

Impaired Driving Track Workshops (as of February 16, 2015)

1. Mobilizing the Public to Report Impaired Drivers

Engaging the public to report impaired drivers is a proven tool for improving the safety of all roadway users. Join with representatives from MADD, the research community and law enforcement to learn how to develop and sustain year-round, community mobilization campaigns that empower citizens to act. Examples of successful, evaluated campaigns will be discussed along with how to partner with police and what is required to ensure an initiative is viable for the long-term.

2. Benefits and Challenges of Ignition Interlocks for First Offenders

In 2006, safety groups began advocating for the installation of ignition interlocks devices (IIDs) for all convicted drunk drivers. At the time, only New Mexico required them, but nearly a decade later 24 states, including Illinois, currently mandate IIDs. Experts will discuss the benefits and challenges of these laws and their impact in keeping drunk drivers off the road.

4. What's New in Alcohol and Drugged Driving Research

Drug impairment is a growing issue in many states and communities, particularly with the loosening of restrictions on marijuana use. Plus, drunk driving continues to claim over 10,000 lives annually. Hear about the findings of three important studies -- Drug and Alcohol Crash Risk, 2013-14 National Roadside Survey of Alcohol and Drug Use, and Effects of Marijuana Legalization in Washington on Drivers' Drug and Alcohol Use -- designed to help practitioners and police officers target their resources to combat impaired driving.

5. Driving High: How Colorado & Washington Are Addressing Legalized Marijuana

More permissive marijuana laws and an increase in drug abuse - both illegal and prescription - raise many challenges for the highway safety community. Hear how Colorado and Washington State are responding to legalization of marijuana use and learn about the national response to drug-impaired driving.

6. Implementing DUI No Refusal

Drunk drivers who refuse to provide a BAC sample provide a real challenge to law enforcement and a major threat to public safety. DUI refusal rates in some states exceed 80%. "No Refusal" events provide a way for law enforcement to get blood samples (on-call judges authorize search warrants) and allow prosecutors to obtain convictions. Learn what's involved in conducting these highly publicized events that greatly increase the chances of drunk drivers being caught, arrested and convicted.

7. Best Practices in Addressing Underage Drinking

Underage drinking is a huge problem among high school students and on college campuses. Learn about research-based interventions to address underage drinking that target parents and how the Nebraska Collegiate Consortium to Reduce High-Risk Drinking is implementing campus and community-based environmental strategies. The Illinois State Police will also discuss their alcohol countermeasure enforcement NITE patrols.

8. A Fresh Look at Sobriety Checkpoints, a Proven Countermeasure

High visibility sobriety checkpoints conducted in conjunction with paid and/or earned media are a proven countermeasure for deterring drunk drivers. Join in a panel discussion about how events in Ferguson and New York City are affecting high visibility enforcement (HVE) efforts across the nation. Also, learn about new research conducted by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety discussing what communities are doing to support HVE and hear how states without sobriety checkpoints can help move legislators toward passing laws that allow this proven strategy.

9. Victim Impact Panel: Working With Survivors

Traffic fatalities are more than just numbers. Each death is a family member, friend, and loved one. This panel shares stories from drunk driving, distracted, and drugged driving victims.

10. Advocating for Impactful DUI Child Endangerment Laws

Drunk driving with a child in the car is a form of child abuse. Yet each year, thousands of trips are made by drunk drivers who place the lives of children in danger. In 2010, New York passed the landmark "Leandra's Law" named after Leandra Rosado who was killed when the adult driving her crashed. The result was New York passed comprehensive legislation to help safeguard our children. This workshop will explore what New York and other states are doing to stop DUI child endangerment.