

## **District 6-0 Safety Summit Summary**

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The **2009 Safety Action Plan for the Delaware Valley** identified seven **Safety Emphasis Areas** and 25 **Priority Strategies** to improve highway safety in the Delaware Valley. The District 6-0 Safety Summit intended to build on this document through the participation of attendees in the form of seven break-out groups, assigned by **Safety Emphasis Area**, to establish a more defined focus. The seven break-out groups proposed a variety of ideas to conclude the summit.

A more refined list was ultimately developed from the numerous safety summit ideas, many of which had applicability to several of the **Safety Emphasis Areas**. This exercise ultimately revealed four overarching safety concepts from which 10 preferred strategies stood out. The **District 6-0 Safety Summit Top 10 Preferred Strategies** are:

### **Promote thoughtful consideration of high impact safety legislation**

**1) The region will work to hold a Legislative Symposium emphasizing the following 3 Safety Focus Areas:**

- Curbing Aggressive driving;
- Increasing Seat Belt usage;
- Reducing Impaired Driving.

*The Symposium should consider issues such as local radar use, automated enforcement, primary seat belt laws, refined DUI laws, distracted driving (drowsy, texting, young drivers), etc.*

### **Promote proven regional education / enforcement / awareness programs that modify driver behavior**

The region will emphasize the modification of driver behavior through the following education / enforcement / awareness programs, which will be monitored / tracked to ensure effectiveness and ongoing commitment:

- 2) Aggressive Driving Enforcement and Education Program;
- 3) Click It or Ticket Program;
- 4) Team DUI Program.

### **Establish mainstream policies/standards that promote system-wide safety upgrades and implementations**

The region will emphasize the following system-wide safety improvement implementations, which will be monitored / tracked to ensure effectiveness and ongoing commitment:

- 5) Reduce roadway departure crashes through the systematic deployment of edge line, shoulder and center line rumble strips per standard on all numbered traffic routes;
- 6) Encourage safe senior mobility and maximum sign visibility through the systematic upgrade of all destination and warning signs on state roads (12 year cycle / program);
- 7) Improve signalized intersection safety by requiring the use of overhead signal heads, LEDs and pedestrian countdown timers as appropriate;
- 8) Improve pedestrian safety and awareness at un-signalized intersections by requiring a 3E commitment when deploying Yield-To-Pedestrian channelizing devices.

### **Promote the cost-effective deployment of high impact safety improvements at targeted crash locations**

The region will emphasize the following targeted safety improvement implementations, which will be monitored / tracked to ensure effectiveness and ongoing commitment:

- 9) Identify / improve high priority crash locations where vehicles are leaving the travel lane;
- 10) Identify / improve high priority crash locations at signalized and un-signalized locations.