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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Resource Summary

	<i>Budget Authority (in Millions)</i>		
	FY 2006 Final	FY 2007 Estimate	FY 2008 Request
Drug Resources by Function			
Research and Development	1.576	2.700	2.700
Total Drug Resources by Function	\$1.576	\$2.700	\$2.700
Drug Resources by Decision Unit			
Drug Impaired Driving	1.576	2.700	2.700
Total Drug Resources by Decision Unit	\$1.576	\$2.700 ^{/1}	\$2.700 ^{/1}
Drug Resources Personnel Summary			
Total FTEs (direct only)	2	2	2
Drug Resources as a Percent of Budget			
Total Agency Budget	\$806.486	\$806.486	\$833.000
Drug Resources Percentage	0.20%	0.33%	0.32%

^{/1} Includes \$1.2 million of drug-related resources associated with SAFETEA-LU. These funds are in addition to the \$1.5 million that has traditionally supported the Drug Impaired Driving program.

Program Summary

Mission

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) mission is to save lives, prevent injuries, and reduce economic costs due to road traffic crashes, through education, research, safety standards and enforcement activity. The Drug Impaired Driving program contributes to this mission by supporting a range of initiatives intended to reduce impaired driving.

Budget

In FY 2008, NHTSA requests \$2.7 million for its drug control activities. Included in this request is \$1.5 million for the Drug Impaired Driving program, as well as \$1.2 million for drug impaired driving research, as included in Section 2013 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA-LU): A Legacy for Users. These funding levels are consistent with FY 2007.

Drug Impaired Driving Total FY 2008 Request: \$2.7 million (Includes no program changes)

The Drug Impaired Driving program, part of the Agency's Impaired Driving program, sponsors research on the nature and incidence of drug impaired driving. The program also maintains and refines the Drug Evaluation and Classification infrastructure to enable accurate detection of drug impairment by trained law enforcement officers. Further, the program provides leadership, guidance and resources to assist states and communities to implement effective programs to reduce drug impaired driving. The program also provides technical assistance and training programs on drug impaired driving for prosecutors, judges and law enforcement officials.

Training

FY 2008 Request: \$0.8 million

(Includes no program changes)

The \$0.8 million in FY 2007 will serve to improve law enforcement training in the area of drug impaired driving. NHTSA will obtain and review all drug impaired driving law enforcement training curriculums (Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), and Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC) programs) to ensure all audiovisual aids have been identified and are both accurate and contemporary. These audiovisual aids will be updated and reproduced in a digital format so that they may be used in a digital media player, as well as in a format that can be inserted in a PowerPoint presentation for training purposes.

Additionally, NHTSA will develop training videos of live subjects under the influence of seven different types of drugs to demonstrate the many indicators of drugs associated with DEC.

FY 2008 Program Changes (none)

NHTSA anticipates level funding for this component of the Drug Impaired Driving program.

Data Collection

FY 2008 Request: \$0.5 million

(Includes no program changes)

The \$0.5 million in FY 2007 will support data collection efforts to determine the extent of the drug impaired driving problem and to better develop programs and potential countermeasures to address this problem. These objectives will be accomplished through uniform and timely data collection by Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) officers nationwide. This system will provide the data needed to identify trends in drug impaired driving incidents, evaluate the DEC program, and provide information to support federal and state drug impaired driving programs. The system will be internet-based and accessible to law enforcement, toxicologists, prosecutors, NHTSA, and Highway Safety Offices to enter, review, collate, and access data relating to drug impaired driving arrests.

FY 2008 Program Changes (none)

NHTSA anticipates level funding for this component of the Drug Impaired Driving program.

Public Information and Outreach

FY 2008 Request: \$0.2 million

(Includes no program changes)

The \$0.2 million in FY 2007 will support public information and outreach efforts. NHTSA will continue to partner with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) to support the Drunk Driving, Over the Limit, Under Arrest message. NHTSA will accomplish this by offering effective strategies to increase the number of arrests, decrease DWI incidents, increase deterrence, and track and coordinate the impaired driving training programs (SFST, ARIDE, and DEC).

In further support of public information and outreach efforts, NHTSA will work with the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America to incorporate traffic safety messages into the existing network of community coalitions, with particular focus on alcohol and substance abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery. With this partnership, the agency seeks to provide technical support to coordinate drug impaired driving messaging through the State and Regional Highway Safety Offices, gain wider distribution of the agency's drug fact sheets for specific audiences (i.e., parents, youth, older drivers, coalitions), and increase support for the national impaired driving crackdowns.

FY 2008 Program Changes (none)

NHTSA anticipates level funding for this component of the Drug Impaired Driving program.

SAFETEA-LU

FY 2008 Request: \$1.2 million

(Includes no program changes)

Section 2013 of SAFETEA-LU authorizes groundbreaking research on the incidence of drug use among drivers—an area where data is currently extremely limited. With \$1.2 million in funding, NHTSA will undertake a landmark Roadside Survey to gauge the prevalence of drug impairment in the driving public. As part of this study, NHTSA will also identify the methodologies and technologies for detecting and measuring drug impairment and driving. The data collected from this study will be included in a report to Congress on drug impaired driving.

FY 2008 Program Changes (none)

NHTSA anticipates level funding for this component of the Drug Impaired Driving program.

Performance

This section on the FY 2006 performance is based on agency GPRA documents and NHTSA's budget request. No PART review has been undertaken of the Drug Impaired Driving program.

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 continues 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 impaired driving.