODES) project at NHHSS with assistance of Advisory Committee.
- Link the four statewide databases for the year of 2001 to 2003.
- Produce an annual report, a management report, and at least one state-specific highway traffic safety application.
- Prepare data for NHTSA, injury prevention programs, other state and local department and researchers as per their requests.

Strategies and Activities:

The CODES activities are focusing the data linkage and the data usage.

- NHHSS continued to coordinate the CODES project with assistance of Advisory Committee. The CODES Advisory Committee met quarterly.
- Link the four statewide databases for the year of 2001 to 2003.
 - Data Linkage:
 - Due to unavailability of the 2001-2002 EMS Data, NHHSS decided to link without the EMS Data. The 2001 linkage was completed in December 2004 for the Crash, Hospital Discharge, and the Death Certificate data.
 - NHHSS also linked the Crash data to the Traumatic Brain Injury data for 2000-2002 in May 2005.
 - EMS Data:
 - After an internal meeting was held to discuss the delay of 2001 to 2003 EMS data the participants agreed that the Data Management Section deliver available computerized 2001 and 2002 EMS data to CODES. The remaining 20% to 25% of EMS data was in paper form and continued to be manually entered. In order to facilitate completing the statewide EMS data for 2001-2004, the combined efforts of NHHSS and NOHS were made to triage and enter the EMS data. NOHS provided \$10,000 through the CODES project.
 - 2003 Data Linkage Preparation:

- NHHSS received the 2003 Crash data, HDD data, and in February 2005.
- Beginning in September 2005, NHHSS worked on the screening of 2003 data for linkage.
- Produce annual report, a management report, and at least one state-specific highway traffic safety application:
 - NHHSS was unable to produce the 2001 and 2002 CODES annual report and management report due to the unavailability of the EMS data.
 - CODES completed a state specific highway safety application on roadways where the posted speed limit is 50 miles per hour. The design was completed in March 2005 and the final study report was completed in September 2005. This study was presented at the International Traffic Record Forum in Buffalo, New York.
 - A second study was completed on Traumatic Brain Injuries and motor vehicle crashes. This study was presented at the CODES Technical Assistance Meeting in Minneapolis.
- Prepare Data for NHTSA, injury prevention programs, and other researchers:
 - October 2004 – CODES prepared motor vehicle crash related EMS data for NHTSA research activities.
 - October 2004 - prepared data for the Office of Family Health on injury indicators for women and children.
 - October 2004 – prepared children injury data for the Injury Prevention Program.
 - November 2004 – prepared information on safety belt usage for the Injury Prevention Program.
 - January 2005 – updated motorcycle injury information (1974-2004) for the Injury Prevention Program.
 - Per the NHHSS Medicaid Program request, CODES prepared 2000, 2002, and 2003 motorcycle crash data including name, date of birth, crash location and time, and injured body part. The information was used to track the medical cost for those motorcyclists involved in crashed that resulted in a head injury.
 - CODES provided the data regarding MVC to the Child Death Review Team for children killed in alcohol related crashes and for restraint use by children for 2002 and 2003.

Results:

CODES activities focused on the collection and analyze of data linkage and data usage. Generated reports as requested and supplied information to other agencies, policy makers, etc.

Funding:	Section 402:	\$51,619.33
	Section 411:	\$20,416.00
	Other: State	\$14,480.00
	Total Cost:	\$86,515.00

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**Child Passenger Safety Promotion
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety**

157-05-1

Program Areas:	Occupant Protection
Project Characteristics:	Educational Effort, Outstanding Collaborative Effort
Type of Jurisdiction:	Statewide
Jurisdiction Size:	1.7 Million
Target Population:	General Population

Problem Identification:

Nebraska is predominantly rural with a population of 1.7 million people. There are 1.3 million licensed drivers and 2.0 million registered vehicles. Traffic crashes are a daily occurrence resulting in approximately 8,700 injured persons annually. In Nebraska during 2001-2003 a total of 22 children ages 0-9 were killed and 3,159 were injured in motor vehicle crashes.

The NOHS uses statewide observation surveys to determine child safety seat usage. Usage increased from 86.2% in 2003 to 87.7% in 2004. However, this demonstrates that 12% of children in Nebraska are riding totally unrestrained. Even those children riding in safety seats are often at risk. In 2003, more than 9,000 child safety seats were inspected at check up events throughout Nebraska, finding 90% installed incorrectly/misused.

The reduction of fatalities and injuries among children due to motor vehicle crashes requires the continued combined efforts of an informed public and dedicated government officials willing to address child passenger safety issues. A good working relationship, including resources and support for local officials, businesses, and others in the community, by the NOHS staff, is essential for improved compliance of child passenger safety laws.

Goal and Objectives:

The goal is to increase the usage rate of child safety seats by 4% annually from the 2004 observed rate of 87.7% to 91.7% in 2005.

The objectives are to increase the availability of child passenger safety (CPS) resources for parents/caregivers statewide and to provide up-to-date information to certified CPS instructors and technicians that serve as resources for parents/caregivers.

Strategies and Activities:

- Provided 4 NHTSA Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician Trainings:
 - May 17-21, 2005, Bellevue Police Department, 15 technicians trained.
 - June 6-10, 2005, Mary Lanning Healthcare Foundation, Hastings, 24 technicians trained.
 - August 2-6, 2005, Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center, Lincoln, 12 technicians trained.
 - September 20-24, 2005, Sandhills District Health Department, North Platte, 10 technicians trained.
 The following courses were funded by other sources. The NOHS provided printed resources for participants as well as the corresponding Check-Up events.
 - October 28-29, November 4-6, 2004, Scottsbluff, 7 technicians trained (Panhandle Community Services funded).
 - August 22-26, 2005, Omaha, 16 technicians trained (National Safety Council Greater Omaha Chapter funded).
- Provided a Technician Update May 3 & 4, 2005, in Kearney. Approximately 140 technicians attended. NOHS contracted with Joseph Colella from Maryland to speak and provide instructional

- services at the update. The coordination of lodging, meeting rooms, meals, and Good Samaritan Health Systems handled registration.

