

# NHTSA Impaired Driving Update

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*New Release*

## Driving While Impaired Arrest Process Improvement

### Six Case Studies of Strategies Used by Law Enforcement to Reduce the Cost and Time of Processing a DWI Arrest

Ask law enforcement officers and they will tell you they face a number of challenges when arresting a drunk driver. One that stands out is the length of time needed to process a DWI arrest. In an effort to assist law enforcement agencies in shortening the time, and subsequent cost, required to process an arrest NHTSA conducted a study to:

- Determine strategies law enforcement agencies are using to reduce the cost and/or time of processing a DWI arrest;
- Identify law enforcement agencies that have made such improvements;
- Gather data to describe and quantify the cost and/or time savings associated with these processes; and
- Share the experiences of States/local agencies in undertaking these improvements.

Interviews were conducted with law enforcement agencies in six states that had implemented strategies to reduce the time and/or cost of processing DWI arrests, California, Louisiana, Minnesota, Texas, Utah and Washington. The improvements these agencies made to their DWI arrest procedures and their time/cost savings are described in this report. The data gathered from these interviews was synthesized to develop a roadmap that other agencies can use to guide the implementation of their own solution. The final report can be accessed here: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/staticfiles/nti/pdf/812308-DWI-Arrest-Process-Improvement.pdf>

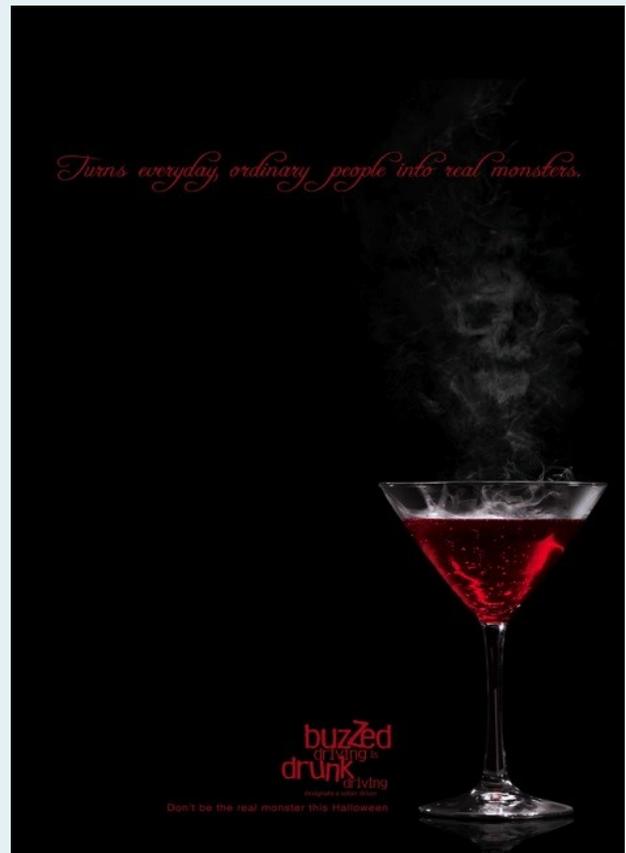
# New from NHTSA

## Halloween

### Impaired Driving Campaign Materials Available

**buzzed**  
driving is  
**drunk**  
driving  
designate a sober driver

Halloween is meant to be scary, but not while driving. When it comes to drunk driving, Halloween can turn the roads into a horror fest. The *Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving* campaign reminds folks to designate a sober driver and make a plan to get home safely without getting behind the wheel on Halloween Night if they have been drinking. Click [here](#) for campaign materials.



Additionally, [materials](#) for the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* campaign are available for communities that will be increasing impaired driving enforcement this Halloween.



# New from NHTSA

## 2014 Summary of Motor Vehicle Crashes (Final)

**(DOT HS 812 263)** The number of police-reported motor vehicle crashes, by crash severity, for the 10-year period 2005–2014 shows a downward trend and is most pronounced with respect to crashes of the highest severity—fatal crashes declined by 24 percent over that decade. However, the total number of police-reported traffic crashes increased from 2011 to 2012, from 2012 to 2013, and by 6.6 percent from 2013 to 2014. The latest increase is driven by the 7.9-percent increase in property-damage-only crashes—crashes in which there were no injuries to occupants or nonoccupants during the crash. The number of non-fatal injury crashes increased from 2013 to 2014 by 3.6 percent.

