# Effectively Enforcing & Messaging to Increase Rural Seat Belt Use

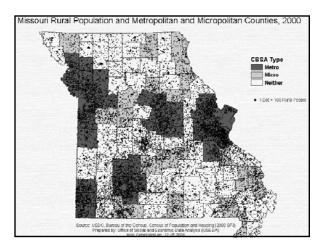
# Missouri Seat Belt Initiatives

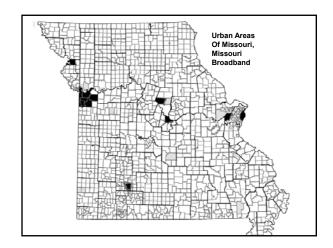
Lifesavers Conference March 16, 2015



#### Missouri at a Glance

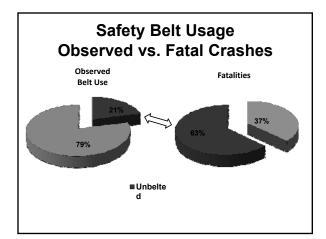
- Population 5,988,927 (2010 Census)
- 97.4% Land Area Classified as Rural
  - 30.6% Population Living in Rural Areas, Compared to 21% Nationwide
- 114 Counties Plus City of St. Louis
- Over 600 Law Enforcement Agencies
  - 200 Participate in Highway Safety Efforts





# **Missouri Seat Belt Use Rates**

Year	Statewide	Teen	CPS	CMV
2014	79%	67%	91%	81%
2013	80%	67%		
2012	79%	66%		81.5%
2011	79%	67%		
2010	76%	66%		80.6%
2009	77%	61%	91%	
2008	76%	62%	90%	73%
2007	77%	61%	88%	68%
2006	75%	58%	83%	
2005	77%	56%	82%	66%
2004	76%	54%	77%	59%
2003	73%		73%	
2002	69%		70%	
2001	68%		64%	



# Efforts to Increase Rural Seat Belt Use

- Yearly Grants
- Rural Seat Belt Project
- Quarterly Occupant Protection Days
- Primary Safety Belt Ordinances
- · Regional Coalitions
- Alliance Sports Marketing
- Survey Data

#### **Yearly Grants**

- 456 Contracts (7 contract staff)
  - 187 Grantees
  - Year-Round Contracts
- Approximately \$18 Million in NHTSA Funds
- \$1.9 Million in State Road Funds

## **Rural Seat Belt Project**

- \$296,000 Grant 2008-2010
- 10 Counties in Southwest Missouri
  - 37 of 57 Agencies Participated
- Sustained Enforcement and Media
- Increase of Safety Belt Use 66.4% to 69.2%
- Very Difficult to Sustain Enforcement with Small Rural Agencies

#### **Quarterly OP Enforcement Dates**

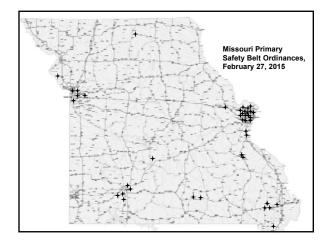
- Single Day Statewide OP Enforcement Day
- Statewide & Local Press Releases
- February, April, CPS Week, & November
  - Incentives to 25-30 Agencies: Body Cameras, Radars, PBTs, LED Flares, Flashlights
- Mini-Grants for CIOT & Youth Seat Belt, up to 250 Agencies

<b>Primary</b>	Seat	Belt	Ordin	ances
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"No person shall be stopped, inspected, or detained solely to determine compliance with this subsection" 307.178 RSMo

## **Primary Seat Belt Ordinances**

- Started with St. Louis County (unincorporated)
  - Most Remove the "No person" From Statute
  - Some Change Fine up to \$50
- Now 46+ Ordinances Throughout State
- Brockus vs. City of St. John

## Alliance Sports Marketing Project

- Sponsorship at Local Race Track & Minor League Baseball Venues
  - Targeting Rural Areas
  - Twenty Total Venues (15 Tracks, 5 Ballparks)
  - Three PA Announcements Plus Signage (Arrive Alive) Each Event
  - On-Site Event at Each Venue

# Alliance Sports Marketing Project

- MCRS Nights
- Display Tent
  - -Key Chains, Pens, Bumper Stickers
  - -First 200 Fans "Caught" Wearing Their Seat Belts Given Tickets for Free T-Shirts

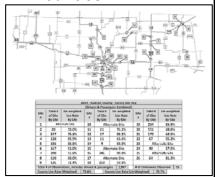
#### **Survey Data Provided to Counties**

- · Statewide Survey in 28 Counties
- · Four Counties per Each Coalition (7 Regions)
- Statewide Usage Reported to NHTSA
  - Regional Number Provided to Coalitions
- Teen Survey
  - 150 High Schools
  - Usage Rates Sent to Schools
  - Education Efforts Focused on Below 50% Usage Schools (Roughly ¼)

#### **Survey Data Provided to Counties**

Statewide Survey Maps Created For Each County

- Provided to Regional Coalition
- Occupant Protection Subcommittee
- Local LEMSHP







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