

# Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Highway Safety Presentation

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## Coordinated Planning

### Strategic Highway Safety Plan

Grants for  
Behavioral Safety and Vehicle  
Programs

Funding for  
Infrastructure  
Projects

DMV  
Highway Safety  
Plan (HSP)

VSP  
Commercial  
Vehicle Safety  
Plan (CVSP)

VDOT  
Highway Safety  
Improvement  
Program (HSIP)

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## Annual Highway Safety Plan (HSP)

- Virginia's application for NHTSA federal 402 highway safety funding that addresses behavioral safety (i.e. drug, alcohol, distracted, pedestrian, speed, safety belts, enforcement, awareness, etc.)
- The DMV/HSP behavioral goals and strategies are incorporated into VDOT's SHSP

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## Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP)






- SHSP is the guiding five-year plan for road safety efforts in the Commonwealth
- The plan sets forth a vision and mission that link directly to Virginia's Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) initiative

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# Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) (Cont'd)

**TABLE 11. IMPAIRED DRIVING STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS**









**Priority Strategy 3: Recognize traffic safety as a public health issue and establish policies and programs that promote safe behavior and reduce crash severity outcomes.**

	Conduct impaired driving high visibility enforcement (HVE) campaigns (to include saturation patrols and checkpoints) supported by a comprehensive media plan and provide support to the existing Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Task Force. <b>[Ongoing]</b>
	Conduct alcoholic beverage compliance checks to reduce the incidence of underage alcohol purchases and overservice, and through youth peer-to-peer educational programs that focus on zero tolerance. <b>[Ongoing]</b>
	Manage the ignition interlock program through VASAP and investigate new technological strategies. <b>[Long Term]</b>
	Work with law enforcement officers and the toxicology labs to determine drugs present in drivers. <b>[Short Term]</b>
	Monitor high Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) and repeat offenders through VASAP and recommend referrals for treatment assessment to include substance use disorders and/or mental health screenings when appropriate. <b>[Ongoing]</b>

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# Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) (Cont'd)

**Priority Strategy 4: Develop and implement programs that provide education and awareness to high risk road users.**

	Increase the number of law enforcement officers who participate in trainings for Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), Drug Recognition Experts (DRE), Standardized Field Sobriety Training (SFST), Advanced DUI courses, and breath alcohol test equipment. <b>[Ongoing]</b>
	Conduct training sessions for the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (VASAP) program case managers and staff on DWI offender monitoring, ignition interlock and offender recidivism. <b>[Short Term]</b>
	Conduct training and provide information at conferences for judges, prosecutors, and magistrates on DUI and drugged driving enforcement methods, DUI dockets, and DUI Courts. <b>[Ongoing]</b>
	Coordinate with the Judicial Outreach Liaisons and the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutors to work with the Virginia Supreme Court to assist with information dissemination and to establish a point of contact between the Highway Safety Office and the judiciary. <b>[Long Term]</b>
	Conduct sports marketing related outreach efforts to reach high-risk populations. <b>[Short Term]</b>
	Promote consumer awareness and acceptance of the Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety (DADSS). <b>[Short Term]</b>
	Recruit new and effective partners to make sure the alcohol and drug impaired driving program reaches diverse and underserved communities and to ensure equity is at the forefront to decrease alcohol related fatalities. <b>[Long Term]</b>
	Investigate the possibility of conducting a distracted driving enforcement effort on handheld phone use and evaluate its effectiveness. <b>[Long Term]</b>

# Fatality Data

Department of Motor Vehicles  Virginia Highway Safety Office

**NHTSA** Ratings Recalls Risky Driving Road Safety Equipment Technology & Innovation MORE INFO

**NHTSA Early Estimates Show Overall Increase in Roadway Deaths in First Half of 2022, Second Quarter 2022 Projects First Decline Since 2020**

September 19, 2022 | Washington, DC

- “The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration today released its early estimates of traffic fatalities for the first half of 2022”
- “NHTSA also announced today that the projections for two of the regions (NHTSA Regions 3 and 9) were revised”
- “Projected deaths during the first quarter of 2022 for Region 3 were revised lower, while projections for Region 9 were revised higher”

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## Fatality Data – 2021 vs 2022

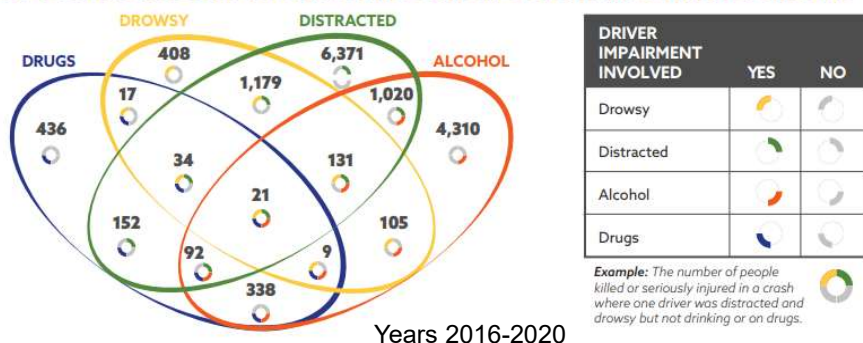
Source	2021	2022	% Change
The “Early Estimate of Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities for the <b>First Quarter of 2022</b> ” report from National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)	170	292	71.8%
Traffic Records Electronic Data System (TREDS)	165	222	34.5%
Early Estimate of Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities for <b>the First Half (January-June) of 2022</b> (NHTSA)	418	481	15.0%
Traffic Records Electronic Data System (TREDS)	415	467	12.5%

Note: TREDS data – 2021 final and 2022 preliminary

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## Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP)

**FIGURE 45. NUMBER OF FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES PER IMPAIRED DRIVING BEHAVIOR**



Source: Traffic Records Electronic Data System (TREDS)

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## Fatality Data Update – 2021 vs. 2022

	2021	2022	% Change
<b>Traffic Records Electronic Data System (TREDS) As of November 7, 2022</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>0.6%</b>

Emphasis Highway Safety Areas Total Fatalities	2021	2022	% Change
Unbelted Fatalities	287	312	8.7%
Fatalities in Crashes Involving Speeding	396	369	-6.8%
Fatalities in Crashes Involving Impaired Driving*	386	338	-12.4%
Pedestrian Fatalities	97	133	37.1%

Note:

\*Impaired Driving - Drunk, Drugged, Distracted and Drowsy  
One or more of the 4Ds may be included in the same death

Note: TREDS data

2021 final and 2022 preliminary

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## Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Program

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## Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Program

- Managed at the national level by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
- State funding and federal funding resources available
- Training: 72 hours classroom and 40 hours of field certification
- 58 certified DREs in Virginia (up from 21 in August 2020)
- Virginia State Police and DMV collaborate to conduct the most recent DRE schools in 2022 and upcoming in 2023

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## Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) Program

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## **Advance Roadside Impaired Driving (ARIDE) Program**

- Training was developed by NHTSA with input from IACP to bridge the gap between the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) and DRE courses
- State funding and federal funding resources available
- Training: 16-hour course
- DMV and Virginia State Police partner to offer the training
- Upcoming ARIDE trainings: November 2022 and December 2022

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## **Highway Safety is a Shared Responsibility**

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**Thank you**

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