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# West Virginia Highway Safety Performance Plan FY 2013

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On behalf of the Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles and the Governor's Representative for Highway Safety, Joe E. Miller, we are pleased to present the FY2013 West Virginia Highway Safety Plan. This will serve as an outline for improving the safety of all motorists on West Virginia's roadways. It will detail our efforts in reducing the loss of life and injuries resulting from motor vehicle crashes.

The Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP), a section of the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles, has developed a comprehensive problem-based Highway Safety Plan (HSP). The Governor's Highway Safety Program faces considerable challenges in 2013. The development of the FY13 Highway Safety Plan sets the priorities and goals for the upcoming year.

FY 2011 proved to be successful. The GHSP decided to focus on the basics and exert more direct involvement in the various activities and priorities. The priorities for 2013 will be Occupant Protection, Impaired Driving, Community Traffic Safety Programs, Motorcycle/ATV Safety, Youth Alcohol Issues, Traffic Records, and the coordination of law enforcement, state, community and private sector efforts to reach the goals set forth by the GHSP.

Over the last twelve years, the Governor's Highway Safety Program, along with our Highway Safety partners and advocates, has worked hard to raise our Seat Belt Use rate from 49.5 % in 2000 to the 2011 rate of 85%. West Virginia's seat belt rate has been as high as 89% in 2007 and 2008, however, this has declined in the last couple of years. The 2012 seat belt use rate is estimated to be 86%. This increase in safety belt use over the years is a direct result of the Click It or Ticket Campaign, which emphasizes enforcement and media. The GHSP Law Enforcement Liaison Office has been instrumental in gaining and maintaining law enforcement's interest in the program, particularly through the WV Lifesavers Program, which has received national recognition.

During FY 2005, the "WV LIFESAVERS" program was launched to provide incentives to individual law enforcement officers to become involved in our occupant protection efforts, and 1061 law enforcement officers are currently participating. The program continues to expand. In 2009, the "Beyond the Belt" Program was initiated, which was designed to encourage participating LifeSavers to more closely examine the subjects and circumstances of every traffic stop for other possible violations/crimes. This has been enhanced by providing in-service training to police officers. This training features Maryland Retired Trooper and current Sheriff Michael A. Lewis, and has received excellent reviews from West Virginia Law Enforcement Officers.

During FY2011, the LifeSavers Program was expanded to include incentives to law enforcement officers for increased efforts to reduce DUIs. Currently, there are 1005 officers who are actively participating in the program, and we anticipate it will grow even more in FY2013.

The non-use and misuse of child passenger safety devices continues to be around 85% (observations at CPS safety events). Each of the eight Regional Coordinators routinely conduct CPS checks monthly and also oversee 20 permanent fitting stations throughout the state. Currently, there are over 221 CPS Technicians statewide, and 7 CPS Instructors (32-hour class).

In 2010, alcohol related fatalities comprised 30% of all fatalities. Our goal is to reduce this number 25% by the end of 2013, and will require continuous effort. The vast majority of alcohol related fatalities occur during the nighttime are single vehicle accidents, and run off roadway accidents. The Governor's Highway Safety Program's Law Enforcement Liaison Office has continued to take a broader role in not only Occupant Protection activities, but Impaired Driving and other focus areas as well. A statewide DUI Taskforce formulated a sustained Impaired Driving Enforcement Plan, which includes the participation of the WV State Police, local law enforcement agencies, GHSP, Regional Traffic Safety Programs, other state and community agencies, and advocate groups.

West Virginia will also participate in the NHTSA Mid Atlantic Region's "Checkpoint Strikeforce". This campaign's emphasis is on high visibility enforcement with both paid and earned media. In FYII, West Virginia purchased ten Can-Am Spyder Motorcycles ("trikes"), each equipped with a video camera and radar, and will be used to focus on impaired driving. They are in various law enforcement agencies throughout the State.

The GHSP Law Enforcement Liaison program will take the lead in law enforcement training and organizing law enforcement activities. The GHSP will continue to support law enforcement efforts and maintain supervision of the activities and focus.

Data indicates that white males ages 16-35 are overrepresented in motor vehicle fatalities and crashes in West Virginia. Most of the fatal crashes are single vehicles departing off 2-lane rural roadways, with pick-up trucks overrepresented. The majority of these crashes occur between Friday night beginning at 10:00 p.m. through Sunday night at 10:00 p.m., with the most occurring in the month of May. While rural counties appear to be overrepresented in fatalities per 100,000 population, the low population of these rural counties skew the picture as the majority of fatalities occur in the higher population areas. The causes of these crashes, in order, are failure to maintain control, speed, impairment, and failure to obey traffic control devices. Distraction is most likely a factor; however, it is likely to be underreported. The non-use of seat belts is also a factor, as evidenced by lower use rates in rural areas by young males mostly in pick-up trucks.

School bus safety has become a growing concern in West Virginia. A recent survey conducted of school bus drivers reported 400 illegal passing of school buses in the 50 counties (out of 55) reporting. In some areas, State Police officers have done "ride-alongs" with 25% of them reporting citations issued.

The new federal Surface Transportation bill, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21) will provide funding for two fiscal years, beginning with FY2013. This bill reforms the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), which provided funding for the West Virginia Highway Safety Program for the last several years. The new MAP-21 will consolidate the behavioral Highway Safety grant

programs into two programs: the Section 402 State and Community Highway Safety Grant Program, and the Section 405 National Priority Safety Program, which is a consolidated incentive program. In addition to receiving an annual Section 402 appropriation, West Virginia also anticipates eligibility for a portion of the Section 405 funding. Funding will enable West Virginia to provide additional training and education for law enforcement, Highway Safety Advocates, and the general public on the above-mentioned highway safety issues. Funding will allow continuing progress toward a real time traffic records data base. Progress toward the goals of the Strategic Traffic Records Plan formulated in November 2001 continues, however, this Plan will be updated as well during FY2013.

Based on the data above, our primary target audience in driving behavior programming and media messaging is the young male population. The priority areas outlined in this Plan are in accordance with NHTSA Priorities (Impairment, Occupant Protection, Speed) and supported by FARS data. We have found that these issues are consistent throughout each of the State's eight Regional Traffic Safety Programs and have priority status within each of these programs.

We will continue to fund traffic safety initiatives through eight Regional Traffic Safety Programs throughout West Virginia covering all fifty-five counties. While these Regional Programs must focus on the state's priority issues, they are also allowed some flexibility in funding projects that may be more specific to their particular location. While we recognize that most of the highway safety problems are consistent throughout the State, we also recognize that some issues may be more prevalent in one area over another (i.e., ATV accidents are more common in the southern/southwestern part of the State). We will continue to work diligently to support and promote efforts to upgrade occupant protection, impaired driving, and other laws that promote safer highways in West Virginia.

The HSP outlines the West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program's goals and objectives, and details the activities for which the state's FY 2013 Section 402 and other funds may be used. Goals are established by reviewing 5 years of data to determine trends, and establishing reasonable benchmarks we feel can be accomplished. Activities/performance measures are based on past results of activities, and are developed collaboratively by GHSP staff, Safe Community Coordinators, and other Highway Safety Program partners. Activities/performance measures are also developed based on the State Strategic Highway Safety Plan, which is developed by the WV Division of Highways, based on a cooperative effort by several State "safety" agencies to develop an overall state Highway Safety planning document. They are also established as a result of NHTSA Assessments that may have been conducted for the State of West Virginia. The Assessments provide valuable insight into issues the State Highway Safety Office may be experiencing. Additionally, we are open to new and creative ideas for projects and activities that will reduce motor vehicle crashes, injuries, and fatalities. Coordinators are required to conduct annually a large number of specific activities set forth by the GHSP and are outlined in the "Community Traffic Safety Projects" section of this Plan. They must update the GHSP via a monthly activity report of their progress and accomplishment of these activities. These activities are monthly, quarterly, and yearly. Coordinators are also required to identify problems based on traffic records data specific to their geographical region. While all regions of the state share similar problems with non-use of seat belts and impaired driving, each Coordinator is required to pinpoint where those problems are most prevalent in their areas, what factors are contributing to it, and what measures they can take to improve the problem. Coordinators are also expected to look at other highway safety issues that may be a problem in their area that are not necessarily statewide issues

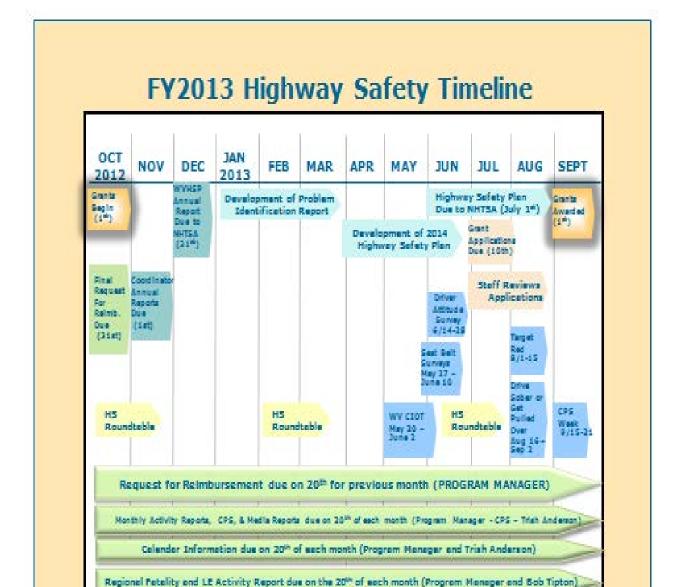
(pedestrian injuries and fatalities, ATV crashes, etc.), and then establish goals for their particular geographical area. In addition to providing the Highway Safety Plan which outlines the State's goals, meetings are also held 3-4 times per year with all the Coordinators, plus other Highway Safety partners, to keep everyone updated on current events, requirements, share new ideas, and review and assess both the statewide goals and the individual Safe Community set of goals.

Applicants for Highway Safety funds (i.e. city, county, and state agencies) must clearly identify a highway safety problem and support it with evidence. The applicants must identify and define measurable objectives and activities that will impact the problem identified. All proposals must be in line with the goals and objectives set forth in this plan.

Note: The GHSP will encourage all law enforcement agencies in the State receiving Highway Safety funds to follow the guidelines established for vehicular pursuits issued by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). A survey of these law enforcement agencies will be conducted by the GHSP to ascertain which agencies have guidelines for vehicular pursuits, and if not, to adopt the IACP model.

#### Data Sources:

- Report Beam Crash data housed in the WVDOT Crash Database (reported by law enforcement agencies)
- NHTSA/FARS Database
- Annual Scientific Observational Seat Belt Survey
- GHSP/CDDP Database (Overtime funded enforcement activities Sobriety Checkpoints, Directed/Saturation Patrols)
- Alcohol Beverage Enforcement Section of the ABCA (Underage buy rate data)
- DOT Annual VMT data



## WEST VIRGINIA GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Governor's Highway Safety Program is to nurture grassroots initiatives, programs and projects that promote occupant protection, supports law enforcement, and stop impaired drivers, thereby reducing crashes, injuries and fatalities on the highways of West Virginia.

The Governor's Highway Safety Program was created by Executive Order 6-A 67, issued on October 10, 1967. In January 1972, the Governor's Highway Safety Program was transferred to the Office of Governor by Executive Order 2-72. On July 1, 1977, by Executive Order 4-77, the GHSP was transferred to the Governor's Office of Economic and Community Development (GOECD). The GHSP was reassigned to the renamed GOECD - Governor's Office of Community and Industrial Development (GOCID) - by Executive Order 15-85 issued on November 21, 1985. In 1992, HB 4164 renamed the GOCID to the West Virginia Development Office. On November 12, 1993, the GHSP was transferred to the Department of Military Affairs & Public Safety by Executive Order 6-93. On February 1, 1998, Governor Cecil Underwood transferred the responsibility of the GHSP from the Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety to the Division of Motor Vehicles of the WV Department of Transportation.