Provide resources to instructors and technicians to enhance training and parent education (i.e., mailings, videos, newsletter subscriptions).

Acquired 500 Highlighters with "Click It or Ticket" logo.

Provided printing and preparation for three mailings (averaging 45 pages) sent to approximately 425 Technicians.

Acquired Sport shirts for all instructors with the NOHS and Nebraska Safe Kids logos, along with the instructors' name and organization. Sport shirts were also acquired for new technicians with the same logos.

Provided 1-year subscriptions to SafeRideNews newsletter to 397 Technicians.

Provided approximately 84 LATCH manuals to new Technicians.

Provided name badge holder with Practical Skills seat log for use at Check Events to all new and currently certified Technicians.

Awarded mini-grants:

 - Avera St. Anthony's Hospital and Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital for technicians Kate Kunz (Avera) and Carol Hamik (Mary Lanning) to attend "National SAFE Kids Conference".

Provided funding assistance for six instructors to attend the Lifesavers National Conference held March 11-16, 2005:

 - Laura Osborne, Southeast Coalition for Child Restraint Education
 - Sheryl Ohrt, Good Samaritan Hospital
 - Ann King, Saint Francis Medical Center Foundation
 - Jeanne Bietz, Nebraska Health and Human Services System
 - Tim Pickering, Mark Van Horn and Matt Maus, Nebraska State Patrol
 - Craig Wiech, Bellevue Police Department

Result:

The child safety seat usage rate decreased by 3.4% from the 2004 observed rate of 87.7% to 84.3% observed in 2005. While the 2005 rate is lower than the 2004 observed rate, it is still higher than the observed rate in 1999 (56.1%) when this series of surveys began.

Funding:	Section 157 Incentive:	\$58,090.46
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**ALR Hearing Appeal Support
Nebraska Attorney General's Office**

163-05-3

Program Areas:	Alcohol
Project Characteristics:	Provide legal representation to Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles in all appeals to the district and appellate courts from Administrative License Revocation (ALR) hearings.
Type of Jurisdiction:	Statewide
Jurisdiction Size:	Nebraska District Courts, Nebraska Court of Appeals and Nebraska Supreme Court.
Target Population:	Driving Population

Problem Identification:

An appeal of the decision of the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to revoke an operator's license under the ALR Act is filed in the district court of the county in which the events leading to the arrest occurred. Prior to the initiation of grant project 163-04-03, the county attorney in each of the 93 different counties was representing the DMV in appeals to the district court of that county. As a result, there was a lack of uniform, consistent and effective representation of the DMV in such appeals.

Under state law, an operator's driving privileges continue while the DMV Director's order of revocation is on appeal. As a consequence, some of the appeals are not meritorious. Additionally drivers and their attorneys delay the appeal process as long as possible. Ineffective and inefficient representation of DMV in these appeals means that impaired drivers retain their operator's license for longer periods of time during the appeal process prior to a revocation being affirmed or such drivers have their operating privileges reinstated after prevailing on appeal. The net effect is a reduction in highway safety.

Goal and Objective:

The goal is to reduce the rate of district court appeals of ALR revocations to 3.8%, which is a .2% reduction.

The objectives are as follows:

- Prevail in 85% of the ALR appeals
- Decrease the length of the automatic stay of the revocation by resolving district court appeals in an average of 3.5 months.

Strategies and Activities:

- The Attorney General's Office assigned two full time experienced attorneys, contracted with two outside counsel and assigned one full time legal assistant to provide effective and consistent representation of the DMV in appeals to the district and appellate courts. Midway during the grant period, the decision was made to utilize an additional part time experienced attorney who was on staff, rather than one of the contract attorneys. This was based on a cost saving expectation as well as the opinion that improved legal representation would occur through enhanced communication and coordination within one office. One contract attorney from Western Nebraska was retained on a limited basis in the event a judge from that area would require a personal appearance at a hearing.
- Representation of the DMV in district court appeals involves review of the record, preparation of briefs and oral arguments to the courts. Regular meetings were held with staff attorneys to share research, judicial opinions and to discuss effective responses to various legal issues being raised in cases. The legal assistant paid close attention to cases and promptly scheduled them for hearing with the appropriate judge in order to obtain a resolution of the case as promptly as possible.

Result:

During the grant period of October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005, according to DMV records, there were 11,550 revocations and according to the records of the Nebraska Attorney General's office, there were 423 district court appeals. Therefore for the grant period, the district court appeal rate was 3.6 percent. Said appeal rate during the last fiscal year (October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004) was 3.9% and for calendar year 2003, the appeal rate was 4.0%. Thus, there was a decrease in the rate of appeals to district court.

During the grant period, the DMV, represented by the Attorney General's office or contract counsel pursuant to this grant, prevailed in 85% of district court cases which were resolved on the merits. This statistic had not been compiled previously so a comparison is not possible. However, it meets the projected goal.

During the grant period, all cases filed in district court were, on average, resolved in 1.8 months. This includes cases that were resolved procedurally without reaching the merits of the case. This statistic had not been compiled previously so a comparison is not possible. However, it is better than the projected goal of an average of 3.5 months.

