

2022 Shelby- Toole County Community Transportation Safety Plan (CTSP) Annual Report

Mission Statement of Toole County DUI Task Force in partnership with the Shelby-Toole County Community Transportation Safety Committee

“In support of Montana Vision Zero, Toole County will reduce the five-year annual average of fatal and serious injuries by one-third by 2020.”

Emphasis Area 1: Inattentive/Distracted Driving

Team Leader Name:

Emphasis Area: Inattentive/Distracted Driving	
Strategy 1. Community Referendum on Handheld Cell Phone Ban	
Action Item	Status
1. Consider adoption of handheld cell phone ban	
Progress Note: The Shelby Toole County Transportation Safety Committee worked to get council approval to place a handheld cell phone ban within the corporate city limits on the city ballot in 2020.	The referendum passed and was enacted into law in January of 2021.
2. Develop information documenting the risks of distracted driving/benefits of ordinance	
Progress Note: The committee continues to provide an education campaign within the community to encourage safe driving. The committee utilizes the Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce list serve as well as committee member list in sharing valuable information related to the risks of distracted driving as well as publishing in the Shelby Promoter.	Sheriff Whitt continues on-going work with law enforcement staff on procedures, implementation and prosecution standards. The Committee and DUI Task Force continue to focus their energies on educational opportunities for students.
3. Present model ordinance to council to consider for referendum	Completed

Progress Note: Completed	
4. Schedule debate at high school in early fall	
Progress Note:	Completed
5. Schedule public panel discussion and other presentation issues	
Progress Note:	Completed

Strategy 2. Employer Program on Risks of Distracted Driving	
Action Item	Status
1. Adapt existing materials (e.g. from Network of Employers for Traffic Safety or www.distraction.gov) for use in Toole County	On-going
Progress Note: The Shelby Montana Facebook page continues to distribute awareness information with the Shelby Community Development Director supplying information from educational resources found on-line and provided through the Department of Transportation. Committee members also receive information for distribution within their businesses, organizations and groups. Information is also sent to the weekly newspaper, the Shelby Promoter and KSEN Radio for Public Service Announcements.	
2. Distribute to businesses via Chamber of Commerce	On-going
Progress Note: Educational information is distributed through the city Facebook page throughout the year as well as to Transportation Safety Committee and DUI Task Force members. The coordinator tries to publish at least one per month.	
Strategy 3. School Education Program	
Action Item	Status

<p>1. Evaluate current curriculum and opportunities for traffic safety information</p>	<p>On-going</p>
<p>Progress Note: The School District #14 Safe Routes to School Task Force sends out a safety newsletter each September to encourage traffic safety. School District #14 also includes Safe Routes to School information in their annual back-to-school newsletter.</p> <p>Through grant funding from Alliance for Youth and the Committee hosted National Night Out, providing a fun social venue to provide traffic safety information; car seat checks; and other valuable safety information for the community while informally meeting local law enforcement and other community safety professionals.</p> <p>Through Toole County DUI Task Force monies, Shelby and Sunburst high school students participated in Red Ribbon Week activities.</p> <p>The committee is continuing educational resources to address distracted driving as well as impaired driving and other risk behaviors. The committee, in partnership with alliance for Youth, conducted a Red Ribbon guest speaker. He encouraged students to learn to stand up to bullies, avoid negative influences such as drugs and alcohol, and to make decisions that will expand their opportunities.</p>	
<p>2. Integrate safety information into existing curriculum, use existing materials from other regions, as possible</p>	<p>On-going</p>
<p>Progress Note: Area driver’s education teachers have incorporated traffic safety information through class instruction. The Montana Highway Patrol also offers educational presentations to students in the Driver’s ED programs at Shelby and Sunburst schools.</p> <p>The Committee and DUI Task Force partnered with Shelby Schools to encourage safe walking/biking within the community.</p>	
<p>3. Pursue funding for long term School Resource Officer position to provide dedicated traffic safety education</p>	
<p>Progress Note: The Toole County School Resource Officers are doing great things in our schools in Shelby and Sunburst.</p>	<p>On-going.</p>
<p>Strategy 4. Employer Program to Establish Incentives for Safe Driving</p>	
<p>Action Item</p>	<p>Status</p>

1. Initiate research with stakeholder groups into possibility of providing financial incentive to public employees who have been in a crash during the previous year or several years. Explore opportunities via Workers Compensation Program	
Progress Note:	Wellness and workplace safety are ongoing programs for county and city staff.
2. Develop program for all business via Chamber of Commerce	No action taken. Committee continues to send educational materials.

