

# NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

## I. RESOURCE SUMMARY

(Budget Authority in Millions)

	<b>2004 Final</b>	<b>2005 Enacted</b>	<b>2006 Request</b>
<b>Drug Resources by Function</b>			
Prevention	\$0.539	\$0.000	\$0.900
Prevention Research and Development	\$0.650	\$0.000	\$0.623
<b>Total</b>	\$1.189	\$0.000 <sup>/1</sup>	\$1.523
<b>Drug Resources by Decision Unit</b>			
Drug Impaired Driving Program	\$1.189	\$0.000	\$1.523
<b>Total</b>	\$1.189	\$0.000 <sup>/1</sup>	\$1.523
<b>Drug Resources Personnel Summary</b>			
Total FTEs (direct only)	2	2	2
<b>Information</b>			
Total Agency Budget	\$449.3	\$450.7	\$696.3
Drug Percentage	0.3%	0.0%	0.2%

<sup>/1</sup> NHTSA received no specific dollar amount in FY 2005 for its Drug Impaired Driving Program. The agency plans to spend approximately \$1.2 million on drug impaired driving out of its base impaired driving program.

## II. PROGRAM SUMMARY

- The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Drug Impaired Driving Program, part of the agency's Impaired Driving Program, addresses the problem of drug impaired driving by conducting research concerning the nature and incidence of the problem, maintaining and developing 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 the development of training programs to prosecutors, judges and law enforcement officials.

### **III. BUDGET SUMMARY**

#### **2005 Program**

- NHTSA received no specific appropriation for the Drug Impaired Driving Program in the FY 2005 budget. However, NHTSA plans to spend approximately \$1.2 million on drug impaired driving out of its base impaired driving program. The program focuses on greater consistency in enforcement, prosecution, adjudication, prevention, education, drug testing, and treatment for drug use and abuse.
- **Training (\$0.6 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 DWI courts to enable a more proactive prevention and intervention system.
- **Public Information, Education & Outreach (\$0.3 million)**
  - NHTSA will develop and deliver public education materials on the consequences of drug-impaired driving targeted to youth. Findings from focus group research will be incorporated in message development and marketing strategies.
  - Strategies will be developed for reaching diverse high-risk groups with alcohol and drug impaired driving prevention and intervention programs.
  - New outreach activities will be evaluated, such as programs focusing on employers of young people (e.g. fast food restaurants) as a strategy for communicating messages about alcohol and drug impaired driving.
- **Drug Impairment Research and Data Collection (\$0.3 million)**
  - NHTSA will assess methods by which states are currently enforcing and prosecuting drugged driving laws.
  - An expert panel will be convened to establish consensus on methods for determining drug concentrations that are associated with driver impairment.
  - NHTSA will support the collection of critical data from evaluation 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.

## **2006 Request**

- The total drug control request for FY 2006 is \$1.5 million. The Drug Impaired Driving budget will continue to provide technical support for the Drug Evaluation and Classification program, focusing on the following areas:
  - Conduct national research to determine the extent and nature of the drug impaired driving problem, including a roadside drug prevalence survey and studies of multiple medication interaction and effect on driver function.
  - Evaluate alternative training programs to detect drug-impaired drivers.
  - Maintain 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 2006 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. These research and evaluative efforts will contribute to the future monitoring of program effectiveness through the identification of measures and targets.