Achieving the goals of reducing the rate of ALR appeals, prevailing on appeals and reducing the length of time to resolve an appeal, results in license revocations being served as ordered by the Director of DMV. This result, in turn, keeps impaired drivers off the highways and improves traffic safety for all other motorists.

Funding:	Section 402:	\$187,920.65
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**Statewide Evidentiary Equipment
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety**

163-05-4

Program Areas:	Police Traffic Services
Project Characteristics:	Impaired Driving Enforcement
Type of Jurisdiction:	Statewide
Jurisdiction Size:	1,711,263
Target Population:	Impaired Drivers

Problem Identification:

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Goal and Objective:

The goal is to reduce alcohol-related fatal, A and B injury crashes by 4% from the CY2005 projected number.

The objective of this project is to provide new state-of-the-art evidentiary breath testing instruments to all Nebraska law enforcement agencies. Agencies will receive the equipment funded 100% by the NOHS. In addition to providing the evidentiary breath testing instruments, operator and maintenance supervisor training will be provided statewide.

Strategies and Activities:

During the project period 2 evidentiary breath testing instruments were placed at law enforcement agencies and one instrument was placed at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center. Operator and maintenance supervisor training continued on an as needed basis. The training is conducted by personnel in the Department of Motor Vehicles Legal Division.

Result:

The fatal, A and B injury crash data for CY2005 is unavailable from the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Funding:	Section 163:	\$0.00
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**Alcohol Countermeasures
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety**

163-05-5

Program Areas:	Police Traffic Services
Project Characteristics:	Impaired Driving Enforcement
Type of Jurisdiction:	Statewide
Jurisdiction Size:	1,711,263
Target Population:	Impaired Drivers

Problem Identification:

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The reduction of fatal and injury traffic crashes requires the continued combined efforts of an informed public and dedicated law enforcement agencies willing to address the alcohol issue. This project provides funding assistance statewide for alcohol countermeasures.

Goal and Objective:

The goal is to reduce alcohol-related fatal, A and B injury crashes by 4% from the CY2005 projected number.

The objective of this project is to provide funding assistance through the “Mini-Grant Contract Application and Award” process to law enforcement agencies for selective overtime enforcement and/or other alcohol countermeasures.

Strategies and Activities:

To award approximately 20 mini-grant contracts for selective alcohol overtime enforcement activity. The applicants will identify the dates, locations and times from their baseline data. During the project period one mini-grant contract was awarded to the Bellevue Police Department for activity to support the “You Drink and Drive. You Lose” campaign. This one mini-grant provided an additional 18.5 hours of enforcement activity.

Result:

The fatal, A and B injury crash data for CY2005 is unavailable from the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Funding:	Section 163:	\$728.37
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**Occupant Protection Challenge
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety**

405-05-1

Program Areas:	Police Traffic Services, Occupant Protection
Project Characteristics:	Innovative Approach, Easy to Replicate
Type of Jurisdiction:	Statewide
Jurisdiction Size:	1,711,263
Target Population:	General Population

Problem Identification:

Nebraska is predominantly rural with a population of 1.7 million people. Nebraska has 1.3 million licensed drivers and 2 million registered vehicles. Traffic crashes are a daily occurrence resulting in over 22,000 injured persons annually. In CY 2003, 46,602 crashes occurred, killing 293 people and injuring another 21,984 people.

The NOHS uses statewide observation surveys to determine safety belt usage for driver and front seat passengers. Usage during the years 2002 - 2004 was observed at 69.7 percent, 76.1 percent and 79.2 percent respectively.

Child safety seat usage surveys conducted in 2002 – 2004 observed usage rates at 69.6 percent, 86.2 percent and 87.7 percent respectively. Although child restraint usage increased, child safety seat check-up events determined that the average misuse rate of child safety seats is 90 percent.

Goal and Objective:

To increase statewide safety belt usage to 83.3% in CY2005.
The objective is to encourage law enforcement to increase efforts of promoting and enforcing Nebraska's safety belt and child passenger safety laws.

Strategies and Activities:

- **Announces Challenge** -- Distributed information regarding the Challenge to law enforcement agencies statewide through the mobilization planners. A one-page sheet summarizing the Challenge was included in each planner.
- **Pre-Challenge Observation Surveys** – Conducted approximately 2 weeks prior to the mobilization by the participating law enforcement agencies.
- **Enforcement & Educational Activities** – Overtime enforcement, educational presentations, and press releases were issued by law enforcement.
- **Post-Challenge Observation Surveys** – Conducted by the participating law enforcement agencies approximately one week after the mobilization. Issued press releases announcing the results.
- **Determine Winners** – Based on results of the pre and post surveys, the Challenge winners were determined:

May/June 2004 National "Click It or Ticket" Mobilization

Nance County Sheriff's Department	Highest Usage Rate - 100%
Boyd County Sheriff's Department	2 nd Highest Usage Rate - 88%
Boyd County Sheriff's Department	Largest Increase – 53%

August/September 2004 National "You Drink & Drive. You Lose." Crackdown

South Sioux City Police Department	Highest Usage Rate - 81%
Nemaha County Sheriff's Office	2 nd Highest Usage Rate - 74%
Grand Island Police Department	Largest Increase – 11%

Winners of the Challenge for the November 2004 "Click It or Ticket" Mobilization, the December/January 2004 "You Drink and Drive. You Lose." Crackdown and the May/June 2005 "Click It or Ticket" Mobilization will be awarded in FY06.

- **Presentation of Awards**

Press releases were distributed in January 2005 announcing the results of the 2004 Nebraska law Enforcement Occupant Protection Challenge competition. The winners of the Challenge selected their choice of traffic enforcement equipment.

