



Save the Date!
2012 Highway Safety Summit
May 7-8, Boise, Idaho

Quick Notes

from the Idaho Office of Highway Safety

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2012 Fatalities on Idaho Roads = 10

General Message from the Highway Safety Manager

Hi Highway Safety Partners:

Research plays a very important role and without it our standard of living would probably not improve very much. The type of research most think about is in the medical field. The advancement of medical science is astounding. Recently my 80 year old mother had a hip replaced and she is doing great. This type of procedure was not on the radar until fairly recently and it was research that brought this as a huge benefit to the quality of her life.

I believe the same can be said for the highway safety industry. One area that comes to mind is work zone safety. I remember growing up and the barricades consisted of a simple wooden "saw horse" with some type of light that may or may not be working. Hit this with your vehicle and the barricade may severely injury or even kill you. Today lanes are delineated with highly reflectivity and traffic control devices are designed to withstand vehicular hits that minimizes injury or death to vehicular occupants. This is all a result of research which started with a good idea.

At the Idaho Transportation Department a highway research program exists and more projects regarding highway safety are being addressed. Some of the highway safety research projects underway are:

- Improving Emergency Responses to Motor Vehicle Crashes: Field Test and Evaluation of the CrashHelp System in Idaho
- Media Messages and Tools to Reduce Fatalities and Serious Injuries from Single Vehicle Run-off-the-Road Crashes
- Improving Safety at Signalized Intersections During Inclement Weather Conditions - A Real-Time Weather-Responsive System
- Implementation of the Highway Safety Manual Pooled Fund
- Potential Crash Reduction Benefits of Safety Improvement Projects – Part A: Shoulder Rumble Strips
- Potential Crash Reduction Benefits of Safety Improvement Projects – Part B- Crash Counter Measure

In the coming weeks the Office of Highway Safety will have the opportunity to pursue funding for additional highway safety research projects. Our office will entertain any ideas you might have for highway safety research. If you have an idea for highway safety research that you believe might have merit, please contact me.

Indeed, research improves the quality of our lives. Highway safety research plays an important role in our journey *Toward Zero Deaths* on all of Idaho's roadways.

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9TH ANNUAL ROADMAP TO STATE HIGHWAY SAFETY LAWS

The annual report highlights gaps in Advocates' list of 15 essential and lifesaving highway safety laws. It is a call to action for Governors and state legislators. In 2010, motor vehicle crashes caused almost 33,000 deaths and 2.2 million injuries at a cost to the nation of over \$230 billion. Passage of the 15 laws identified in Advocates' report will help prevent these tragedies and, at the same time, save the states billions of dollars in economic costs associated with highway crashes.

Read more <http://www.saferoads.org/2012-roadmap-state-highway-safety-laws>

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December 2011 - Fatalities By the Month*

		MONTH	TOTALS 3-Yr Average (08,09,10)			CUMULATIVE TOTALS 3-Yr Cum. Average (08,09,10)		
2008	2009		AVERAGE	2010	2011	AVERAGE	2010	2011
19	11	JANUARY	13	8	6	13	8	6
8	17	FEBRUARY	11	7	3	23	15	9
18	17	MARCH	17	15	8	40	30	17
16	17	APRIL	15	11	14	55	41	31
30	18	MAY	21	16	12	76	57	43
23	12	JUNE	18	19	18	94	76	61
18	26	JULY	23	26	16	117	102	77
21	29	AUGUST	26	29	12	144	131	89
22	29	SEPTEMBER	26	28	27	170	159	116
21	17	OCTOBER	22	28	19	192	187	135
19	19	NOVEMBER	18	17	20	210	204	155
17	14	DECEMBER	12	5	13	222	209	168
232	226	YEAR TO DATE	222	209	168			

*Data limitations: This report is based on information provided by law enforcement agencies on crashes resulting in a death that occurs within 30 days of the crash. Data is preliminary and is subject to change. Totals of this report are the number of persons killed. Averages are rounded.

GHSA Releases First Comprehensive Distracted Driving Research Overview

The Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) has released the first comprehensive overview summarizing distracted driving research for state officials. The report outlines some distracted driving certainties, concludes that states should undertake four specific countermeasures and lists countermeasures that states should consider. Take a look at the [report](#).



