

Traffic Safety Program Assessments

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WHAT IS AN ASSESSMENT?

- A. Something the State has to do to get federal funding
- B. An opportunity to look at a current program and get ideas to improve it
- C. A way to learn about projects in the State

ANSWER: All of the above

WHAT IS AN ASSESSMENT?

True or False?

An assessment allows NHTSA to provide oversight to the State Highway Safety Office.

ANSWER: FALSE!

An assessment is a peer review of a program area. Results of an assessment belong to the Highway Safety Office.

WHAT STEPS ARE INVOLVED?

1. The State Highway Safety Office decides it needs/wants an assessment.
 - In order to meet the requirements of MAP-21, the assessment is required.
 - The SHSO voluntarily requests an assessment because it wants to continually improve its programs.
2. The SHSO works with NHTSA to schedule and make arrangements.

WHAT STEPS ARE INVOLVED?

3. NHTSA identifies a team of subject matter experts to provide peer review.

TEAM BIRDS



WHAT STEPS ARE INVOLVED?

4. The SHSO provides volumes of information to the team and selects individuals for the team to interview.
5. Based on the information and interviews, the team identifies program strengths and makes recommendations for the State to consider.



On what standards is a State assessed?



- Impaired Driving (No. 8)
- Occupant Protection (No. 20)
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety (No. 14)
- Emergency Medical Services (No. 11)
- Police Traffic Services [SFST] (No. 15)
- Motorcycle Safety (No. 3)
- Traffic Records (No. 10)
- Driver Education (No. 4)

What can an assessment give you?

- New program ideas (e.g. social media)



- Support to move forward on potentially controversial activities (e.g. legislation)

What can an assessment give you?

- New ways to do things (e.g. Occupant Protection)
 - Ideas for new partners
 - Ways to expand the program (seat belt enforcement zones)



What can an assessment give you?

- New ways to do things
 - Nighttime seat belt enforcement
 - Evaluate child passenger safety efforts (Conduct a CPS observation survey)



Can I participate?

- **Has your State recently completed an assessment? (Some HSOs post reports online.) Are there recommendations you can help implement?**
- **Work with your Highway Safety Office to support an assessment.**
- **If asked to participate, come prepared to discuss what you do with the team; bring ideas and recommendations.**
- **If not asked, volunteer!**

True or False?

Should my State conduct a traffic safety program assessment?

ANSWER: **TRUE!!**

For further information: Contact your State Highway Safety Office