Result:

The statewide safety belt usage rate remains the same at 79.2%.

Funding:	Section 405:	\$29,005.92
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**Inspection Stations: Years 2 & 3
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety**

405-05-2

Program Area:	Child Passenger Safety
Project Characteristics:	Outstanding Collaborative Effort, Educational Effort
Type of Jurisdiction:	Statewide
Jurisdiction Size:	1.7 million
Target Population:	Rural, Low-Income, and/or Minority Families

Problem Identification:

The effectiveness of safety belts and child safety seats in preventing injury and death in motor vehicles is well established. Motor vehicle crashes remain the leading cause of unintentional injury-related deaths among children ages 1 to 14 years in Nebraska. According to the 2004 Nebraska Child Safety Seat Observation Survey, 12% of children 0-5 years old ride unrestrained, placing them at more than twice the risk of death and injury as those riding restrained.

Nebraska SAFE KIDS estimates approximately 90% of children who are placed in child safety seats are improperly restrained. Furthermore, adult safety belts do not adequately protect children ages 4 to 8 (about 40 to 80 pounds) from injury in a crash. Although car booster seats are the best way to protect these children, nationally only 10% of booster-age children are properly restrained in car booster seats.

Between 1995 and 1998, the minority population in Nebraska grew by 43.6%, while the population of the state as a whole grew by 5.2%. Due to the newness of the Child Passenger Safety certified training program, individuals trained in child passenger safety are sparse in rural areas of the state, often leaving parents and caregivers traveling in excess of 100 miles to reach the nearest trained Technician. Lack of access to affordable child safety seats and booster seats contributes to a lower usage rate among low-income families. However, research shows that 95% of low-income families who own a child safety seat use it. Improving access to affordable child restraint systems and educating parents and caregivers about proper installation and use are key components to improving use rates.

This program is intended to reduce injuries and deaths by educating parents/caregivers about the importance of correctly installing and using child safety seats, booster seats, and safety belts. In prior years twelve permanent Inspection Stations were established in Nebraska utilizing section 2003(b) funds, this project was established to assist those Inspection Stations in their 2nd and 3rd year operations.

Goal and Objectives:

To increase the usage rate of child safety seats by 4% from the 2004 observed rate of 87.7% to 91.7% in 2005. To increase the availability of child safety seats for rural, low-income, and minority communities where lack of child passenger protection is especially severe. To provide up-to-date information to inspection stations that serve as resources for parents/caregivers.

Strategies and Activities:

- Issued a Request for Proposals soliciting organizations with previously established permanent inspection stations to continue 2nd and 3rd year activity.
- Entered agreements with eleven organizations to continue operations of permanent inspection stations in areas serving rural, low-income, and minority clients.

Year Two Awards: Good Samaritan Hospital, Kearney
Central Nebraska Community Services, Columbus
North Platte Police Department, North Platte
McCook Fire Department, McCook
Tri City Safe Kids, Grand Island/Hastings

Year Three Awards: Phelps Memorial Health Center, Holdrege
 Central Nebraska Community Services Inc., Loup City
 Faith Regional Health Services, Norfolk
 North Central Community Care Partnership, O'Neill
 Brodstone Memorial Hospital, Superior
 Four Corners Health Department, York

- Awarded two mini-grants to Central Nebraska Community Service Inc. for purchase of safety seats for the inspection stations in Columbus (300) and Loup City (293).
- Awarded a mini-grant to Nebraska Health and Human Services System. NHHSS partnered with the following agencies to conduct (7) child safety seat trainings and purchase (180) child safety seats:
 - Sarpy/Cass Department of Health & Welfare (29 seats)
 - Boone County Health Center (16 seats)
 - Faith Regional Health Services (16 seats)
 - Fillmore County Good Beginnings (16 seats)
 - Southeast Safety for Kids (17 seats)
 - Panhandle Community Services (14 seats)
 - UNL Cooperative Extension (72 seats)
- Awarded a mini-grant to Western Community Health Resources for purchasing 50 seats for the Chadron inspection station.
- Awarded a mini-grant to North Platte Police Department for purchasing 64 seats for the North Platte inspection station.
- A total of 1,332 seats were distributed through Inspection Stations during FY2005.
- A total of 887 child safety seats were purchased through mini-contracts.
- Educated 3,596 rural, low-income, and/or minority parents/caregivers about proper child passenger safety through seats checked.

Result:

Statewide child safety seat usage decreased by 3.4% from 87.7% in 2004 to 84.3% in 2005.

Funding:	Section 405-05-2:	\$28,795.62
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**Selective Overtime Enforcement – Occupant Protection
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety**

405-05-3

Program Areas:	Police Traffic Services
Project Characteristics:	Saturation Patrol
Type of Jurisdiction:	Statewide
Jurisdiction Size:	1,711,263
Target Population:	General Population

Problem Identification:

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The NOHS uses statewide observation surveys to determine safety belt usage for driver and front seat passengers. Usage during the years 2002 - 2004 was observed at 69.7 percent, 76.1 percent and 79.2 percent respectively.

Child safety seat usage surveys conducted in 2002 – 2004 observed usage rates at 69.6 percent, 86.2 percent and 87.7 percent respectively. Although child restraint usage increased, child safety seat check-up events determined that the average misuse rate of child safety seats is 90 percent.

The reduction of fatal and injury traffic crashes requires the continued combined efforts of an informed public and dedicated law enforcement agencies willing to address the occupant restraint issues. Selective occupant restraint overtime enforcement efforts will be focused statewide.

Goal and Objective:

The goal is to increase the occupant restraint usage rate to 83.3 percent in CY2005.