#### **GHSP STAFF AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **Director** (Bob Tipton)

Responsible for planning, organizing and directing the programs and activities of the Governor's Highway Safety Program in accordance with Federal and State rules, regulations and guidelines. 50/50 State/Federal

#### Community Development Specialist II (Barbara Lobert)

Program Manager: Responsible for three CTSP Regions, Occupant Protection Program Manager, Policy and Procedures, Highway Safety Plan and Annual Report content. 100% Federal

#### Community Development Specialist I (Gary Winter)

Program Manager: Responsible for two CTSP Regions and the Alcohol Program

Manager. 100% Federal

#### <u>Transportation Services Manager I</u> – (Harry Anderson)

Program Manager: Responsible for three CTSP Regions and Administrator of the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program and ATV Safety Program. 100% Federal

#### Administrative Services Assistant III (Trish Anderson)

Administrative Assistant to the Director and Statewide Child Passenger Safety Program Coordinator. 100% Federal

#### Administrative Services Assistant III (Chuck Carpenter)

Program Coordinator of the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program and ATV Safety Program. 100% State

#### Administrative Services Assistant III (Donnie Hale)

Assistant Coordinator of the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program and ATV Safety Program. 100% State

#### <u>Public Relations</u> (Natalie Harvey) (Half-time)

Responsible for the dissemination of information regarding GHSP projects and events. Coordinates all media efforts and public awareness campaigns. In addition, Annual Report design, development of brochures and written publications. 50/50 Federal/State

#### **Accountant/Auditor III** (William King)

Fiscal Officer for Governor's Highway Safety Program. 50/50 Federal/State

#### **Accountant/Auditor I** (Colby Jones)

Assistant Fiscal Officer for Governor's Highway Safety Program. 50/50 Federal/State

#### Law Enforcement Liaison (Dave Cook)

Responsible for the coordination of all law enforcement activities with GHSP projects and programs. Director of CIOT Challenge Project and "OP Lifesavers" Project, all Law Enforcement training, TOPS, SFST, Operating Sobriety Checkpoints, Managing Sobriety Checkpoints and Mobile Video Training. Contractual

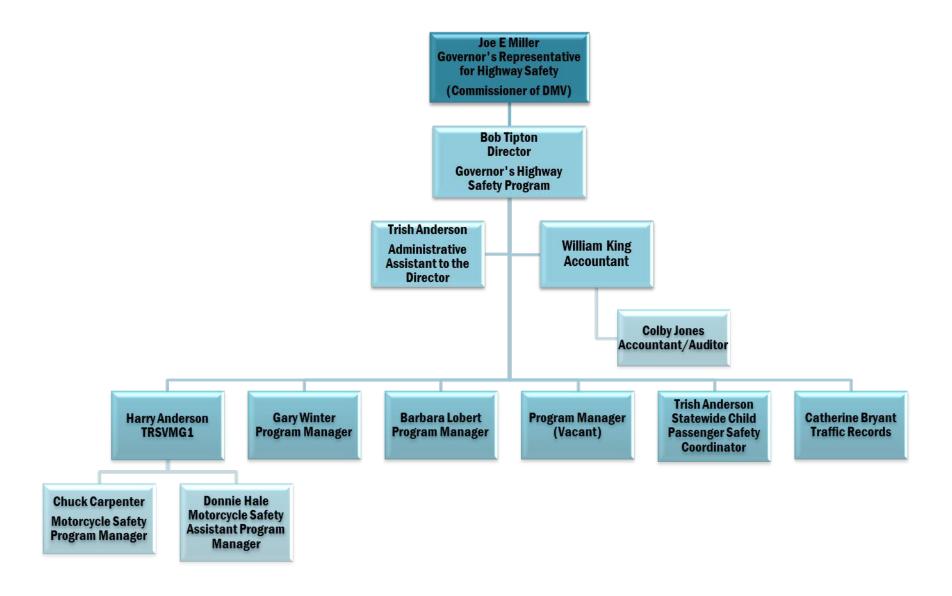
#### **Child Passenger Safety Training Coordinator** (Dave Cook)

Oversee Child Passenger Safety Training and Certification process and development of programs and projects to improve, enhance, and advocate occupant protection from age birth to 18 years of age. Contractual

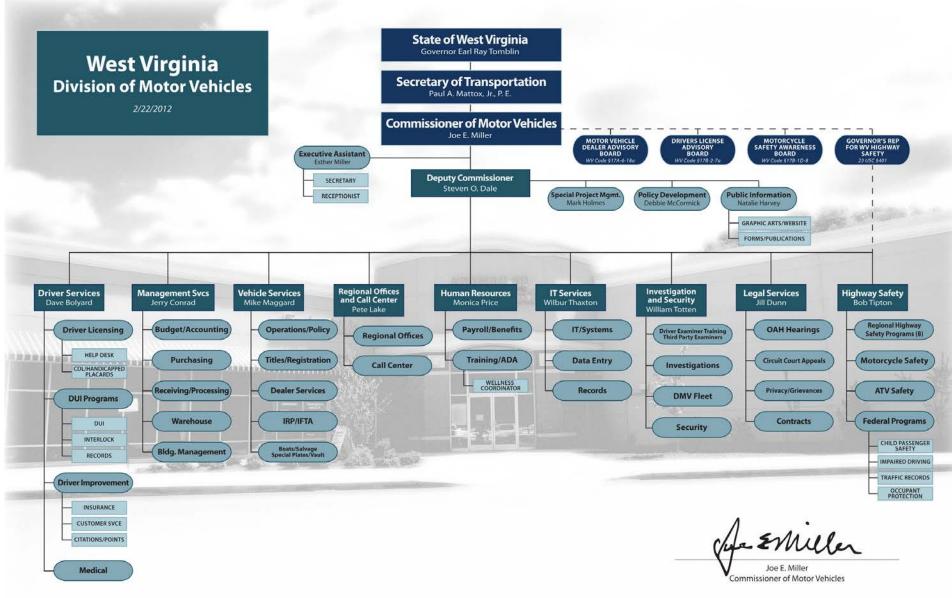
#### <u>Transportation Systems Analyst I</u> – (Catherine Bryant)

Traffic Records Coordinator: Perform technical and business systems analytical research in obtaining statistics and evaluation. Report traffic safety data to the GHSP Office and other agencies. 100% Federal

## Governor's Highway Safety Program



### **Division of Motor Vehicles**



#### **WEST VIRGINIA DEMOGRAPHICS**

West Virginia has a geographic area of 24,078 square miles and ranks 35<sup>th</sup> in area. The largest county if Randolph with 1,040 square miles and the smallest is Hancock with 83 square miles. There are 35,869 miles of public highway and the vast majority is two lanes rural.

The 2010 U.S. Census reports West Virginia's population to be 1,852,994, which is an increase of 2.5% from the 2000 U.S. Census.

Male	907,967
Female	945,027
Black	63,002
White	1,739,961
Hispanic	22,236
Asian	12,971

Year	Licensed Drivers	Registered Motor Vehicles	Million Vehicle Miles Traveled
2007	1,366,712	1,711,577	19,740.560
2008	1,292,448	1,687,407	20,110.190
2009	1,283,527	1,728,940	19,049.529
2010	1,305,437	1,778,510	18,836.084
2011	1,314,399	1,765,292	18,585.816

#### **Miscellaneous Data**

There are 314 law enforcement agencies in West Virginia. The largest agency is the West Virginia State Police which has 678 sworn officers housed in eight troops and further divided into 63 detachments. Each of the 55 West Virginia counties has a sheriff's department varying in size from two officers to 102. There are 178 municipal police departments, with the largest having 182 officers and the smallest has one. All of these agencies have the responsibility of enforcing traffic laws. There are currently 3,397 police officers in West Virginia.

There are 43 licensed hospitals in West Virginia. Two of those are Level I Trauma Centers, four are Level II, and three are Level III and I4 Level IV Trauma Centers.

Charleston, the largest city in West Virginia, is the capital and is located in Kanawha County, which is the largest county in West Virginia. Following are the ten largest employers in the State and are listed in order.

- I. Wal-Mart Associates, Inc.
- 2. West Virginia University Hospital/ United Health System (United Health Center and WV Hospitals)
- 3. Charleston Area Medical Center (CAMC)
- 4. Kroger
- 5. American Electric Power
- 6. Eldercare Resources Corp.
- 7. St. Mary's Hospital
- 8. Consolidation Coal Co.
- 9. Lowe's Home Centers
- 10. Mylan Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

#### Political and Legislative Status

Earl Ray Tomblin is West Virginia's Governor. He became the Governor in November 2010, when Governor Joe Manchin III resigned the position to fill the unexpired term of U. S. Senator Robert C. Byrd. The West Virginia Legislature has two chambers, the House of Delegates and the Senate. The House of Delegates is comprised of 65 Democrats and 34 Republicans, and Speaker Richard Thompson presides. The Senate is comprised of 27 Democrats and 7 Republicans with Senator Jeffrey Kessler presiding as the Senate President. The Legislature's annual session begins the second week of January and lasts 60 days. Monthly interim meetings are also held.

Repeat Offender legislation and an upgrade to the Child Passenger Safety Law were passed during the 2005 session of the Legislature. The Repeat Offender Law was reviewed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Counsel and judged to be compliant with the federal mandate. Open container legislation made it through committees, but never came to a floor vote. The lack of a compliant open container law will keep the 154 Transfer penalties in place.

In 2008, West Virginia passed a "High BAC Law," which makes it a misdemeanor to drive with a BAC of 0.15 or higher. However, this law does not meet NHTSA's SAFETEA-LU Section 410 criteria, which requires a minimum of 320 days use of an ignition interlock device. West Virginia's law requires a minimum of 270 days use.

In 2009, the Legislature strengthened the state's GDL (Graduated Driver Licensing) law by limiting the number of hours of driving allowed, decreasing the number of passengers which may be in the vehicle, and increasing the number of certified practice hours. A ban on cell phone use at Level I and Level II was implemented.

In 2011, the West Virginia Legislature again failed to pass a Primary Seat Belt law. This legislation will be on the Division of Motor Vehicles Legislative Agenda for the 2013 Legislative Session.

The West Virginia Legislature passed a cell phone/texting ban while driving law in the 2012 Legislative session. The law, which went into effect July 1, 2012, prohibits texting or using a cell phone without the use of hands-free technology while operating a motor vehicle. Operating a motor vehicle while texting is a primary offense (as of July 1, 2012). Operating a motor vehicle while using a cell phone is currently enforced as a secondary offense, but will become a primary offense on July 1, 2013. Violation will result in a \$100 fine for the first offense, \$200 for a second offense, and \$300 for a third offense, with no court or other fees assessed. Points are not charged to the individual's driving record until the third or subsequent offense (3 points).

#### **GOALS/PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

#### **CORE OUTCOME MEASURES \***

#### I. Traffic Fatalities

To decrease traffic fatalities 5 percent from 2007-2011 calendar base year average of 364 to 346 by December 31, 2013.

#### 2. Serious Traffic Injuries

To decrease serious injuries 5 percent from the 2006-2010\* calendar base year average of 8,560 to 8,132 by December 31, 2013.

#### 3. Fatalities/VMT

- a. To decrease fatalities/VMT from the 2006-2010\* calendar base year average of 1.87 to 1.80 by December 31, 2013.
- b. To decrease rural fatalities/VMT from the 2006-2010\* calendar base year average of 2.33 to 2.21 by December 31, 2013.
- c. To decrease urban fatalities/VMT from the 2006-2010\* calendar year average of 1.0 to .90 by December 31, 2013.

#### 4. Unrestrained Passenger Vehicle Occupant Fatalities

To decrease unrestrained passenger vehicle occupant fatalities in all seating positions 25 percent from the 2006-2010\* calendar base year average of 159 to 119 by December 31, 2013.

#### 5. Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatalities

To decrease alcohol impaired driving fatalities 10 percent from the 2006-2010\* calendar base year average of 118 to 106 by December 31, 2013.

#### 6. Speeding Related Fatalities

To decrease speeding-related fatalities 7 percent from the 2006-2010\* calendar base year average of 90 to 83 by December 31, 2013.

#### 7. Motorcyclist Fatalities

To decrease motorcyclist fatalities 20 percent from the 2006-2010\* calendar base year average of 37 to 29 by December 31, 2013.

#### 8. <u>Unhelmeted Motorcyclist Fatalities</u>

To decrease unhelmeted motorcyclist fatalities 10 percent from the 2006-2010\* calendar base year average of seven to six by December 31, 2013.

#### 9. Drivers Age 20 or Younger Involved in Fatal Crashes

To decrease drivers age 20 or younger involved in fatal crashes 7 percent from the 2006-2010\* calendar base year average of 56 to 52 by December 31, 2013.

#### 10. Pedestrian fatalities

To reduce pedestrian fatalities 10 percent from the 2006-2010\* calendar base year average of 19 to 17 by December 31, 2013.

Note: Items marked with \* indicate that 2011 data is not available at this time. Upon its availability, the data will be updated.