Report: 173 law enforcement officers killed on duty in 2011



Miami-Dade police officers Amanda Haworth and Roger Castillo were killed in January when serving an arrest warrant.

- So far in 2011, 173 federal, state and local officers have died while on duty
- Gunfire accounted for the largest number, claiming 68 officers
- Attorney General Holder: "This is a devastating and unacceptable trend"
- He adds that a program to help police get protective vests has saved 16 officers this year

WASHINGTON (CNN) -- In-the-line-of-duty deaths of law enforcement officers jumped 13% in 2011 compared to last year, according to preliminary figures released Wednesday by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. A total of 173 federal, state and local officers have been killed in the United States, and the year is not quite over yet. Gunfire accounted for the largest number of deaths, claiming 68 officers. That represents a 15% increase from 2010. "This is a devastating and unacceptable trend," Attorney General Eric Holder said in a written statement.

"Each of these deaths is a tragic reminder of the threats that law enforcement officers face each day -- and the fact that too many guns have fallen into the hands of those who are not legally permitted to possess them."



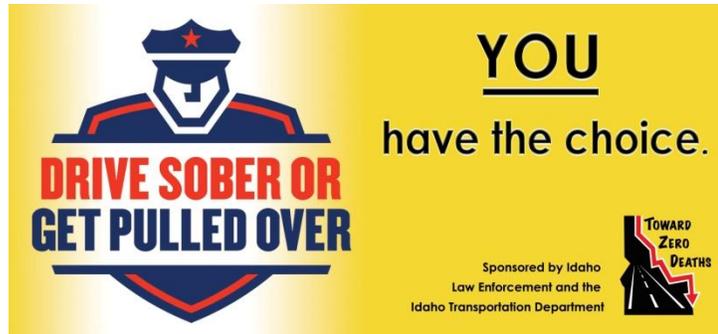
The National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund notes that for the first time in 14 years, more police and other law enforcement agents died in shootings than in traffic accidents. This year, 64 officers were killed either in car or motorcycle crashes, or by being struck by vehicles while on the job.

"Drastic budget cuts affecting law enforcement agencies across the country have put our officers at grave risk," said Craig Floyd, the chairman of the memorial fund. Floyd and others have expressed concerns that in these tight economic times, there have been reductions in training and equipment for police.

Spurred by approximately 50 officer deaths early this year, Holder met with a number of police chiefs as well as federal law enforcement leaders in March to discuss what could be done and announced a Law Enforcement Safety Initiative. The program provides information and training.

Holder said in his Wednesday statement that a Justice Department program to help local police obtain bullet- and stab-resistant vests has saved 16 officers since January. Florida has had the largest number of officer deaths this year -- a total of 14. That was followed by Texas with 13, New York with 11, and 10 fatalities in both California and Georgia. In additions to gunshots and traffic accidents, law-enforcement deaths this year were caused by a variety of things including stabbings, falls and job-related illnesses. The report provides some historical perspective -- the deadliest year for gunfire deaths of police in the United States was 1973, when 156 officers were shot and killed.

Gun deaths declined in recent decades, hitting a low of 40 officers lost in 2008. "However firearms-related fatalities have increased 70% from 2008 to 2011," according to the report.



Eastern Idaho Under Age Alcohol Training

Alisha Passey of the Bonneville Youth Development Council arranged Alcohol Beverage Control training for Law Enforcement in Idaho Falls on Jan. 17 & 18th. Lt. Bob Clements, ISP, covered the duties of ABC and the legal issues related to alcohol enforcement with a very limited staff.

Tim Davidson, ISP, trained over 40 retailers on their responsibilities related to selling/serving alcohol and false IDs.

Jared Olson, Idaho's Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor provided great insight into developing partnerships and into the social media tools investigators may find helpful.

A panel of local specialists in underage alcohol issues, including treatment providers, school officials, a prosecutor, youth, etc. offered ideas on solving some of the issues they see from their perspective.

Capt. Raul Almeida, a Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation trainer, gave specifics for law enforcement on special strategies, including safe party dispersal techniques. The Local News 8 caught a bit of the party dispersal event on video - see the link below.

