

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION**

I. RESOURCE SUMMARY

	Budget Authority (in Millions)		
	2005	2006	2007
	Final	Enacted	Request
Drug Resources by Function			
Prevention	\$0.900	-	\$0.900
Research and Development	0.300	-	0.600
Total Drug Resources by Function	\$1.200	\$0.000	\$1.500
Drug Resources by Decision Unit			
Drug Impaired Driving Program	-	-	\$1.500
Impaired Driving Program	1.200	-	-
Total Drug Resources by Decision Unit	\$1.200	\$0.000	\$1.500
Drug Resources Personnel Summary			
Total FTEs (direct only)	2	-	2
Drug Resources as a Percent of Budget			
Total Agency Budget	\$450.300	\$806.500	\$815.300
Drug Resources Percentage	0.27%	0.00%	0.18%

II. PROGRAM SUMMARY

- The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Drug Impaired Driving Program, part of the Agency's Impaired Driving Program, conducts research concerning the nature and incidence of drug impaired driving by maintaining and refining the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program, and providing leadership, guidance and resources to assist states and communities implement effective programs to reduce the problem. The program also provides technical assistance and develops training programs for prosecutors, judges and law enforcement officials.

III. BUDGET SUMMARY

2006 Program

- NHTSA received no specific appropriation for the Drug Impaired Driving Program in the FY 2006 budget. However, NHTSA plans to spend approximately \$1.5 million on drug impaired driving out of its base Impaired Driving Program. The program focuses on greater consistency in enforcement, prosecution, adjudication, prevention of drug impaired driving, and on research and data collection. Details of their proposal for FY 2006 are shown below.

- **Training (\$0.8 million):**
 - Technical assistance will be provided to support training of Drug Recognition Experts and professional administrators involved in the development and implementation of the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program and Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professions.
 - Training programs related to drug impaired driving will be developed and disseminated to prosecutors, judges and law enforcement officials.
 - NHTSA will assist with development and expansion of drug and Driving While Under the Influence courts to enable a more proactive prevention and intervention system.
- **Public Information, Education & Outreach (\$0.2 million):**
 - NHTSA will develop and deliver impaired driving public education materials that include messages relating to drug-impaired driving.
 - Strategies will be developed for reaching diverse high-risk groups with alcohol and drug impaired driving prevention and intervention programs.
- **Drug Impairment Research and Data Collection (\$0.5 million):**
 - NHTSA will assess methods by which states are currently enforcing and prosecuting drugged driving laws.
 - Results from an expert consensus panel on methods for determining drug concentrations that are associated with driver impairment will be compiled and published.
 - NHTSA will support the collection of critical data from evaluations and tangible evidentiary arrests made by law enforcement officers utilizing the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program, and provide guidance concerning the use this data for program evaluation.
 - New hand held data collection devices will be demonstrated to streamline the process of drug impaired driving evaluation and arrest.

2007 Request

- The total drug control request for FY 2007 is \$1.5 million. The Drug Impaired Driving budget will continue to provide technical support for the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program, and focus on the following areas:
 - Conduct national research to determine the extent and nature of the drug impaired driving problem, including analysis of a roadside drug prevalence survey and studies of multiple medication interaction and effect on driver function.

- Expand programs for training for law enforcement officers, prosecutors and judges.
- Develop and deliver public information concerning drug-impaired driving to high-risk populations.
- Collect and analyze data concerning drug evaluations and drug-impaired driving arrests.

IV. PERFORMANCE

Summary

- This section on NHTSA's program accomplishments is drawn from the FY 2007 Budget Request and Performance Plan. No PART review has been undertaken of the Drug Impaired Driving program.

Discussion

- The program contributes to the Department's long-term goal of reducing the highway fatality rate to no more than 1.0 per 100 million vehicle miles traveled by the end of 2008.
- Although no outcome or output measures are currently identified, NHTSA will continue to improve the collection of evaluation and tangible evidentiary arrest data for this program. The program continues its efforts to streamline the collection of data relating to drug impairment.
- Through coordination with key partners, the program has achieved several successes during FY05. Delaware and Kentucky were added as two Drug Evaluation and Classification Program states, with Pennsylvania and Tennessee approved as pilot states. In addition, Alaska, Virginia, and Colorado joined the Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals program. The Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement Curriculum was developed and pilot-tested in Kentucky and Washington. Also, a new Drug Recognition Expert Curriculum was developed in November 2005 in collaboration with the International Association of Chiefs of Police.