St. Patrick’s Day – Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving

NHTSA’s social norming campaign, *Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving*, will be put in motion during the St. Patrick’s Day holiday. Many people spend the holiday enjoying green beer and other spirits, making it an essential time to remind people to plan ahead for a sober ride and prevent buzzed and drunk driving. During St. Patrick’s Day in 2018, 62% of fatal vehicle crashes involved a drunk driver. Utilize NHTSA’s campaign materials to spread the message and prevent this problem.
New NHTSA Traffic Safety Fact Publications

Alcohol- Impaired Driving

This Traffic Safety Fact Sheet summarizes findings regarding alcohol-impaired driving and related fatalities in 2018. Among the key findings: In 2018 there were 10,511 fatalities in motor vehicle traffic crashes involving drivers with BACs of .08 g/dL or higher, 29 percent of all traffic fatalities for the year; an average of 1 alcohol-impaired-driving fatality occurred every 50 minutes; of the 2018 traffic fatalities among children 14 and younger, 22 percent occurred in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes; the 21 to 24 year old age group had the highest percentage (27%) of drivers with BACs of .08 g/dL or higher in fatal crashes compared to other age groups; the percentage of drivers with BACs of .08g/dL or higher in fatal crashes was highest for motorcycle riders (25%), compared to drivers of passenger cars (21%), light trucks (19%), and large trucks (3%); among the 10,511 alcohol-impaired-driving fatalities, 67 percent (7,051) were in crashes in which at least one driver had a BAC of .15 g/dL or higher.

Police-Reported Motor Vehicle Traffic Crashes

In 2018, there were an estimated 6,734,000 police-reported motor vehicle traffic crashes in the United States, resulting in 36,560 fatalities and 2,710,000 people injured. Among these crashes, less than 1 percent (33,654) were fatal crashes, 28 percent (1,894,000) were injury crashes, and 71 percent (4,807,000) were property damage only (PDO) crashes. The estimated 6,734,000 crashes in 2018 represents a 4.4 percent increase from the 6,453,000 police-reported crashes estimated to have occurred in 2017. This was a statistically significant increase. Find it here.

Early Estimate of Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities for the

A statistical projection of traffic fatalities for the first 9 months of 2019 shows that an estimated 26,730 people died in motor vehicle traffic crashes. This represents a decrease of about 2.2 percent as compared to 27,335 fatalities reported to have occurred in the first 9 months of 2018. Find it here.
Impaired Driving Update

**Funding Opportunity**

**Application for Program Funding for State Judicial Outreach Liaison**

Applications due March 17th, 2020

Through a cooperative agreement between the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the American Bar Association (ABA), funding is available to support the creation of up to 10 new State Judicial Outreach Liaison (SJOL) positions. A monthly stipend and travel expenses will be provided, with the expectation that the position will transition to SHSO funds, long-term. The SJOL program was established to educate judges on the front-line through peer-to-peer interactions. SJOLs function as educators, writers, consultants and liaisons, to share the latest information and research on impaired driving with the judges of their state. SJOLs can also provide important insight to policy makers attempting to improve impaired driving traffic safety.

The online application and a view of the questions included in the application may found [here](#). You will also find a recorded webinar that you can watch to learn more about the funding opportunity and the role of SJOLs.

To apply for this opportunity, please provide all of the information requested. If you have any questions, please contact:

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Funding Opportunities

IACP Announces Available Funding for DRE and ARIDE Training

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), through support from NHTSA is offering up to $89,000 to law enforcement agencies to support the expansion of their DRE and ARIDE training programs. Application and requirements can be found here.

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OJJDP Family Drug Court Funding Available

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has grant funding available in three categories.

- Enhancing Family Drug Courts
- Serving Veterans through Family Drug Courts
- State and County Family Drug Courts Expansion

The application solicitation and more information can be found here. Applications due March 30th, 2020
Partner Spotlight

Traffic Tuesdays
National TSRP Webinar Series

DRE and IACP: Updates & Enhancements

Webinar Tuesday, February 18th at 2pm (EST)

This webinar will provide an update on projects related to and affecting the DRE program that are underway, as well as new offerings to help further ARIDE and DRE training. Additionally, it will provide updates on recent and pending Frye/Daubert Hearings regarding the DRE program. Finally, it will provide information on judicial and prosecutor training related to the DRE program.

- Register

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