**Traffic Safety Facts**  
2014 Data  
Updated September 2016  
DOT HS 812 263

**NHTSA**

### Summary of Motor Vehicle Crashes (Final)

In this fact sheet, the overview of 2014 data is presented as follows:

- Overview
- Trends: 2005 to 2014
- Economic Cost
- Traffic Safety Fact Sheets
- Behavior
  - Alcohol-Impaired Driving
  - Occupant Protection
  - Speeding
- Crash Location
  - Rural/Urban Comparison
- People
  - Bicyclists and Other Cyclists
  - Children
  - Older Population
  - Pedestrians
  - Young Drivers
- Vehicles
  - Large Trucks
  - Motorcycles
  - Passenger Vehicles
  - School Transportation

**Key Findings**

- In 2014 there were an estimated 6,064,000 police-reported traffic crashes, in which 52,273 people were killed and an estimated 2,378,000 people were injured.
- An average of 90 people died each day in motor vehicle crashes in 2014, one fatality every 19 minutes.
- In 2014 there were 9,887 alcohol-impaired-driving fatalities, representing an average of one alcohol-impaired-driving fatality every 53 minutes.
- Thirty-three percent of all motorcycle riders involved in fatal crashes were speeding in 2014, the highest of any vehicle type.
- NHTSA estimates that 12,892 lives were saved in 2014 by the use of seat belts.
- On average, a pedestrian is killed in a motor vehicle crash every 148 minutes, and one is injured about every 8 minutes.
- Drivers 15 to 29 years old made up 9 percent of drivers in fatal crashes, and 12 percent of those in all police-reported crashes. Nine percent of the U.S. population is in this age group.
- Of the 200 deaths in 14 and younger who died in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes, 58 percent were occupants of vehicles where the driver had blood alcohol concentrations (BAC) of .08 g/dl or higher.
- In 2014 about 13 percent of the U.S. population was 65 or older. They accounted for 17.9 percent of all those killed and 8.5 percent of all those injured in traffic crashes.

**Overview**

Motor vehicle travel is a major means of transportation in the United States, providing an unparalleled degree of mobility. Yet for all its advantages, motor vehicle crashes were the leading cause of death for age 11 and every age 16 through 24 in 2014.<sup>1</sup> The mission of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is to reduce deaths, injuries, and economic losses from motor vehicle crashes.

**Trends: 2005 to 2014**

The number of police-reported motor vehicle crashes, by crash severity is presented in Table 1 for the 10-year period 2005 to 2014. A downward trend is most pronounced with respect to crashes of the highest severity—fatal crashes declined by 24 percent over that decade. However, the total number of police-reported traffic crashes increased from 2011 to 2012, from 2012 to 2013, and by 6.6 percent from 2013 to 2014. This latest increase is driven by the 7.9-percent increase in property-damage-only crashes—crashes in which there were no injuries to occupants or nonoccupants during the crash. The number of non-fatal injury crashes increased from 2013 to 2014 by 3.6 percent.

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<sup>1</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS) database, available at [www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/wisqars\\_data.html](http://www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/wisqars_data.html)

## National Teen Driver Safety Week

*October 16-22, 2016*

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for 14–18 year olds in the US. In fact, in 2014, there were 2,614 teen passenger vehicle drivers (15–19 years old) involved in fatal crashes and an estimated 130,000 were injured. Yet, a survey showed that only 25% of parents have had a serious talk with their kids about the key components of driving. Parents need to take the time to talk with their kids about the many dangers of driving. Those issues include alcohol, seat belts, cell phones, speeding, and extra passengers. Click [here](#) for marketing materials.

**TEEN DRIVER SAFETY WEEK**

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- No Cell Phones While Driving
- No Extra Passengers
- No Speeding
- No Alcohol
- No Driving or Riding Without a Seat Belt

**5 TO DRIVE**

# Partner's Corner

## Youth Interactive Traffic Safety Lab 2016



NOYS will be mobilizing partners during National Teen Driver Safety Week to draw much-needed attention to the fact that youth are most at risk for a crash involving a motor vehicle. Once again this fall, NOYS will conduct an Interactive Traffic Safety Lab providing hands-on demonstrations to simulate experiences that prompt conversations between experts and novice drivers. Be Responsible and Keep Everyone Safe (B.R.A.K.E.S) is bringing their free, pro-active, advanced driving course to the NOYS Interactive Traffic Safety Lab to help teens improve their skill and confidence behind the wheel. Click [here](#) for more information about the lab.

**Monday October 17, 2016**

**9am–4pm**

**10am—press conference; Noon—Lunch**

**Rosecroft Raceway**

**6336 Rosecroft Dr., Fort Washington, MD 20744**

*Limited free exhibit space for NOYS members!*

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## Traffic Tuesdays—**FREE** TSRP Webinar

### *Current Drug Trends*

Current Drug Trends will cover a number of “new” drugs on the market as well as a return of some of the “oldies” making a comeback. It will include a review of the current nomenclature and statistics, as well as expected signs and symptoms. Each drug discussed will include images and video examples for review.

**Tuesday October 11, 2016**

**3:00pm–4:30pm (EDT)**

[Register here](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing instructions on how to join the webinar. In order to make sure that you are able to log on, please register at least 4 hours in advance. Also, please make sure you retain the confirmation email sent to you. The information email will come from TSRP webinars ([customer@gotowebinar.com](mailto:customer@gotowebinar.com)). Please add this to your list of safe addresses so that it does not go to your spam or junk mail folder. Also, please be careful to enter your email address correctly. You will not be able to join the webinar if you do not receive a confirmation email.



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**Beau Rivage Resort**

**Biloxi, MS**

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