

**Idaho's Law Enforcement
Liaison Program**

"A MODEL FOR THE COUNTRY"
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SAFETY LAW ENFORCEMENT LIAISON**

Idaho LEL Program Begins

- 2006
 - -Idaho OHS recognized the need to have a liaison between law enforcement and state highway safety office.
 - NHTSA Regional Administrator John Moffatt commits to assist Idaho in establishing LEL program.
 - NHTSA Region 10 LEL Glenn Cramer meets with new Idaho LEL's and Idaho Highway Safety Office Staff.

Idaho LEL Program Begins

- State broken up into 6 Highway Safety and State Police Districts.



Idaho LEL Program Begins cont.

- OHS sought out traffic safety minded police officers in each ITD region in the state.
 - -District 1: Officer Nick Knoll – Couer D' Alene PD
 - -District 2: Sgt. Ted Piche – Lewiston PD
 - -District 3: Officer Kyle Wills – Boise PD
 - -District 4: Deputy Jay Wiggins – Twin Falls SO
 - -District 5: Trooper Brady Johnson – Idaho State Police
 - -District 6: Deputy Cameron Stanford – Madison SO



Idaho LEL Responsibilities cont.

- Officers work full-time as police officers for their agencies and volunteer to work as an LEL on a part-time reimbursed overtime basis:
 - -Individual LEL is given a budget for training and overtime through a grant administered by the Office of Highway Safety
 - -LEL's agencies have donated time/equipment for LEL to perform duties
 - LEL's have the support of their agency to perform the duties as per the grant agreement
 - LEL's have a personal desire to save lives and reduce traffic deaths on Idaho's roadways

Idaho LEL's and Seatbelt Mobilizations

- Major role of LEL's is to participate and lead agencies in participation/productivity during mobilizations
- LEL's coordinate public outreach efforts related to occupant protection
 - PSA's
 - Reader Boards/Billboard advertising
- LEL's play lead role in educating and training law enforcement agencies about occupant protection
 - Policies
 - Below 100
 - TOPS

Initial LEL Roles and Responsibilities

- Meet with Agency Executives to encourage participation in State Funded mobilizations.
- Assist OHS staff in traffic safety initiatives such as calendar presentations and public safety education.
- Work with the Office of Highway Safety to resolve concerns with LE Agencies.
- Bridge communication gap and clear up misunderstandings

LEL Program Evolves

- Idaho LEL's continue to meet with Agency Executives and encourage agency participation with grant funded enforcement efforts.
- NHTSA begins to use Idaho LEL's on national traffic safety efforts and initiatives:
 - -NHTSA Traffic Occupant Protection Strategies (TOPS) Program
 - -NHTSA T A G (TAG) Training
 - -NHTSA Seatbelt Enforcement for Secondary Law States

LEL Program Evolution cont.

- NHTSA begins to encourage other states to start LEL programs modeled after Idaho's LEL program.
 - -Idaho LEL's help create curriculum to assist NHTSA in starting up LEL programs throughout the region
- Key participation with the Idaho Strategic Highway Safety Plan.
- Assist OHS Staff with issues involving LE Agencies.
- Assist OHS Staff with planning of Idaho's Highway Safety Summit.

Today's Law Enforcement Liaisons

Meet the Office of Highway Safety Law Enforcement Liaisons - LELs

The Unhappy Business

Idaho has six Law Enforcement Liaisons that work with the Office of Highway Safety. There is one LEL representing each of the six transportation districts in Idaho. The LEL program was implemented in Idaho in 2005 and continues to be a valuable program.

The LELs work with the law enforcement agencies within their respective districts to bring more visibility to the traffic performance evaluation efforts. They also assist OHS with planning the annual Highway Traffic Summit and offer a law enforcement perspective to our program and plans. They have attended state and national conferences as presenters and participants, served on Strategic Highway Safety Planning committees, and coordinated multi-agency "WOM 181M" events.

This group of LELs has expertise and certifications in numerous areas such as Drug Recognition Experts, 911 Instructors, Child Passenger Safety Technicians, Training, Safety Instructor, Police CAD operators, Public Involvement, and grant management. They are great resources regarding DR/DVI operators, of coordinating multi-agency task forces, and incorporating their practices into Traffic Enforcement Initiatives.

The LELs represent City Police Departments, County Sheriff Offices, and the Idaho State Police. Should you have any questions regarding any of the OHS programs or law enforcement efforts, please reach out to your local LEL.

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Idaho Law Enforcement Liaison Program Today

- 6 LEL's
 - 2 City Police Officers (Motor Officers)
 - 2 County Deputies (Traffic Officers)
 - 2 State Troopers (Long standing in current district)
- 1 LEL Chairman
 - Appointed by current standing LEL's
 - Handles administrative tasks of LEL program
 - Oversees program and works as liaison between LEL's and Highway Safety Office.
 - Spokesperson of program and ITD and highway safety summit.

Idaho Law Enforcement Liaison Program Today

- **Biggest role of today's LEL in Idaho is to promote highway safety programs to law enforcement agencies.**
 - Door to door salesman – Have buy-in with agency heads.
 - Close working relationships due to rural atmosphere in Idaho
 - All agencies attend one central police academy, so officers know each other
 - Promote Multi-agency program "One Team" efforts.
- **Work closely with Idaho's Strategic Highway Safety Plan**
 - Several LEL's chair SHSP committees
 - If not a chair, then heavily involved in SHSP



Idaho LEL Strategies

- **Meet semi-annually with agency heads to discuss mobilizations and participation.**
 - Meet to discuss "one team" events
 - Meet to demonstrate new equipment
 - Meet to have lunch or coffee
- **Attend statewide Chiefs of Police and Sheriff's Association meetings.**
 - Use own agency leaders to get invited
 - Give presentation at meeting if possible

Idaho LEL Strategies cont.

- **Organize multi-agency training and/or task forces to create unity and participation.**
 - Treasure Valley DUI Task Force
 - Madison County Tri-County DUI Mobilization
 - DRE/SFST Refresher hosted by Bingham County
- **Work closely with Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor to meet with agencies.**
 - Utilize "Cops in Court" training to reach out to agencies
 - Have TSRP mention LEL's in newsletter
 - TSRP encourages prosecutors to champion LEL program to their agencies

Idaho LEL Strategies cont.

- **LEL agencies model participation and performance**
 - Coeur D'Alene and Boise Police Dept. highest in seatbelt productivity during last mobilization
 - Madison County and Bingham County participate in 100% of DUI mobilizations
 - Idaho State Police has highest aggressive/distracted driving productivity throughout mobilization
- **Work closely with OHS to ensure incentives are in place for agencies to participate**
 - Provide equipment incentive options for smaller agencies with limited manpower

Idaho LEL Successes

- **Madison County Sheriff organizes tri-county DUI Task Force**
- **Statewide "One Team" concept during mobilizations**
- **Increased participation and performance from city, county, and state police agencies throughout Idaho**
- **Increased involvement/enrollment at Highway Safety Summit**

THANK YOU

- **Any Questions?**
