

WHAT WE DO

The MHSO supports Maryland's many highway safety activities and administers a highway safety grant program in which federal funds provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), along with state funds, are granted to state agencies, local governments and other organizations to implement statewide and local programs. Many of these programs are developed and implemented through collaborative efforts between state, local, federal and private sector partners.



PROGRAM AREAS

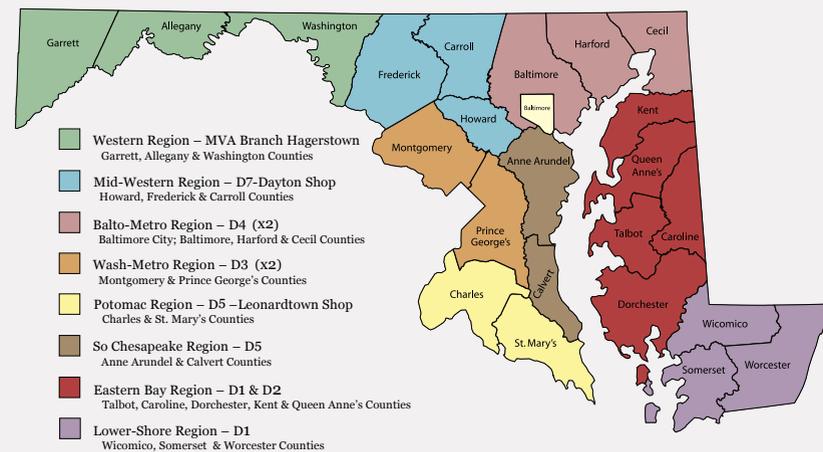
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| Aggressive Driving | High Risk (including) |
| Impaired Driving | Bicycle Safety |
| Distracted Driving | Motorcycle Safety |
| Occupant Protection | Pedestrian Safety |
| Police Traffic Services | Older Driver Safety |
| Traffic Records | Young Driver Safety |



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HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE
MARYLAND MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION



Dedicated to saving lives and preventing injuries on Maryland Highways.



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OUR MISSION

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration's Highway Safety Office (MHSO) is dedicated to saving lives and preventing injuries by reducing the number and severity of motor vehicle crashes through the administration of a comprehensive and effective network of traffic safety programs.

“Death should not be an acceptable consequence of driving. That's why so many in Maryland are working Toward Zero Deaths on Maryland's roadways through policy, public health, education, enforcement and other efforts.”
– MHSO Toward Zero Deaths Vision

WHY WE ARE HERE

- Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for persons aged 1-44 years old, and remain one of the top leading causes of death until a person reaches age 65.¹
- On average, more than one-quarter of all fatalities on Maryland roads are speed-related.²
- On average, impaired driving-related crashes result in more than one third of all traffic fatalities in Maryland.²
- Every 47 hours someone in Maryland dies in an impaired driving crash.²
- In Maryland, belted drivers are 50% more likely to sustain a moderate-to fatal injury when the occupant seated directly behind them was unbelted as compared to drivers seated in front of a reportedly belted occupant.²
- Seat belts lower the risk of death to passenger vehicle occupants in the front seat by 45 percent and light truck front seat occupants by 60 percent.²
- Maryland consistently ranks within the top 10 of all states in terms of the number of annual pedestrian fatalities per 100,000 population.³



¹ <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db115.pdf>

² All state data from the Maryland Automated Accident Reporting System (MAARS)

³ NHTSA's National Center for Statistics and Analysis

THE FOUR Es OF HIGHWAY SAFETY

Education, Enforcement, Engineering & Emergency Medical Services

The MHSO works with various government and private sector partners from the “Four Es” of highway safety to achieve the ultimate goals of saving lives and preventing injuries on Maryland's streets and highways.



MARYLAND STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN

The Maryland SHSP provides a comprehensive framework for saving lives and preventing injuries on all public roads within the state. The five-year, data-driven plan establishes statewide goals, objectives, key emphasis areas and corresponding strategies. The plan ensures coordination, integration and leverages stakeholder resources.

MHSO GRANTS

Each year, the MHSO awards grants to help solve Maryland's most critical behavioral traffic safety problems. Projects considered for funding must address strategies identified in Maryland's SHSP. Projects are funded on a federal fiscal year basis (October 1 - September 30).

GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

State and local government units, non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education and hospitals are eligible to apply for MHSO grants. Applications for highway safety project funding are solicited during the first quarter of each calendar year through a combination of e-mail communication, electronic publishing and a press release. Current highway safety grantees are automatically notified for each subsequent federal fiscal year. The MHSO also solicits applications from eligible agencies in areas of the state that have been deemed high priority through the problem identification process.

