

# US DOT SPEED MANAGEMENT TEAM

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### **Team Name:**

US DOT Speed Management Team

### **Team Sponsors:**

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### **Team Leaders:** (Lead agency rotates every 6 months)

Earl Hardy, NHTSA  
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### **Team Members:**

Joe Cameron, Richard Compton, James McCauley, Helen Hertz, Dave Smith, Brian Chodrow and Davey Warren.

(Additional US DOT staff will participate on an as-needed basis.)

### **Mission:**

Promote speed management and improve highway safety in support of the US DOT, FHWA, FMCSA and NHTSA strategic and performance plans to reduce the number of speeding related deaths and injuries in the United States.

### **Goals:**

- ✓ To develop strategies to manage speeding more effectively, thereby reducing crashes, injuries and fatalities.
- ✓ To research, gather, and analyze information designed to provide insight into the speeding problem and its associated consequences.
- ✓ To develop and implement rational criteria for setting speed limits.
- ✓ To identify, develop, and evaluate applicable speed management technologies.
- ✓ To develop innovative and effective speed enforcement methods, strategies, and programs.

- ✓ To develop methods, strategies, and programs to inform the public, law enforcement agencies, engineers, and the judiciary of the dangers of speeding and the steps being taken to reduce speeding and its consequences.

### **Background:**

Speeding--exceeding the posted speed limit or driving too fast for conditions--is one of the most prevalent factors contributing to traffic crashes. The economic cost to society of speeding-related crashes is estimated by NHTSA to be \$28 billion per year. In 1999, speeding was a contributing factor in 30 percent of all fatal crashes, and 12,628 lives were lost in speeding-related crashes. Additionally, speeding is often a primary factor in aggressive driving.

### **Duties:**

- ✓ Implement, monitor, and update the activities listed in the US DOT Speed Management Team Work Plan.
- ✓ Team Leaders will serve as member of Aggressive Driving Team and provide technical assistance as needed.
- ✓ Monitor State speed laws and track speed changes for evaluation and recommended responses.
- ✓ Provide technical assistance to State and local governments; Federal, state and local agencies; FHWA, FMCSA and NHTSA field offices; and, our traffic safety partners on speed-related issues as needed.

### **Resources:**

Rotating team leadership every six months between FHWA and NHTSA; monthly team meetings; on-going research activities; FHWA, FMCSA and NHTSA field offices; State DOTs; and various safety advocacy groups and professional associations. Additional US DOT personnel will be utilized on an as-needed basis.

### **Schedule:**

- ✓ Initiate a demonstration project to evaluate best practices for realistic speed zoning, effective enforcement, and, public information and educational components.
- ✓ Develop a Speed Management Workshops guide for use in providing State and local speed management workshops.
- ✓ Provide technical assistance to the National Cooperative Highway Research Program Variable Speed Limit Implementation project.
- ✓ Conduct a nationwide attitude and self assessment survey on speeding and aggressive driving.
- ✓ Distribute modular formatted speed-measuring device operator training curricula.
- ✓ Collect speed data to determine the changes in speed and speed variability and its effect on crashes, deaths and injuries.

- ✓ Initiate the development of an expert system for determining appropriate speed limits.
- ✓ Prepare a transition package for new administrations.

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