

# EMS/Trauma and UHSO Working Together

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# Trauma/EMS and UHSO Utah Traffic Records Coordination Committee

Provides coordinated leadership to improve traffic safety through data improvements

- Minimize duplication
- Improve uniformity
- Facilitate data collection, access and use

Regular meetings to discuss traffic data and linkage  
Data manager/Trauma and Bureau Director

# Zero Fatalities Safety Summit

- Every 18 months
- Three day conference – traffic related topics for engineering, enforcement, education and emergency medical services
- Monthly planning committee
- EMS tracks, 5 sessions, 12 speakers, 12 volunteers
- Booth
- EMS work group (EMS, hospitals, EMSC)

# Utah Highway Safety Strategic Plan

- Five year plan
- Specialty Care Program Manager (Data/Trauma/EMSC)
- Leadership Executive Committee (4 E's)
- 50 Stakeholders review (Leadership Committee)
- 5 revisions
- Final presentation Zero Fatalities

# Emergency Services

- Emphasis Safety Areas (distracted driving)
- Continuing Safety (bike safety)
- Special Safety Areas (emergency Services)
- Challenge
- Direction
- Priority Strategies
- Trauma system and injury prevention
- Trained providers and equipped vehicles

# EMS Priority Strategies

- Maintain efforts to ensure ambulances are appropriately staffed and equipped
- Continue efforts to implement a statewide trauma system
- Utilize patient care data to make improvements in patient care
- Provide pediatric trauma treatment education to rural prehospital providers
- Encourage involvement of EMS in implementation of local educational and injury prevention programs

# Other Partnership Activities

- EMSC Bike Rodeo
- Safe Kids Fair
- EMSC Advisory Committee
- UDOH Injury Prevention Coordinating Committee
- Primary Seatbelt Task Force
- Occupant Protection Assessments
- Traffic Records Assessments
- Injury Prevention Survey (regional office)





# Network with State Partners

**Who is your Director for the State Highway Safety Office?**

**Are they working with you on your strategic plans?**

**Is a Highway Safety Representative serving on your committees?**

**Are you utilizing funding for prehospital data system development?**

**Are you partnering on injury prevention activities and programs?**



# Building Bridges



TOGETHER EVERYONE  
ACHIEVES MORE