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IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT A PROGRAM GUIDE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND HIGHWAY SAFETY ADMINISTRATORS PUBLISHED

Law enforcement and highway safety administrators are an integral part of the solution to reduce injury and death on our roadways caused by impaired drivers. The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) have teamed together to develop *Impaired Driving Enforcement: A Program Guide for Law Enforcement and Highway Safety Administrators*. This 27 page guide outlines various components of an impaired driving program, lists sources of publications for specific enforcement topics, provides resources for more information or technical assistance, and has other practical information to review and assess an existing impaired driving enforcement program.

Though the problem of alcohol-related fatalities has declined about 30 percent since 1984, NHTSA estimates that alcohol is still involved in 40 percent of fatal crashes and six percent of all crashes. About two in every five Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some time in their lives. Other individuals involved in motor vehicle crashes are suspected of being under the influence of prescription or illicit drugs.

NHTSA and its traffic safety partners have set an ambitious goal to reduce alcohol-related traffic fatalities to 11,000 by the year 2005. This would mean saving about 6,000 lives each year or 16 lives each and every day from the number

who died in vehicle crashes in 1994.

Effective enforcement methods and strategies to combat the problem of impaired driving vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. With increased emphasis on targeting impaired driving, this may be a good time for law enforcement and highway safety administrators to review their current programs, emphasizing proven techniques to deter, detect, and sanction impaired drivers. Since most law enforcement agencies in this country are small, administrators in these agencies may not have the opportunities or resources for the latest impaired driving information and technology on their own. The Program Guide lists sources of information in one publication that can help administrators review their own programs.

Guide Topics

- Assessing the Impaired Driving Problem in Your Jurisdiction
- Overcoming Obstacles to an Effective Impaired Driving Enforcement Program
- Impaired Driving Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing
- Drug Evaluation and Classification Program
 - Breath Testing Instruments
 - Effective Enforcement Strategies
 - Program Effectiveness
- Resources to Assist and Support Impaired Driving Enforcement Programs
 - Published Materials

HOW TO ORDER

Limited copies of *Impaired Driving Enforcement: A Program Guide for Law Enforcement and Highway Safety Administrators* are available. Write to the Office of Enforcement and Emergency Services, NHTSA, NTS-41, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590, or send a fax to (202) 366-7721. U.S. Department of Transportation **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**, 400 Seventh Street, S.W. NTS-33 Washington, DC 20590

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