

ARIZONA STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN (AZ-SHSP)
Task Force Safety Emphasis Areas and Safety Summit Meeting Information

ADOT and the firm of Wilson and Company, Inc., the AZ-SHSP Management Consultant, will work closely with the task force groups to develop implementation strategies as part of the AZ-SHSP. Each Task Force will meet to share ideas and input and develop the strategies aimed at reducing crashes and, ultimately, saving lives. There are ten task force groupings of safety emphasis areas that will provide for related discussions to be conducted together, they include:

- Task Force 1 - Restraint Usage (includes seat belts, safety belts)
- Task Force 2 - Impaired Driving (alcohol, drug related)
- Task Force 3 - Cycle Traffic (bicycles, motorcycles, helmets)
- Task Force 4 - Speeding and Aggressive Driving
- Task Force 5 - Distracted Drivers (including fatigue)
- Task Force 6 - Age-Related (young and older drivers, emphasis on training requirements)
- Task Force 7 - Inter-jurisdictional (tribal, courts, COGs, MPOs, data gaps, prosecutors)**
- Task Force 8 - Heavy Vehicles (trucks, oversized loads, motor carriers, buses, rock and gravel)
- Task Force 9 - Natural Interferences (animals and weather related events)
- Task Force 10 - Special Traffic Zones (work zones, at-grade railroad crossings, intersections, pedestrians, incident management, secondary collisions, lane departures/run-off-road)

By serving on a task force, or even multiple task forces, participants will provide the greatest amount of input in areas of most interest or concern to them and their community. By the end of the development process, a “champion” from each task force will be identified to remain involved as the AZ-SHSP is finalized and implementation strategies are executed. As a task-force member, participants will have certain responsibilities:

- Commit to participating in three half-day task force meetings. Three rounds of Task Force meetings are being scheduled for the weeks of **AUGUST 5-9, 12-16, 19-23 (Round 1); SEPTEMBER 9-13, 16-20, 23-27 (Round 2);** and **JANUARY 6-10, 13-17 and 21-24, 2014 (Round 3)**. The Project Management Team is working to identify specific times and locations for each round of work sessions and will provide the details as soon as they are finalized. Participants will receive an informational packet pertaining to their selected Task Force(s) prior to the scheduled work sessions. *Once received participants are encouraged to read through the materials so all Task Force members can best utilize their time in the work sessions.*
- During the task force meetings, work closely with the AZ-SHSP Management Consultant and Project Management Team to develop strategies and countermeasures to address specific concerns associated with the task force emphasis areas.
- Participate in a Safety Summit, scheduled for **November 6, 2013, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Desert Willow Conference Center (<http://www.desertwillowconferencecenter.com/>) in Phoenix**. Formal invitations to the Safety Summit will be sent out later this summer.