#### **CORE BEHAVIOR MEASURE**

#### Seat Belt Use Rate

To increase statewide observed seat belt use of front seat outboard occupants in passenger vehicles 3 percentage points from the 2006-2010\* calendar base year average usage rate of 87.6 percent to 90.2 percent by December 31, 2013.

#### **ACTIVITY MEASURES**

1. Number of grant-funded seat belt citations:

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10/1/11 – 8/1/12: 4075 Increase 5% in 2013 to 4278 (seat belts)
10/1/11 – 8/1/12: 235 Increase 5% in 2013 to 247 (child safety seats)
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2. Number of grant-funded impaired driving arrests

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10/1/11 – 8/1/12: 2833 Increase 5% in 2013 to 2975
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3. Number of grant-funded speeding citations

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10/1/11 – 8/1/12: 8832 Increase 5% in 2013 to 9273
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The results will be published in the FY2012 Annual Report.

# HIGHWAY SAFETY PRIORITY AREAS PERFORMANCE GOALS, MEASURES AND FUNDED PROJECTS

#### **OCCUPANT PROTECTION**

West Virginia conducts the Annual Statewide Scientific Seat Belt Usage Survey during the first two weeks of each June. When seat belt use began being tracked in 2000, the usage rate was a mere 49.5%. In November 2001, West Virginia adopted the "Click It or Ticket" campaign, and utilizing aggressive enforcement and paid media, the seat belt rate rose to 72% by November 2002. West Virginia has continued the Click It or Ticket campaign and has seen a steady, upward trend in the seat belt use rate since then. Our highest rate ever achieved was 89% in 2007 and 2008, followed by a slightly lower rate for the next two years. In 2011, the state's seat belt use rate was 85%. The 2012 seat belt survey has been conducted; however, the results have not been analyzed yet, although we anticipate an estimated rate of 86%.

More than 40 percent of the law enforcement agencies participated in the Click It or Ticket Campaign with activities that continue year round and on a sustained basis.

#### **Occupant Protection Data**

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Use Rate	89.6%	89.5%	87%	82%	85%
A & B Injuries	10,424	8,641	7,130	6,500	5,991
Fatalities	432	380	357	315	355
<b>Fatal Ejections</b>	149	145	126	132	110

#### **Performance Goals**

	2012	2013
Use Rate	86%	88%
A & B Injuries	5,700	5,550
Fatalities	345	339
<b>Fatal Ejections</b>	105	100

#### **Performance Measures**

West Virginia will continue to employ the Annual Statewide Scientific Survey to measure and monitor seat belt usage rates. The 2012 Seat Belt Survey has been completed, but the final analysis is incomplete. The final report/certification will be submitted to NHTSA by March I, 2013. NHTSA has established new guidelines for states to conduct their annual seat belt survey and has required every state to submit a plan to implement these guidelines. West Virginia's plan has received NHTSA approval, and we will begin using the new design in June 2013.

In FY13, the GHSP will offer TOPS (Traffic Occupant Protection Strategies) training to reinvigorate enforcement efforts in the state, particularly with regard to safety belt enforcement. We plan to conduct 16 classes (2 per region) statewide. In addition to our annual CIOT enforcement blitz during May, we will implement seat belt enforcement blitzes statewide throughout the year, especially in areas that have high unbelted fatality rates. Enforcement of seat belt laws are also stressed when law enforcement officers/agencies are providing enforcement of other Highway Safety initiatives, such as DUI and speeding. Coordinators will also be required to initiate at least one Occupant Protection Checkpoint in their region per quarter. This is not an enforcement checkpoint, however, it does serve as a reminder to the public that seat belts are to be worn at all times. Coordinators will be asked to increase their public awareness efforts of seat belts and the law.

The West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program will continue to monitor crash data provided by the West Virginia Division of Highways and FARS to allow for a comprehensive approach to the development of problem identification and planning processes. The GHSP will attempt to develop more sources for the measurement of progress toward achieving these goals.

#### **FY2013 Occupant Protection Projects**

WV State Police (CIOT)	\$ 50,000
City of Beckley (LifeSavers)	\$ 90,575
GHSP LEL (CIOT)	\$ 100,000
City of Charleston	\$ 43,000
City of Huntington	\$ 55,000
Wood County	\$ 23,000
City of Wheeling	\$ 20,000
City of Clarksburg	\$ 40,500
City of Martinsburg	\$ 1 <del>4</del> ,000
City of Beckley	\$ 36,000
City of Beckley (Coalfields)	\$ 20,000
TOTAL `	\$ 492,075

#### Section 405 - Occupant Protection Incentive Grant

Under SAFETEA-LU, States had to meet four of six criteria to be eligible for funding. West Virginia met three criteria and would have needed to meet at least one of the following to qualify:

- Seat belt law covering all seating positions
- Primary Enforcement Law
- Minimum fine of \$25

Unfortunately, West Virginia was unable to qualify for these funds, which were available beginning in 2006 through 2012.

Funds available under Section 402 and Section 406 (SAFETEA-LU) will be used to implement FY13 Occupant Protection projects. Additional funding may be available under MAP-21.

#### Section 406 - Safety Belt Performance Grant Program

West Virginia achieved an 85% seat belt use rate for two consecutive years to qualify for Section 406 funding (88% in 2006 and 89.5% in 2007). West Virginia received a one-time award of \$5,092,399 in FY2009, of which \$1 million must be used for highway safety programming.

<u>FY2007</u>: (\$0) West Virginia did not qualify for funding under this program.

<u>FY2008</u>: (\$0) West Virginia did not qualify for funding under this program.

FY2009: (\$5,092,399) 406 funds will be used to purchase computers and printers for all law enforcement agencies in the State in support of electronic submission of crash reports, citations and warnings for all traffic data (see Traffic Records Section). 406 funds will also be used to support the West Virginia Lifesavers Project.

FY2010: (\$3,730,180 Unawarded 406 funds remaining) Funds will be used to purchase computers and printers for all law enforcement agencies in the State in support of electronic submission of crash reports, citations and warnings for all traffic data (see Traffic Records Section). 406 funds will also be used to support the West Virginia Lifesavers Project, Beyond the Belt, and other occupant protection projects.

FY2011: (\$2,742,324 Unawarded 406 funds remaining) Funds will be used to purchase computers and other necessary hardware for all law enforcement agencies in the State in support of electronic submission of crash reports, citations, and warnings for all traffic data (see Traffic Records Section). 406 funds will also be used to support the West Virginia Lifesavers Project, Beyond the Belt, and other occupant protection projects.

FY2012: (\$2,349,722 Unawarded 406 funds remaining) Funds will be used for Seat Belt Enforcement, law enforcement training and incentives, public information and education, and the Yellow Dot Program.

(\$1,191,122 Unawarded 406 funds remaining) Funds will be used for Seat Belt Enforcement, law enforcement training and incentives, public information and education, and the Yellow Dot Program.

#### Section 2011 - Child Safety and Child Booster Seat Incentive Grant (SAFETEA-LU)

States that are enforcing a law requiring any child riding in a passenger vehicle who is too large to be secured in a child safety seat that meets the requirements prescribed in Anton's Law are eligible for this grant program. In 2005, West Virginia upgraded its Child Passenger Safety law by requiring that children up to the age of eight and less than four feet nine inches (4' 9") tall must be secured in a child safety device. West Virginia qualified for these funds for the last six years and has recently been approved for a sixth year of funding.

#### FY2013 – Section 2011 Projects

City of Charleston	\$	23,000	
City of Huntington		19,000	
Wood County Commission		18,750	
City of Wheeling		15,750	
City of Clarksburg		20,500	
City of Martinsburg		9,000	
City of Beckley		20,500	
City of Beckley		43,000	(Coalfields Program & Statewide)
GHSP		50,000	
TOTAL	2	19,500	

FY2006: (268,021) West Virginia conducted Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Training, supported permanently established CPS fitting stations and purchased CPS seats. As required by federal regulation, no more than 50 percent of the awarded funds were used to purchase child safety seats.

FY2007: (\$196,453) West Virginia conducted CPS training, established and supported CPS fitting stations purchased CPS seats and purchased media (radio). No more than 50 percent of the funds were used to purchase safety seats.

#### FY2008:

(\$138,822) West Virginia plans to conduct similar activities as last year in the coming year. In addition to six 32-hour CPS classes, we will offer a minimum of four 8-hour recertification classes throughout West Virginia. GHSP goal is to recertify 40 CPS technicians who have allowed their certifications to expire. GHSP will monitor all CPS technicians in FY2009 and will assist them in remaining certified. No more than 50 percent of the funds will be used to purchase safety seats.

#### FY2009:

(\$126,019) West Virginia plans to conduct similar activities as last year in the coming year. In addition to six 32-hour CPS classes, we will offer a minimum of four 8-hour renewal classes throughout West Virginia, plus four 8-hour classes for CEU credit. GHSP goal is to recertify 40 CPS technicians who have allowed their certifications to expire. GHSP will monitor all CPS technicians in FY2010 and will assist them in remaining certified. No more than 50 percent of the funds will be used to purchase safety seats.

#### FY2010:

(\$111,189) In addition to six to eight 32-hour CPS classes, we will offer at least four 8-hour renewal classes throughout West Virginia, plus a minimum of four 8-hour classes for CEU credit. GHSP goal is to recertify 40 CPS technicians who have allowed their certifications to expire. GHSP will monitor all CPS technicians in FY2011 and will assist them in remaining certified. No more than 50 percent of the funds will be used to purchase safety seats.

#### FY2011:

(\$107,172) Four to five 32-hour CPS classes will be offered, at least 3 Kidz in Motion classes (for recertification of current technicians) are planned, and at least 2 Renewal classes (for technicians who have expired certifications) will be held in FY2012. Media will include a statewide radio campaign, in addition to special media events for National CPS Week in September.

#### FY2012:

(Award Pending – Approximately \$100,000 anticipated) Five 32-hour CPS classes will be offered, 3 Kidz in Motion classes are planned, and 3 Renewal classes will be held in FY2013. Media will include a statewide radio campaign and special media events for National CPS Week in September.

#### **IMPAIRED DRIVING**

West Virginia was named a Strategic Evaluation State by NHTSA in 2002 due to the high alcohol fatality rates (2002 – 0.94; 2003 – 0.77 and 2004 – 0.70), and remained a Strategic Evaluation State until the FY2012 Section 410 cycle. In July 2003, West Virginia instituted a year-long sustained enforcement project which has continued and funded with Section 154/164 Transfer Funds and Section 410 Funds. Even though we are no longer a Strategic Evaluation State, we are continuing with the sustained enforcement project as updated in the FY2012 Section 410 Plan. The enforcement effort is coordinated through the eight Regional Traffic Safety Programs and the seven West Virginia State Police Troops. Each region and troop is responsible for weekly enforcement, earned media, public information and education events. There is also a training component in place to upgrade law enforcement's ability to be more effective in dealing with the impaired driving problem.

#### **Alcohol Data**

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alcohol Related Fatalities (BAC=.08+)	105	138	128	115	112	112
Alcohol Fatality Rate	0.50	0.67	0.61	.59	.51	*
Alcohol/Fatality Percentage	25	32	34	32	30	*
Alcohol Related Crashes	3,514	3,301	2,770	1,831	1647	2,451
Alcohol Related Injuries	2,572	N/A	1,700	749	710	1,221
Underage Alcohol Sales	20.63%	17.51%	20.23%	15.64%	22.65%	*

<sup>\*2011</sup> Data Not Yet Available

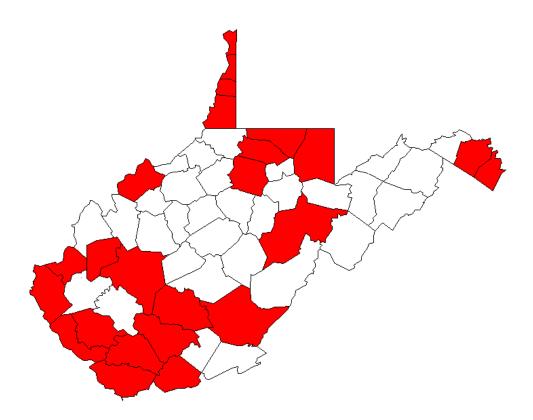
#### **Performance Goals**

	2012
Alcohol Related Fatalities	106
Alcohol Fatality Rate	.55
Alcohol/Fatality Percentage	25
Alcohol Related Crashes	2,200
Alcohol Related Injuries	1,200
Underage Alcohol Sales	17.72

The State of West Virginia has participated in every national impaired driving law enforcement campaign NHTSA has organized since the inception of the program. Additionally, the State has increased its impaired driving law enforcement efforts during Christmas/New Years, St. Patrick's Day, the Fourth of July weekend and Labor Day. Recently West Virginia has increased its impaired driving law enforcement efforts on Cinco de Mayo and Halloween due to statistical evidence indicating an increased risk to the driving public from intoxicated drivers. In 2004, the GHSP developed the West Virginia Sustained DUI Enforcement Plan which has guided our impaired driving law enforcement program since its inception. During FY2011, 180 law enforcement agencies participated in this program, conducting 227 sobriety checkpoints and making 194 DUI arrests. Saturation patrols were also conducted, with 2,883 DUI arrests and issuing 30,991 other citations. These agencies represent the West Virginia State Police, city and county law enforcement agencies which included every Class I, II and III city in the State. They cover 75 percent of the State's area and 85 percent of the State's population.