The objective of this project is to provide funding assistance through the “Mini-Grant Contract Application and Award” process to law enforcement agencies statewide during the “Click It or Ticket” mobilizations for overtime traffic enforcement activities. Participating agencies will be provided funding assistance for the overtime salaries and mileage.

Strategies and Activities:

- To solicit participation from law enforcement agencies to conduct selective overtime enforcement during the “Click It or Ticket” mobilizations. Information regarding the availability of the “Mini-Grant Contracts” for selective overtime enforcement was forwarded to law enforcement agencies prior to the “Click It or Ticket” mobilization.
- To ensure that all applicants comply with the pre-and post- award requirements as outlined in the application. The internal checklist was utilized to ensure that all applicants were in compliance with the project requirements.
- To award approximately 30 mini-grant contracts for selective overtime enforcement activity. During the project period ten mini-grant contracts were awarded. The mini-grant contracts were awarded as follows:
 - Columbus Police Department – 1 contract;
 - Omaha Police Department – 1 contract;
 - Papillion Police Department – 1 contract;
 - Cass County Sheriff’s Department – 1 contract;
 - Dakota County Sheriff’s Department – 1 contract;

Holt County Sheriff's Department – 1 contract;
Johnson County Sheriff's Department – 1 contract;
Lincoln County Sheriff's Department – 1 contract;
Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Department – 1 contract; and,
Nebraska State Patrol – 1 contract. These ten mini-grant contracts resulted in a total of 1,810.25 hours of selective overtime enforcement.

- To review the selective traffic overtime enforcement activity for each mini-grant and process the reimbursement request. Reimbursement requests were reviewed and processed for all ten mini-grant contracts.

Result:

The fatal, A and B injury crash data for CY2005 is unavailable from the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Funding:	Section 405:	\$43,443.10
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**In-Car Video System Purchase Assistance
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety**

410-05-2

Program Areas:	Police Traffic Services
Project Characteristics:	Impaired Driving Enforcement/Increased Conviction Rates
Type of Jurisdiction:	Statewide
Jurisdiction Size:	1,711,263
Target Population:	Impaired Drivers

Problem Identification:

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Goal and Objective:

The goal is to reduce alcohol-related fatal, A and B injury crashes by 4% from the CY2005 projected number.

The objective of this project is to provide funding assistance through the "Mini-Grant Contract Application and Award" process to law enforcement agencies for in-car video systems. Participating agencies will receive in-car video systems at an 80%/20% match (NOHS/agency).

Strategies and Activities:

- To insure that all applicants comply with the contract award requirements as outlined in the application. All mini-grant contract applications were reviewed to insure that all application requirements were met.
- To enter into mini-grant contracts with law enforcement agencies to provide approximately 120 in-car video systems. During the project period 20 mini-grant contracts were awarded providing 47 in-car video systems as follows:

Police Departments	# of Units	Sheriff's Departments	# of Units
Atkinson	1	Boone	1
Aurora	1	Buffalo	1
Beatrice	1	Dixon	2
Creighton	1	Holt	2
Grand Island	4	Lancaster	4
Kearney	5	Seward	2
La Vista	4		
Lincoln	2		
Milford	2		
Nebraska City	2		
Norfolk	2		
Ralston	1		
Scottsbluff	8		
Tekamah	1		

- To review and process the invoices for each in-car video system purchase. All invoices were reviewed and processed.

Result:

The fatal, A and B injury crash data for CY2005 is unavailable from the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Funding:	Section 410:	\$125,874.00
	Local:	\$ 30,636.00
	Total Cost:	\$156,510.00

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**Breath Testing Equipment Purchase Assistance
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety**

410-05-3

Program Areas:	Police Traffic Services
Project Characteristics:	Impaired Driving Enforcement
Type of Jurisdiction:	Statewide
Jurisdiction Size:	1,711,263
Target Population:	Impaired Drivers

Problem Identification:

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Goal and Objective:

The goal is to reduce alcohol-related fatal, A and B injury crashes by 4% from the CY2005 projected number.

The objective of this project is to provide funding assistance through the “Mini-Grant Contract Application and Award” process to law enforcement agencies for breath testing equipment. Participating agencies will receive breath testing equipment funded at 100% by the NOHS.

Strategies and Activities:

- To insure that all applicants comply with the contract award requirements as outlined in the application. All mini-grant contract applications were reviewed to insure that all application requirements were met.
- To enter into mini-grant contracts with law enforcement agencies to provide approximately 180 preliminary breath testing units.

During the project period 58 mini-grant contracts were awarded providing 233 preliminary breath testing units as follows:

Police Departments	# of Units	Sheriff's Departments	# of Units
Battle Creek	2	Adams	6
Bellevue	6	Boone	5
Broken Bow	6	Brown	4
Coleridge	1	Butler	3
Columbus	4	Cass	6
Columbus	6	Cedar	6
Creighton	2	Clay	4
Falls City	2	Colfax	4
Gering	6	Dakota	6
Grand Island	6	Deuel	3
Hartington	2	Frontier	5
Hastings	6	Gage	3
Kearney	6	Hall	6

Laurel	1	Howard	6
La Vista	6	Jefferson	3
Lyman	1	Lancaster	6
Lyons	4	Logan	3
Morrill	2	Nance	6
Newman Grove	1	Otoe	6
Nickerson	1	Phelps	3
Oakland	4	Stanton	2
Omaha	6	Valley	4
Papillion	6		
Plattsmouth	6		
Randolph	3		
Ravenna	1		
Sidney	6		
South Sioux City	6		
St. Paul	4		
Sutton	3		
Syracuse	3		
Uehling	2		
Valentine	2		
Walthill	3		
Nebraska Game & Parks Commission	6		
Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center	1		

- To review and process the invoices for all breath testing units. All invoices were reviewed and processed.