Emphasis Area 2: Alcohol/Drug Impaired Driving

Team Leader Name:

Emphasis Area: Alcohol/Drug Impaired Driving	
Strategy 1. Criminal Justice Committee for coordination and open communication, including efforts on DUI/MIP	
Action Item	Status
1. Identify all key stakeholders to be involve in Committee A Toole County Commissioner, Toole County Attorney, City Attorney, City Judge/Justice of the Peace and Sheriff have formed the Criminal Justice Committee which intended to meet on a regular basis to discuss community issues.	Not active at this time.
Progress Note:	
2. Confirm committee leaders	Active
Progress Note:	
3. Training for Law Enforcement to Enhance Identification of Impaired Drivers	On-going

<p>Progress Note: Toole County Sheriff's office continues work on internal procedures and training for the processing of DUI offenders, making sure officers operate under the same step-by-step process to aid in prosecution.</p> <p>The Toole County Sheriff's Dept. 24/7 sobriety program that monitors subjects every 12 hours once they have been convicted of a DUI or are out on bond for a DUI is working well.</p>	
Strategy 2. Designated Driver Program	
Action Item	Status
1. Define programs: e.g. bars will ask groups of patrons upon arrival who the designated driver is when they arrive. Driver will receive wristband and will be served free beverages. Identify other incentives that can be provided to designated driver.	On-going.
<p>Progress Note: The Toole County Tavern Association reported they serve free non-alcoholic beverages to those that give free rides, in particular the Toole County Search & Rescue. The Toole County Search & Rescue gives free rides on New Year's Eve as part of a safe driving program within our community. Local law enforcement also gives rides home when called to an after-hours establishment throughout the year.</p>	
2. Develop mechanism for briefing servers in participating establishments	Active
<p>Progress Note: Mary Miller, Alliance for Youth is in contact with bars within the county on a regular basis. She is a resource for RASS training information and on-line training/testing.</p>	
3. Develop flyers or posters for use in bars promoting program	On-going
<p>Progress Note: The Transportation Safety Committee continues to print and distribute posters for each tavern prior to New Year's Eve to encourage safe driving and the use of designated drivers.</p>	
4. Launch program via media announcements	On-going
<p>Progress Note: The Toole County DUI Task Force uses the local newspaper to publish articles during the holidays. The City of Shelby also posts to Facebook, information on the Tippy Taxi on New Year's Eve.</p>	

Strategy 3. Responsible Alcohol Sales and Service	
Action Item	Status
1. Promote training to all servers	On-going
Progress Note: Mary Miller, Alliance for Youth works with local establishments to get employees trained through on-line resources.	
2. Provide future training at regular intervals	Not-active at this time.
Progress Note: Toole County does not currently have a RASS trainer, but a citizen has expressed interest in filling this role.	
Strategy 4. Training for Law Enforcement to Enhance Identification of Impaired Drivers	
Action Item	Status
1. Determine what training is available at no cost	On-going
Progress Note: Shelby ~Toole County Office of Public Safety continues officer training on a regular basis.	
2. Determine what training is needed by law enforcement in Toole County	On-going
Progress Note: The Toole County Sheriff's Department continues training to address DUI issues within the county.	
3. Schedule periodic training in Toole County	On-going
Progress Note: The Toole County Sheriff's Department is continuing training in an effort to improve prosecution of DUI offenders and monitoring.	

Transportation Safety Advisory Committee Members:

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Joe Rapkoch	Merle Raph	Gary McDermott
David Irvin	Blair Tomsheck	Ryan Larson
Donna Whitt	Mary Miller	Tyler Bucklin
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Emphasis Area Team Leaders

DUI Task Force ~ Robyn Kimmet

Transportation Safety Committee ~ Lorette Carter

Law Enforcement ~ Sheriff Donna Whitt

2022 Meeting Schedule

January ~ April ~ July ~ October

Activities achieved in 2022:

- a) Red Ribbon Week which focused on resilience and making good choices was a great success as reported by students;
- b) Offered funding for Red Ribbon Week activities within Toole County schools;
- c) Conducted walking/bike safety presentations to Shelby Elementary students;
- d) Alliance for Youth conducted a Town Hall on illicit drug use, vaping, etc.;
- e) Alliance for Youth assists local establishments in RASS training/certification;
- f) Continued strong partnership with Alliance for Youth, our regional prevention partner to educate and encourage programs within our schools and community;
- g) Purchased prizes for Shelby Elementary School as part of Safe Routes to School Program.
- h) Provided funding for the Health Rocks Camp offered by Alliance for Youth.

Activities planned for the upcoming year: The Shelby/Toole County Transportation Safety Committee will meet in January 2023 to review strategies and seek new opportunities relevant to Toole County. With an active DUI Task Force, the Safety Committee will seek additional education programs for children and young adults within the community and continue working on a partnership of schools, law enforcement and judicial system to provide education and information for the benefit of the community.

Other relevant information:

The Shelby ~ Toole County Transportation Safety Committee also works in partnership with the following local programs and projects:

- Shelby ~ School District #14 ~ Safe Routes to School
- Toole County DUI Task Force
- Toole County Health Department/Logan Health
- Alliance for Youth
- Office of Public Safety – concerns, projects, programs

Submitted on December 13, 2022 via e-mail.

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