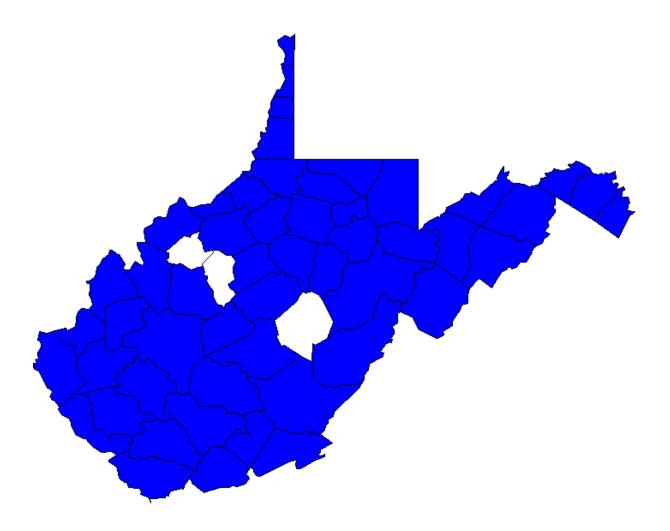
Utilizing the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" message, West Virginia will participate in the national Labor Day campaign. Additionally throughout the year, there will be six mobilization periods statewide in which officers will be conducting sobriety checkpoints, low staffing checkpoints, phantom checkpoints, saturation patrols, and directed patrols on roadways with a high incidence of alcohol related fatalities and crashes. \$I million in paid media will help to further these efforts.

# Map of West Virginia Representing 75% of the State's Population by County



The following map illustrates the counties where either the major community within the county or the county Sheriffs Office is participating in the West Virginia Sustained DUI Enforcement Plan.

# West Virginia Counties with Participating Law Enforcement Agencies



The counties participating during the current grant year represents 99% of the State's population, and 99% of the alcohol related traffic crashes. This map represents city and county law enforcement agencies only. In addition to these agencies, the West Virginia State Police are participating in the Sustained DUI Enforcement Program in all 55 counties. The State Police patrol rural areas in addition to cities that either do not have a police department or the local police department is so small that they do not do road patrols. Following is the updated plan for FY2013.

## WV GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM SUSTAINED DUI ENFORCEMENT PLAN FY2013

#### **OVERVIEW**

In order to bring West Virginia's Alcohol Related Death Rate down to the National Average Alcohol Related Death Rate of .56 deaths per 100 million miles traveled, the WV Governor's Highway Safety Program has developed a statewide plan to reduce DUI related crashes, injuries, and deaths by using a sustained enforcement effort. This plan takes a comprehensive approach using city, county and state law-enforcement agencies, Traffic Safety Coordinators, Alcohol Beverage Control Administration (ABCA), community agencies, schools, retail, and wholesale alcohol agents. The Governor's Highway Safety Program's Alcohol Coordinator and the Law Enforcement Liaison will take the lead in statewide planning and coordination. The eight Traffic Safety coordinators and the seven WV State Police coordinators will coordinate their regions of the State to insure compliance with this plan. The plan will cover the entire state in a comprehensive and sustained manner using the following categories:

- High Visibility Enforcement Activities
- Public Education and Information Activities
- Media Activities
- Training Activities
- Age Group Activities
- Underage Enforcement Activities
- Focused Patrols
- Formation of Spyder Patrols Program

#### HIGH VISIBILITY ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

Each of the eight Traffic Safety Coordinators will be required to arrange a minimum of at least one DUI enforcement activities in each of their areas each week at high-risk days and times for DUI crashes. The seven WV State Police coordinators will arrange a minimum of one DUI enforcement activities within each of their troop areas each week also during high-risk days and times for DUI crashes. The "Governor's Highway Safety Programs, Law Enforcement Liaison" is responsible for coordinating the efforts of the Traffic Safety Coordinators and WV State Police coordinators. Each group divides the State of West Virginia into areas (eight Traffic Safety Areas and seven State Police troop areas) covering 100% of the State. Additionally during the six-month period of enhanced enforcement, the enforcement level will double to two enforcement events per week in each Traffic Safety Coordinator and state police area. Approved examples of "High Visibility Enforcement Activities" are as follows:

■ Saturation Patrols – Officers will patrol areas identified as high DUI area in-groups of at least three patrols. Officers will stage in the enforcement area to alert motorist to the high visibility saturated patrol.

- Sobriety Checkpoints Officers will conduct checkpoints according to local department regulations requiring a large number of officers (usually 10-12 officers).
- Low Manpower Sobriety Checkpoints Officers will conduct checkpoints according to local department regulations requiring six or fewer officers.
- Underage Alcohol Sales Stings Officers will work with ABCA investigators or within department regulations in an effort to monitor the sale of alcohol to underage purchasers and make arrests of violations.
- Participate in National and six State Mobilizations (4 Law Enforcement events during the National Mobilization and as mandated for the State Mobilizations)
- Participate in the enhanced enforcement program as mandated by the Governor's Highway Safety Program
- Conduct enforcement activities during peak alcohol related crash times, (holidays, special events), and at high alcohol related crash locations (DOH will provide those locations from the crash reports).

#### **ENHANCED ENFORCEMENT PERIOD**

The latest statistics available to the Governor's Highway Safety Program indicating the incidence of alcohol related crashed are as follows:

#### Alcohol-Impaired Related Fatal Crashes by Month (2004-2008)

Month	<b>N</b> umber of Crashes	% of Total	Rank
January	32	5.5%	12
February	29	6.9%	10
March	48	8.4%	7
April	39	6.7%	11
May	46	8.1%	9
June	47	8.2%	8
July	50	8.8%	4
August	69	12.0%	I
September	52	9.0%	3
October	53	9.2%	2
November	49	8.6%	5
December	<u>49</u>	<u>8.5%</u>	6
TOTAL	563	100.00%	

Source: Analysis of Fatal Crash Data, West Virginia 2004-2008 by the Preusser Research Group

Therefore, the Governor's Highway Safety Program shall name the months of August, October, September, July, November, and December as the months dedicated to the enhanced DUI enforcement activities. The Traffic Safety Coordinators and the West Virginia shall at a minimum double their DUI enforcement activities during these periods

#### **STATE MANDATED BLITZES**

The Governor's Highway Safety Program hereby designates the following period as State Mandated Blitz Periods: Thanksgiving – Christmas – New Years, Halloween, St. Patrick's Day, Spring Break, and West Virginia Day – the Fourth of July weekend. Also, the State shall enhance the National Blitz to include the entire month of August. During these designated blitz periods, the Traffic Safety Coordinators and the West Virginia State Police shall attempt to get as many law enforcement agencies as possible to conduct DUI enforcement activities.

#### **PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION ACTIVITIES**

Each Traffic Safety Coordinator in their area will conduct public education and information activities. The coordinator will be required to conduct at least one event each week. The WV State Police coordinator will also conduct one activity each week within their troop area. In coordinating these efforts, 780 public education and information activities will occur statewide during a one-year period. Approved examples of public education and information activities are as follows:

- Presenting impaired driving prevention information to a group such as school classes, civic groups, and church groups, in a face to face setting or in a public forum.
- Presenting impaired driving prevention information through a media outlet such as TV, radio, newspaper, magazine article or at a local fair or festival.
- Phantom Checkpoint Officers set up signs and prepare to conduct a regular checkpoint without actually moving into the roadway and conducting the checkpoint. Officers may repeat this procedure more than once and at several locations during the shift. This activity will give the impression that sobriety checkpoints are everywhere while educating the public that the police will catch the people who are driving impaired.

#### **MEDIA PLAN**

#### **Crackdown Period**

The Impaired Driving National Enforcement Crackdown - dates determined by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

#### State Mandated Blitzes

Thanksgiving – Christmas – New Years, Halloween, St. Patrick's Day, Spring Break, and West Virginia Day – the Fourth of July weekend are the periods established for the State Mandated Blitzes. During these periods, the Governor's Highway Safety Program shall conduct

a media campaign to coordinate with the enforcement efforts. The media campaign shall include an enforcement message.

#### **Advertising Period**

These campaigns will coincide with the National and State Blitzes. The Advertising campaign shall begin one week before the blitz and run through the Blitz period.

#### **Budget**

The State of West Virginia shall budget \$1,000,000 of 154 transfer funds to fund this program.

#### **Target Profile**

The primary target audience is broken out into 6 at-risk segments:

- I. Socially Accountable Drinkers
- 2. Responsible Drinkers
- 3. Inexperienced Social Drinkers
- 4. Binge Drinkers
- 5. Middle-Class Risk Takers
- 6. Discontented Blue-Collars
- 7. Midlife Motorcyclists
- 8. Underage Drinkers

Relative degrees of "at risk"

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In addition to the primary audiences described above, we will also target the following secondary audiences:

- College Youth
- Unemployed Youths
- Unemployed Men
- Blue Collar Workers

#### **Demographic Profile**

- 1. Discontented Blue Collars: Men 21-34 years old
- 2. Underage Drinkers Youths 16-20 years old
- 3. Middle-Class Risk Takers: Men 25-54 years old
- 4. Inexperienced Social Drinkers: Men 21-24 years old
- 5. Responsible Drinkers: Adults 25-44 years old
- 6. Socially-Accountable Drinkers: Adults 25-34 years old
- 7. Binge Drinkers or People who drink for the sole purpose of getting as drunk as they can as fast as they can

This plan will target the five highest "at risk" groups: Binge Drinkers, Underage Drinkers, Discontented Blue Collar, Middle-Class Risk Takers, and Inexperienced Social Drinkers.

#### Media Purchasing Demographic

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

#### **Geography**

The \$1,000,000 budget shall go to West Virginia advertising only. This campaign shall complement the national media plan during the national blitz and go toward the state mandated blitz periods as well.

#### Media to be Considered

The media considered for use in the 2013 Enforcement Blitzes are –

Network Television	Network Radio	<u>Digital</u>	<u>Billboards</u>	Athletic Venues
Broadcast	Broadcast	Theaters	Electronic	WVU Athletics
Cable		Internet	Print	Marshall Athletics

Other creative media advertising shall be used on an as needed basis.

#### **Overall Media Strategy**

#### Young Men

Continue to generate frequency in order to affect behavioral change.

Maintain the use of television via broadcast (reach) and cable (frequency).

Use radio to increase the frequency of the message.

Use digital media to reach our targets in the fastest growing medium today (Specifically the Underage).

#### **Network Television and Radio Strategy**

The Public Affairs Coordinator for the Governor's Highway Safety Program shall work very closely with the media vendors to ensure that the media is reaching the target audiences. The Public Affairs Coordinator shall coordinate the media program and is responsible for arranging the media purchases and reporting.

#### **Earned and Other Media Efforts**

Each Traffic Safety Coordinator and WV State Police coordinator will be required to conduct at least one media activity per week, and advertise enforcement activities before, during, and after each enforcement event within their area or troop. A media activity involves the coverage of an ongoing event or dissemination of information through a media outlet. This combined effort will result in at least 1,000 media activities a year. Media activities include the following:

- TV, Radio, Newspaper, Magazine coverage of a DUI related activity.
- TV, Radio, Newspaper, Magazine used to relay DUI related information to the public.
- Billboard or other outdoor media (e.g. stadium ad, movies)
- West Virginia University and Marshall University Sporting Events

These media events are more that simple media notification of an up-coming enforcement event (i.e. media notification of the sobriety checkpoint). The Governor's Highway Safety Program shall receive a report of each media event. This report shall include the coverage area or circulation of the media used and the amount of money it would have cost us to purchase the media time/space.

