Background

California’s Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) is a statewide, comprehensive, data-driven effort to reduce fatalities and serious injuries across all travel modes and on all public roads. Started in 2005, the SHSP is updated regularly to ensure continued progress and meet changing safety needs. Currently, over 580 safety stakeholders from over 230 public and private agencies and organizations work together on this effort under the guidance of the SHSP Executive Leadership and SHSP Steering Committees. The SHSP addresses the “5 Es” of traffic safety: engineering, enforcement, education, emergency response, and emerging technologies.

VISION:
Safe public roads across California

MISSION:
Ensure safety for all modes of travel on California’s public roads

GOAL:
Toward Zero Fatalities and Serious Injuries

Source: Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS) as of July 2019 and Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) as of October 2019
Challenge Areas

1. AGGRESSIVE DRIVING
2. AGING DRIVERS
3. BICYCLISTS
4. COMMERCIAL VEHICLES
5. DISTRACTED DRIVING
6. DRIVER LICENSING
7. EMERGENCY RESPONSE
8. EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES
9. IMPAIRED DRIVING
10. INTERSECTIONS
11. LANE DEPARTURES
12. MOTORCYCLISTS
13. OCCUPANT PROTECTION
14. PEDESTRIANS
15. WORK ZONES
16. YOUNG DRIVERS

Strategies

Prevent fatalities and serious injuries by implementing action items in support of the following five overarching strategies across the 16 Challenge Areas:

1. Engineering: Apply effective and/or innovative countermeasures
2. Enforcement: Enforce actions that reduce high-risk behaviors
3. Education: Educate all road users on safe behaviors
4. Emergency Response: Improve emergency response times and actions
5. Emerging Technologies: Apply emerging technologies to the roadway, vehicle, and user

Strategic Action Items

Strategic action items for each challenge area will be included in the California 2020–2024 SHSP Implementation Plan and will be updated as needed through the life of this SHSP. All action items should be:

SMART
- Specific – clear action item description
- Measurable – identified performance measures
- Achievable – committed resources by responsible organization
- Relevant – statewide significance and data-driven issue and countermeasure
- Time Constrained – achievable within the SHSP time frame

The SHSP reflects partnerships and investments in California’s commitment to reducing traffic fatalities and serious injuries. Together as organizations, groups, and individuals, we all share the common goal of getting home safe each and every day. Whatever travel mode you use or road you take, be a part of California Safe Roads.

For more information, please visit the SHSP web site: https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/shsp