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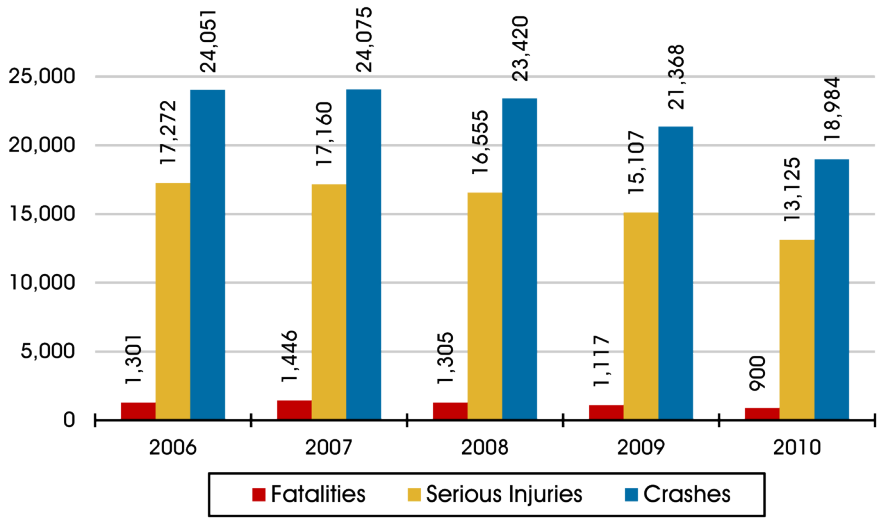
Florida's Impaired Driving Problem

Why A Focus on Impaired Driving

Despite impressive reductions in traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries in Florida, alcohol- and drug-involved crashes continue to cause havoc on the roadways. In 2010, 900 people died on Florida's roadways in impaired driving crashes and over 13,000 were seriously injured.

Impaired Driving (2006-2010)



The Florida Impaired Driving Coalition (FIDC) was formed in 2009 to identify and prioritize the state's most pressing impaired driving issues and develop a plan to maximize the State's ability to impact these crashes. FIDC members include representatives from agencies and organizations with a working knowledge and understanding of the various parts of Florida's impaired driving system and how the parts interrelate.

The Florida Impaired Driving Strategic Plan (IDSP) identifies seven key areas or goals where the coalition will focus their efforts over the next five years, including the following:

- Enforcement;
- Prosecution and Adjudication;
- Administrative Process;
- Prevention, Public Education, and Training;
- Treatment;
- Data Collection and Analysis; and
- Legislation.

Florida Impaired Driving Coalition Members

Agency for Health Care Administration

Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Department of Health

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Department of Law Enforcement

Department of Transportation

DUI Counterattack, Hillsborough County

Florida Highway Patrol

Florida Police Chiefs Association

Fort Myers Police Department

Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office

Institute of Police Technology and Management

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office

Law Enforcement Liaison Program

Leon County Probation Division

Mothers Against Drunk Driving

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Office of the Public Defender

Pinellas County Judiciary

Prosecuting Attorney's Association

Public Safety Institute

Senior Trial Court Judge, Florida

Students Against Destructive Decisions

Tallahassee Police Department

Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor

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Ways to Solve the Problem

Each of the goal areas includes performance measures so the FIDC can track progress and strategies to solve the problem.

Enforcement

- Develop a mentor program for officers new to DUI arrest and prosecution procedures.
- Increase participation in current training programs and expand regional training.
- Strengthen policies to indicate DUI enforcement is a priority.
- Reduce the time it takes to process a DUI arrest.
- Increase the availability of standardized forms.

Prosecution and Adjudication

- Include case management best practices in judicial educational programs.
- Reduce the lag time between blood draw, test results, and submission of results.
- Keep specialized DUI prosecutors in place, develop a master DUI prosecutor program, and increase DUI training for prosecutors.
- Increase attendance by judges at DUI Adjudication Lab and promote as a continuing education elective.
- Establish a DUI Court in four additional communities.
- Provide accountability for the reduction of charges.
- Facilitate DUI information sharing and retrieval capabilities.

Administrative Suspension Process

- Form a task force and make recommendations.
- Decrease law enforcement officers' time in administrative hearings and provide training.
- Monitor the administrative process and identify additional efficiencies.

Prevention, Public Education, and Training

- Implement a year-long mass media campaign.
- Restrict youth access to alcohol and other drugs.
- Reduce sales to minors through environmental strategies and enhanced compliance checks and enforcement.
- Implement evidence-based school prevention programs.

Treatment

- Identify best practices for individualized treatment and case management plans.
- Identify barriers to screening and brief intervention policies.

Data Collection and Analysis

- Identify a way to track DUI offenders from arrest through completion of all requirements.

Legislation

- Increase penalties for chemical test refusals.
- Allow forcible blood draws in refusal cases.
- Require mandatory employee certification for servers and sellers.
- Amend Statutes to clarify definition of impaired.

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