Result:

The fatal, A and B injury crash data for CY2005 is unavailable from the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Funding:	Section 410:	\$61,640.00
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**Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Training and Re-certification
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety**

410-05-4

Program Areas:	Police Traffic Services/Alcohol and Other Drugs
Project Characteristics:	Impaired Driving Enforcement
Type of Jurisdiction:	Statewide
Jurisdiction Size:	1,711,263
Target Population:	Impaired Drivers

Problem Identification:

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Goal and Objective:

The goal is to reduce alcohol-related fatal, A and B injury crashes by 4% from the CY2005 projected number.

The objective of this project is to provide training for 24 new Drug Recognition Experts and to provide re-certification training for all of Nebraska's Drug Recognition Experts and Instructors.

Strategies and Activities:

- To coordinate and sponsor a 2-Day Pre-School and a 7-Day Drug Recognition School to train approximately twenty-four new Nebraska Drug Recognition Experts. The 2-Day Pre-School was held on September 21 & 22, 2005 (the 7-Day Drug Recognition School was conducted in FY06) and the 7-Day Drug Recognition School was held on October 6 – 8 & 11 – 14, 2004 (the 2-Day Pre School was conducted in FY04). Sixteen DRE candidates completed the 7-Day Drug Recognition Expert Certification training in October 2004. Sixteen DRE candidates completed the 2-Day Pre School in September 2005.
- To coordinate and sponsor a 1 day Drug Recognition Expert re-certification training session for Nebraska Drug Recognition Experts. One 2005 DRE Update was sponsored. The update was held in Lincoln, Nebraska on August 16, 2005, with 82 of Nebraska's Drug Recognition Experts attending. The update featured guest speaker Dr. Karl Citek with his presentation entitled "The Eyes".
- To submit certification and re-certification documentation to IACP for Nebraska Drug Recognition Experts. All certification and re-certification documents were forwarded to Nebraska agency coordinators and IACP as necessary.
- To coordinate educational opportunities for Nebraska Drug Recognition Experts as necessary. DRE related newsletters and articles were forwarded to all Nebraska DREs. Additionally, 12 DRE

Instructors, 14 DREs and 4 prosecutors were provided funding assistance to attend the National IACP DRE conference held in Alexandria, Virginia.

- To solicit and select Drug Recognition Expert candidates for the 2-and 7-day training schools for FY2005. The dates for the FY2005 DRE training were selected and 16 DRE candidates selected for the training.

Result:

The fatal, A and B injury crash data for CY2005 is unavailable from the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Funding:	Section 410:	\$50,733.17
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**Lincoln-Lancaster County CODES
Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department**

411-05-03

Program Area:	Traffic Records
Project Characteristics:	The project involves development of an online query system whereby those people who are interested in injury prevention can review the data on motor vehicle crashes and outcomes by selecting the variables of interest to them.
Type of Jurisdiction:	Joint City and County Health Department
Jurisdiction Size:	261,545 residents in Lancaster County
Target Population:	City of Lincoln and Lancaster County

Problem Identification:

Obtaining the necessary and/or available injury and traffic records data is time consuming and unreliable due to the lack of a central traffic records data management system at the local level. This makes it extremely challenging to respond quickly and accurately to requests for data from local and State elected officials, city planners, and injury prevention advocacy organizations. Having access to and utilizing county-specific motor vehicle crash and Crash Outcome Data Evaluation System (CODES) data will give us the information we need to identify and address the greatest need areas in traffic safety and injury prevention.

The Nebraska Health and Human Services System is currently collecting and managing CODES data for the State. CODES data are extremely valuable in determining benchmark levels of injury and risk factors contributing to crash related injury. The data are also necessary to measure short and long term effectiveness of injury prevention and intervention efforts and monitoring traffic-related injury trends.

Goal and Objectives:

The goal of this project is to enhance traffic safety related community assessment and program evaluation methods, and to provide county-specific crash outcome data to community leaders and the public to reduce injury and death related to motor vehicle crashes.

Specific project objectives include the following:

- Complete development of web application (in ASP.NET) for making the data readily available to users including law enforcement, educators, planners, neighborhood associations, and others who would use local CODES data to reduce traffic related injury.
- Host the CODES online query tool on the City's Website.
- Collect random samples from local CODES data from 1996-2001, for research analysis to find correlation among leading risk factors including alcohol use, seat belt use and teen driving.
- Continue preparation and delivery of customized presentations for specific groups such as SAFE KIDS Coalition, City planners, emergency management, school administration, and others who will use this data to prevent injuries. All participants will receive instruction on how to access and interpret local CODES data from the web.
- Complete development of a replication guide for other communities in Nebraska describing the benefits of local CODES data application and explaining the ~~A~~How To=s@ of making it a reality in their communities and sharing the developed software with other count health departments.
- Create 1996-2001 CODES fact sheets for distribution during presentations and other appropriate meetings and community events.
- Organize a network of community CODES data users for the purpose to share data, ideas, promoting awareness, and for further developing future uses of CODES data.

