

Vision: America's Safest Highways

Mission: The Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) is the focal point for highway and traffic safety issues in Arizona. GOHS is an independent cabinet agency that provides leadership and funding in developing, promoting and coordinating programs; influencing public and private policy; and increasing public awareness of highway and traffic safety throughout Arizona.

Agency Description: The Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) funds programs that target speed reduction, decrease impaired driving, reduce wrong way driving incidents, increase seat belt and child safety seat usage as well as motorcycle safety awareness and driver distractions that result in traffic fatalities and injuries on our streets and highways. GOHS provides grant funding to law enforcement agencies, fire departments, fire districts and non-profit organizations throughout Arizona, including other state agencies.

Executive Summary: Every federal fiscal year, GOHS develops and implements the Arizona Highway Safety Plan that supports law enforcement agencies statewide with the necessary funding for overtime, equipment, awareness, and training to aid in effective measures to reduce statewide traffic fatalities and serious injuries.

GOHS is strategically focused on highway safety issues including, but not limited to:

1. Reduce statewide traffic fatalities, crashes, and serious injuries
2. Decrease impaired driving crashes and fatalities
3. Decrease street racing, speed and reckless driving
4. Decrease pedestrian & bicyclists fatalities and injuries
5. Decrease motorcycle fatalities
6. Educating Arizona citizens on the importance of seat belt and child safety seat usage and the dangers of distracted driving
7. Decrease Wrong-Way Driving Incidents and Fatalities

Summary of 5 Year Strategic Priorities

#	Multi-Year Strategy	Start Year	Progress / Successes
1	Increase Statewide DUI Training	2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue expanding the tablet-based Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) database for Arizona • Implement new phlebotomy training with community colleges statewide • Completed 1,318 impaired driving training classes for 2020 • Completed training for 6,536 officers at 90 law enforcement agencies, who issued a total of 6,535 electronic search warrants in 2020
2	Decrease Distracted Driving fatalities	2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With A.R.S. 28-914 taking affect December 31st, 2020, implementing distracted driving awareness, law enforcement can issue citations
3	Increase Street Racing Taskforce	2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to expand the street racing taskforce: Phoenix, Scottsdale, Glendale, Tempe, Tucson, Peoria and DPS
4	Increase motorcycle safety training, pedestrians and bicycles education and awareness	2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to educate the public on motorcycle, pedestrian and bicycle awareness through campaign with Cox media • Continuing to train the public on motorcycle safety through our partnership with AMSAF and other law enforcement agencies

Strategy #	FY21 Annual Objectives	Objective Metrics	Annual Initiatives
#1	Reduce and Minimize Impaired Driving Fatalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of DUI arrests Number of traffic stops Number of officers trained Number of KYL contacts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue DUI Task Force Enforcement, supporting the use of high visibility enforcement techniques, saturation patrols and integrated enforcement tactics Expand Know Your Limit (KYL) program to all agencies statewide Fund and support training to more law enforcement personnel on Drug Recognition Experts (DRE), Field Sobriety Testing (SFST/HGN), Phlebotomy, Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), Drug Impairment Training for Education Professionals (DITEP) and Electronic Search Warrants
#2	Reduce Distracted Driving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of citations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase number of citations issued for violation of A.R.S. 28-914 Increase education for drivers statewide with law enforcement and other non-profit agencies on distracted driving consequences
#3	Reduce Street Racing / Reduce Speeding, Aggressive and Reckless Driving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of citations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase education on the dangers and risks associated with street and drag racing Continue compressive traffic enforcement, issuing citations of high profile street racers Continue the Speed Enforcement Task Forces statewide to decrease speeding related crashes and fatalities
#4	Reduce Motorcycle Fatalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percentage of fatalities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to provide motorcycle safety training scholarships (AMSAF) Continue motorcycle enforcement details, including split lane and speeding Continue motorcycle safety media campaign
#5	Decrease Unrestrained Driver and Passenger Fatalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual seat belt rate Number of installations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase observed seatbelt usage by emphasizing the "Seatbelts Save Lives" and "Buckle Up, It's the Law" enforcement/educational campaigns Increase the number of child safety seat installations/inspections
#6	Reduce Pedestrian and Bicyclist Fatalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of fatalities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase citations issued in cities and counties that have jay walking ordinances Continue expanding bike rodeos and helmet use specifically for children
#7	Decrease Wrong-Way Driving Fatalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of incidences Number of fatalities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase enforcement by DPS and local agencies Enforce the new state rule on DUI