#### TRAINING ACTIVITIES

The Governor's Highway Safety Program has developed and the Law Enforcement Training Sub-committee has certified for law enforcement in-service credit several training classes focusing on DUI issues. A training cadre consisting of ten instructors to instruct these classes shall be maintained by the "Governor's Highway Safety Program." All classes offered by the Governor's Highway Safety Program shall be free of charge to any member of law enforcement agencies. The following classes are available:

- SFST Refresher Course This is a recertification class for SFST. This is an 8-hour class and offered 16 times a year.
- Presentation of Evidence at DMV Administrative This class assists officers in preparing for and presenting evidence at a DMV Administrative Hearing. We will offer this class 8 times a year.

- Mobile Video In-Car Camera This class will teach officers how to effectively use in-car video camera systems. We will offer this class 8 times a year. In addition, all 600 members of the WV State Police during their annual in-service training shall receive this course.
- Managing Sobriety Checkpoints A Supervisory level course for law enforcement supervisors, who plan and supervise sobriety checkpoints. We will offer this class 8 times a year.
- Operating Sobriety Checkpoints This class is for law enforcement officers who operate the sobriety checkpoints. We will offer this class 8 times a year.
- Intoximeter Training This class will instruct all law enforcement officers in the use of new breath testing equipment. This training consists of a 4-hour block of instruction in conjunction with a general update of DUI enforcement in WV. All law enforcement officers who have the forty-hour certification on the Intoxilizers will receive his course.

This is an ambitious training schedule; the Governor's Highway Safety Program is offering forty-two training classes. In addition to the forty-two training classes, every law enforcement officer will receive updated DUI training and instruction on the use of new breath testing equipment.

#### **AGE GROUP ACTIVITIES**

Traffic Safety Coordinators will conduct two "age group" specific activities per year in their area. WV State Police coordinators will also conduct two "age group" specific activities per year in their troop area. This totals 30 "age group" specific activities throughout the state. In addition, each Traffic Safety Coordinator will conduct one on-going alcohol project focusing on the 21-34 year old age group, bringing the total of age group specific activities to 38 statewide. Age group specific activities include but are not limited to the following:

- High School Prom Activity Officers will assist schools during prom in monitoring for alcohol use. Pre Prom visits by law enforcement to deter the use of alcohol.
- High School Graduation Activity Officers will be involved in alcohol free graduation parties. Assist school personnel in the education of students concerning alcohol abuse.
- High School Drivers Education Classes Visits to Drivers Education Classes to educate students against driving while impaired.
- High School SADD Groups Highway Safety Regional Coordinators shall work with the SADD group within their regions to assist them in their activities and to assist in the Statewide SADD Program.
- College Project Works with all 23 Colleges and Universities in the State. This project is in its sixth year and works with campus teams to reduce underage drinking on college campuses. In alternating years there is a statewide conference bringing the colleges

together to discuss campus issues and showoff successful programs. In the off year, we conduct statewide training for selected teams from each participating college to enhance their programs and prepare them for the biannual alcohol and drug abuse requirements from the United States Department of Education. This year the Colleges are forming a formal independent organization to carry on this program.

On Going Project for 21-34 age-groups – Traffic Safety Coordinators will work with area bars, distributors, and community agencies to establish an on-going project to assist 21-34 age group in avoiding driving under the influence by finding alternative transportation. (e.g. designated drivers, public transportation, and TIP's Training)

#### **UNDERAGE ACTIVITIES**

The Traffic Safety Coordinators shall conduct a minimum of one coordinated statewide enforcement effort and eight other local underage activities during the year in addition to the High Visibility Enforcement Activities previously cited.

- All Traffic Safety Coordinators and WV State Police Coordinators will conduct a statewide underage alcohol sting on the same night across the state. The ABCA will be involved to enforce rules violations against owners of stores found in violation.
- In addition to the statewide sting, each Traffic Safety Coordinator will conduct a minimum of one underage sting with an ABCA enforcement officer during the year.
- A major program developed in conjunction with the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety is currently underway in Cabell County with Monongalia County as the Control County. This project is attempting to reduce the measurable alcohol (at checkpoints) of the underage/young adult population.
- The Traffic Safety Coordinators shall work with the colleges in their areas to implement the approved college project.
- The Traffic Safety Coordinators shall work with the High School SADD chapters to facilitate the public information and education messages reach the High School audience.

#### **FOCUSED PATROLS**

In addition to the required enforcement activities, officers will conduct patrol activities focusing on locating alcohol impaired drivers. Officers will conduct this patrol during their regular duty focusing their activities on impaired drivers. This activity does not replace the required weekly activity. Traffic Safety Coordinators and WV State Police Coordinators will track DUI arrests made by on-duty officers to evaluate this area.

#### **SPYDER PATROLS**

The Highway Safety Coordinators shall work with the Governor's Highway Safety Program, the Motorcycle Safety Program and local law enforcement agencies to develop the dedicated Spyder Patrol Program. This program entails local law enforcement agencies dedicating a full time officer to DUI patrols in exchange for a three-wheeled motorcycle (standard motorcycle if agency already has a motorcycle unit). This officer shall work traffic/DUI full time and report all such activity to the "Governor's Highway Safety Programs Law Enforcement Database." This unit shall also be a keystone to the local law enforcement agency's overtime DUI efforts. The Motorcycle Safety Program shall develop and deliver all training to the local law enforcement officers.

All officers assigned to this unit must have their motorcycle endorsement on their driver's license and attend all trainings determined by the Motorcycle Safety Program. They must also be proficient in the Standardized Field Sobriety tests and when appropriate they will train other officers in Standardized Field Sobriety.

During FY2013, the 24 Hour Police Can-Am Spyder Certification Course will be provided to those law enforcement agencies utilizing a Spyder. We anticipate five to six classes this coming year.

#### FY 2013 Impaired Driving Projects

Program	154 Funds	410 Funds	410 HVE Funds	410 HFR Funds
Region 1 – City of Charleston	\$257,000	\$170,000	\$40,000	\$30,000
Region 2 – City of Huntington	266,000	80,000	40,000	30,000
Region 3 – Wood County Commission	138,500	70,000	40,000	30,000
Region 4 – City of Wheeling	160,000	103,700	40,000	30,000
Region 5 – City of Clarksburg	311,500	40,000	40,000	30,000
Region 6 – City of Martinsburg	168,000	50,000	40,000	30,000
Region 7 – City of Beckley	250,250	62,000	40,000	30,000
Region 8 – City of Beckley (Coalfields)	124,000	53,500	40,000	30,000
Governor's Highway Safety Program	500,000	350,000		
Law Enforcement Liaison Office	100,000			
Lifesavers Office	172,275			
West Virginia State Police (7 Troops)	440,000	75,000	90,000	90,000
WV Alcohol Beverage Control Admin.	150,000			
WV Prosecuting Attorney's Office		168,250		
Monongalia County	100,000			
City of Morgantown	60,000			
TOTAL	\$3,197,525	\$1,222,450	\$410,000	\$330,000

#### Section 154/164 - Alcohol Programs

In 2005, the West Virginia Legislature passed a Repeat Offender Law which met US DOT Criteria. WV has not passed an open container law, which keeps the 154 Sanction in place. In FY2012, West Virginia's transfer amount was \$4,888,58, of which \$1,662,110 was allocated to Alcohol Programs, and the remaining \$3,226,448 was allocated to Hazard Elimination Programs.

#### Section 410 Alcohol Impaired Driving Countermeasures Incentive Grant

West Virginia qualified for FY2011 Section 410 funding, and an application for FY2012 funding is pending. Any funding received will be used to further the implementation of our sustained enforcement/DUI checkpoints, alcohol training, Law Enforcement Liaison Office and Underage Drinking Enforcement.

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FY2006 - $ 713,655

FY2007 - $ 750,251

FY2008 - $ 1,059,797

FY2009 - $ 986,797

FY2010 - $ 972,389

FY2011 - $ 964,389

FY2012 - PENDING
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West Virginia also received 410 HVE (High Visibility) and 410 HFR (High Fatality Rate) funds as a high-risk state. HVE funds must be used on the top one hundred road segments identified in the Section 410 Plan. HFR funds may be used on other identifiable problems in the state.

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FY2009 - $699,017 Section 410 HVE Funds
FY2009 - $699,018 Section 410 HFR Funds
FY2010 - $504,792 Section 410 HVE Funds
FY2010 - $504,792 Section 410 HFR Funds
FY2011 - $608,749 Section 410 HVE Funds
FY2011 - $608,749 Section 410 HFR Funds
FY2012 - Pending
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#### **MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM**

## Section 2010 - Motorcyclist Safety

Calendar Years	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Registered Owners	40,199	49,479	49,220	48,533	48,331	*
Total Crashes	764	810	759	709	689	668
A & B Injuries	591	N/A	N/A	N/A	526	403
Fatalities	39	40	52	25	31	30
Students Trained	1,784	1,777	1,885	1,791	1,404	1,525

<sup>\*</sup>Data not available at this writing

#### **Performance Goals**

Calendar Years	2012
Registered Owners	51,000
Total Crashes	621
A & B Injuries	375
Fatalities	29
Students Trained	1,650

#### **Performance Measures**

West Virginia's Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Program will continue to employ a statewide advertisement program through paid media. Radio and television ads and billboards will be geared to reach both the rider of motorcycles and drivers of motor vehicles. This approach will hopefully make both drivers and riders award of each other and each individual's responsibility to the other, thus creating a safer driving environment.

West Virginia's Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Program will continue to monitor crash data provided by the West Virginia Division of Highway and FARS to help identify problem areas and locations. Additional training sites in rural and remote areas will afford the program a greater contact with potential students seeking motorcycle training in both the Basic Rider's Course and the Experienced Rider's Course.

#### **Performance Goals**

The goals of the West Virginia Motorcycle Safety Program are to:

- 1. Reduce the number of fatalities to 29 deaths by December 31, 2013.
- 2. Reduce motorcycle involved crashes by seven percent by December 31, 2013.
- 3. Increase the number of professionally trained riders by five to seven percent per year.

West Virginia qualified for FY2006 - FY2011 funding under the Section 2010 Motorcyclist Safety Program, The Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) currently funds and administers the West Virginia Motorcycle Safety Program. The Motorcycle Safety Program was transferred to the Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) in October 2006. Section 2010 funding will be used by DMV/GHSP to enhance the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program through paid media and through PI & E. Each of the eight Safe Community Programs will be responsible for Motorcycle Simulator Training in their areas. A reduction in the number of unhelmeted fatalities will be addressed through emphasis on West Virginia's motorcycle helmet law in both media campaigns and Motorcycle Safety training courses.

#### FY 2013 Projects

Program	Section 2010 Funds
City of Charleston	\$10,000
City of Huntington	20,000
Wood County Commission	2,000
City of Wheeling	7,500
City of Clarksburg	3,000
City of Martinsburg	6,000
City of Beckley	7,000
City of Beckley (Coalfields)	6,000
GHSP	42,647
TOTAL	\$104,147

FY2007 - \$100,000 Section 2010	FY2010 - \$100,000 Section 410
FY2007 - \$312,753 State Funding	FY2010 - \$425,000 State Funding
FY2008 - \$100,000 Section 2010	FY2011 - \$100,000 Section 2010
FY2008 - \$309,000 State Funding	FY2011 - \$425,000 State Funding
FY2009 - \$100,000 Section 410	FY2012 - Pending
FY2009 - \$425,000 State Funding	•

## SECTION 408 TRAFFIC SAFETY INFORMATION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

West Virginia has assigned the highest priority to continuing the implementation of an electronic data collection and reporting system, specifically crash data. Timely and accurate crash data are the most crucial components to the comprehensive traffic records system. West Virginia purchased a software program called Report Beam, an electronic crash reporting system, which has been made available to all law enforcement agencies. The software can be used on mobile data terminals or on desktop hardware inside the station. Adoption rates of the software are such that very nearly all of the crash reports submitted to the State crash repository are electronic data transmissions.

The establishment of a Traffic Records Data Warehouse is in the long term plan. Crash data access has been given to key highway safety personnel, and we are working on expansion of this access. Also, the Division of Highways is currently in the process of working with the Rahall Transportation Institute (RTI) to develop a user friendly "back-end" for data querying and user access.