Strategies:

- Assign Epidemiology Technician and Injury Prevention Coordinator to coordinate data-related aspects and community information needs assessment aspects of the project.
- Conduct technical analysis of these data (2000-2004) and compare with the data outcomes from 1996-2000.
- Create educational printed materials and schedule meetings with selected policy makers, agencies, and coalitions to present data based traffic related injury prevention priorities.
- Work with internal Information Technology staff to further develop a website application that will make CODES data available to internal and external users. (Information Technology and Epidemiology staff will provide technical assistance on web applications to other counties who will utilize local CODES data).
- Coordinate with the City's Information Services Department for hosting CODES online query tool on the City's web-server (logistics of having a separate server for CODES will be discussed on the completion of the tool and depending on the processing power of the current web servers) and following the security protocol.
- Work with Division of Health Promotion and Outreach's desktop publishing staff in developing 1996-2001 CODES fact sheets for distribution during presentations and other community events.

The online query system was developed using available motor vehicle crash data for the county, which amounted to 145,000 records. The data were cleaned, categories were recoded to collapse the data elements, and the definitions and metadata were developed. We used ASP.net and other open architecture programming so that the programming can be shared with other agencies and local health departments. The system allows users to select one or two variables for display, offers the data to be displayed in different graphical formats (e.g., bar graphs or pie charts) and the results are downloadable as a file that opens into most spreadsheet software programs (e.g., Excel). The quality of the graphics package and the capability to download data for further analysis are two very big upgrades from the prototype system. The CODES Advisory Committee gave a generally good review to our query system at their October 21st meeting.

Results:

Even though our NOHS grant is ending and we did not have the latest data, plans are being made to add the motor vehicle crash data (through 2004) and 2001 CODES (linked data) to our data warehouse. (The speed of the system is something we will need to address as more users have access, but that is largely a server issue.) In addition, discussions have started with NHHSS about making the online query system available to them and to other local health departments in Nebraska. Furthermore, we have now geocoded and mapped all but ten percent of the 145,000 motor vehicle crashes, which increases the usefulness of the dataset to policy makers. These data were used to determine the intersections in Lincoln where countdown timers should be installed, and the data will also help planners as they address pedestrian safety issues. While we will not make geocoded data available online, all future data will also be geocoded to enable us to address *ad hoc* queries about intersections that may be dangerous for pedestrians and bicyclist, or where the city may need to make adjustments (roundabouts, medians, other traffic-slowing techniques).

Funding:	Section 411:	\$ 40,900.00
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**Electronic Accident Diagram Software Distribution
Nebraska Crime Commission**

411-05-5

Program Areas:	Traffic Records
Project Characteristics:	Electronic Capture of Accident Diagrams
Type of Jurisdiction:	Political Subdivision
Jurisdiction Size:	Statewide
Target Population:	Nebraska Law Enforcement Agencies

Problem Identification:

Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) has provided a local records system called SLEUTH which has been modified to collect, print and transfer traffic accident data compliant with Nebraska's accident forms. In addition, the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) is currently working towards accepting electronic accident data from any law enforcement agency with the implementation of an online accident form. Along with the accident form data a diagram of an accident also needs to be sent electronically to NDOR. Since the purchase of a statewide license for EZ Street Draw in February 2002, the software has become the most common accident-diagramming package in use in Nebraska. The EZ Street Draw software is an easy to use software package that generates standardized diagrams for use by various local and state agencies. However, there are still law enforcement agencies that continue to submit diagrams in hardcopy format, including hand drawn sketches. The Nebraska Crime Commission (NCC) and NDOR will encourage those agencies to acquire EZ Street Draw by distributing the software and provide training.

Goal and Objectives:

The goal is to provide software and training to 100% of the law enforcement agencies in Nebraska. The objectives are as follows:

- To increase the accuracy and quality of the accident diagrams.
- To standardize accident diagram symbols and layouts.
- To allow law enforcement the ability to create diagrams more quickly.
- To allow law enforcement the ability to create accident diagrams electronically at the scene.
- To create diagrams that can be transferred electronically to NDOR.
- To allow the electronic storage of diagrams

Strategies and Activities

- Continue to support and maintenance of the general software with Transcite Logic (previously Pathfinder), the makers of EZ Street Draw. The NCC will oversee new enhancements and functionality continually that are added to EZ Street Draw and will continue to make, at no cost, EZ Street Draw available to any remaining law enforcement agency in Nebraska upon request.
- The NCC and NDOR will continue to support the statewide helpdesk.
- Provide EZ Street Draw software training, related travel costs at various locations around the state as requested.
- Purchase statewide license for EZ Street Draw, through Transcite Logic, in the amount of \$13,300.00 per year. The license entitles all participating law enforcement agencies to receive support and software updates. (In the event funding is not available to provide the statewide support, agencies can opt to enter into a support agreement with EZ Street Draw for a cost of \$24 per installed copy of the software. The NCC will continue providing training and support for EZ Street Draw into the foreseeable future.)

EZ Street Draw now provides the basis for instruction for teaching accident diagramming at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center (NLETC). Each new deputy sheriff and police officer graduating from NLETC receives instruction on EZ Street Draw. Over the last year the NCC has conducted EZ Street

Draw training in conjunction with Basic Officer Training at the NLETC. Those sessions were attended by 56 different law enforcement agencies (114 persons) bringing the total number of participating Nebraska law enforcement agencies up to 198. See table below for a breakdown of trained agencies.

