

## South Dakota Strategic Highway Safety Plan

The mission of the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) is to provide a safe and efficient transportation system. In order to provide a safe transportation system, the SDDOT and the South Dakota Department of Public Safety, in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), found it necessary to update the 2007 Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). The updated plan, guided by the safety vision statement of: **Every Life Counts: Partnering to Save Lives**, identifies various strategies and emphasis areas intended to reduce the fatal and serious injury crash rate 15% by 2020.

Through the work of the SHSP steering committee, safety partners and safety stakeholders, the plan identifies seven key safety emphasis areas: roadway departure, unbelted vehicle occupants, speeding-related, drug and alcohol related, young driver and motorcycles. Within the document we have identified proposed safety strategies, implementation plans, performance measures and evaluation criteria for each emphasis area.

The SHSP is intended to help guide investment decisions on roadway improvements for all public roadways. The SHSP can be downloaded from the SDDOT website at:  
<http://www.sddot.com/transportation/highways/traffic/safety/docs/FinalSHSP.pdf>