Overall, it was a wonderful event, involving a real diversity of community members - which is what it will take to really impact underage drinking by our youth. The District 7 JJ Council made scholarships available so that officers from distant counties could attend.

<http://www.localnews8.com/news/30236624/detail.html>

Youthful Drivers

Two recent studies, noted in the latest Journal of Adolescent Health, review driving risks and how teen respond to the risks. Read more [Peer passengers are bad news for teen drivers](#) and <http://www.jahonline.org/inpress>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

If you would like to add an event to the calendar, please send an e-mail with the event details to lisa.losness@itd.idaho.gov

Date	Event Description, Location
Jan 28, 2012	Alive at 25 , Meridian Police Dept., www.idsafedriver.org
Feb 1, 2012	Alive at 25 , Kootenai County Fire Station #2, Post Falls, www.idsafedriver.org
Feb 4, 2012	Alive at 25 , Meridian Police Dept., www.idsafedriver.org
Feb 4, 2012	Alive at 25 , Nampa Civic Center, www.idsafedriver.org
Feb 4, 2012	Alive at 25 , Elmore County Sheriff, www.idsafedriver.org
Feb 6, 2012	Alive at 25 , Boise Police Dept., www.idsafedriver.org
Feb 7 – 20, 2012	Seat Belts , Statewide Traffic Enforcement Mobilization
Feb 11, 2012	Alive at 25 , Meridian Police Dept., www.idsafedriver.org
Feb 12, 2012	Alive at 25 , Middleton Fire Station, www.idsafedriver.org
Feb 17, 2012	Grant “Letter of Intent” Deadline , http://www.itd.idaho.gov/ohs/programs.htm
Feb 18, 2012	Alive at 25 , Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, www.idsafedriver.org
Feb 18, 2012	Alive at 25 , Nampa Fire Training Facility, www.idsafedriver.org
Feb 20, 2012	Alive at 25 , Boise Police Dept., www.idsafedriver.org
Feb 25, 2012	Alive at 25 , Nampa Fire Training Facility, www.idsafedriver.org
Mar 10, 2012	Alive at 25 , Meridian Police Dept., www.idsafedriver.org
Mar 10 – 18, 2012	Impaired Driving , Statewide Traffic Enforcement Mobilization
Mar 29, 2012	Alive at 25 , Meridian Police Dept., www.idsafedriver.org
Apr 19-30, 2012	Aggressive Driving , Statewide Traffic Enforcement Mobilization
May 7-8, 2012	2012 Highway Safety Summit, Boise Centre on the Grove
June 14-16, 2012	Lifesavers Conference , Orlando, Florida, www.lifesaversconference.org
July 18, 2012	Alive at 25 Workshop , Boise, Idaho
July 19-20, 2012	Northwest Alcohol Conference , Boise, Idaho www.northwestalcoholconference.org

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[OHS](#), Office of Highway Safety

[ITD](#), Idaho Transportation Department

[NHTSA](#), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[FHWA](#), Federal Highway Administration

[2010 Idaho Crash Report](#)

Program Area	Idaho State Links	Federal Links
Impaired Driving		http://www.nhtsa.gov/Impaired
Distracted Driving	http://www.itd.idaho.gov/ohs/DistractedDriving.htm	http://distraction.gov/
Teen Drivers	http://www.idahoteendiving.org/	http://www.nhtsa.gov/Teen-Drivers
Bike & Pedestrian Safety	http://www.itd.idaho.gov/bike_ped/index_new2.htm	http://www.nhtsa.gov/Pedestrians http://www.nhtsa.gov/Bicycles
Seat Belt Safety	http://www.itd.idaho.gov/ohs/ClickIt/ClickIt2.htm	http://www.nhtsa.gov/Driving+Safety/Occupant+P+rotection
Child Passenger Safety	http://www.itd.idaho.gov/ohs/ChildSafety/index.html	http://www.nhtsa.gov/Safety/CPS
Aggressive Driving		http://www.nhtsa.gov/Aggressive
Motorcycles	www.idahostar.org	http://www.nhtsa.gov/Safety/Motorcycles
Senior Driving		http://www.nhtsa.gov/Senior-Drivers