The West Virginia State Police (WVSP) is currently beta testing e-citation in Jackson County and Monongalia County. Many law enforcement agencies in the State, including the WVSP, use Report Beam software to collect e-citation data and this is the approved method for all agencies that use e-citation. Local law enforcement agencies reported that many of them are ready for electronic transfer of citations to the courts. They reported that their municipal courts will have few problems in accepting e-citations and moving them to the court's case management system in a timely manner. Local law enforcement agencies will also have no problem downloading e-citations to their record management systems.

The long-vacant position of Traffic Records Coordinator was filled in January 2012. The Coordinator will schedule regular Traffic Records Coordinating Committee meetings and revise the Traffic Records Strategic Plan. The Traffic Records Coordinating Committee will continue to act as the primary advisory committee for traffic records related activities and projects. The Strategic Plan will be utilized as a guide to ensure proper steps are being taken to implement a statewide comprehensive traffic records system that will be used by federal, state, and local highway safety stakeholders, including the following: Governor's Highway Safety Program, Division of Highways, Division of Motor Vehicles, Supreme Court Administrator's Office, Department of Health and Human Resources. The working Traffic Records Coordinating Committee will continue to strengthen its status by following the recommendations contained in the Traffic Records Assessment. The latest Traffic Records Assessment was conducted from April 29-May 4, 2012.

#### **Performance Goals**

The State has established a goal to have in place a modern, effective, and comprehensive traffic safety and information system of crash and other related records to accurately identify safety problems, to develop countermeasure programs, and to evaluate effectiveness and measure progress.

Additional objectives by which future progress will be measured have been adopted by the TRCC and stakeholder agencies:

- Build a data base infrastructure for citation tracking in order to improve the timeliness of data exchange between state and local agencies. This will provide the State with the ability to design advanced data systems in order to track specific problems.
- 2. Implement a law enforcement friendly electronic, statewide data collection and reporting system for data to be captured accurately, efficiently, and timely.
- 3. Provide the technical capabilities for local, state, and federal traffic safety professionals to access and analyze up to date information from a state wide or web-based system. This includes software, training, and administrative guidelines.
- 4. Foster support and long-term commitments from key decision makers from stakeholder agencies.
- 5. 2006 priorities to be accomplished.
- 6. Support 100% implementation of electronic reporting.

#### **Performance Measures**

The Traffic Records Coordinating Committee will continue to act as the primary advisory committee for traffic records related activities and projects. The Strategic Plan will be utilized as a guide to ensure proper steps are being taken to implement a statewide comprehensive traffic records system that will be used by federal, state, and local highway safety stakeholders, including the following: Governor's Highway Safety Program, Division of Highways, Division of Motor Vehicles, Supreme Court Administrator's Office, Department of Health and Human Resources.

#### FY 2013 Projects

Program	Section 408 Funds
City of Charleston	\$100,000
City of Huntington	100,000
Wood County Commission	100,000
City of Wheeling	100,000
City of Clarksburg	100,000
City of Martinsburg	100,000
City of Beckley	100,000
City of Beckley (Coalfields)	100,000
Law Enforcement Liaison Office	20,000
WV State Police	100,000
Governor's Highway Safety Program	50,000
TOTAL	\$970,000

FY2006 - \$300,000

FY2007 - \$500,000

FY2008 - \$500,000

FY2009 - \$500,000

FY2010 - \$500,000

FY2011 - \$500,000

FY2012 - Pending

#### **SPEED ENFORCEMENT**

### **Sustained Enforcement of Posted Speed Limits**

In West Virginia, speed continues to play a significant role in motor vehicle fatalities.

Calendar Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Speed Related Fatalities	73	76	97	120	85	*
Total Fatalities	410	432	380	357	315	355
Percentage	18%	18%	26%	34%	22%	*

<sup>\*</sup>Data not available at this writing

#### **Performance Goals**

Calendar Year	2012
Speed Related Fatalities	83
Total Fatalities	350
Percentage	22%

All West Virginia law enforcement agencies receiving highway safety funds for occupant protection and impaired driving enforcement programs will be expected to enforce posted speed limits. Because West Virginia is a secondary seat belt law state, speed enforcement is a primary stopping tool for seat belt enforcement.

Specific law enforcement agencies will also be asked to participate in Speed Enforcement blitzes throughout the year, targeting roadways where speed related fatalities occur. Speed related equipment, such as radars, will also be purchased for those departments who may need them.

In addition, the West Virginia Legislature passed legislation allowing all Classes of cities to use Radar Speed measurements as prima facie evidence for speeding violations. The Code mandates that a minimum of 8 hours of training must be provided to all police officers before January 1, 2013. The Law Enforcement Liaison Office will continue to provide this training statewide for law enforcement officers during 2012.

FY2009 - \$100,000 from Section 402

FY2010 - \$100,000 from Section 402

FY2011 - \$100,000 from Section 402

FY2012 - \$100,000 from Section 406

FY2012 - \$250,000 from Section 154

FY2013 - \$215,000 from Section 402

#### **DRIVER ATTITUDE SURVEY**

The West Virginia Highway Safety Program conducted a statewide survey of West Virginia citizens regarding driver attitudes and awareness concerning impaired driving, seatbelt use, and speeding issues. The survey was conducted in July 2012 at nine DMV offices using the recommended set of core survey questions developed by GHSA and NHTSA, and their recommendations regarding survey design, methodology, and administration. The findings will be reported in the 2012 Highway Safety Annual Report. The results of this survey provides important insight to the GHSP as to the effectiveness of our media campaigns. Last year's survey showed that 90% of persons participating in the survey were very familiar with the Click It or Ticket campaign. The Survey also provides information to us as to how the public views the likelihood of being cited/arrested by law enforcement for various traffic violations. This allows us to direct our funds to those locations that have low recognition, and to advise our Coordinators in those particular areas how they might increase recognition of campaigns and the corresponding laws.

FY2010 - \$50,000 Section 402

FY2011 - \$10,000 Section 406

FY2012 - \$10,000 Section 406

FY2013 - \$10,000 Section 406

#### YELLOW DOT PROGRAM

Working in conjunction with the Regional DMV Offices, the GHSP is implementing the Yellow Dot Program, which is geared primarily toward the senior citizen population; however, anyone can participate. A Yellow Dot is placed on an individual's vehicle and will alert all First Responders to vital information stored within the car's glove compartment. This information will include medical/prescription information. This will help insure that medical attention is received during that first "Golden Hour" after a crash or other emergency involving the participant's vehicle.

FY2012 - \$27,000 Section 406

FY2013 - \$16,000 Section 406

#### TARGET RED PROGRAM

Target Red is a program that was initiated by the Southern Regional Highway Safety Program in the City of Beckley in 2008. In October 2007, an elderly woman was returning home from church when her vehicle was struck on the driver's side door by a vehicle that ran a red light.

She sustained life threatening injuries and was in a coma for several months. She did recover from the accident but still suffers lingering effects from it. As a result of the accident, several members of her church made it their mission to bring awareness to the community about the seriousness and ever growing problem of running red lights. They contacted Sgt. Paul Blume of the Beckley Police Department and Coordinator of the Southern Regional Highway Safety Program, and the GHSP to seek their assistance. As a result, Target Red was launched in Beckley in June 2008, and became a statewide program the following year. The campaign is conducted annually, and took place the first two weeks in August 2012. GHSP provides funding to each Coordinator for enforcement and media (tv, radio, and billboards).

FY2012 - \$120,000 Section 402 FY2013 - \$120,000 Section 402

# WEST VIRGINIA COMMISSION ON DRUNK DRIVING PREVENTION

The West Virginia Commission on Drunk Driving Prevention (CDDP) was established in 1986 by an act of the West Virginia Legislature (Chapter §15-2-40 of the WV Code). Funds are generated through a six percent excise tax on the sale of liquor and wine and funding for impaired driving projects is available through a quarterly application process by any law enforcement agency in West Virginia. The Governor's Representative for Highway Safety and the Governor's Highway Safety Program Director are members of the Board of Directors (eight members) for the CDDP. The Governor's Highway Safety Program encourages West Virginia law enforcement agencies to apply to the CDDP. The CDDP works directly with the GHSP in coordinating and planning the Sustained Enforcement Plan.

State Funds FY2008 - \$1,000,000 State Funds FY2009 - \$1,300,000

State Funds FY2010 - \$1,350,000

State Funds FY2011 - \$1,350,000

State Funds FY2012 - \$1,500,000

State Funds FY2013 - \$1,300,000

#### **MEDIA/ADVERTISING**

The Governor's Highway Safety Program will follow all federal guidelines for purchasing media/advertising with federal highway safety funds.

We anticipate producing television and radio spots to promote the use of child safety seats/booster seats, as well as purchasing air time. The GHSP has put out a bid for a media contract. New television spots will also be produced for our Click It or Ticket and DUI campaigns. These will both be part of a combined enforcement and media campaign The contract will cover all Media from the GHSP Office and statewide campaigns including television, radio, and billboards. Each Safe Community Program also has funding for "local" radio/billboards/television media coverage. The Governor's Representative for Highway Safety has recently approved the utilization of social media, such as Facebook and Twitter.

FY2007 - \$35,000 Section 2010

FY2008 - \$60,000 Section 410

FY2007 - \$40,000 Section 2011

FY2008 - \$150,000 DOT Section 163

FY2009 - \$150,000 Section 406

FY2010 - \$500,000 Section 154AL

FY2010 - \$250,000 Section 406

FY2010 - \$25,000 Section 2011

FY2010 - \$30.000 Section 2010

FY2011 - \$500,000 Section 154AL

FY2011 - \$250,000 Section 406

FY2011 \$25,000 Section 2011

FY2011 - \$30,000 Section 2010

FY2012 - \$500,000 Section 154 (Alcohol Campaign)

FY2012 - \$500,000 Section 410 (Alcohol Campaign)

FY2012 - \$25,000 Section 2011 (Child Safety Seat/Booster Seat Campaign)

FY2012 - \$140,000 Section 406 (Click It or Ticket Campaign)

FY2012 - \$30,000 Section 2010 (Motorcycle Safety Campaign)

FY2013 - \$460,000 Section 402 (CIOT, Target Red, School Bus Child Safety Seat/Booster Seat Campaigns)

FY2013 - \$35,000 Section 2010 (Motorcycle Safety Campaign)

FY2013 - \$1,000,000 Section 154 (Alcohol Campaign)

Each year, the GHSP conducts a Driver Attitude Survey and is administered at DMV Regional Offices throughout the state. As part of the survey, participants can respond to their awareness/knowledge of various Highway Safety campaigns. The 2011 Survey revealed that

over 73% of the respondents had read, seen, or heard a message about seat belt enforcement in the past 60 days, and the "Click It or Ticket" campaign was the most widely read, seen, or heard message. Over 79% had read, seen, or heard a message about drunk driving enforcement. Results have not been completed for the 2012 Survey. This survey will continue to be used to assess message recognition.

## **COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY PROJECTS**

## **DEMOGRAPHICS**

## Population & Area

Area	Sub-Grantee	Population	Percent of State	Area (Sq. Miles)	Percent of State
I	Charleston	273,648	15.1%	2,221.8	9.1%
2	Huntington	267,594	14.8%	2,460.7	10.1%
3	Wood Co.	177,307	9.8%	3,104.5	12.8%
4	Wheeling	168,345	9.3%	1,225.9	5.0%
5	Clarksburg	308,419	17.1%	3,022.9	12.4%
6	Martinsburg	248,066	13.7%	4,958.3	20.4%
7	Beckley	231,922	12.7%	4,977.2	20.5%
8	Bluefield	141,599	7.5%	2,311.2	9.7%

## **Fatalities**

Area	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Average (06-10)
I	63	67	50	46	43	53.8
2	54	68	49	59	46	55.2
3	47	43	43	24	37	38.8
4	13	19	9	15	16	14.4
5	53	57	62	66	46	56.8
6	88	61	60	56	48	62.6
7	56	68	75	52	46	59.8
8	38	47	32	35	33	37

2011 data not available at this writing

#### PROBLEM STATEMENT

In the 1990's, West Virginia embraced the Community/Regional approach to Traffic Safety. We still feel this is the most efficient method for West Virginia to deal with our traffic safety problems and issues. The state is currently divided into eight (8) regions based on geography/demographics. The Goals/Objectives, Problem Identification, and Community Applications along with instructions on completing the application have been provided by our office. The following data sources were used: West Virginia DOT Crash Data Base, FARS, Division of Motor Vehicles, Alcohol Beverage Control Administration, and the GHSP Traffic Safety Programs.