160th Basic December 9, 2004

Adams County Sheriff's Office	1
Alliance Police Department	2
Brown County Sheriff's Office	1
Cass County Sheriff's Office	2
Chadron Police Department	1
Clarks Police Department	1
Crawford Police Department	1
Dakota County Sheriff's Office	1
Douglas County Sheriff's Office	5
Fillmore County Sheriff's Office	1
Fremont Police Department	2
Gering Police Department	1
Grand Island Police Department	2
Greeley County Sheriff's Office	1
Hall County Sheriff's Office	1
Hartington Police Department	1
Hastings Police Department	1
Howard County Sheriff's Office	1
Keith County Sheriff's Office	1
Lincoln County Sheriff's Office	1
McCook Police Department	1
Nebraska City Police Department	1
Neligh Police Department	1
Ogallala Police Department	1
Papillion Police Department	2
Sarpy County Sheriff's Office	1
Schuyler Police Department	2
Sioux County Sheriff's Office	1
St. Paul Police Department	1
University of NE Kearney	1
Washington County Sheriff's Office	1
<u>Wheeler County Sheriff's Office</u>	<u>1</u>
Total Personnel Trained	42

161st Basic April 14, 2005

Adams County Sheriff's Office	1
Beatrice Police Department	2
Bellevue Police Department	1
Buffalo County Sheriff's Office	2
Cass County Sheriff's Office	3
Chadron Police Department	1
Douglas County Sheriff's Office	1
Gage County Police Department	1
Geneva Police Department	1
Grand Island Police Department	2
Hastings Police Department	2

Imperial Police Department	1
Keith County Sheriff's Office	1
Nebraska City Police Department	1
North Platte Police Department	2
Papillion Police Department	2
Perkins County Sheriff's Office	1
Polk County Sheriff's Office	1
Santee Police Department	1
Sarpy County Sheriff's Office	7
Sherman County Sheriff's Office	1
St. Paul Police Department	1
<u>Washington County Sheriff's Office</u>	<u>1</u>
Total Personnel Trained	37

162nd Basic August 11, 2005

Alliance Police Department	1
Blair Police Department	1
Burwell Police Department	1
Butler County Sheriff's Office	1
Cass County Sheriff's Office	1
Cheyenne County Sheriff's Office	1
Dakota County Sheriff's Office	1
Dodge County Sheriff's Office	1
Garden County Sheriff's Office	1
Gering Police Department	1
Greeley County Sheriff's Office	1
Kearney Police Department	1
Lancaster Co. Sheriff's Office	2
LaVista Police Department	2
Lexington Police Department	1
McCook Police Department	1
Nebraska City Police Department	1
Ogallala Police Department	1
Pierce Police Department	1
Red Willow County Sheriff's Office	1
Santee Police Department	1
Sarpy County Sheriff's Office	3
Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Office	1
Scottsbluff Police Department	2
Seward County Sheriff's Office	1
Tecumseh Police Department	1
University of NE Kearney	2
Washington County Sheriff's Office	1
<u>Wilber Police Department</u>	<u>1</u>
Total Personnel Trained	35

Results:

The EZ street software continues to be a great asset to law enforcement and the Nebraska Department of Roads. Law enforcement officers are able to create high quality and accurate drawing in nearly half the time as compared to standard drawing methods. The diagrams that the NDOR now receives are of better quality than previously hand-drawn diagrams and consistent across the state. EZ Street Draw will be an integral part of the Nebraska Department of Roads Online Accident form and the Crime

Commission's future automation and integration efforts. The use of EZ Street Draw has enabled Nebraska to move forward with a more integrated accident reporting system, saving both time and money for both state and local agencies.

Funding:	Section 402:	\$ 13,300.00
Contact:	Corey Cashmere, Nebraska Crime Commission P.O. Box 94946, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509 Telephone: 402/471-2194 Fax: 402/471-2837 E-mail: Corey.Cashmere@ncc.ne.gov	

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Expenditures of Section 163 Funds **163 - 05**
Nebraska State Patrol

Program Areas:	Police Traffic Services
Project Characteristics:	Impaired Driving Enforcement
Type of Jurisdiction:	Statewide
Jurisdiction Size:	1,711,263
Target Population:	Impaired Drivers

Problem Identification:

Nebraska is predominantly rural with a population of 1.7 million people. Nebraska has 1.3 million licensed drivers and 2 million registered vehicles. Traffic crashes are a daily occurrence resulting in over 22,000 injured persons annually. In CY2003, 46,602 crashes occurred, killing 293 people and injuring another 21,984 people.

Alcohol was known to be involved in 100 (38.9 percent) of the 257 fatal crashes that occurred in CY2003. Alcohol was involved in 781 (11.6 percent) of the 6,682 fatal, A and B injury crashes. Of the fatal, A and B injury crashes occurring in the nighttime (6:00 p.m. – 5:59 a.m.), 583 (31 percent) of the 1,870 involved alcohol.

The reduction of fatal and injury traffic crashes requires the continued combined efforts of an informed public and dedicated law enforcement agencies willing to address the alcohol issue. This project provides funding assistance statewide for alcohol countermeasures.

Goal and Objective:

The goal is to reduce alcohol-related fatal, A and B injury crashes by 4% from the CY2005 projected number.

The objective of this project is to provide .08 funding assistance to the Nebraska State Patrol.

Strategies and Activities:

- o Provided funding for one Video Periscope, 3 Rollover Simulators, 54 Digital Recorders, one Motor Assist Van, 12 LED Stylus Penlights, 25 Visors Lights, 42 Stalker Radars, 8 In-Car Camera, 30 Stop Sticks, 6 Laser Rangefinders, 9 Bright Lights, Jacket Video, 12 Proscanners.
- o Provided funding for training expenses to the following:
 - o Accreditation Commission for Traffic Accident Reconstruction Testing (ACTAR)
 - o American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators/Technology (AAMVA)
 - o In-Car video Camera Service training
 - o Association of Professional Law Enforcement Emergency Vehilce Response Trainers Conference ALERT
 - o 2005 Seven States Chief's Conference
 - o Society of Forensics Toxicologists (SOFT) Conference

Result:

The fatal, A and B injury crash data for CY2005 is unavailable from the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Funding:	Section 163:	\$196,184.63
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