

likelihood of detecting, investigating, arresting, and convicting impaired drivers. These programs should:

- Secure a commitment to rigorous impaired driving enforcement from the top levels of police management and State and local government;
- Provide state-of-the-art training for police officers, including Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) and Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC);
- Provide adequate equipment and facilities, including preliminary and evidentiary breath test equipment;
- Deploy patrol resources effectively, using cooperative efforts of various State and local police agencies as appropriate;
- Maximize the likelihood of violator-officer contact;
- Make regular use of sobriety checkpoints;
- Facilitate the arrest process;
- Implement state-of-the-art post-arrest investigation of apprehended impaired drivers;
- Emphasize enforcement of youth impaired driving and drinking age laws; and
- Emphasize enforcement of laws regulating alcohol or drug impairment by CMV drivers.

D. Prosecution

States should implement a comprehensive program for visible and aggressive prosecution of impaired driving cases. These programs should:

- Give impaired driving cases high priority for prosecution;
- Provide sufficient resources to prosecute cases presented by law enforcement efforts;
- Facilitate uniformity and consistency in prosecution of impaired driving cases;
- Provide training for prosecutors so they can obtain high rates of conviction and seek appropriate sanctions for offenders;
- Prohibit plea bargaining in impaired driving cases, through appropriate legislation;
- Encourage vigorous prosecution of alcohol-related fatality and injury cases under both impaired driving and general criminal statutes; and
- Ensure that prosecutors are knowledgeable and prepared to prosecute youthful offenders appropriately.

E. Adjudication

The effectiveness of prosecution and enforcement efforts is lost without support and strength in adjudication. States should implement a comprehensive impaired driving adjudication program to:

- Provide sufficient resources to adjudicate cases and manage the dockets brought before them;
- Facilitate uniformity and consistency in adjudication of impaired driving cases;
- Give judges the skills necessary to appropriately adjudicate impaired driving cases;
- Provide similar training to administrative hearing officers who hear administrative license revocation appeals;
- Inform the judiciary about technical evidence presented in impaired driving cases, including SFST and DEC testimony;

- Educate the judiciary in appropriate and aggressive sanctions for offenders including violators of commercial motor vehicle safety regulations; and
- Ensure that judges are knowledgeable and prepared to adjudicate youthful offenders cases in an appropriate and aggressive manner.

F. Licensing

Driver licensing actions can be an effective means for preventing, deterring, and monitoring impaired driving. In addition to the license sanctions for impaired driving offenses discussed earlier, States should:

- Implement a graduated licensing system for novice drivers;
- Provide for license suspension for drivers under age 21 who drive with a BAC exceeding .02 (or some other low BAC value);
- Issue distinctive licenses to drivers under the age of 21;
- Monitor licensing records to identify high risk drivers for referral to education or remediation programs;
- Ensure the accurate and timely reporting of alcohol and drug violations as prescribed by the Commercial Drivers License (CDL) regulations;
- Assure that all licensing records are used to help assess whether a driver requires alcohol or drug treatment; and
- Actively participate in the Driver License Compact to facilitate the exchange of driver license information between jurisdictions.

III. Treatment and Rehabilitation

Many first-time impaired driving offenders and most repeat offenders have substantial substance abuse problems that affect their entire lives, not just their driving. They have been neither prevented nor deterred from impaired driving. Each State should implement a system to identify and refer these drivers to appropriate substance abuse treatment programs to change their dangerous behavior.

A. Diagnosis and Screening

States should have a systematic program to evaluate persons who have been convicted of an impaired driving offense to determine if they have an alcohol or drug abuse problem. This evaluation should:

- Be required by law;
- Be conducted by qualified personnel prior to sentencing; and
- Be used to decide whether a substance abuse treatment program should be part of the sanctions imposed.

B. Treatment and Rehabilitation

States should establish and maintain programs to treat alcohol and other drug dependent persons referred through traffic courts and other sources. These programs should:

- Ensure that those referred for impaired driving offenses are not permitted to drive again until their substance abuse problems are under control;
- Be conducted in addition to, not as a substitute for, license restrictions and other sanctions; and
- Be conducted separately for youth.

IV. Program Management

Good program management produces effective programs. Planning and coordination are especially important for impaired driving activities, since many different parties are involved. Each State's impaired driving program management system should have an established process for managing its planning (including problem identification), program control, and evaluation activities. The system should provide for community traffic safety programs (CTSPs), State and local task forces, data analysis, and funding. It also should include planning and coordination of activities with other agencies involved in impaired driving programs, such as MCSAP, and expansion of existing partnerships, such as with the health and medical communities.

A. State Program Planning

States should develop and implement an overall plan for all impaired driving activities. The plan should:

- Be based on careful problem definition that makes use of crash and driver record data; and
- Direct State and community resources toward effective measures that address the State's impaired driving issues.

B. Program Control

States should establish procedures to ensure that program activities are implemented as intended. The procedures should provide for systematic monitoring and review of ongoing programs to:

- Detect and correct problems quickly;
- Measure progress in achieving established goals and objectives; and
- Ensure that appropriate data are collected for evaluation.

C. State and Local Task Forces and Community Traffic Safety and Other Injury Control Programs

States should encourage the development of State and community impaired driving task forces and community traffic safety and other injury control programs. States should:

- Use these groups to bring a wide variety of interests and resources to bear on impaired driving issues;
- Ensure that Federal, State, and local organizations coordinate impaired driving activities, so that the activities complement rather than compete with each other; and
- Ensure that these groups include traditional and non-traditional partners, such as law enforcement, local government, business, education, community groups, health, medicine, prosecutors and judges.

D. Data and Records

States should establish and maintain records systems for accidents, arrests, dispositions, driver licenses, and vehicle registrations. Especially important are tracking systems which can provide information on every driver arrested for DWI to determine the disposition of the case and compliance with sanctions. These records systems should be:

- Accurate;
- Timely;
- Able to be linked to each other; and
- Readily accessible to police, courts, and planners.