In 2011, according to the West Virginia Traffic Information System (TRIS), West Virginia had 41,060 crashes, causing 17,313 injuries and 355 fatalities.

#### **GOAL**

To reduce traffic crashes, deaths, injuries, and property damage resulting there from. Each of the eight (8) Regional Program areas has goals and objective tailored to their area based on the problems identified in their specific regions.

#### **REQUIRED ACTIVITIES**

Each Safe Community Project supported with GHSP funds must conduct the following activities:

#### **COORDINATION / PROJECT DIRECTOR**

- 1. The Project Director must successfully complete a NHTSA Project Management Class, and
- 2. The Project Director must successfully complete a forty (40) hour approved Instructor Development course, and
- 3. Develop and support at least one (I) Advocacy Group (i.e. MADD, SADD, Safe Kids, Etc.), and
- 4. Maintain a Directory of Highway Safety Advocates (i.e. Name, Address, Phone, E-Mail, etc.), and
- 5. Establish and maintain a Task Force with a minimum of three (3) meetings per year, and
- 6. Establish and conduct a Regional Highway Safety Award / Recognition program, and
- 7. Make face to face contact with each (100%) Law Enforcement Agency in the project's service area and secure (i.e. maintain a file) Letters of Support and Cooperation, and
- **8.** Develop and support one **regional** Law Enforcement Liaison (L.E.L.) and one L.E.L. within **each** agency, and

- **9.** Provide the GHSP with a Monthly Activity Report, CPS Installations, Media Report of the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the following month, and
- 10. Provide the GHSP details of upcoming events for the "Monthly Events Calendar" by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month, and
- II. Prepare and submit to the GHSP by the C.O.B. on November I, a detailed Year End report, and
- 12. Conduct at least one (I) PI&E/Law Enforcement effort for back to school, and
- 13. Conduct a minimum of six (6) Highway Safety Presentations to the private sector of the region, civic groups, and government excluding law enforcement agencies and schools, and
- 14. Maintain a PI&E relationship with DMV Regional Offices in your area, and
- **15.** Assist GHSP in the following surveys:
  - a. DMV-Driver Attitude Survey (June-August)
  - b. Statewide Seatbelt Use Survey (June)
- **16.** Maintain a current equipment log and submit it with monthly Request for Reimbursement as needed.

#### **ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS**

#### **GOAL & ACTIVITIES**

To reduce the involvement of alcohol and other drugs in traffic crashes, deaths, injuries, and property damage resulting by:

- 1. Facilitate the Sustained Impaired Driving Plan by doing the following:
  - a. Two (2) Law Enforcement Events per week in the region.
  - b. Two (2) Media Activities per month in the region.
  - c. Two (2) Age Group Activities per year in the region.
  - d. Training Each Coordinator shall work with the GHSP LEL Office to facilitate training opportunities for Impaired Driving.
  - e. Underage Activities Each Coordinator shall conduct Underage enforcement efforts at the direction of the GHSP. A minimum of 20 attempts for Counties under 20,000 population, and an additional attempt of I per thousand population to a maximum of 80 attempted buys.

- f. Media Activities Each Coordinator shall conduct at least One (I) Media Activity per week in the Region. Each Coordinator shall attach a dollar value to earned media and track that value. In addition, track the number of people that received that message, and
- g. Participate in the five state mandated blitz periods Thanksgiving, Christmas/New Year, Halloween, St. Patrick's Day, Spring Break, and WV Day. During these periods, all local law enforcement agencies supported by Highway Safety funds shall conduct a minimum of four enforcement events during the blitz/mobilization. Must also participate in the National Labor Day Weekend Blitz, and
- 2. Develop and support at a minimum one (1) college PI&E campaign, and
- 3. Provide funding/support (i.e. C.D.D.P., 410, etc) for DUI activities (i.e. Checkpoint Strikeforce, and
- 4. Conduct a local PI&E/Media effort in cooperation with statewide Checkpoint Strikeforce campaign, and
- 5. Assist local law enforcement agencies in obtaining funding from the Commission on Drunk Driving Prevention (CDDP), and
- 6. Advocate for 100% attendance of DMV Administrative Hearings by officers and develop an activity to reduce them, and
- 7. Complete/submit all DMV Form 314 (DUI Information Sheet). Follow up at the request of GHSP to insure 100% submission. This form is available at <a href="https://www.gov">www.dmv.wv.gov</a> under Driver Services/Driver's Licenses/Forms.
- 8. PBT Project The Governor's Highway Safety Program and the Commission on Drunk Driving Prevention are providing PBT's to local Law Enforcement Agencies. This is an attempt to standardize PBT's in West Virginia.
  - a. Each Coordinator shall receive either the training or train someone in their area to calibrate the local LE PBT's in their area, and
  - b. Each Coordinator shall not support any other type of PBT other than the approved standardized PBT, and
  - c. Each Coordinator shall assist the GHSP in distributing, tracking, and inventory of the PBT's.

#### **OCCUPANT PROTECTION**

#### **GOAL & ACTIVITIES**

To reduce the number of deaths and injuries through the increase in the proper use of safety restraints in traffic crashes by:

- I) Participate in the May CIOT Blitz through enforcement and media/public awareness. Provide support and funding to participating law enforcement CIOT activities, and
- 2) Conducting a minimum of four (4) Occupation Protection Informational Checkpoints (i.e. one per quarter), and
- 3) Developing, supporting and certifying a T.O.P.S. instructor, which will conduct a minimum of two (2) T.O.P.S. eight (8) hour classes, and
- 4) The Project Director must complete the thirty-two (32) hour C.P.S.T. course, remain current with certification, and
- 5) Establish and maintain a fixed C.P.S. Fitting Station in the project's service area.
- 6) Conducting a minimum of four (4) CPS Clinics / Events, and
- 7) Conducting an Occupant Protection Project in Middle or Senior High Schools, and
- 8) Conducting two (2) C.P.S. classes or demonstrations (i.e. I to 8 hours) to a captive audience (i.e. hospital, daycare, church, civic, etc), and
- 9) Conduct PI&E, Enforcement, and media events during Child Passenger Safety Week in September, including direct participation, if possible, in Seat Check Saturday, and
- 10) Maintain a list of current CPS Technicians in your Region, and increase the number of Certified Technicians in your Region, and
- 11) Encourage enforcement of seat belt laws during all enforcement efforts (DUI, speed, etc.)

#### **MEDIA**

- 1. Facilitate earned media for local, regional and national highway safety activities, and
- 2. Cooperate with the DMV/GHSP Public Affairs staff in statewide media campaigns, and

3. Maintain a media report or file with all the activity generated by the Safe Community Project and report the activities to the DMV/GHSP Public Affairs Office AND GHSP Program Manager on a monthly basis.

## SECTION 408 TRAFFIC RECORDS UCR AND UTC ACTIVITIES/TRAINING

1. Support efforts to convert law enforcement agencies to electronic reporting.

#### **OTHER TRAFFIC SAFETY INITIATIVES**

- 1. Conduct or facilitate a minimum of one ATV Safety Activity.
- 2. Conduct or facilitate a minimum of one Motorcycle Safety Activity, coordinating with the GHSP Motorcycle Safety Program Manager, i.e Motorcycle Simulator presentations in Driver's Education classes.
- 3. Conduct or facilitate Retail Alcohol Training Activities.
- 4. Participate in the annual Target Red (Red Light Running) Campaign through enforcement and media activities.
- 5. Conduct an enforcement campaign during School Bus Safety Week in October.
- 6. Conduct or facilitate at least one activity/media event on Distracted Driving, Cell Phone Use/Texting While Driving.

#### **INNOVATIVE**

- I) Create innovative ideas and activities that directly relate to reaching the goals and objectives of the GHSP or to specific problems identified in the project's service area.
  - Speed
  - 2. Aggressive Driving
  - 3. Other priorities issues that the Coordinator's think are important to their region and programs.

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## **REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF A SAFE COMMUNITY PROJECT**

#### **Local Coordinator**:

An individual with a minimum of a Bachelors Degree from an accredited college or university, or the experience equivalent in a related field (i.e., law enforcement, injury prevention, health promotions, etc.) shall be employed full-time on project activities with a clear chain of command and supervision from the authorized official to the coordinator.

The Governor's Representative for Highway Safety, the West Virginia Highway Safety Program's Coordinator and the GHSP director must approve any individual initially employed or sub-contracted as the local coordinator, any subsequent replacement, realignment, modification, or alteration of the chain of command for the project prior to obligation of project funds. An employee of the sub-grantee shall be paid for 2,080 annual work hours (included appropriate benefits). A sub-contractor of the sub-grantee shall be paid for 1,920 annual work hours.

#### Task Force:

The sub-grantee shall establish, appoint and support a task force with a minimum of ten (10) members from within the project's service area that represents:

- a. A representative of each county commission
- b. A representative of each Class II City
- c. A representative of a Board of Education
- d. A representative of a County board of health
- e. A representative of a current county prosecutor
- f. A current member of the judiciary
- g. A representative of the West Virginia State Police
- h. A current sheriff or deputy sheriff
- i. A current chief of police or designee
- j. A current member of a local EMS squad
- k. A representative of each local ethnic group
- I. A representative from the local media
- m. A youth representative
- n. A representative of a local business
- o. A representative of each local advocacy group
- p. A lay citizen from each county in the project's service area
- q. A local West Virginia Department of Transportation
- r. A representative of local service organizations

#### **Alcohol and Other Drugs:**

Activities must, at a minimum, address the following:

- A reduction of the reported number of alcohol involved crashes to below five percent of the total number of crashes by September 30, 2013, and
- A reduction of the reported number of alcohol drivers, ages 16-20, crashes to below three percent of the total number of driver fatalities by September 30, 2013, and

#### **Occupant Protection Activities:**

Activities must, at a minimum, address the following:

- An increase in the "unscientific" adult seat belt use rate to 90 percent by September 30, 2013, and
- An increase in the percentage of reported use of child restraints by children ages 0-14 to above 90 percent by September 30, 2013.

#### **Police Traffic Services:**

Activities must, at a minimum, address the following:

- Insure the continued compliance with posted speed limits, and
- Offer in-service T.O.P.S. training to all sheriff departments and all Class I and II City police departments.

#### **Pedestrian, Bicycle and Other Activities:**

Activities must be clearly identified by local data, and must address the following:

- Insure the reduction in the number of pedestrians involved in crashes, and
- Insure the reduction in the number of bicycle crashes.

## FY 2013 Safe Community Projects

Program	402 Funds
Region 1 – City of Charleston	\$165,000
Region 2 – City of Huntington	203,000
Region 3 – Wood County Commission	106,600
Region 4 – City of Wheeling	139,500
Region 5 – City of Clarksburg	132,400
Region 6 – City of Martinsburg	122,500
Region 7 – City of Beckley	159,000
Region 8 – City of Beckley (Coalfields Program)	88,560
TOTAL	141,116,560

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U.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Federal Highway Administration

# HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM COST SUMMARY

State: West Virginia Number: FY13-01
Date August 28, 2012

Program Area	Approved Program Costs	State/Local Funds	Current Balance	Federal Share to Local
402 Planning and Administrative	149,960.00	149,960.00	150,000.00	106,040.00
402 Alcohol	111,129.00	27,782.00	300,000.00	128,871.00
402 Occupant Protection	100,000.00	25,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
402 Traffic Records	100,000.00	25,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
402 Driver Licensing	100,000.00	25,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
402 Safe Communities	2,474,658.00	618,665.00	3,063,652.00	540,993.00
402 Paid Advertising	101,305.00	25,326.00	100,000.00	23,695.00
406 Safety Belts Paid Media	316,476.00	0.00	550,000.00	33,524.00
406 Alcohol	192,443.00	0.00	400,000.00	7,557.00
406 Occupant Protection	250,003.00	0.00	599,722.00	99,720.00
406 Police Traffic Services	200,000.00	0.00	200,000.00	0.00
406 Traffic Records	1,069,210.00	0.00	400,000.00	80,790.00
406 Speed Control	100,000.00	0.00	200,000.00	0.00
408 Data Program Incentive	2,792,260.00	698,065.00	2,372,937.00	59,677.00
410 Alcohol SAFETEALU	2,466,468.00	2,466,468.00	1,796,199.00	154,731.00
410 Paid Media	648,691.00	648,691.00	1,350,000.00	405,309.00
410 High Fatality Roads	2,193,195.00	2,193,195.00	1,681,112.00	35,917.00
410 High Visibility	1,620,237.00	4,050,593.00	1,271,987.00	119,750.00
2010 Motorcycle Safety Incentive	199,080.00	0.00	173,647.00	24,567.00
2011 Child Seat Incentive	246,972.00	165,472.00	268,731.00	46,758.00
2011 Child Pass. Safety-Paid Media	147,515.00	98,835.00	100,000.00	2,485.00
154 Alcohol Transfer	5,485,652.00	0.00	6,289,248.00	883,597.00
154 Paid Media	504,765.00	0.00	450,000.00	38,235.00
154 Hazard Elimination	27,675,431.00	0.00	29,477,874.00	0.00
Total NHTSA	49,245,450.00	11,218,052.00	44,886,283.00	2,723,598.00

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NAME:	Gov's Repfor H.S. 8-29-12	NHTSA:
TITLE:	Gov's Repfor H.S.	TITLE:
DATE:	8-29-12	DATE:

#### STATE CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

Failure to comply with applicable Federal statutes, regulations and directives may subject State officials to civil or criminal penalties and/or place the State in a high risk grantee status in accordance with 49 CFR 18.12.

