

# Role of Public Health, Highway Safety, and State Partners in Adolescent Driving Safety

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## NHTSA Mission

- Reduce fatalities, injuries and economic burden from motor vehicle crashes



## Teen Fatalities and Injuries

- **Teen drivers highest risk for crashes**
  - Age
  - Lack of driving experience
- **Teen safety issues**
  - Drinking and driving
  - Speeding
  - Not wearing safety belts
  - Distraction from teen passengers

## Teen Driving Safety



## Coordinated Youth Programs

- **Research**
- **Demonstration**
- **Implementation**



## Demonstration & Program Efforts

- **Two-State Demonstration on Graduated Driver Licensing and Safety Belt Use**
- **Teen Belt Use Symposium**
- **Drug Impairment Training for Education Professionals (DITEP)**
- **ITS Project – Monitoring Teen Driving**
- **GDL Evaluations**
- **HVE Underage Drinking Demo**

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# NHTSA Resources

- **Section 403** – Research and Demonstration Program
- **Section 402** – State and Community Grant Program
- **Section 405** – Occupant Protection Incentive Grants
- **Section 406** – Safety Belt Performance Grants
- **Section 410** – Alcohol Impaired Driving Countermeasures Incentive Grants

<b>SECTION 402</b>		State and Community Highway Safety Grants Program			
Year	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
<b>Amount</b>	\$163.6M	\$217M	\$220M	\$225M	\$235M
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Authorizes almost \$900 Million FY 2006 – 2009</li> <li>■ Retains key features of the Section 402 program</li> <li>■ New assurances required:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Will support national highway safety goals, including national mobilizations</li> <li>■ Sustained enforcement of impaired driving, occupant protection, speed</li> <li>■ Annual safety belt use surveys</li> <li>■ Development of timely, effective statewide data systems</li> </ul> </li> </ul>					

**SECTION 405** Occupant Protection Incentive Grants

Year	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
<b>Amount</b>	\$19.8M	\$25M	\$25M	\$25M	\$25M

- Maintains existing eligibility criteria and program features
- Funds may be used only for OP programs
- Grant amount = up to 100% of FY 2003 S.402 apportionment
- Federal share =
  - 75% 1st & 2nd year receive grant (FY2004)
  - 50% 3rd & 4th year receive grant
  - 25% 5th & 6th year receive grant
- Remaining funds may be transferred to 408 and/or 410

**SECTION 406** Safety Belt Performance Grants

Year	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
<b>Amount</b>	\$0M	\$124.5M	\$124.5M	\$124.5M	\$124.5M

- Provides new, one-time grants to encourage the passage of primary safety belt laws
- Amount of grant equal to 475% of FY 2003 S.402 apportionment
- Eligibility Criteria:
  - If enacted after 12/02 a conforming primary safety belt law for all passenger vehicles

**OR**

  - Safety belt use rate of 85% or higher each of 2 immediate preceding calendar years beginning after 12/05

**SECTION 406** Safety Belt Performance Grants

- **Use of Section 406 funds**
  - Any behavioral safety purpose or project that improves a hazardous roadway location
  - At least \$1,000,000 must be obligated for behavioral highway safety
- **Federal share 100%**

**SECTION 406** Safety Belt Performance Grants

- **Remaining Funds —  
Awarded for pre-2003 primary safety belt laws**
  - If funds remain on July 1 each year, provides single grants to conforming pre-2003 primary belt law States
  - Amount of grant equal to 200% of FY 2003 402 apportionment
  - May be paid in installments

**SECTION 410** Alcohol Impaired Driving Countermeasures Incentive Grants

- **Eligibility Criteria**
  - Checkpoint and/or saturation patrol statewide
  - Prosecution/adjudication outreach
  - Increased BAC testing of drivers in fatal crashes
  - High-BAC law (stronger/additional penalties)
  - Effective alcohol rehabilitation and/or DWI courts
  - Under 21 program
  - Administrative license revocation or suspension
  - Self-sustaining program

**Fund may be used only for specific impaired-driving activities**

**SECTION 410** Alcohol Impaired Driving Countermeasures Incentive Grants

Year	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Amount	\$39.6M	\$120M	\$125M	\$131M	\$139M

**Incentive Grant Eligibility Criteria**

- Eligibility Criteria:
  - Low Fatality Rate – Alcohol Fatality Rate of  $\leq .5/100M$  VMT

**OR**

  - Programmatic: meet 3 of 8 criteria for FY 2006, 4 of 8 for FY 2007, 5 of 8 for FY 2008 and 2009

**SECTION  
410**

Alcohol Impaired Driving  
Countermeasures  
Incentive Grants

**High-Fatality-Rate (HFR) Grants**

- 10 States with highest alcohol-related fatality rates\*
- Set-aside no more than 15% of S.410 funds
- No State receives more than 30% of HFR funds
- At least half of HFR funds must be used for checkpoint and/or saturation patrol programs

*\* also eligible for programmatic grants*

State Strategic  
Highway Safety Plans

- Statewide coordinated plan
- Provides framework for reducing highway fatalities and injuries
- Stakeholders at Federal, state, local and private sector
- Based on data

## What Works?

- Parental intervention
- Graduated driver licensing systems
- Primary safety belt laws
- Zero Tolerance Laws
- Minimum Drinking Age Laws

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## What Can You Do?



- Help with Primary Safety Belt Laws



- Be aware of efforts to repeal the minimum drinking age laws (repealing age 21)



- Help close loopholes in GDL laws



- Encourage parents to be positive safe-driving role models

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# Summary

Collaboration

Cooperation

Communication