Each fiscal year the State will sign these Certifications and Assurances that the State complies with all applicable Federal statutes, regulations, and directives in effect with respect to the periods for which it receives grant funding. Applicable provisions include, but not limited to, the following:

- 23 U.S.C. Chapter 4 Highway Safety Act of 1966, as amended
- 49 CFR Part 18 Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments
- 23 CFR Chapter II (§§1200, 1205, 1206, 1250, 1251, & 1252) Regulations governing highway safety programs
- NHTSA Order 462-6C Matching Rates for State and Community Highway Safety Programs
- Highway Safety Grant Funding Policy for Field-Administered Grants

#### Certifications and Assurances

#### Section 402 Requirements (as amended by Pub. L. 112-141)

The Governor is responsible for the administration of the State highway safety program through a State highway safety agency which has adequate powers and is suitably equipped and organized (as evidenced by appropriate oversight procedures governing such areas as procurement, financial administration, and the use, management, and disposition of equipment) to carry out the program (23 USC 402(b) (1) (A));

The political subdivisions of this State are authorized, as part of the State highway safety program, to carry out within their jurisdictions local highway safety programs which have been approved by the Governor and are in accordance with the uniform guidelines promulgated by the Secretary of Transportation (23 USC 402(b) (1) (B));

At least 40 per cent of all Federal funds apportioned to this State under 23 USC 402 for this fiscal year will be expended by or for the benefit of the political subdivision of the

State in carrying out local highway safety programs (23 USC 402(b) (1) (C)), unless this requirement is waived in writing;

This State's highway safety program provides adequate and reasonable access for the safe and convenient movement of physically handicapped persons, including those in wheelchairs, across curbs constructed or replaced on or after July 1, 1976, at all pedestrian crosswalks (23 USC 402(b) (1) (D));

The State will implement activities in support of national highway safety goals to reduce motor vehicle related fatalities that also reflect the primary data-related crash factors within the State as identified by the State highway safety planning process, including:

- National law enforcement mobilizations and high-visibility law enforcement mobilizations,
- Sustained enforcement of statutes addressing impaired driving, occupant protection, and driving in excess of posted speed limits,
- An annual statewide safety belt use survey in accordance with criteria
  established by the Secretary for the measurement of State safety belt use
  rates to ensure that the measurements are accurate and representative,
- Development of statewide data systems to provide timely and effective data analysis to support allocation of highway safety resources,
- Coordination of its highway safety plan, data collection, and information systems with the State strategic highway safety plan (as defined in section 148)(a)).

(23 USC 402 (b)(1)(F));

The State shall actively encourage all relevant law enforcement agencies in the State to follow the guidelines established for vehicular pursuits issued by the International Association of Chiefs of Police that are currently in effect. (23 USC 402(j)).

#### **Other Federal Requirements**

Cash drawdowns will be initiated only when actually needed for disbursement. 49 CFR 18.20

Cash disbursements and balances will be reported in a timely manner as required by NHTSA. 49 CFR 18.21.

The same standards of timing and amount, including the reporting of cash disbursement and balances, will be imposed upon any secondary recipient organizations. 49 CFR 18.41.

Failure to adhere to these provisions may result in the termination of drawdown privileges.

The State has submitted appropriate documentation for review to the single point of contact designated by the Governor to review Federal programs, as required by Executive Order 12372 (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs);

Equipment acquired under this agreement for use in highway safety program areas shall be used and kept in operation for highway safety purposes by the State; or the State, by formal agreement with appropriate officials of a political subdivision or State agency, shall cause such equipment to be used and kept in operation for highway safety purposes 23 CFR 1200.21

The State will comply with all applicable State procurement procedures and will maintain a financial management system that complies with the minimum requirements of 49 CFR 18.20;

#### Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA)

The State will comply with FFATA guidance, <u>OMB Guidance on FFATA Subward and Executive Compensation Reporting</u>, August 27, 2010, (<a href="https://www.fsrs.gov/documents/OMB Guidance on FFATA Subaward and Executive Compensation Reporting 08272010.pdf">https://www.fsrs.gov/documents/OMB Guidance on FFATA Subaward and Executive Compensation Reporting 08272010.pdf</a>) by reporting to FSRS.gov for each sub-grant awarded:

- Name of the entity receiving the award;
- · Amount of the award;
- Information on the award including transaction type, funding agency, the North American Industry Classification System code or Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number (where applicable), program source;
- Location of the entity receiving the award and the primary location of performance under the award, including the city, State, congressional district, and country; , and an award title descriptive of the purpose of each funding action;
- A unique identifier (DUNS);
- The names and total compensation of the five most highly compensated officers of the entity if-- of the entity receiving the award and of the parent entity of the recipient, should the entity be owned by another entity;
  - (i) the entity in the preceding fiscal year received—
  - (I) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues in Federal awards; and(II) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal awards; and(ii) the public does not have access to information about the compensation of the senior executives of the entity through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;
- Other relevant information specified by OMB guidance.

The State highway safety agency will comply with all Federal statutes and implementing regulations relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin (and 49 CFR Part 21); (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794) and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC § 12101, et seq.; PL 101-336), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disabilities (and 49 CFR Part 27); (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42U.S.C. §§ 6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970(P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse of alcoholism; (g) §§ 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§ 290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§ 3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, which provides that any portion of a state or local entity receiving federal funds will obligate all programs or activities of that entity to comply with these civil rights laws; and, (k) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

#### The Drug-free Workplace Act of 1988(41 U.S.C. 702;):

The State will provide a drug-free workplace by:

- a. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
- b. Establishing a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:
  - 1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace.
  - 2. The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace.
  - 3. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs.
  - The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug violations occurring in the workplace.

- c. Making it a requirement that each employee engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a).
- d. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will --
  - 1. Abide by the terms of the statement.
  - 2. Notify the employer of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five days after such conviction.
- e. Notifying the agency within ten days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d) (2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction.
- f. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d) (2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted -
  - Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination.
  - Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency.
- g. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) above.

#### BUY AMERICA ACT

The State will comply with the provisions of the Buy America Act (49 U.S.C. 5323(j)) which contains the following requirements:

Only steel, iron and manufactured products produced in the United States may be purchased with Federal funds unless the Secretary of Transportation determines that such domestic purchases would be inconsistent with the public interest; that such materials are not reasonably available and of a satisfactory quality; or that inclusion of domestic materials will increase the cost of the overall project contract by more than 25 percent. Clear justification for the purchase of non-domestic items must be in the form of a waiver request submitted to and approved by the Secretary of Transportation.

#### POLITICAL ACTIVITY (HATCH ACT).

The State will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

#### **CERTIFICATION REGARDING FEDERAL LOBBYING**

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- 1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- 2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- 3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-award at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grant, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

#### RESTRICTION ON STATE LOBBYING

None of the funds under this program will be used for any activity specifically designed to urge or influence a State or local legislator to favor or oppose the adoption of any specific legislative proposal pending before any State or local legislative body. Such activities include both direct and indirect (e.g., "grassroots") lobbying activities, with one exception. This does not preclude a State official whose salary is supported with NHTSA funds from engaging in direct communications with State or local legislative officials, in

accordance with customary State practice, even if such communications urge legislative officials to favor or oppose the adoption of a specific pending legislative proposal.

#### **CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

#### **Instructions for Primary Certification**

- 1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.
- 2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
- 3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.
- 4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- 5. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and coverage sections of 49 CFR Part 29. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- 6. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR Part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from

participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.

- 7. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
- 8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR Part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the list of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-procurement Programs.
- 9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- 10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR Part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

#### <u>Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters-</u> Primary Covered Transactions

- (1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that its principals:
  - (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency;
  - (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of record, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

- (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or Local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
- (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.
- (2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the Statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

#### **Instructions for Lower Tier Certification**

- 1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
- 2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
- 3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- 4. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definition and Coverage sections of 49 CFR Part 29. You may contact the person to whom this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- 5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR Part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
- 6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that is it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion -- Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without

modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions. (See below)

- 7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR Part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-procurement Programs.
- 8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- 9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR Part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

#### <u>Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion --</u> Lower Tier Covered Transactions:

- 1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- 2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

#### POLICY TO BAN TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING

In accordance with Executive Order 13513, Federal Leadership On Reducing Text Messaging While Driving, and DOT Order 3902.10, Text Messaging While Driving, States are encouraged to:

- (1) Adopt and enforce workplace safety policies to decrease crashed caused by distracted driving including policies to ban text messaging while driving—
  - Company-owned or –rented vehicles, or Government-owned, leased or rented vehicles; or

- b. Privately-owned when on official Government business or when performing any work on or behalf of the Government.
- (2) Conduct workplace safety iniatives in a manner commensurate with the size of the business, such as
  - a. Establishment of new rules and programs or re-evaluation of existing programs to prohibit text messaging while driving; and
  - Education, awareness, and other outreach to employees about the safety risks associated with texting while driving.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

The Governor's Representative for Highway Safety has reviewed the State's Fiscal Year highway safety planning document and hereby declares that no significant environmental impact will result from implementing this Highway Safety Plan. If, under a future revision, this Plan will be modified in such a manner that a project would be instituted that could affect environmental quality to the extent that a review and statement would be necessary, this office is prepared to take the action necessary to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 USC 4321 et seq.) and the implementing regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR Parts 1500-1517).

Governor's Representative for Highway Safety

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September 28, 2012

Joe Miller, Commissioner Division of Motor Vehicles 5707 MacCorkle Avenue, SE, Suite 200 Charleston, WV 25317

Dear Commissioner Miller:

We have reviewed West Virginia's fiscal year 2013 Performance Plan, Highway Safety Plan (HSP), Certification Statement, and Cost Summary (HS Form 217), recently submitted to this office. Based on these submissions, we find your State's highway safety program to be in compliance with the requirements of the Section 402 Program.

This determination does not constitute an obligation of Federal funds for the fiscal year identified above or an authorization to incur costs against those funds. The obligation of Section 402 program funds will be effected in writing by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Administrator at the commencement of the fiscal year identified above. However, Federal funds reprogrammed from the prior-year Highway Safety Program (carry-forward funds) are available for immediate use by the State on October 1. Reimbursement will be contingent upon the submission of an updated HS Form 217 (or its electronic equivalent), consistent with the requirements of 23 CFR 1200.14(d), within 30 days after either the beginning of the fiscal year identified above or the date of this letter, whichever is later.

West Virginia has developed a solid plan. We were particularly impressed with the detailed enforcement strategies outlined to reduce impaired driving fatalities and look forward to seeing the program impact of these strategies. The multi-discipline use of the eight local coordinators provides excellent State-wide coverage. The plan also includes all funding sources and activities are identified in detail.

As outlined in the September 21, 2012 email to your staff, we requested a revision to the HSP to include a more detailed description of the State's problem identification process and the planning time line. We will work with your staff to add this information to the plan.



We commend the West Virginia Highway Safety Office for its safety belt and impaired driving program efforts to support the Click It Or Ticket (CIOT) and Checkpoint Strikeforce campaigns. The WV Lifesavers Program continues to motivate officer participation in these campaigns and the addition of the impaired driving component is a significant improvement to the Lifesavers Program.

As always, our staff will work closely with you to implement your plan and achieve your impaired driving, occupant protection and other highway safety goals.

Sincerely,

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Elizabeth A. Baker, Ph.D. Regional Administrator

cc: Bob Tipton